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Remembering hero of Dec. 7, 1941 John Finn

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Navy Lt. John William Finn, the oldest living Medal of Honor recipient, died May 27, two months shy of his 101st birthday, at the Chula Vista Veterans Home in Chula Vista, Calif.

Finn was also the last survivor of 15 Sailors who received the Medal of Honor for heroism during 1941 surprise Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor. Upon his death, fellow WWII veteran and Hawaii native, Barney F. Hajiro, became the oldest living Medal of Honor recipient at 93 years old.

Born July 23, 1909 in Los Angeles, Finn dropped out of school in the seventh grade. He enlisted in the Navy in July 1926, shortly before his 17th birthday. By April 1927, he was assigned to Naval Air Station North Island and initially worked in aircraft repair before becoming an aviation ordnance man and working on anti-aircraft guns. Finn served on a series of ships, including the USS Lexington (CV-2), the USS Houston (CA-30), the USS Jason (AC-12), the USS Saratoga (CV-3) and the USS Cincinnati (CL-6).

In 1936, he was promoted to chief petty officer and worked with patrol squadrons in San Diego, Washington and Panama. As a chief petty officer, he was eventually stationed at Naval Air Station Kaneohe Bay and was there during the Dec. 7, 1941 Japanese attack on Oahu.

On the morning of that fateful Sunday, Finn was in bed with his wife Alice, about a mile



from the aircraft hangars, when he heard the sound of gunfire. He dressed hurriedly and drove to the naval station.

In a 2009 interview with Larry Smith for "Beyond Glory," an oral history of Medal of Honor recipients, Finn described that at first he complied with the (at the time it was a naval air station) base's 20 miles-per-hour speed limit. But then, "I heard a plane come roaring in from astern of me," he recalled. "As I glanced up, the guy made a wing-over, and I saw that big old red meatball, the rising sun insignia, on the underside of the wing. Well, I threw it into second and it's a wonder I didn't run over every Sailor in the air station."

When Finn arrived at the hangars, many of the planes

had already been hit. Finn explained that one of the first things he did was take control of a machine gun from his squadron's painter. "I said, 'Alex, let me take that gun'...I knew that I had more experience firing a machine gun than a painter," he recalled in the 2009 interview.

Finn then grabbed a .50-caliber machine gun on a makeshift tripod, carried it to an exposed area near a runway, and for the next two and a half hours, he fired away at the enemy, while also getting hit with shrapnel from low-flying Japanese planes.

"I got shot in the left arm and shot in the left foot, broke the bone," he said during the interview. "I had shrapnel blows in my chest and belly and right

elbow and right thumb. My scalp got cut, and everybody thought I was dying. 'Oh, the old chief had the top of his head knocked off! I had 28, 29 holes in me that were bleeding," he added.

After the first attack ended, Finn returned to the hangar to await a possible second attack despite his wounds. He was hospitalized the following afternoon.

For his heroic actions, Finn was awarded the first Medal of Honor and was presented the medal on Sept. 15, 1942 by Adm. Chester Nimitz aboard the USS Enterprise (CV-6). To date, Finn is the only known aviation ordnance man to receive that distinction. During his 30-year military career, Finn earned eight other medals, in-

cluding the Purple Heart.

Finn retired from Navy service as a lieutenant in 1956. Upon retiring, Finn resided on a 90-acre ranch in Live Oak Springs, Calif. with his family and made numerous appearances at events honoring veterans.

Most notable was his appearance on March 25, 2009, when he attended National Medal of Honor Day ceremonies at Arlington National Cemetery and stood beside newly inaugurated U.S. President Barack Obama during a wreath-laying ceremony at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier.

Known for his heroism at Pearl Harbor, Finn also became a namesake at both Marine and Navy installations in Hawaii. In 1999, the Com-

mander Patrol and Reconnaissance Wing Two (CPRW-2) Headquarters building at Marine Corps Base Hawaii at Kaneohe Bay was named in his honor.

On April 7, 2009, Naval Station Pearl Harbor and the National Park Service activated the first USS Arizona Memorial biodiesel ferry boat, named after Finn. The new John W. Finn ferry boat was the first of five biodiesel boats built to replace the existing 20 year old, Navy-operated tour boats that transport 1.5 million visitors per year to and from the USS Arizona Memorial. Finn visited his boat on Dec. 6, 2009 at historic Ford Island, where he was met by Rear Adm. Dixon Smith, commander, Navy Region Hawaii and Naval Surface Group Middle Pacific, and Capt. Richard Kitchens, then commanding officer of Naval Station Pearl Harbor. "Thank you for everything that you have given to our country. It is a privilege and an honor to present this boat to you, said Smith. "Welcome to your boat sir."

Finn is survived by his son, Joseph. His wife, Alice, died in 1998.

Despite his numerous military accomplishments, Finn said that he always felt conflicted about his "war hero" status. "That damned hero stuff is a bunch of crap, I guess," he said in a 2009 interview. "You gotta understand that there's all kinds of heroes, but they never get a chance to be in a hero's position," Finn said, words that only a true hero would say.



U.S. Air Force photo by Tech Sgt. Cohen A. Young

The United States Pacific Command color guard and the Marine Corps Forces Drill Team stand by as military veterans, motorcycle clubs and Vietnam veteran supporters gather at the National Cemetery of the Pacific (Punchbowl) in the Pu'owaina Crater in Honolulu on May 30 for a Vietnam veteran ceremony and wreath-laying ceremony. (Additional photos on page A-2)

Hawaii honors veterans at Memorial Day ceremony

MC2 Michael Hight

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The state of Hawaii honored military veterans during a Memorial Day ceremony on May 31 at the National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific (Punchbowl) in Honolulu.

Since May 30, 1868, Americans have set aside a day in May to remember those who have died in the nation's service.

The day's ceremony featured music by the Royal Hawaiian Band, Pearl City High School Choir and Honolulu Boys Choir. Various veterans' organizations presented memorial wreaths.

The Hickam Air Force Honor Guard delivered a memorial 21-rifle salute, the 199th Fighter Squadron of the Hawaii National Guard performed a missing man flyover and the local singing group Touch of Gold sang a special rendition of "God Bless the USA."

U.S. Senator and World War II Medal of Honor recipient Daniel K. Inouye addressed the nearly 1,400 visitors in attendance.

"It should serve as a reminder to us all of the tragedy and darkness of war and of the glory of courage and patriotism," he said. "Today is a day of reflection. Today is a day of remembrance."

Mufi Hannemann, mayor of the city of Honolulu, and

host of the 61st annual event, talked about the connection to all veterans.

"They were our fellow Americans," he said. "They were our people. And they will always be remembered, especially on this special day."

Rear Adm. Dixon Smith, commander of Navy Region Hawaii and Naval Surface Group Middle Pacific, one of many active duty service members in attendance, also addressed the crowd and reflected on the importance of Memorial Day.

"It is important for us all to take a moment today remember those who have gone before us, and reflect on the reasons that we serve our country," said Smith.

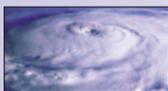


U.S. Navy photo MC2 (SW) Mark Logico

Battle of Midway veteran George Bernstein (wearing a blue hat) lays a wreath on the Memorial as part of the Battle of Midway ceremony. Bernstein was an 18-year-old enlisted Sailor aboard USS Hornet (CV 8) as part of Torpedo Squadron 8 during the Battle of Midway. More than 100 people, including WWII veterans from the United States and Japan, visited the Midway atoll to celebrate the 68th anniversary of the Battle of Midway. The Battle of Midway, fought over and near the Midway atoll approximately 1,500 nautical miles Northwest of Hawaii, represents the strategic high water mark and turning point of the Pacific war.



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MEMORIAL DAY

Honoring those who made sacrifices for freedom



(Above) Veterans from various branches of the military render a salute during the playing of "God Bless America" during a Memorial Day ceremony at the National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific (Punchbowl) May 31.

U.S. Navy photo by MC2 Michael Hight



(Above) The Marine Corps Forces Pacific Band plays as military veterans, motorcycle clubs and Vietnam veteran supporters gathered at the National Cemetery of the Pacific (Punchbowl) in the Pu'owaina Crater, for a Vietnam veteran ceremony and wreath laying ceremony on May 30.

U.S. Air Force photo by Tech Sgt. Cohen A. Young



(Left) A motorcycle enthusiast carries three candles that will be lit for a ceremonial lighting at the National Cemetery of the Pacific (Punchbowl) on May 30.

U.S. Air Force photo by Tech Sgt. Cohen A. Young

(Right) Noted Kauai kupuna Aletha Kaohi explains the significance of the Kauai Eternal Veterans Memorial and Missile Defense Viewing Site's centerpiece, naming it Wai O Pohaku Kapu, or the Water of the Sacred Stone, during opening ceremonies of the memorial on June 1 at Pacific Missile Range Facility, Barking Sands, Kauai.



U.S. Navy photo by MC2 Jay Pugh



U.S. Navy photo by MC2 (SW/AW/SCW) Ronald Gutridge

Submarine veteran Yeoman 1st Class (SS) Al Shoehigh (Navy ret.) places a lei on the plaque of each World War II submarine on 'eternal patrol' during a Memorial Day ceremony held at the USS Parche Submarine Memorial Park at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam on May 31.



U.S. Navy photo by MC2 Michael Hight

Senator Daniel K. Inouye, Honolulu Mayor Mufi Hannemann, and U.S. Senator Daniel K. Akaka observe a moment of silence after a wreath-laying during a Memorial Day ceremony at the National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific (Punchbowl) on May 31.

JBPHH plans base cleanup for June 9



Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam (JBPHH) will host an installation wide base cleanup from 9 a.m. to noon on June 9 in preparation for the Rim of the Pacific 2010.

In support of this effort, tenant and homeported commands are encouraged to participate by removing debris, conducting general cleanup, and painting or identifying areas that require outside assistance in the vicinity of their respective facilities. Concentrating on high visibility areas such as installation entrances, parking areas, roadway borders and sidewalks, and areas around tenant commands offers high return in improving the appearance of our installation.

Contact JBPHH First Lt for landscaping equipment, personal protective equipment, debris removal, and painting or cleaning supplies at 471-3521.

Commentary

The future is now at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam: The Expeditionary Combat Support System

Lt. Col. Reginald Robinson, USAF

Commander, 647th Logistics Readiness Squadron

Acting Deputy Commander, 1647th Air Base Group



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The Air Force is in the midst of a historical transformation. The way the Air Force is organized and the ways airpower is employed are being revolutionized. Changing, too, are the ways Air Force logisticians provide warfighter support.

The Expeditionary Combat Support System (ECSS) is the cornerstone of the logistics transformation. ECSS is applying best commercial practices and using industry-proven tools to provide the Air

Force with the capability to globally view and manage logistics resources (i.e., major end items, materiel, people and funds).

ECSS is much more than another information technology system. It will fundamentally change business processes, personnel roles and jobs across the Air Force logistics

community. Locally, ECSS will drive dramatic changes and improvements in the way logistics is done.

For example, the process of scheduling a repair currently means setting a repair date locally without knowing if technicians, parts, facilities, tools, etc., are available here or elsewhere. With ECSS, an integrated global view of people/parts availability will enable greater scheduling effectiveness and ultimately increase availability of repaired components or major end items. Simply put, Air Force logisticians will have what they need to get the job done when repairs are system-scheduled under ECSS.

Today Air Force logisticians rely on paper forms and enter data into multiple base-level systems. This labor-intensive effort will be replaced by en-

tering data once into one system. When fully implemented, ECSS will replace hundreds of logistics information systems and will be the single source of truth for logistics information.

While it will be several years before ECSS is fully implemented and all of its benefits are realized, the implementation process is already underway. And, that process will affect Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam very soon.

ECSS will be fielded throughout the Air Force in multiple releases and JBPHH will see ECSS fielded in 2012. While that may seem the distant future, in reality, we need to prepare for ECSS now.

To begin that preparation, ECSS program officials recently conducted a kickoff meeting with JBPHH leaders and ECSS users, delivering an informational and educational

briefing about ECSS, its goals, timelines and how the Air Force will be affected.

The kick-off marked the beginning of the ECSS organizational change management program, designed to help prepare everyone for this transformation. History tells us that no change is successful until individual behaviors change. The people who perform Air Force logistics (from all functional communities) must personally engage in the transformative aspects of ECSS for it to succeed.

These sweeping changes will not be easy, as long-standing business customs will dramatically change or completely disappear. ECSS will pull people from their comfort zones, causing them to do new tasks in new ways. To help logisticians navigate these changes, the ECSS program will provide ed-

ucation and training for users of the new system. An Air Force wide change agent network, supported by an ECSS program team, will share information on activities, schedules and lessons learned, and conduct local problem-solving meetings to help smooth implementation at each installation. This same network will support ECSS after fielding is complete.

ECSS will change the way the Air Force logisticians perform their jobs. The result will be an Air Force enterprise better able to provide its warfighters with the right materiel at the right time. ECSS will also enable logisticians to use their time more productively, significantly reducing the cost of accomplishing the Air Force logistics mission.

Learn more about ECSS at: <https://www.ecss.wpafb.af.mil>

Gates addresses troops on 'don't ask, don't tell' repeal

Jim Garamone

American Forces Press Service

Defense Secretary Robert M. Gates told troops worldwide May 28 that any repeal of the so-called "don't ask don't tell" law will be delayed until the ongoing Defense Department high-level review is completed, and only after he, the president and the chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff all can certify that the department is ready to make the change without hurting unit cohesion, military readiness, military effectiveness, and recruiting and retention.

Gates recorded a special message that will be broadcast on the American Forces Radio and Television Service and the Pentagon Channel to speak directly to service members and their families about the moves

toward repeal of the law that bars gay men and lesbians from serving openly in the military.

"There's been a lot of political posturing and maneuvering on this issue this week, and the secretary wanted to communicate directly to the troops about what this all means to them," said Geoff Morrell, Pentagon press secretary. "He wanted to make it clear that the department's review of how to smartly implement a change in the law is more important than ever, and their participation in it is absolutely critical to its success."

A CAC-accessible Internet site has been established to allow service members to provide anonymous input: www.defense.gov/DADT.

The House of Representatives passed an amendment to the National Defense Authorization Bill that would allow

gay men and lesbians to serve openly. The Senate Armed Services Committee passed a similar amendment.

President Barack Obama said he is pleased with the congressional actions. He has long favored repealing the law, which has been in effect since 1994.

"Key to successful repeal will be the ongoing Defense Department review and as such, I am grateful that the amendment ... will ensure that the Department of Defense can complete that comprehensive review that will allow our military and their families the opportunity to inform and shape the implementation process," he said in a written statement released by the White House.

Obama said being the commander-in-chief is his greatest honor. "This legislation will help make our armed forces even stronger and more inclusive by

allowing gay and lesbian soldiers to serve honestly and with integrity," he said.

Any change in the law will take time, Gates said in his recorded message. "The legislative process is long and complex," he said. "While it appears likely that Congress will eventually change the 'don't ask, don't tell' law, we do not expect the legislation that would do this to be presented to the president for months - perhaps not until the end of the year."

The amendment is the result of a compromise worked out between the administration and Congress. It allows the military to revoke the "don't ask, don't tell" provisions 60 days after a military study group chaired by Jeh C. Johnson, the Defense Department's general counsel, and Army Gen. Carter F. Ham, commander of U.S. Army Europe, presents its

report in December.

The legislation is a deferred repeal, Gates stressed. "It would repeal 'don't ask, don't tell,' but only after - I repeat, after - the ongoing Department of Defense high-level review is completed and only after the president, the chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff and I all can certify that we are ready to make this change without hurting unit cohesion, military readiness, military effectiveness, and recruiting and retention," Gates said.

As the legislative process continues, nothing will change in current policies and practices, the secretary said. "Current law, policies and regulations remain in place, and we are obligated to abide by them as before," he said.

The vote in the House and at the Senate committee makes the results of the Defense Department study even more im-

portant, Gates said. The panel will conduct a thorough and fact-based assessment of the impact of the potential law change and will develop "an implementation plan that minimizes any possible disruption to the department's mission and ongoing operations," he added.

Gates urged service members to participate in the review. "We need to hear from you, and your families, so that we can make these judgments in the most informed and effective manner," the secretary said. "So please let us know how to do this right."

He asked all service members to stay informed on this issue, but to not let it distract them from the "critical mission to defend our country and our duty to uphold the values represented by the uniform you wear," he said.

Diverse Views



Do you welcome intramural sports between Air Force and Navy?
Service members from Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam



2nd Lt. Ty McKeever
613 Support Group

"It will be good because there is not a whole lot of military presence like there used to be several years ago. There used to be more Air Force teams out here, so I think it will be good to start getting more competition. It will be nice to see military teams get together."

Tech Sgt. Stephen Lorenzo
Hawaii Air National Guard

"I think it will be a very good thing. It helps build camaraderie between the services and it will help us get better overall. They (Navy) are going to be tough. I know that they've got good players over there, so I'm actually looking forward to it."



Capt. Brad Pactol
Hawaii Air National Guard

"It's going to be tougher. I think with more players coming out, you've got more chances for good players to show up. Competition is going to go up."



Electrician's Mate 1st Class Derrick Vanegas
Naval Submarine Training Center Pacific

"Before the merger, you really didn't have anything involving the two (armed forces). It was kind of separate worlds, so I think its good to see the two forces in friendly competition. Base bragging rights could turn into a really big thing."



Chief Electronics Technician Anthony Witters
Center for Personal and Professional Development

"It would definitely increase the camaraderie between the two branches of service. We're fighting right next to them (Air Force) and doing other things with them, why not play sports against them? Having more competition would bring out more spirit. We'd be thinking, 'Hey, we can't be beat by the Air Force,' and they would be thinking the same thing."



(Photos and information provided by Randy Dela Cruz)

Normandy Invasions, D-Day, June 1944



Official U.S. Navy photograph, Navy History and Heritage Command stand ready. The day of the Normandy landings is considered to be the best-known D-Day because it initiated the Western Allied effort to liberate mainland Europe from Nazi occupation during World War II.

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A little girl shouts with excitement as active duty, guard and reserve personnel from the Army, Navy, Air Force, Marines and Coast Guard marches by in formation as part of a Welcome Home Parade, one of many Military Appreciation Day events held in Honolulu on May 22. The parade was followed up with entertainment at the Waikiki Shell with performances by four local Hawaii bands and a military joint jazz ensemble. The event was organized by the USO, the Chamber of Commerce Military Affairs Council and BAE Systems.

Honolulu shows appreciation toward service members

Story and photo by
Tech Sgt Cohen A. Young

Defense Media Activity

Active duty, Guard and Reserve members of the Army, Navy, Air Force, Marine Corps and Coast Guard marched in a parade May 22 in Honolulu as part of a military appreciation event.

A Welcome Home Parade for military members serving on the island of Oahu was conducted along the streets of Waikiki as one of the many Military Appreciation Month events occurring in the area that day. Waikiki, a major tourist area in Honolulu, had its main strip lined with onlookers lined Kalakaua Avenue in Waikiki watched members from the U.S. Armed services march together from Ft. DeRussy to Kapiolani Park. More than 1,500 members participated in the celebratory march.

Many military members were honored and proud to have the opportunity to march in the parade.

"I'm very happy and proud to be in this parade," said veteran Air Force Staff Sgt. Jeannette Rosario, a member of Pacific Air Force Command Surgeon's office.

"It really felt good to be selected to participate in this parade," said Rosario. "To see everyone come out here and support us like this is great."

Local Veterans of Foreign Wars, high school ROTC units, the Civil Air Patrol and the Royal Hawaiian Band were among the participants in the parade as well. Retired Soldier Ben Acohido, a native of Hawaii and a member of the VFW 1572, was proud to lead the current military members during the parade.

"It was a great parade, and they followed good protocol by having the veterans up front," said Mr. Acohido. "This was an honor after serving a total of 37 years in the Army as enlisted and later commissioned."

The parade was just the start of the day for military personnel who made the trip to Waikiki. They, along with their families, were treated to the Honolulu Zoo as part of family day and then were treated to musical performances by four local bands. There were also free hot dogs, pizza and ice cream for every veteran.

The finale of the day was a performance by a military joint jazz ensemble comprising some of the best band members from each mil-

itary band on the island. This was the first time the band members joined together to perform as a jazz ensemble.

"This is the only time I've had the chance to perform with the other military band members," said Tech Sgt. Tamiko Boone, the vocalist for the ensemble and a member of the Band of the Pacific - Hana Hou at Joint Base Pearl Harbor Hickam, Hawaii. "Everyone in this band is really good, and I hope we get to do more combined efforts like this in the future," Boone said.

The USO, the Chamber of Commerce Military Affairs Council and BAE Systems organized the event. The community came together to put this event on to support the military and show how much they really appreciate them.

"A lot of people from our community came out here to honor our military and their service to our country and especially to Hawaii," said Eva Laird-Smith, the director of USO Hawaii.

"The military here are part of our *ohana* because there isn't anyone on the island who isn't touched by someone in the military in some way - through work, deployments or friendships," said Laird-Smith.

Families and friends say *aloha* as USS Chung-Hoon deploys to western Pacific

Story and photos by
MC2 Paul Honnick

Navy Public Affairs Support Element West Det. Hawaii

The guided missile destroyer USS Chung-Hoon (DDG 93) departed Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam for an independent deployment to the U.S. 7th Fleet area of responsibility (AOR) in the western Pacific on June 1.

During its four-and-a-half month deployment, Chung-Hoon will perform maritime interdiction operations and provide support for anti-in-surgency operations in the Sulu Sea. The ship and its crew will also be working with the forward deployed naval forces, conducting freedom of navigation operations.

Additionally, the Hawaii-based warship will participate in the annual Cooperative Afloat Readiness and Training (CARAT) exercise with the Republic of Singapore Navy for the second consecutive year.

"We've got a fantastic crew. We've got 283 Sailors onboard and each one of them is fully trained and ready to do the mission and they're excited to go," explained Cmdr. Scott Erb, commanding officer of Chung-Hoon.

Erb said that from the time the ship returned from its last deployment in July 2009, the crew has been training hard for the next one.

"Since then we've had a selective restrictive availability, a maintenance availability to help make our ship a better ship materially. We've done quite a bit of training for the crew and we've had the big INSURV (Inspection and survey) inspection this spring which helped prep us both materially and for training," said Erb.

Erb feels his crew is ready for the challenges ahead. "I am very proud of the crew and the hard work they've put in since we came back from our last deployment," said Erb. "Their professionalism and commitment to [doing] business means we will be ready to accomplish any missions we receive."

Chung-Hoon has embarked Light Helicopter Squadron (HSL) 37's Detachment Four as its air department. They will provide aerial support with an SH-60B helicopter.

Guided-missile destroyers are multi-mission anti-air warfare, anti-submarine warfare and anti-surface warfare surface combatants. They operate independently in support of carrier and expeditionary strike groups and surface strike groups.



A Sailor assigned to the guided missile destroyer USS Chung-Hoon (DDG 93) kisses his daughter goodbye before leaving on a western Pacific deployment. Chung-Hoon and its crew of 283 Sailors departed Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam on June 1 for an independent deployment to the U.S. 7th Fleet area of responsibility.

Pearl Harbor-Hickam *Highlights*



Airmen from the 647th Civil Engineer Squadron pour concrete to repair a sidewalk here May 27. The sidewalk was damaged by tree roots that grew out from underneath and created a safety hazard.

U.S. Air Force photo by Senior Airman Gustavo Gonzalez

(Below) Capt. Rich Clemmons, commodore of Destroyer Squadron 31, receives a gift from dancers who performed a traditional welcome in Surabaya, Indonesia to the amphibious dock landing ship USS Tortuga (LSD 46) on May 26. Tortuga is participating in Naval Engagement Activity 2010. The exercise is part of the Cooperation Afloat Readiness and Training (CARAT) series of bilateral exercises held annually in Southeast Asia to strengthen relationships and enhance force readiness.

U.S. Navy photo by Lt. Mike Morley



U.S. Navy photo by MC2 Paul D. Hornick
The award-winning Hawaiian artist Amy Hānaiali'i performs a free concert for patrons at the Navy Exchange on Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam. Hānaiali'i and her band performed as part of the Military Appreciation Month celebration in Hawaii.



(Below) Sailors assigned to the guided missile destroyer USS Chung-Hoon (DDG 93) man the rails as the ship departs June 1 on a western Pacific deployment. Chung-Hoon and its crew of 283 Sailors departed Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam for an independent deployment to the U.S. 7th Fleet area of responsibility.

U.S. Navy photo by MC2 Paul D. Hornick



U.S. Navy photo by MC2 Paul D. Hornick
A Sailor assigned to the guided missile destroyer USS Chung-Hoon (DDG 93) spends time with his wife and daughter before leaving June 1 on a western Pacific deployment. Chung-Hoon and its crew of 283 Sailors departed Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam for an independent deployment to the U.S. 7th Fleet area of responsibility.



(Right) Tech Sgt Greg Lacy of the U. S. Air Force Band of the Pacific-Hawaii, also known as "Hana Hou," performs in front of more than 400 onlookers during a Military Band Melee event at Ft DeRussy Park in Honolulu on May 29 as part of Military Appreciation Month and a prelude to Memorial Day events. The U.S. Army's 25th Infantry Division Band, the U. S. Navy Pacific Fleet Band, the Marine Corps Forces Pacific Band, the U.S. Air Force of the Band of the Pacific-Hawaii and the U.S. Coast Guard were all represented at the free concert.

U.S. Air Force photo by Tech Sgt. Cohen A. Young



Hurricane Categories

Tropical Storm

Winds 39-73 mph

Category 1 Hurricane — winds 74-95 mph, storm surge 4-5 ft. No real damage to buildings. Some damage to poorly constructed signs. Also, some coastal flooding and minor pier damage.

Category 2 Hurricane — winds 96-110 mph, storm surge 6-8 ft. Some damage to building roofs, doors and windows. Flooding damages piers and small craft in unprotected moorings may break their moorings. Some trees blown down.

Category 3 Hurricane — winds 111-130 mph, storm surge 9-12 ft. Some structural damage to small residences and utility buildings. Large trees blown down. Mobile homes and poorly built signs destroyed. Flooding near the coast destroys smaller structures with larger structures damaged by floating debris. Terrain may be flooded well inland.

Category 4 Hurricane — winds 131-155 mph, storm surge 13-18 ft. More extensive curtainwall failures with some complete roof structure failure on small residences. Major erosion of beach areas. Terrain may be flooded well inland.

Category 5 Hurricane — winds 156 mph and up, storm surge 19 ft or more. Complete roof failure on many residences and industrial buildings. Some complete building failures with small utility buildings blown over or away. Flooding causes major damage to lower floors of all structures near the shoreline. Massive evacuation of residential areas may be required.

Hurricane Watches

Weather/marine advisories:

Issued when storms are within 1,000 miles of Honolulu, Hawaii.

Hurricane watch:

Issued when there is a strong possibility that the storm could threaten coastal or inland communities within 36 hours or less.

Hurricane warning:

Issued when there is a high possibility that hurricane force winds will arrive within 24 hours or less.

Tropical Cyclone Conditions of Readiness (TCCOR)

TCCOR levels are based on the arrival of destructive winds and trigger specific actions.

Condition of Readiness IV (72 hours before destructive winds arrive)

- Maintain areas around the house and keep them clear of debris and loose material.
- Prune dead branches from trees.
- Maintain storm shutters in good repair and keep them easily available.
- Determine location of official shelters.
- Stock and maintain your typhoon supply locker.

Condition of Readiness III (48 hours before destructive winds arrive)

- Start monitoring the news.
- Review emergency plans with your family.
- Practice where to go in the house as the hurricane intensifies.
- Get needed supplies.
- Expectant mothers, beyond 37th week of pregnancy should make hospital arrangements.
- Knock down coconuts and secure outside potted plants.
- Ensure loose debris is picked up around the house.
- Refill any special medications.
- Ensure gas tank is full and check your battery, water and oil.
- Move small boats to secure and safe havens.
- Check flashlight and radio batteries and make sure you have extras.
- Charge cellular phones.
- Get cash.
- Prepare to put up hurricane shutters.
- Put important documents in safe deposit box, a home safe, or another safe and dry place.

Condition of Readiness II (24 hours before destructive winds arrive)

- Install typhoon shutters, siding or plywood on windows.
- Move vehicles out of flood-prone areas and away from trees.
- Move grills, patio furniture, potted plant and other loose objects inside.
- Tie down anything that you can't bring inside.
- Turn refrigerator and freezer to coldest setting and pack your freezer with newspaper to keep the food colder longer.
- Move furniture away from windows or cover with plastic.

Condition of Readiness I (12 hours before destructive winds arrive)

- Fill your tub and bottles with water.
- Secure and brace external doors.
- Move as many valuables off the floor as possible.
- Continue to listen to the radio or television for weather advisories.
- Stay inside and off the roads.

During the Storm

- Stay inside.
- Stay away from windows and doors.
- If the storm becomes intense, retreat to a designated interior safe room.

After the Storm

- Don't leave your home or shelter until emergency officials tell you it's safe.
- Don't go out on the roads until you get the all-clear.
- Watch and listen for reports on flooding or other storm-related activities.
- Don't call the police or other officials unless there is a life-threatening situation or emergency.
- Watch for and don't touch downed power lines.
- Watch your step. There may be broken glass and other debris lying about.
- Report dangling or downed power lines, broken water or sewer lines or broken or downed telephone lines to the proper authorities.

The Day After the Storm

- Don't sightsee. Authorities may be out repairing downed power poles, lines, sewer lines, etc.
- Use batteries and cell phones sparingly; you may not be able to replace them so easily

Important Telephone Numbers:

Emergency, police, fire ambulance - 911

State Department of Emergency Management - 723-8960

Hawaii State Civil Defense - 733-4300

National Weather Service (weather advisories) - 973-5286

Warfighter and Family Services (formerly FFSC) - 474-1999

Navy Marine Corps Relief Society - 449-0302

Air Force Aid Society - 449-0300

Air Force Straight Talk Line - 449-4000

HECO Service Center: 548-7961

(to report power outages, downed power lines, trees on power lines)

Board of Water Supply Trouble Line - 748-5000 (normal hours)

748-5010 (after hours)

Hawaiian Telcom repair service - 611

The Gas Company emergency service - 526-0066

Street lights out - City - 768-5300

State - 831-6714

Where to find hurricane preparedness information

Navy Region Hawaii website: www.cnic.navy.mil/hawaii

Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam TV (Channel 2): Hurricane information on Joint Base TV 2 will be aired about five minutes before the hour seven days a week.

Department of Emergency Management (DEM): Information is available on the DEM website at www.honolulu.gov/dem or by calling 723-8960. Residents can also call the DEM office and request a free packet of hurricane readiness information.

Hawaiian Humane Society: For information on how to prepare for your pets in a disaster, contact the Hawaiian Humane Society at 946-2187.

Telephone directory: Disaster preparedness information is available at the beginning of the white pages section in your local telephone directory.

CNIC Operation Prepare: <http://www.ready.gov/america/getakit/navy.html>

State Civil Defense: www.scd.state.hi.gov

Get emergency updates on **Navy Region Hawaii's Facebook**. Link found on www.cnic.navy.mil/hawaii.

Your Survival Kit

(If you remain at home)

- **Flashlights**
- **Portable radios** - AM/FM weather radio, battery or hand powered
- **Extra batteries**
- **Extra cash**
- **Prescription drugs (10 days' to two weeks' supply)**
- **First aid kit**
- **Candles**
- **Matches**
- **Ice/coolers for medications that require refrigeration**
- **Fuel for camping stoves/lanterns**
- **Pet foods/supplies**
- **Non-perishable foods – five-day supply**
- **Bottled water for drinking**
- **Other water for flushing toilet, washing, etc.**

Hurricane Shelters on Oahu

State-run emergency shelters will be opened selectively, depending on the severity and type of incident or disaster. You should know the location of your two nearest shelters in the community, but do not go there until instructed to do so. Listen to radio and television for shelter locations, instructions and opening schedule. Be aware that all shelters do not stock supplies. You must bring all of your emergency supplies with you.

Military families living on base should also be aware of their nearest shelter in the community as an option if it is necessary to evacuate. Navy "safe havens," or facilities located on base that provide protection from natural disasters, provide an option for selected personnel to take refuge inside the installation. Due to the limited availability of safe havens, a priority for occupancy can be ordered. Personnel with priority include category one and five personnel and their family members, deployed and sorted operational command family members, and residents in housing areas most vulnerable to a hurricane.

Before reporting to a Navy safe haven, personnel must register first at the Pearl Harbor Navy Exchange for assignments and transportation to the designated location. When going to an installation safe haven, take your emergency kit, sleeping bags and a three-day supply of food and water.

Evacuation and shelter information for Oahu will be provided by:

Dept. of Emergency Management City & County of Honolulu
Telephone: 723-8960

List of state public emergency shelters for general population on Oahu:

S – Provides limited support to persons with special health needs.
P – Pet friendly shelters. Pets must be caged for safety.

North Shore

(Kaena Point - Kahuku)

Waialua Elementary [S]

Waialua High and

Intermediate [S/P]

Leeward Coast

(Makua-Waipahu and Vicinity)

August Ahrens Elementary

Barbers Point Elementary

Campbell High [S/P]

Ewa Beach Elementary

Ewa Elementary [S]

Honowai Elementary [S]

Ilima Intermediate [S/P]

Kaimiloa Elementary

Kaleiopuu Elementary

Kamaile Elementary

Kanoelani Elementary

Kapolei Elementary [S]

Kapolei High [S]

Leihoku Elementary

Maiili Elementary

Makaha Elementary

Makakilo Elementary

Mauka Lani Elementary [S]

Nanakuli Elementary

Nanakuli High & Intermediate [S/P]

Pohakea Elementary

Waianae Elementary

Waipahu Elementary [S/P]

Waipahu High [S/P]

Waipahu Intermediate [S]

Central Oahu

(Wahiawa-Mililani and Vicinity)

Hanalani Elementary

Helemano Elementary [S]

Iliahi Elementary

Kaala Elementary [S]

Kipapa Elementary [S]

Leilehua High [S/P]

Mililani High [S/P]

Mililani Ike Elementary

Mililani Mauka Elementary

Mililani Waena Elementary [S]

Mililani Middle [S/P]

Mililani-Uka Elementary [S]

Solomon Elementary

Wahiawa Elementary [S]

Wahiawa Middle [S]

Wheeler Elementary

Wheeler Middle [S/P]

Pearl City-Aiea and Salt Lake

Aiea Elementary [S]

Aiea Intermediate [S]

Aiea High [S/P]

Aliamanu Elementary [S]

Aliamanu Middle [S]

Halawa District Park

Hickam Elementary

Highlands Intermediate [S/P]

Lehua Elementary [S]

Makalapa Elementary [S]

Manana Elementary [S]

Moanalua Elementary [S]

Moanalua Middle [S/P]

Hurricane Disaster Kit

(These items are not provided at evacuation shelters.)

- A three to seven-day supply of water (one gallon per person per day) and food that won't spoil. (Canned food/juices, non-electric can opener, cooking tools/fuel).
- One change of clothing and footwear and one blanket or sleeping bag per person.
- A first aid kit that includes your family's prescription medicines.
- Emergency tools including a battery-powered radio, flashlight and plenty of extra batteries, fully charged cell phone w/extra batteries.
- An extra set of car keys and a credit card, cash or travelers' checks.
- Sanitation supplies.
- Special items for infant, elderly or disabled family members. (Toys, books, games)
- An extra pair of glasses.
- Important family documents in a waterproof container.
- Pet care items if necessary (food/water, carrier cage, muzzle/leash).

Moanalua High [S/P]

Mokulele Elementary

Momilani Elementary

Nimitz Elementary

Palisades Elementary [S]

Pearl City District Park

Pearl City Elementary

Pearl City High [S/P]

Pearl City Highlands Elementary [S]

Pearl Harbor Elementary

Pearl Harbor Kai Elementary

Pearlridge Elementary [S]

Radford High [S/P]

Red Hill Elementary [S]

Salt Lake Elementary [S]

Shafter Elementary

Waiau Elementary

Waimalu Elementary [S]

Webbing Elementary

Salt Lake-Punchbowl and

Downtown

Central Middle [P]

Dole Middle [S]

Farrington High

Fern Elementary

Kaahumanu Elementary

Kaewai Elementary [S]

Kauiulani Elementary [S]

Kalakaua Middle [S/P]

Kalihi Elementary

Kalihi-Kai Elementary [S]

Kalihi-Uka Elementary [S]

Kalihi Valley District Park

Kalihi-Waena Elementary [S]

Kapalama Elementary [S]

Kauluwela Elementary

Kawananakoa Middle [S]

Lanakila District Park

Lanakila Elementary [S]

Likelike Elementary

Linapuni Elementary [S]

Maemae Elementary [S]

Makiki District Park

Nuanu Elementary

Pauoa Elementary

Puu hale Elementary [S]

Roosevelt High [S/P]

Royal Elementary [S]

Stevenson Middle [S/P]

Punchbowl-Waiialae

and Vicinity

Aliiolani Elementary [S]

Anuenue Elementary

Hawaii Convention Center [S]

Hokulani Elementary [S]

Jarrett Middle [S/P]

Jefferson Elementary [S]

Kaahumanu Elementary

Kaimuki High [S/P]

Kaimuki Middle [S/P]

Kubio Elementary

Lihohlo Elementary [S]

Liliuokalani Elementary [S]

Lincoln Elementary

Lunalilo Elementary

Manoa Elementary [S]

McKinley High [S]

Neal Blaisdell Center [S]

Noelani Elementary [S]

Palolo Elementary [S]

Waiialae Elementary [S]

Waikiki Elementary

Washington Middle [S/P]

Wilson Elementary [S]

Aina Haina-Hawaii Kai

and Vicinity

Hahaione Elementary

Kaiser High

Kalani High

Kamiloiki Elementary

Koko Head Elementary

Niu Valley Middle

Windward coast

(Kahuku – Makapuu Point)

Ahuimanu Elementary [S]

Aikahi Elementary

Benjamin Parker Elementary

Brigham Young University of Hawaii [S]

Castle High [S/P]

Enchanted Lake Elementary [S]

Heeia Elementary [S]

Kahalua Elementary [S]

Kahuku Elementary

Kahuku High and Intermediate [S/P]

Hawaii Air National Guard NCO helps keep deployed members 'fit to fight' in Southwest Asia

Story and photo by
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380th Air Expeditionary Wing
Public Affairs

He spent the first seven years of his eight-year Air National Guard career as a security forces Airman - even deploying as a "defender" for overseas contingency operations. Being a security forces member taught him the importance of being "fit to fight."

Now, on yet another deployment at a non-disclosed base in Southwest Asia, Staff Sgt. Gavin Ramos is a services journeyman with the 380th Expeditionary Force Support Squadron, where he helps manage fitness operations for his deployed base to keep all Airmen "fit to fight." As a services Airman with the 380th EFSS, Sergeant Ramos supports the morale, welfare, fitness and recreation of more than 1,900 deployed service members for the 380th Air Expeditionary Wing.

"I'm here to help ensure that deployed service members have an optimum facility to assist members in achieving their fitness goals," said Ramos, who is deployed from the 154th Force Support Squadron at



Staff Sgt. Gavin Ramos is video-recorded while reading a book for his children at a non-disclosed base in Southwest Asia. Ramos was the first Airman at the 380th Air Expeditionary Wing to participate in the USO's United Through Reading program.

Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, the wing, there's a good chance the fitness center staff is involved." In working in the fitness center, Ramos helps manage the fitness cen-

ter's equipment inventory, events and the intramural sports held for our deployed personnel. However, in the 380th EFSS, services support programs cover myriad areas, and Ramos has to be ready to support all of them, in addition to the fitness center.

In joining the Hawaii Air National Guard, Ramos said he was continuing something his brother, Master Sgt. Greg Ramos of the 154th FSS, began seven years before him.

"My brother has definitely been a mentor to me," said Ramos, whose hometown is Kapolei, Hawaii. "When I joined the guard, it opened up many new horizons for me and I'm glad I took that step."

The 380th EFSS is a sub-unit of the 380th Air Expeditionary Wing. The wing is home to the KC-10 Extender, U-2 Dragon Lady, E-3 Sentry and RQ-4 Global Hawk aircraft. The wing comprises four groups and 12 squadrons and the wing's deployed mission includes air refueling, surveillance and reconnaissance in support of overseas contingency operations in Southwest Asia. The 380th AEW supports operations Iraqi Freedom and Enduring Freedom and the Combined Joint Task Force-Horn of Africa.

Rescue, relief highlight USS Reuben James deployment

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Affairs

Greeted by families and friends, the guided-missile frigate USS Reuben James (FFG 57) returned to Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam on June 1 from a four-month independent deployment to the U.S. 7th Fleet's area of responsibility.

Reuben James operated with forward-deployed naval forces and conducted a joint fisheries patrol with the U.S. Coast Guard, as well as with local nations throughout Oceania, to protect vital natural resources. Additionally, the Hawaii-based ship conducted humanitarian relief and goodwill projects, including Project Handclasp, distributing medical and hygienic supplies in the Republic of the Philippines.

Reuben James Sailors presented 28 boxes of women's and children's clothing and toys to the Aloha Foundation and two orphanages during a ceremony in February during their visit to Dili, East Timor.

Cmdr. David Miller, commanding officer of Reuben James, said that one of the highlights of the deployment was the rescue of two Filipino fishermen along the coast of Mindanao, Philippines on Feb. 13.

"We came across two Philippines fishermen, whose motor had stopped and they were adrift at sea about 25 miles off shore," said Miller. "We stopped and took the afternoon to rescue them. We fixed their boat and brought them in closer so they could go back in to their port from where they departed.



Lt. Cmdr. Jayson Aurelio, the supply officer of the guided-missile frigate USS Reuben James (FFG 57), greets his daughter after returning from a four-month deployment.

What really stuck out in my mind about that was when one of the fishermen related to us that he had a friend of his who was lost at sea about a week before and was never found."

Reuben James concluded its deployment by supporting the forward deployed naval forces from Yokosuka, Japan. On their return on June 1, families and friends anticipated the crew's return to Hawaii.

"It was overwhelming," said Katie Zimmerman, who was holding a "welcome home and happy birthday" sign during

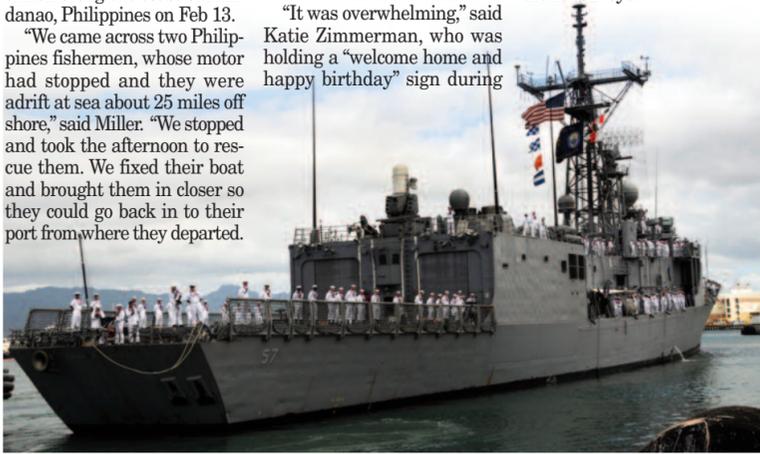
the homecoming. Her husband, Cryptologic Technician (Technical) 1st Class Robert Zimmerman, was celebrating his 32nd birthday the same day as the homecoming. "This is a very good birthday present. This was our first deployment with kids. We just missed him terribly," she said.

In August 1991, Reuben James moved from Long Beach, Calif. to Pearl Harbor, Hawaii. On Oct. 1, 1998, she joined the "Ke Koa O Ke Kai," Destroyer Squadron 31. Reuben James has a crew of about 250 officer and enlisted Sailors.

In addition to the ship's crew, members from Helicopter Anti-Submarine Squadron Light (HSL) 37 detachment 3 supported the deployment with two SH-60B/MH-60R helicopters.

"The support of our helicopter squadron was phenomenal," said Miller. "The work they did really went a long way, extending our surveillance during our fisheries patrol as well as integrating completely with the forward deployed forces and the exercises they were conducting."

Frigates fulfill a protection-of-shipping mission as anti-submarine warfare (ASW) combatants for amphibious expeditionary forces, underway replenishment groups and merchant convoys.



Sailors aboard the Oliver Hazard Perry-class guided-missile frigate USS Reuben James (FFG 57) man the rails as the ship pulls into port at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam on June 1.

Upcoming change of command events

June 29 - The Defense Logistics Agency, Defense Supply Center Philadelphia, Pacific Region will conduct a change of command ceremony at 10 a.m. at the Hickam Officers' Club, building 1073, Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam. Cmdr. Matthew N. Ott III, Supply Corps, outgoing; Cmdr. Jason A. Bridges, Supply Corps, incoming. Brigadier General Scott Chambers, USAF, Commander Defense Supply Center Philadelphia will officiate. Event is open to the community.

USS Chung-Hoon Sailor owes work ethic, discipline to Navy life

Story and photos by
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On Dec. 10, 2008, the family of Information Systems Technician Seaman Jonathon Mayen-Krogstad got the surprise of their life when their 20-year-old suddenly announced he was joining the U.S. Navy.

"At first my mom was really mad at me; she just couldn't believe I had joined," said Mayen-Krogstad, the oldest of four children. "But as the time came closer for me to leave, she realized I was serious about this and how big a decision this was."

After struggling through two semesters at his local community college in Dumfries, Va., Mayen-Krogstad said he had found himself in a rut and was in serious need of a change of scenery. After considering both the Air Force and Marine Corps branches, he decided on a whim that the U.S. Navy would provide him with the best possible lifestyle to see the world and clear his head.

"Before I joined the military, I was lazy, unfocused

and undisciplined," he said. "But the Navy helped me work on setting attainable goals and achieving them. It has given me a sense of direction with my life I didn't have before I joined."

In his initial months of enlistment, Mayen-Krogstad saw a noticeable improvement in himself, but also conceded that he experienced his share of pitfalls many Sailors are susceptible to while transitioning into Navy life.

"I've had obstacles I've had to overcome," he explained. "I've had an alcohol problem, shown up late for work, been a liberty hog. But I had good people help me get my head straight and work through my issues. I had to see the consequences of my actions and realize that it was not worth going to Captain's Mast or losing money. It is about getting the job done. It might be hard, but you have to see it to the end," he added.

After reaching such an epiphany, Mayen-Krogstad quickly established himself as an indispensable asset within his division aboard the USS Chung-Hoon (DDG 93).

Chief Information Systems Technician (SW/AW) Christopher Brown regards Mayen-Krogstad as a "phenomenal Sailor on all fronts" of his ship.

"Recently, ITSN Mayen-Krogstad took over the damage control petty officer (DCPO) position and is consistently noted as an outstanding maintenance man and always completes tasking ahead of schedule with little to no supervision," Brown said. "He stays engaged in both facets of his rate as a communicator and LAN technician, completing more than 75 trouble calls in the last week alone and activating 20 circuits to ensure mission accomplishment. Clearly,

Mayen-Krogstad is performing well above the level expected of a Seaman and exemplifies the hard charger attitude needed in our high op-tempo, multi-tasking environment," he added.

Mayen-Krogstad said he enjoys his rate, not only because he is learning valuable skills he may one day take back to the workforce. But also because he feels responsible for connecting Sailors with their families during long deployments and underways.

"The IT rate is important since we are the primary ones who work with Internet on-board," he explained. "Once you are underway, it is really hard to make phone calls back home. I think my job directly affects morale because if somebody wants to send an e-mail or communicate with their wife, husband or family and the Internet is down, morale will probably be low. We are in charge of communication to ensure everyone stays connected," he added.

Future plans for Mayen-Krogstad include studying for his enlisted surface warfare pin, putting on third class, continuing with his IT certifications and training, and continuing with college credits.

In his spare time, he has also been studying another culture that was built on the principles of discipline and hard work.

"Recently, I discovered I had a real passion for learning Japanese and studying their culture," he said. "I enjoy reading about the people, their customs and the beauty of their country."

This summer, Mayen-Krogstad is looking forward to visiting the western Pacific during his ship's current deployment. It's just another reason why this Sailor knows he made the right decision to enlist.



Navy Region Hawaii honored with 2010 Good Neighbor Award

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The City and County of Honolulu presented Commander, Navy Region Hawaii (CNRH) with the 2010 Good Neighbor Award during a ceremony at Kapolei Hale City Hall on May 27.

The award was presented to CNRH for its numerous contributions to the local environment over the past year.

Lt. Benjamin Abney, the officer-in-charge of Transient Personnel Unit, and Yeoman Seaman Randy Sarran, assigned to Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, accepted the award on behalf of CNRH.

"We've been involved in many events with the city. We've been involved in adopt-a-stream projects, we've been involved in adopt-a-block projects, we've done storm drain stenciling, clean-ups on the bike path, clean-ups on the beaches and the marshes, and we've planted



Yeoman Seaman Randy Sarran, assigned to Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, and Lt. Benjamin Abney, the officer-in-charge of Transient Personnel Unit, accept the 2010 Good Neighbor Award from City and County of Honolulu officials during a ceremony held May 27 at Kapolei Hale.

trees," said Abney.

According to Abney, more than 300 Sailors from the region have participated in several projects in the community.

"We've always opened up opportunities for Sailors to go out and spend a day cleaning up and as soon as you open up that opportunity, you get Sailors to go out and become

part of their community and do good things and be good neighbors," said Abney.

Abney said that rallying support for the projects was never an issue.

"A lot of times we just put out the opportunity. As soon as we do that, the Sailors understand what being a good neighbor does for them personally and so they jump on

the opportunity," he said.

Sarran was one of those who frequently jumped on the opportunities put out by Abney.

"It sets a good example for others watch us. It's not so much about the recognition, but just to help out in the community as well and encourage other people, whether they're kids or adults, to just get involved and help out their own community," said Sarran.

Sarran feels his community service falls in line with his service in the Navy.

"I joined the Navy to help when help is needed and wherever I am at. Wherever the Navy needs me, if they need my help anywhere, I'm there," he explained.

The Good Neighbor Award program is an annual event that recognizes the continuous and ongoing efforts of citizens in the city's programs who are committed to improving the local environment and improving quality of life in their communities.

This is the fourth award CNRH has received since the program's inception in 2007.

KHON (FOX) TV 2 Hawaii Navy News upcoming segments

June 10 - TBD

June 17 - Individual augmentees -
Hospital Corps perspective

June 23 - Hurricane season

June 30 - Wildland fires/Good Neighbor
Award

(The segments currently air between 6:15 and 6:45 a.m. each Thursday. Previous segments can be viewed at <http://www.bit.ly/KHONNavy>)

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