

Sendai students meet Airmen from Operation Tomodachi

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Twenty-four students from Sendai Ikuei Gakuen High School visited Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam on June 24, while in Hawaii studying at I-Lion Hawaii (ILHA) School. The students are continuing their education and learning English while their homes and schools are being rebuilt in the wake of the March 11 earthquake and tsunami in Sendai, Japan.

Accompanied by four of their teachers from Sendai, the girls, ages 16 and 17, took a field trip to Hawaii to visit numerous Air Force units around the installation, beginning with a greeting from the 15th Wing vice commander and command chief.

Later in the day, the students explored a C-17 Globemaster III and met the Airmen who transported relief supplies to Japan during Operation Tomodachi.

"I was excited to meet the crew members," one student said. "I ate the food that the United States gave to us [after the earthquake], so it was nice to finally know who it came from."

Other students made similar comments, stating they were grateful to the crew and for everything the Air Force and the United States government did for them during that critical period, now



Photo illustration

marked as one of the largest natural disasters to ever affect the Pacific.

"It was great to see the faces of the people I'd helped," said Capt. Nathaniel Amidon, a C-17

pilot with the 535th Airlift Squadron. "It was also good to see that they were in such high spirits and that they were so appreciative of the work the 15th Wing had done. It made

me very proud of my service."

After clambering around the flight deck and the cargo bay of the C-17, the students and teachers gathered for a group photo

in front of the aircraft with a large banner that read, "Arigatou Hawaii," which translates to "Thank you, Hawaii."

The students were also treated to a military work-

ing dog demonstration which included multiple scenarios. The girls took pictures of the action and clapped for each of the dogs as they performed.

"It was very meaningful to us to be able to brighten their day," said Lt. Col. Michael Gimbrone, 647th Security Forces commander. "These girls' lives have been so severely impacted by the devastation, so being able to do something for them was nice. Hopefully, it gave them a spark of hope for their future. And maybe, at least for the time they were with us, it gave them a chance to forget about whatever is going on in their personal lives and focus on something enjoyable."

The students ended their day in true Hawaiian style: listening and dancing to acoustic island music performed by members of the Pacific Air Forces Band. The three-man band, "Small Kine," performed a few more popular songs in addition to the island music after receiving a unanimous request for an encore. And after some persuasion by the band, the girls were up on their feet and dancing.

"The girls had a great time," said Hiroko Schyvincht, teacher and office manager with ILHA, who translated for the students. "I'm listening to their conversations and from the sounds of things, they had a great day. It will be something they never forget."

Col. Jeffrey Morgan makes final C-17 flight at Hickam Field



Col. Jeffrey Morgan, 15th Operations Group commander, gets hosed down by his daughter and sprayed with champagne by his wife after his final flight in a 535th Airlift Squadron C-17 Globemaster III on June 23. Morgan and his family are making a permanent change of station to the Pentagon in Washington, D.C.

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Pearl Harbor Naval Shipyard harnesses sun to cut electricity cost by \$89,000

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The summer sun is helping Pearl Harbor Naval Shipyard go green and reduce its electric bill by \$89,000 a year. A \$1.7 million photovoltaic (PV) system on the rooftop of building 167 was completed June 1. About 1,300 solar panels were installed that together will generate at least 250 kilowatts of power during peak daylight hours, or more than 455,000 kilowatt hours of energy annually.

"Hawaii depends on petroleum for nearly 90 percent of its energy

requirements and all of that oil has to be imported," said Capt. Brian Osgood, shipyard commander. "This photovoltaic system uses the power of the sun as a long-term source of environmentally clean, renewable energy. It's another step toward making the shipyard and the Navy less dependent on oil," he said.

Tiffany Nekota, shipyard PV project manager, said the PV system has a life of at least 25 years. Some loss in efficiency will occur as the system ages, but it will still be operating at a minimum of 80 percent of peak output in 25 years.

Nekota said the system is "grid-tied," meaning



John Cantillo, Naval Facilities Engineering Command (NAVFAC) Hawaii engineering technician, and Tiffany Nekota, Pearl Harbor Naval Shipyard project manager, review installation plans for a 20,000-square-foot rooftop photovoltaic system. The system will reduce electricity costs for building 167 by \$89,000 a year.

that power generated by the system feeds into the building's existing electrical system. A weather station, DC to AC power conversion, monitoring, safety, interlock and shutoff capabilities are all part of the system.

About 20,000 square feet of rooftop are covered with solar panels, but pedestrians at ground level will barely notice the change. "One of the considerations in the design was to preserve the historical nature of the building," Nekota said.

Fred Nelson, shipyard energy conservation manager, noted the PV project will help the shipyard

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Families and friends welcome home USS Pasadena

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The Los Angeles-class fast attack submarine USS Pasadena (SSN 752) returned to Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam after a scheduled six-month deployment to the western Pacific region June 22.

"This was a great and extremely successful deployment for Pasadena," said Cmdr. Andrew St. John, USS Pasadena's commanding officer. "The crew operated this submarine with pride and professionalism, responding to every challenge that came our way."

Pasadena departed Pearl Harbor on Dec. 14, 2010 on her western Pacific deployment. After operating in the dynamic environment of the western Pacific, they returned with a wealth of experience and advanced qualifications. Twenty-two crew members became submarine-qualified and are now authorized to



when combined with the submarine's Tomahawk cruise missiles, mines and torpedoes, provide the operational commander with an unseen force multiplier.

USS Pasadena was commissioned in July 1991 and is the U.S. Navy's second "improved" Los Angeles-class, nuclear-powered submarine. Throughout its proud and illustrious 20-year history, Pasadena has deployed to and conducted operations in virtually every part of the Pacific Ocean, from the west coast of North and South America to Australia and the Persian Gulf.

(Top) Lt. Paul Galatro meets his daughter for the first time as he is the first to disembark when the Los Angeles-class fast attack submarine USS Pasadena (SSN 752) returned to Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam on June 22 after completing six-month deployment.

(Bottom) The Los Angeles-class fast attack submarine USS Pasadena (SSN 752) returns to Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam.

wear the submarine warfare insignia or "dolphins."

"With 30 percent of the crew on their first deployment, I could not be more proud," said St. John. "They proved that we can take this submarine any place we need to go at any time."

Over the course of the deployment, Pasadena completed multiple missions in the

U.S. 7th Fleet area of responsibility as well as several port visits. Port visits to Saipan, Yokosuka, Sasebo and Guam allowed the crew to experience the unique cultures around the Pacific Rim.

Los Angeles-class submarines are ideally suited for covert surveillance, intelligence gathering and special forces missions. This stealth,



USS Paul Hamilton returns from deployment

The guided-missile destroyer USS Paul Hamilton returns to Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam after a seven-month deployment.

U.S. Navy photo by MC2 Robert Stirrup



Lt. Donald Curran, the chief staff officer of the guided-missile destroyer USS Paul Hamilton (DDG 60), is greeted by his family on June 29. Paul Hamilton returned from a seven-month deployment under the Middle Pacific Surface Combatant deployment concept.



Electronics Technician 2nd Class (SS) Jason David, assigned to the Virginia-class submarine USS Texas (SSN 775), enjoys lunch with his family on the submarine pier before Texas departs Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam on June 23 for a regularly scheduled six-month deployment to the western Pacific region. (Additional photo on page A-5)

USS Texas deploys to western Pacific

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Commander Submarine
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The Virginia-class submarine USS Texas (SSN 775) departed Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam on June 23 for a scheduled western Pacific deployment.

"USS Texas is the most advanced nuclear attack submarine deployed to the western Pacific," said Cmdr. Bob Roncska, USS Texas commanding officer. "We provide the operational commander a flexible asset to meet regional defense policy goals,

and I am confident of my crew's absolute responsibility to always be ready to answer the nation's call."

This is Texas' maiden western Pacific deployment since changing homeports to Pearl Harbor in November 2009. The ship has several new crew members who will participate in their first deployment.

Electronics Technician 3rd Class Justin Williams, who recently reported onboard in April, described his feelings as "ready to provide to the mission."

"I am very anxious to further my submarine training and gain the

experience of a deployment," Williams said. "I am also excited about visiting foreign ports and seeing the world."

Commissioned Sept. 9, 2006, Texas was the second Virginia-class attack submarine constructed and the first submarine to be named after the Lone Star State.

The state-of-the-art submarine is capable of supporting a multitude of missions, including anti-submarine warfare, anti-surface ship warfare, strike, naval special warfare involving special operations forces, and intelligence, surveillance and reconnaissance.

USS Port Royal deploys to western Pacific, Middle East

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More than 300 Sailors aboard guided-missile cruiser USS Port Royal departed Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam on June 24 for a scheduled seven-month deployment.

During the deployment, Port Royal will conduct ballistic missile defense operations, maritime interdiction operations and theater security cooperation in the U.S. 5th and U.S. 7th Fleet areas of responsibility.

"This crew has prepared well and is excited about deployment," said Capt. Eric F. Weilenman, Port Royal commanding officer. "We are looking forward

to executing tasking whenever and wherever it occurs."

Sailors aboard Port Royal expressed their anticipation about the upcoming missions that lie ahead and the value of being forward-deployed.

"I am excited for the chance to see different parts of the world during our port visits," said Culinary Specialist Seaman T.J. Fernandez.

"We've worked hard and we're ready to get out there and make a difference," added Sonar Technician (Surface) 1st Class Emanuel Bolton.

Friends and families lined the pier to say goodbye as the ship departed the pier en route to the Pacific Ocean.

Port Royal helps provide deterrence, promotes peace and security, preserves freedom of the seas and humanitarian/disaster response within U.S. 3rd Fleet's 50-million square mile area of responsibility in the eastern Pacific, as well as

supporting the Navy's maritime strategy when forward-deployed in support of geographical combatant commander objectives.

U.S. Navy guided-missile cruisers perform primarily in a battle force role. These ships have multi-mission capability, including air warfare, undersea warfare, naval surface fire support and surface warfare, surface combatants capable of supporting carrier strike groups, amphibious forces or of operating independently and as flagships of surface action groups.

Cruisers are equipped with Tomahawk cruise missiles giving them additional long range strike warfare capability.

Friends and family members of Sailors aboard the Ticonderoga-class guided-missile cruiser USS Port Royal (CG 73) say aloha as the ship departs for the Western Pacific region on June 24. (Additional photos on page A-5)

U.S. Navy photo by MCSI Sean Furey



Air Force officials urge safe July 4th weekend

Masao Doi

Air Force Safety Center

KIRTLAND AIR FORCE BASE, N.M. (AFNS) – With summer in full swing and the July 4th weekend approaching, officials at the Air Force Safety Center want to remind Airmen of steps they can take to minimize the potential for mishaps.

Maj. Gen. Greg Feest, Air Force chief of safety, said although there are many activities to enjoy during the three-day weekend, each activity has its risks.

"I can't think of a better time to enjoy the great out-

doors with family and friends than the Fourth of July weekend," Feest said. "As you celebrate our nation's birthday, I ask each of you to have a plan to reduce the risks and be a great wingman," he said.

"Applying common sense and simple risk management is a great way to help prevent injury and mishaps," said Bill Parsons, the chief of the ground safety division.

Parsons listed other things to keep in mind this Fourth of July:

- When barbecuing, never leave a grill unattended, keep lighter fluids and flames out of the reach of children, and don't start

your fire indoors.

- Fireworks, in particular, can be dangerous. Observe local laws, watch for fire hazards and don't allow your children to light fireworks unsupervised. Even better, have them observe from afar.
- When camping, cool all lanterns, stoves and heaters before refueling and never light them inside your tent.
- When riding your motorcycle, check it over carefully, wear personal protective equipment and ride within your skill level.
- When driving, wear your seat belt, allow for plenty of time for your trip, and don't drink and drive.

"Celebrate, have fun and show your appreciation for the independence of our great country," Parsons said. "Don't let reckless behavior turn it into a time of regret."



U.S. Air Force photo/Mike Littenken

MCPON sends Independence Day message to Sailors

Master Chief Petty Officer of the Navy (MCPON)(SS/SW) Rick D. West



U.S. Navy photo by MCI Abraham Essemacher

WASHINGTON (NNS) -- Master Chief Petty Officer of the Navy (MCPON)(SS/SW) Rick D. West released an Independence Day message to the fleet June 27.

"Shipmates and Navy families, For 235 years, our great nation has celebrated our independence and reflected on those whose sacrifices continue to secure our nation's liberty. I am very proud of each and every one of you for the daily sacrifices that you and your families graciously make to keep America the land of the free and the home of the brave.

As many of us take some much deserved time off to celebrate the Fourth of July, please keep in mind that many of our Sailors are deployed and can't be with their loved ones, but they do so in order that our fellow citizens can spend it with their families and friends. I also urge that you keep safety

in mind during your holiday celebrations. We have already lost shipmates unnecessarily to motor vehicle accidents and recreational activities this year. We must look out for our shipmates, families and friends as we take to the highways, waterways and our backyards. As you know, many people will be on the road - if you decide to drink, don't drive and have a plan to get home.

I'm honored to serve among you and I'm thankful for your continued dedication to our nation and our great Navy.

Stay focused; stay alert; stay safe; and happy Independence Day! Hooyah Warriors!

SECNAV July 4 safety message

Secretary of the Navy Ray Mabus

unshakable.

As we celebrate Independence Day this year, our nation will commemorate 235 years of freedom. Throughout history, our Navy and Marine Corps team has readily defended the ideals written into the Declaration of Independence by our founding fathers.

Today, as with every day, the Department of the Navy proudly stands watch defending the freedoms our country holds so dear. Whether serving at home or deployed to the far reaches of the globe, Sailors, Marines and civilians are testament day in and day out to the relevance of our sea services. Thanks to your commitment and sacrifice, as well as that of your families, our country remains secure, the world is safer, and freedom flourishes in places where yesterday tyranny seemed

This Fourth of July holiday as you and your families join in celebrating our independence, I urge you to do so responsibly. Keep watch over your shipmates and yourselves. Each member of our team is irreplaceable and I am counting on every one of you to return safely to continue your vital contributions to our global mission.

As Fleet Adm. Chester Nimitz once said, "Our armament must be adequate to the needs, but our faith is not primarily in these machines of defense, but in ourselves."

For those who are deployed and unable to enjoy this holiday with your families and loved ones at home, know you have the sincere appreciation of a grateful nation. Thank you for your selfless service.

I could not be more proud to serve as your secretary during this critical time in our history.

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What are your plans for this 4th of July weekend?



The Mongillo family: Mindy Mongillo, mother

"We have a softball tournament, and then we're going to Hickam Beach to enjoy the concert and barbecue that they're putting on."

Samantha Mongillo, 11 years old

"I'm excited to play in the softball tournament this weekend for our team, Na Koa."

Leena Mongillo, 9 years old

"I like going stand-up paddle boarding. When Samantha did it the first time she fell off; when I do it, I don't."

Air Force Tech Sgt. John Getko



"I'll actually be on call. I'm going back to work in Colorado Springs; I'm on TDY. Maybe barbecue."



Air Force Staff Sgt. Matthew Gilbert

"Barbecuing and fireworks."

(Provided by Jazzmin Williams)

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Freedom Tower serves as Hickam historic landmark

One of the most well-known landmarks on Hickam is its beautiful water tower named Freedom Tower, located at the far end of the Parade Mall, across from the 15th Wing headquarters building. The tower was built under the direction of Capt. Howard B. Nurse of the U.S. Army's Quartermaster Corps, at a cost of \$43,146.60, and it was completed on Jan. 14, 1938. Of Moorish design and similar to another famous tower built during that era at Randolph Air Force Base, Texas, Freedom Tower stands 171 feet high. On May 15, 1985, during a ceremony commemorating the 50th anniversary of Hickam, the water tower was dedicated and officially named "Freedom Tower" to honor those who have served, and will serve, in the defense of our liberties, and to honor those who paid the ultimate price so that others might live in freedom.

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Lt. Col. Golden gets hosed down after final flight



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Lt. Col. James Golden, 15th Operations Group deputy commander, gets hosed down by his daughter after completing his final flight at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam on June 16. Family, friends and co-workers gathered on the flightline to greet Golden and bid their farewells following his final flight. He is making a permanent change of station to the Army War College in Pennsylvania.



U.S. Air Force photo by Ed Foster

Lt. Col. James Golden, 15th Operations Group deputy commander, gets hosed down after completing his final flight at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam on June 16.

Childs relieves Caudle as Commander, Submarine Squadron 3

Story and photo by
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Commander Submarine Force
U.S. Pacific Fleet Public Affairs
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Capt. James Childs relieved Capt. Daryl Caudle as commander, Submarine Squadron (CSS) 3, in a time-honored change of command ceremony at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam submarine piers June 21.

Rear Adm. Frank Caldwell, commander Submarine Force, U.S. Pacific Fleet and guest speaker at the event, spoke about Caudle's exceptional performance as commander of the submarine squadron.

"The job of a commodore is many faceted," said Caldwell. "When it goes right, you get none of the credit, but when it goes wrong, you are critical to getting it fixed and you take the blame. For it's the commodore who possesses the maturity, professional skills, insight and sixth sense to help a commanding officer get their ship back on course. I've heard from those who have worked with Commodore Caudle that he does this superbly," Caldwell said.

Following his remarks, Caldwell presented Caudle with the Legion of Merit for decisively commanding the oldest and most tactically diverse subma-



Capt. Daryl Caudle is piped ashore after being relieved by Capt. James Childs as commander, Submarine Squadron 3 during a change of command ceremony held at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam submarine piers June 21.

rine squadron in the Pacific Fleet. Under Caudle, six submarines deployed to the western Pacific where Squadron 3 submarines conducted missions "vital to national security." Additionally, Caudle oversaw two inter-fleet transfers and

three shipyard overhauls.

During his remarks, Caudle expressed his satisfaction and appreciation for his squadron staff as well as the crews of the submarines that fell under his leadership. He noted their exemplary performance during evolu-

tions with surface forces, maritime control aircraft and allied nations.

"Successful commands can only achieve excellence when they work together as a cohesive team with a common vision where followers are themselves strong

leaders," said Caudle. "My staff is perhaps the most perfect example of this assertion. I am certain that the Squadron 3 staff is the hardest working, most technically diverse and professionally intrusive team in the submarine force."

As Capt. Childs assumed command of CSS-3, he praised Caudle for the squadron's outstanding reputation on the waterfront and described how honored he is to be selected for this position of trust.

"Capt. Caudle, you have paved the way to success for a period of tremendous transition that will be very challenging, but most certainly also very rewarding," Childs said. "For the squadron staff, ship crews and families, be assured that I will do everything in my power to ensure safety and success. There is nothing more important to me than the people that breathe life into the machines of our trade and those at home that allow our Sailors to do their essential jobs day in and day out," Childs said.

Caudle's next tour is at Commander Submarine Force, U.S. Pacific Fleet, as chief of staff. His sea tours included assignments on USS George Washington Carver (SSBN 656G), USS Stonewall Jackson (SSN 634B), USS Sand Lance (SSN 660), USS Montpelier (SSN 765), USS Jefferson City (SSN 759), USS Topeka (SSN 754) and USS Helena (SSN 725).

Memorial ceremony honors former USS Nevada Sailor

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A memorial ceremony was held for a Pearl Harbor survivor and World War II veteran at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam on June 23.

Chief Quartermaster Leonard E. Marsden, who served aboard the USS Nevada (BB 36), passed away at the age of 87 on May 2, 2009.

The private event last week was conducted aboard a USS Arizona Memorial white boat at the location where the USS Nevada ran aground near Hospital Point during the Dec. 7, 1941 attack on Pearl Harbor.

The ceremony included a religious service followed by the scattering of ashes into the waters of Pearl Harbor. The Navy Region Hawaii ceremonial guard provided a three-volley rifle salute and a U.S. Navy bugler sounded "Taps." The service included a presentation of the American flag to Marsden's family.

Marsden enlisted in the Navy in 1939 and was assigned to the USS Nevada in April 1940. On the morning of Dec. 7, 1941, Marsden had been relieved from watch and was eating breakfast. His meal was interrupted by a call to general quarters, which signaled for the entire crew to



Photo illustration

go to their battle stations.

"The alarm had sounded a few days before due to a short-circuit. We thought this was the same thing," said Marsden during an interview with The Patriot Ledger newspaper, Quincy, Mass.

As Marsden came up on

the deck, he saw the sky full of anti-aircraft bursts.

"I thought the Army was having target practice at an odd time of the day," said Marsden. "At that moment, a Japanese fighter plane streaked across the stern."

As the crew of 900 scrambled to their battle stations,

Marsden raced to the armored conning tower behind one of the 16-inch gun turrets.

"We had some steam up, and a vital decision was made to move the Nevada away from the dock and head for the open sea. The USS Arizona berthed direct-

ly ahead of us had already blown up, and there was debris all over our deck. We had also taken a torpedo and a couple of bomb hits," said Marsden.

With enemy aircraft overhead and bombs exploding all around, the crew of the Nevada was able to bring

the ship away from the Arizona and out into the channel.

"We were doing OK, steaming along with our five-inch anti-aircraft batteries blazing away, when we received orders not to attempt to leave the channel, but to beach the Nevada at Hospital Point," said Marsden. "Someone up top was thinking that if the Nevada sunk, it would plug the channel and the rest of the ships would not be able to get out."

The ship was eventually grounded and Marsden turned to helping wounded shipmates onto the rescue vessels.

"When we reached the shore, there were scores of burned and bleeding men laid out on the grassy shore. It was horrible," said Marsden.

Marsden and others were issued shotguns and rifles for fear of Japanese landings. That night, Marsden went back aboard the Nevada to fight fires.

He was later assigned to the cruiser USS Chester, where he took part in the Battle of the Coral Sea and on bombardment missions against Japanese-held islands. He was eventually assigned to supply ships, bringing ammunition, rations and fuel to Marines on Guadalcanal and other islands, before receiving an honorable discharge in 1954.

Pearl Harbor-Hickam Highlights

(Right) Attorney Anne Munch, JD, speaks in front of service members during a sexual assault prevention training June 24 at Sharkey Theater on Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam. More than 400 service members attended the training.

U.S. Navy photo by MC2 Jon Dasbach



(Below) The Virginia-class submarine USS Texas (SSN 775) departs Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam on June 23 for a scheduled western Pacific deployment.

U.S. Navy photo by MC2 Ronald Guttridge



(Below) Taking first place at the USS Lake Erie (CG 70) DGUTS (Don't Give Up the Ship) Got Talent talent show on June 18, Damage Control Fireman Charles Pace excites the crowd with his balancing act.

U.S. Navy photo by Ensign Kelly Waller



U.S. Navy photo courtesy of MDSU-1

Navy Diver 2nd Class Wilson Cordoba from Mobile Diving and Salvage Unit One hats a young participant at Operation Purple on June 22.



More than 50 Sailors from Pacific Missile Range Facility, Barking Sands, Kauai and volunteers pick up debris on the beach between Major's Bay and Shenanigans restaurant June 24. The beach clean-up was in support of World Oceans Day and a University of Hawaii ocean debris study.

U.S. Navy photo by MCI Jay C. Pugh

FISC Pearl Harbor undergoes name change

Story and photo by Jim Murray

Fleet and Industrial Supply Center

Effective today, the Fleet and Industrial Supply Center Pearl Harbor changes its name to NAVSUP Fleet Logistics Center Pearl Harbor.

New names have been given to the nation's seven Fleet and Industrial Supply Centers to better emphasize their roles as part of the NAVSUP global logistics enterprise. This change is part of the Naval Supply System's Command's "One NAVSUP... One Enterprise" branding initiative to provide customers and stakeholders a clearer understanding of the capabilities of all NAVSUP organizations.

"Our names are changing, but our mission

remains to deliver the right operational logistics solutions to the Navy and our joint warfighters," said Rear Adm. Mark Heinrich, who will take NAVSUP's helm at a July change of command.

"Our team of military, civilian logistics professionals, contractors and foreign nationals located around the world will continue to supply the Navy's ships, aircraft, shore commands, and expeditionary forces with the essential items needed to execute their missions," said Heinrich.

Established in October 1942, the NAVSUP Fleet Logistics Center Pearl Harbor is composed of approximately 400 civilians and 35 military personnel. It is led by Capt. John Polowczyk, commanding officer, and it has its headquarters in build-



Riggers and stevedores from the NAVSUP Fleet Logistics Center Pearl Harbor (formerly Fleet and Industrial Supply Center Pearl Harbor) lower a tanker truck into the hold of a cargo ship docked at Kilo Pier 8. For years, the longshoremen have been conducting massive load-outs of military vehicles bound for the Middle East. Building 475, the headquarters of the NAVSUP Fleet Logistic Center Pearl Harbor, is in the background.

Navy turns history into Center of Excellence

Denise Emsley

Naval Facilities Engineering Command Hawaii Public Affairs

Naval Facilities Engineering Command (NAVFAC) Hawaii awarded a \$6.4 million, firm fixed-price task order June 24 under a Historically Underutilized Business Zone (HUBZone) multiple award construction contract to FOPCO Inc., for

the renovation of Ford Island's historic building 76 at Pearl Harbor.

The facility will be the new home for the Center for Excellence in Disaster Management and Humanitarian Assistance (currently located on Tripler Army Medical Center grounds). Established by Congress in 1994 as a direct reporting unit to the United States Pacific Command, the center now supports

United States combatant commands throughout the world to educate, train, research and assist in disaster management and humanitarian assistance operations.

"We are excited to be moving to historic Ford Island in Pearl Harbor next year," said Doug Wallace, program support division chief. "This renovation project will greatly assist our mission by providing a facility with ade-

quate space to meet our requirements, which we don't have at our current location at Tripler."

The work to be performed provides for the renovation of building 76 for adaptive reuse and will include architectural, structural, mechanical, fire protection, anti-terrorism/force protection, electrical and site upgrades and repairs. The building was built in 1940 and is a category I historic struc-

ture. It was originally used as a Navy dispensary (medical) and will be converted into an administrative facility through adaptive reuse.

The estimated completion date for all work is August 2012. The task order also contains one unexercised option which, if exercised, would increase the cumulative task order value to \$7.1 million. Six proposals were received for

this task order.

The HUBZone program helps small businesses in urban and rural communities gain preferential access to federal procurement opportunities. These preferences go to small businesses that obtain HUBZone certification in part by employing staff who live in a HUBZone. The company must also maintain a "principal office" in one of these specially designated areas.

Your New Ride isn't what you thought it would be...

Don't Drink and Drive. Have a plan.

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SECNAV urges participation in sexual assault survey

From Secretary of the Navy Ray Mabus

One of my top priorities is to combat sexual assault department-wide. Assessing our effectiveness requires feedback that can only come from individual Sailors and Marines. I tasked the Department of the Navy Sexual Assault Prevention and Response office (DoN SAPRO) to conduct a department-wide sexual assault survey assessing the functionality and effectiveness of the Sexual Assault Prevention and Response (SAPR) program.

In addition, DoN SAPRO is directed to determine the scope of sexual assaults within the Department of the Navy (DoN).

DoN SAPRO methodology will include site visits, records analysis, per-



sonal interviews, focus groups and individual command program reviews.

The online survey successful employment is highly dependent on maximum participation of as many Sailors and Marines as possible worldwide. All commanders will encourage participation of Sailors and Marines under your command to support this goal.

The survey is confidential and anonymous. The survey can be accessed at www.donsapro.navy.mil/s

urvey.html and will be available for participation through Sept. 30.

SAPR is not a mere program with checklists and policy statements. All commanding officers are responsible for ensuring a command climate that condemns sexual assault, provides victims with sensitive care, resources and support, reports incidents of sexual assault, and holds offenders accountable for their actions.

(Note: From Adm. Dixon R. Smith, commander Navy Region Hawaii and Naval Surface Group Middle Pacific - "Please complete it this week and not wait until the Sept. 30 deadline. If each and every one of us focuses on this issue, we will succeed in driving sexual assault from our ranks. The Navy standard is zero tolerance, period.")

Pacific Partnership 2011 departs Timor-Leste

MC3 Christopher Farrington

Pacific Partnership 2011
Public Affairs

DILI, Timor-Leste (NNS) – The Pacific Partnership 2011 (PP11) team departed Dili, Timor-Leste after completing the fourth phase of the mission June 25.

Amphibious transport dock ship USS Cleveland (LPD 7), the flagship for PP11, conducted humanitarian assistance /disaster response (HA/DR) operations in Timor-Leste with civilian volunteers and military representatives from four of the U.S. service branches, as well as service members from Australia, Canada, Spain, Papua New Guinea and Timor-Leste.

The multi-national team engaged in community service, medical, dental, engineering and veterinary civic action projects. Nearly 11,000 Timorese received treatment at the medical availabilities where host nation medical professionals worked alongside the PP11 team.

President Jose Ramos Horta attended the departure reception aboard Cleveland, and offered his thanks to the PP11 team for their performance.

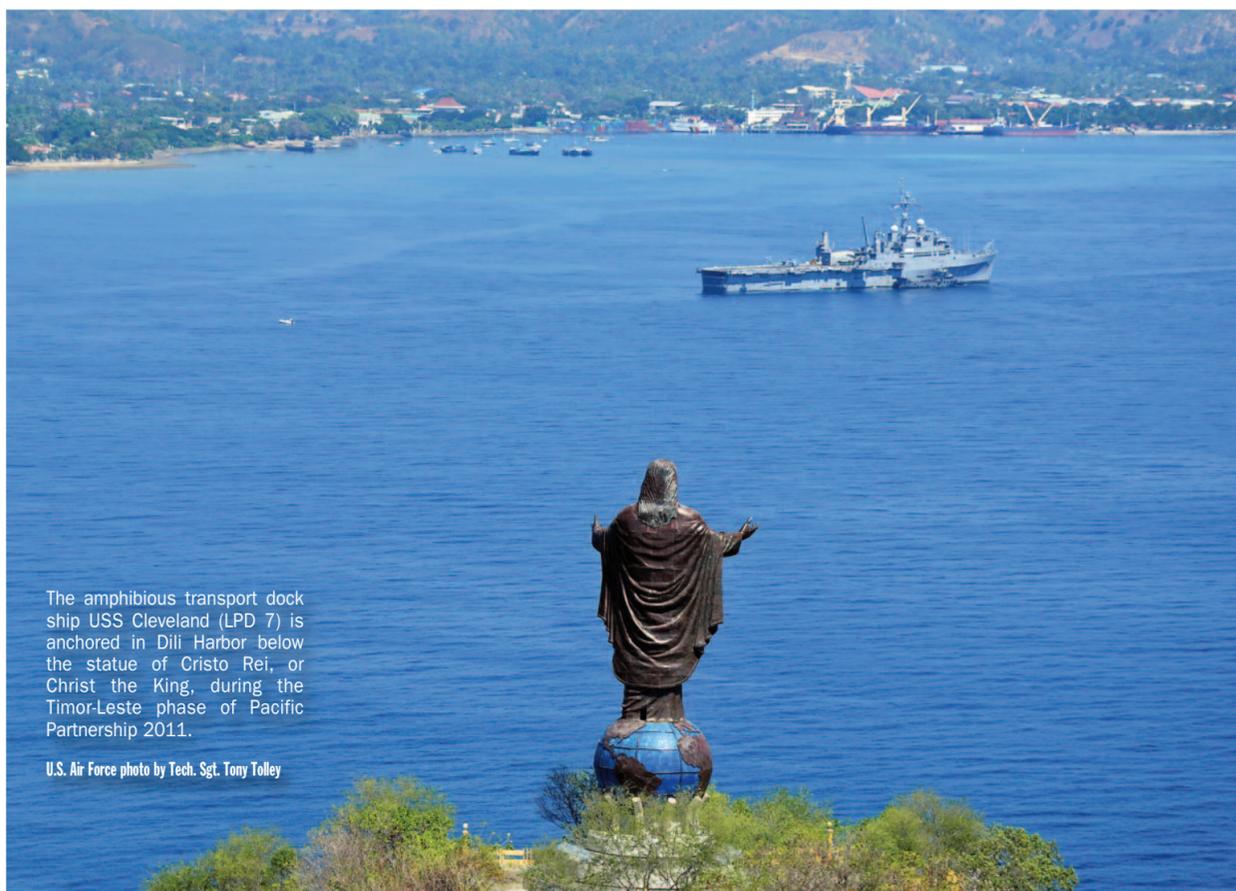
"We hope you will return to our country as soon as possible," he said.

The U.S. Pacific Fleet-sponsored mission is aimed at improving quality of life for the residents of Timor-Leste and all host nations while enhancing interoperability between host and partner nations.

"Whether we are working together to help disaster victims, or building a prosperous Timor-Leste, the relationships built during Pacific Partnership are the foundation for a peaceful future," said Ambassador Judith R. Fergin, U.S. ambassador to Timor-Leste.

Timor-Leste has been a Pacific Partnership mission port four out of six years since the mission began in 2006.

"Our repeat visits in Timor-Leste are having a long-lasting impact on the country," said U.S. Navy Capt. Jesse A. Wilson, mission commander of PP11 and Commander, Destroyer Squadron 23, during a talk he had with 150 students who attended a two-day training session provided by the PP11 medical contingent at Universidade de Paz. "Our mission in this part of the world continues to evolve, as we fine tune our skills, improve interoperability with partner and host



The amphibious transport dock ship USS Cleveland (LPD 7) is anchored in Dili Harbor below the statue of Cristo Rei, or Christ the King, during the Timor-Leste phase of Pacific Partnership 2011.

U.S. Air Force photo by Tech. Sgt. Tony Tolley

nations, engage in sustainable quality of life projects, and continue to build our relationship with countries in this region."

In addition to seeing nearly 11,000 medical and dental patients, the medical contingent filled 9,151 prescriptions, gave out 5,894 pairs of glasses, and cared for 284 animals, all during 27 events at six different medical, dental and veterinary civic action projects spanning across eight of the 13 districts in the island nation.

"We deployed a wide variety of medical experts working together to provide the best medical care possible for the Timorese people," said Cmdr. Michael Smith, director of medical operations for Pacific Partnership. "Personnel and resources were managed efficiently by our leadership. Because of that, we were able to provide close to 11,000 people with medical care."

The engineering team, comprised of U.S. Navy Seabees and Australian Sappers, completed two engineering projects including refurbishing the "Gedung Serba Guna Matahari Terbit (GMT)" gym, which is part of the Olympic training center for the island nation.

The team of experts poured new concrete floors, sealed the roof, painted the entire structure, landscaped the exterior of the



U.S. Navy photo by MC1 Eli J. Medellin

Lt. j.g. Ron Kolpak, a maritime civil affairs planner, interacts with children at the Farol primary school during Pacific Partnership 2011. Pacific Partnership is a five-month humanitarian assistance initiative that completed its mission in Tonga, Vanuatu, and Papua New Guinea, and will visit the Federated States of Micronesia.

building, and remodeled the entire electrical system. They also provided Becora, Timor-Leste with a 10,000 liter water tank which will add much-needed increased water capacity to the local village.

"The repairs to the GMT gym will benefit the youth of Timor-Leste by providing them with a safe place for exercise and play," said Lt. Michael Sardone, officer in charge of civil engineering for Pacific Partnership 2011. "It also doubles as an evacuation center in the event of a natural disaster and was ineffective in that

capacity until the recent refurbishment."

Multi-national service members also had the opportunity to interact with the people of Dili through charity, sports and community service projects, including participation and support during the second annual Dili City of Peace marathon.

"Taking the time to come see the Timorese people in their element gives our team members an opportunity to see a different side of the people they're helping," said Lt. Phillip Ridley, PP11 chaplain. "At commu-

nity service projects, the host nationals aren't just patients who might need a specific treatment. These are people who deserve our care and compassion as human beings."

Pacific Partnership worked together with various charities, including Project Handclasp, the Navy's worldwide outreach program, to deliver more than 70 pallets of medical supplies, sports balls, school supplies, water filters, and personal hygiene items to the people of Timor-Leste.

"The donated items were

made available by the generosity of the American people," Ridley said. "However, it was important to ensure that the donated items were things they could replenish on their own or maintain themselves."

By developing sustainable improvements in the quality of life with the Timorese, PP11 is able to enhance Timor-Leste's ability to operate as a partner in times of crisis.

Pacific Partnership is an annual humanitarian assistance initiative sponsored by the U.S. Pacific Fleet, aimed at improving interoperability between host and partner nations. This year, Pacific Partnership has completed its mission in Tonga, Vanuatu, Papua New Guinea and Timor-Leste. It will continue on to the Federated States of Micronesia, the final mission port for PP11.

During the past five years, Pacific Partnership has provided medical, dental, educational and preventive medicine services to more than 241,000 people and completed more than 150 engineering projects in 15 countries.

For more news from Pacific Partnership, visit: www.cpf.navy.mil/pp11, <http://pacificpartnership.wordpress.com>, www.facebook.com/pacificpartnership, <http://twitter.com/pacificpartner>

USS Chung-Hoon Sailors make a difference in Singapore

Lt. j.g. Carly Adler

USS Chung-Hoon (DDG 93) Public Affairs Officer

SINGAPORE – During a recent two-day port visit, 16 Sailors from the guided missile destroyer USS Chung-Hoon (DDG 93) volunteered at the Archdiocesan Commission for the Pastoral Care of Migrants and Itinerant People (ACMI) training center.

The ACMI center plays a vital role in the development of various skill sets for women who have migrated to Singapore from countries like Malaysia and Indonesia.

The friendly visit was a scheduled event during a brief stop to Singapore.

From grooming the landscaping surrounding the center to cleaning out its clogged storm drains, Chung-Hoon Sailors were



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U.S. Navy photo

able to leave a lasting impression during their visit.

“We had such a great day helping out the students and volunteer teachers of the ACMI. I think that it is so important to give back in the countries that we visit on deployment and show the world that the United States Navy is a force of good,” said Operations Specialist 1st Class Juan Martinez.

Martinez added that many participants enjoyed being able to give back to the Singaporean community through their efforts.

Chung-Hoon is currently on a deployment to the U.S. 7th Fleet area of responsibility for CARAT Singapore, CARAT Philippines and Enhanced Engagement Vietnam.

For more information about “Hawaii’s Destroyer,” visit www.chung-hoon.navy.mil.



JPAC photo by Air Force Staff Sgt. Paul Villanueva II

Tech. Sgt. Sai Khammanne, linguist, and Dr. Alec Christensen, anthropologist, dig at a recovery site June 4 in search of six Americans lost during the Vietnam War. Three multi-service military and civilian recovery and investigation teams from the Joint POW/MIA Accounting Command searched for evidence of 16 Americans who remain unaccounted-for from the Vietnam War. The approximately 35-day deployment marked the 118th joint field activity in Laos.

POW/MIA recovery teams search for missing Americans in Laos

U.S. Joint POW/MIA Accounting Command

Two archeological recovery teams from the U.S. Joint POW/MIA Accounting Command (JPAC) at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam recently deployed to the Lao People’s Democratic Republic, searching for Americans who remain unaccounted-for from the Vietnam War.

About 25 JPAC team members deployed to the Khammouan and Xekong provinces to excavate two aircraft crash sites in search of nine Americans. The approximately 35-day deployment marks the



Photo courtesy of JPAC

An aerial photo of the Laotian landscape en route from a Vietnam War-era aircraft crash site.

119th joint field activity in Laos.

Recovery teams search for human remains, life

support items and other material evidence (personal and military issued items) that may lead to the identi-

fication of Americans missing from past U.S. conflicts. Falling directly under the U.S. Pacific Command, JPAC is a jointly-manned organization of more than 400 military and civilian specialists who have investigated and recovered missing Americans since the 1970s. More than 1,685 individuals remain unaccounted-for from the Vietnam War.

The ultimate goal of the Joint POW/MIA Accounting Command, and of the agencies involved in returning America’s heroes home, is to achieve the fullest possible accounting of Americans lost during the nation’s past conflicts.

This Week in USAF and PACAF History

Pacific Air Forces History Office

July 1, 1954 - The “Pacific Air Force” (PACAF) was activated at Hickam Air Force Base, Territory of Hawaii, and assigned to Far East Air Forces (FEAF), which was still headquartered in Japan at that time. Maj. Gen. Sory Smith assumed command of the Pacific Air Force, which functioned primarily as the Air Force staff component and planning element of U.S. Pacific Command. On July 1, 1956, Pacific Air Force was redesignated Pacific Air Force/FEAF (Rear). Headquarters FEAF began preparations to move from Japan to Hawaii. Smith assumed additional responsibilities as deputy commander, Far East Air Forces.

July 1, 1957 - FEAF becomes PACAF. Far East Air Forces completed its move from Japan to Hawaii and was redesignated as Pacific Air Forces. The FEAF commander, Gen. Laurence Kuter, assumed command of PACAF. Pacific Air Force/FEAF (Rear) was inactivated. Smith was appointed commander, 4th Air Force, at Hamilton AFB, Calif.



June 30, 1968 - The C-5A Galaxy, the world’s largest aircraft at the time, flew its first test flight from Dobbins Air Force Base, Ga. On July 5, 1970, the first C-5A aircraft arrived at Hickam Air Force Base, Hawaii. The C-5 was designed for higher overall performance than previous airlifters, but also with a specific objective to carry the outsized equipment of the U.S. Army. The C-5 cargo bay could carry 36 cargo pallets or two M1-A1 Abrams main battle tanks or seven UH-1 Huey helicopters or one U.S. Army 74-ton mobile scissors bridge or 270 passengers in the air-bus configuration.



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JBPHH Navy Commercial Access Control System will be implemented

Commander, Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam

Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam will implement the optional use of the Navy Commercial Access Control System (NCACS) to increase security and streamline installation access for vendors, suppliers, service providers and contractors. The program becomes effective July 5. Companies that wish to participate in the program can enroll by calling Eid Passport at 1-877-RAPIDGate.

In accordance with Commander, Navy Installations Command (CNIC) directives, the NCACS program is an identity management and perimeter installation access control solution for the access management of vendors, contractors, suppliers and service providers who are not authorized a common access card.

Members of companies and individuals who choose to pay the annual NCACS fee to the service contractor (currently Eid Passport) and participate in this access control program

will be enrolled, vetted, credentialed and have their access privileges to CNIC installations electronically and regularly updated, verified and documented upon each ingress at all JBPHH perimeter entry control points utilizing the NCACS system.

The NCACS program provides the required background checks and may prove to be a cost and time-saving benefit to companies and individuals conducting business on JBPHH. NCACS eligible vendors, contractors, suppliers and service providers not participating in the NCACS program may apply for a local pass for installation access that is limited in duration to one day.

To enroll in NCACS, follow the guidelines outlined in the NCACS Program Enrollment Information Sheet. Questions about JBPHH NCACS implementation should be addressed to info@rapidgate.com with the subject line RE: NCACS Program or to the JBPHH Security Department at 474-4131 or 449-9705.

NCACS Program Enrollment Information Sheet

•Enroll your company

To enroll your company in the NCACS Program, call the Eid Passport at 1-877-RAPIDGate (1-877-727-4342). A customer service representative will give you all the necessary information regarding the NCACS Program and send you the enrollment forms to enroll your company. On the enrollment forms, you will need to provide your Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam (JBPHH) sponsor point of contact, including a name, phone number and e-mail address. JBPHH must authorize your request to participate in the NCACS Program. The minimum elapsed time from company enrollment to an employee receiving his or her NCACS credential is approximately two weeks. Enroll your company today to ensure your employees can register at the pass and ID office by the effective date of July 11.

If your company is already enrolled in the NCACS Program at another installation, you may request access for your employees at JBPHH by calling 1-877-

RAPIDGate (1-877-727-4342).

Once your company is approved by JBPHH, your employees who already hold NCACS credentials may be able to use the same credentials at JBPHH.

• Employees register at onsite registration stations

Once your company has been approved for enrollment and paid the enrollment fee, instruct your employees who need access to JBPHH to register at the self-service registration station located at JBPHH, the Wahiawa Annex or West Loch Annex Pass and Identification (PID) offices. Each employee should be ready to provide their company's NCACS company code, his or her address, phone number, date of birth and Social Security Number. The registration station will capture the employee's photograph for badging and fingerprints for identity verification.

Assisted registration at your company's location may be available if you have 50 or more employees to register. Call 1-877-

RAPIDGate (1-877-727-4342) for details.

• The NCACS Program performs background screening and credentialing.

Once your company has approved each employee for participation and paid the registration fee, the RAPIDGate Program performs identity authentication and background screening. Your company will be notified when qualified employees may pick up their personalized NCACS credentials at the JBPHH PID Office where they registered. To retrieve a credential, each employee must show proof of identity by presenting one form of identification from list A or two forms of identification from list B.

After activating their NCACS credentials, employees present their credentials to request entry to JBPHH and must wear and display their credentials at all times while on the installation. Questions about the JBPHH NCACS enrollment process should be addressed to info@rapidgate.com with the subject line RE: NCACS Program.

Shipyard 'going green'

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meet several federal government and Navy energy efficiency requirements.

For example, by law federal agencies must reduce per-square-foot energy consumption in their buildings by three percent per year. In 2009, Secretary of the Navy Ray Mabus set five aggressive energy goals, including having at least half of shore-based energy come from alternate sources.

In June, Mabus, speaking at a Naval War College forum, described

the Navy and Marine Corps pursuit of alternative energy as a strategic issue tied to national security.

"We use too much fossil fuel," he said. "We have to change the way we use, produce, get energy. We have to do it strategically. We have to do it tactically."

Petroleum price increases in fiscal 2011 have added \$562 million to the operating budgets of the Navy and Marine Corps. "We don't have that money to spare ... in this fiscal environment," Mabus said.



Federal Fire Department Fire Safety Tip of the Month

Barbecues and smokers should be kept at least 15 feet away from buildings, homes and all tree branches.

U.S., Philippine navies join for 17th CARAT Exercise in Palawan

Cooperation Afloat Readiness and Training Public Affairs

PUERTO PRINCESA, Philippines (NNS) – Three U.S. Navy ships arrived in Puerto Princesa, Philippines, to launch the 17th Cooperation Afloat Readiness and Training (CARAT) Philippines on June 28.

Guided-missile destroyers USS Chung-Hoon (DDG 93), homeported at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, USS Howard (DDG 83) and diving and salvage ship USNS Safeguard (T-ARS 50) are the U.S. Navy's centerpieces for the exercise, which features 11 days of training exchanges with the Philippine navy, both ashore and at sea.

This year marks the second time in recent years that CARAT has been held in Palawan. The exercise was held in Puerto Princesa in 2008, in 2009, the exercise was held in Cebu and in 2010 at Subic Bay.

Ashore training includes such specialties as visit,



board, search and seizure (VBSS) exercises, diver training, salvage operations, joint medical, dental and civic action projects, and aircrew familiarization exchanges. Additionally, there will be symposia on operations planning, search and rescue practices, humanitarian assistance and disaster relief missions, interagency cooperation and public affairs.

The at sea phase of CARAT focuses on developing maritime security capabilities in areas such as maritime interdiction, information sharing, combined operations at sea, patrol operations and gunnery exercises, plus anti-piracy and anti-smuggling exercises.

“The U.S. and Philippine navies have a long history of working together, and

exercises like CARAT provide a great venue for us to hone our skills and increase our interoperability,” said Capt. David Welch, Commander, Task Group 73.1 and the commander for the exercise.

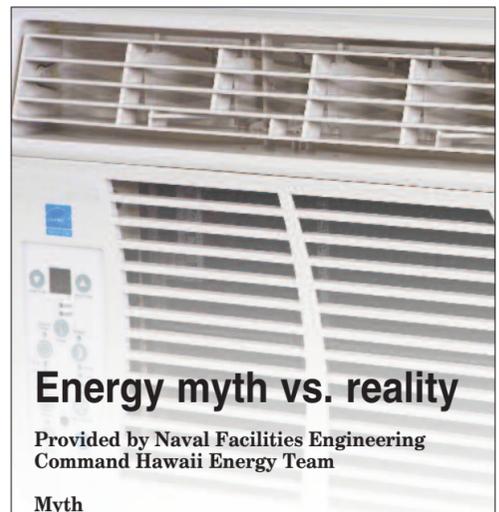
Approximately 800 U.S. Navy personnel are participating in CARAT Philippines 2011. In addition to the three ships, other participants include U.S. Navy Seabees, a U.S. Coast Guard maritime safety and security team (MSST), U.S. Navy Mobile Security Squadron, U.S. Navy Riverine Forces, medical support personnel, and P-3C Orion and SH-60 Seahawk aircraft.

CARAT is a series of annual bilateral military exercises between the U.S. Navy and the armed forces of Bangladesh, Brunei, Cambodia, Indonesia, Malaysia, the Philippines, Singapore and Thailand. The CARAT series began in 1995 with six partner nations; Cambodia joined the series in 2009 and Bangladesh joined in 2010.



Amphibious assault vehicles launched from the amphibious dock landing ship USS Tortuga (LSD 46) conduct an amphibious landing exercise during Cooperation Afloat Readiness and Training (CARAT) Malaysia 2011. CARAT is a series of bilateral exercises held annually in Southeast Asia to strengthen relationships and enhance force readiness.

U.S. Navy photo by MC2 Katherine Noll



Energy myth vs. reality

Provided by Naval Facilities Engineering Command Hawaii Energy Team

Myth

When buying an air conditioner, the bigger the better.

Reality

A bigger unit is not necessarily better. The unit should be sized properly to cool and dehumidify (dry) the intended space. A small unit running for an extended period of time operates more efficiently and is more effective at dehumidifying than a large unit that cycles on and off too frequently. An air conditioner that is too large will not cool an area uniformly and may not provide proper dehumidification. Proper dehumidification may be as important to feeling comfortable as lowering the air temperature. Lower humidity reduces skin temperature and makes you feel cooler in warm weather. Conversely, high humidity level produces a “clammy” feeling even though the air temperature is cool.

KHON (FOX) TV 2 Hawaii Navy News upcoming segments

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July 28 – Navy community outreach

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