

## Exercise Citadel Pacific

Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam participates in the Citadel Protect/Citadel Pacific 2012 anti-terrorism/force protection field training exercise from April 9 to 12.

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## Hawaii, San Diego ships participate in Koa Kai

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Hawaii and San Diego-based surface ships, submarines and aircraft participated in the 11-day exercise Koa Kai 12-2 in the waters surrounding the Hawaiian Islands from March 30 to April 9.

Koa Kai is the primary integrated training event for mid-Pacific surface combatant units with the goal of achieving deployment certifications and training. The Koa Kai exercise encompasses Hawaii-based surface, submarine and aviation assets, and other commands within the Hawaii region.

"It's a chance for us to do unit-level decision-making in an integrated environment with other units," said Cmdr. Luis Alva, the executive officer of the guided-missile frigate USS Reuben James (FFG 57), one of the ships that participated in Koa Kai.

Sailors aboard the ships that participated in Koa Kai took part in various events during the exercise, including visit, board,

search and seizure (VBSS) drills, anti-submarine warfare, counter piracy exercises, and a refueling at sea (RAS) with the underway replenishment ship USNS Henry J. Kaiser (T-AO 187), among others.

"We are independent deployers, and a lot of our missions have us doing things on our own," Alva said. "This gives us a chance to flex our watch teams, our people and give them really solid training and go through every mission we have."

Capt. Wallace G. Lovely, deputy commodore of Destroyer Squadron (DESRON) 31 and the on-scene commander for the sea combat command underway who was embarked aboard the guided-missile destroyer USS Paul Hamilton (DDG 60) during Koa Kai, discussed how the series of experiences has progressed.

"It's becoming more robust," Lovely said. "It's becoming more challenging. It is becoming a realistic assessment, a realistic measure of qualifications for our independent deployers."

This Koa Kai marks the first time San Diego-based

ships, the guided-missile destroyer USS Benfold (DDG 65) and the guided-missile frigate USS Vandegrift (FFG 48), participated in this exercise.

"Benfold and Vandegrift joined us for this exercise," Lovely said. "There is not an independent certification that exists with the sole goal of certifying independent ships for [U.S.] 5th and [U.S.] 7th Fleet deployment."

"We have an opportunity to really embellish Koa Kai and make it become that independent deployer certification," Lovely said. Gonzalez talked about what crews of the ships may have gained from experiencing exercise Koa Kai.

"I think it's always good to operate with ships and Sailors from the other fleets," said Senior Chief Johannes Gonzalez, command senior chief of Reuben James. "It brings a perspective to the mix. Sometimes we get used to doing things 'our way,' but we are all out here making it happen."

Gonzalez added, "I think it gives an idea to our Sailors what we could be confronted with in a real world scenario."

## Pledge signing highlights awareness of child-abuse prevention

Story and photos by Jazzmin Williams

Contributing Writer

Rear Adm. Frank Ponds, commander of Navy Region Hawaii and Naval Surface Group Middle Pacific, signed a declaration at the Springfest on April 7 at Ward Field at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam (JBPHH) to re dedicate the Navy's support and awareness of the importance of preventing child abuse and neglect.

"This is personal," Ponds said. "My wife and I, we have kids. We talk about the Sailors being our most important asset and our most important resource, but for our nation it's our children."

Steve Zahl, the regional family programs director for Military and Family Support Center (MFSC), presented Ponds with a certificate of commendation from the Hawaii State Senate. The certificate explained the unique part the Navy plays in Hawaii's community and praised the work the Navy and MFSC do in raising awareness and community involvement.

The Senate commendation stated, "Child abuse is a community-wide problem whose solution depends on the involvement of people throughout the community. Being a unique part of our community, the Navy is in a special place to raise awareness of the negative consequences of child abuse. The Pearl Harbor Fleet and Family Support Center encourage community involvement by helping parents

risk, being a good friend and neighbor, and stopping child abuse in public places."

Ponds signed two posters in front of Navy parents and children in observance of this year's Child Abuse Prevention Month. Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam Military Family and Support Center used Springfest as an opportunity to bring attention to their campaign to prevent child abuse, this year called "Pinwheels for Prevention."

"Every year we rededicate ourselves to helping families and helping prevent child abuse," said Chet Adessa, family advocacy prevention education specialist for the MFSC, while speaking to the crowd.

There have been several "Pinwheels for Prevention" events throughout JBPHH and the state of Hawaii since the start of April, marked by blue and silver pinwheels planted in front of the MFSC building and the Hawaii State Capitol. The same pinwheels were distributed at the Springfest, with each pinwheel planted representing an individual's dedication to doing what they can to prevent child abuse.

"Today is not just about having

fun. It's about taking care of business," Ponds said. "And our business is about taking care of our most valuable asset, and that's our children. So we have to do everything we can to prevent, not react but be proactive, in making sure children are not neglected and they are not abused."

A group of elementary school children held up posters at Springfest that they designed on ways they could prevent child abuse. They assembled in front of the stage while Ponds signed the two declarations.

"I do home day care," said Cassandra Broomfield, whose grandson had his poster displayed. "So I think it's very important that parents be aware of the forms of abuse. Not everything is physical."

After the signing, Adessa informed the families that the posters that the admiral signed would be on display temporarily at Pearl Harbor Navy Exchange and throughout the month at the Moanalua MFSC office for those who want to make a pledge against child abuse.



Senior Chief Johannes Gonzales, the command senior chief of the guided-missile frigate USS Reuben James (FFG-57), looks at another ship passing by on the bridge wing of the ship during exercise Koa Kai.



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# Air Force Assistance Fund drive continues

**1st Lt. Kathleen Eisenbrey and Airman 1st Class Rachel Badamy**

*15th Medical Group*

When a tsunami destroys an Airman's home or an Airman needs to purchase an expensive plane ticket to attend the funeral of a loved one, is there a loan that an Airman can qualify for that does not have a staggering interest rate? Airmen are pleasantly surprised that in a time of need, the Air Force takes care of its own.

Already past the two-week mark of the annual six-week Air Force Assistance Fund (AFAF) campaign, Team Hickam has collected an impressive \$43,908.

"The Air Force Assistance Fund is a unique charitable organization completely committed to serving our Air Force," said Col. Sam Barrett, 15th Wing commander. "Of all the outstanding campaigns across

the Department of Defense each year, the majority of the contributions from the installation – collected during the Air Force Assistance Fund campaign – will be used to directly support the Airmen here at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam," said Col. Dann Carlson, Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam deputy commander and 647th Air Base Group commander.

The theme of this year's campaign is a "Commitment to Caring." Contributions can be made to the Air Force Aid Society; Air Force Villages, Inc; the Gen. and Mrs. Curtis E. LeMay Foundation; and Air Force Enlisted Village. These organizations directly support the Air Force.

"When an Airman is down to the last measure of financial assistance, this gives them a grant or loan until they can get their feet under them," said Chief Master Sgt. Stephen Cron, 647th Air Base Group superintendent.



U.S. Air Force photo by Senior Airman Lauren Main  
Leaders from 15th Wing and 647th Air Base Group donate April 10 to the Air Force Assistance Fund during the annual six-week AFAF campaign at Joint Base Pearl Harbor Hickam.

According to Tech Sgt. Besar Santos, 647th Air Base Group AFAF unit project officer, grants from the Air Force Assistance Fund are a lifesaver to young Airmen in need. "At my first base as a young airman first class, I received sufficient funds to repair my car after it broke down," Santos said. "It was really touching that the Air Force Assistance Fund was will-

ing to support me. I make an effort every year to give back to another Airman in my shoes."

"I had an Airman who needed to get home after her aunt unexpectedly died," said Master Sgt. Nick Kampf, 15th Wing AFAF unit project officer. "After she told me that she did not have the funds to make the trip home, I contacted the Airman and Family

Readiness Center on her behalf. Within an hour, she had a loan covering a plane ticket to her aunt's funeral."

The Air Force goal for 2012 is to raise \$6.4 million with Team Hickam's contribution to that goal being \$110,585 in donations. Airmen can donate directly to Air Force Assistance Fund by completing volunteer slips and submitting them to their unit project officer.

1st Lt. Jeremy Walker, Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam AFAF unit project officer, is confident that Airmen will continue to contribute to the campaign over the next few weeks. "This program is an awesome opportunity to give back to Airmen from Airmen," Walker said. According to 1st Lt. William "Jack" Glojek, 647th Air Base Group AFAF unit project officer, "Airmen have been very giving. They embrace the opportunity to help fellow Airmen."

Walker said that if someone is not comfortable donating a lump sum, (s)he can contribute to one of the programs with a payroll deduction.

Military service members can also donate through payroll deductions as well as cash and check. Civilian employees can donate by cash or check. Checks should be addressed to the Air Force Assistance Fund.

# Submariners use shoes solely for awareness

**Story and photo by MC2 Ronald Gutridge**

*Commander Submarine Force, U.S. Pacific Fleet Public Affairs*

Commander Submarine Force, U.S. Pacific Fleet (COMSUBPAC) kicked off Sexual Assault Awareness Month (SAAM) with training April 6 at Sharkey Theater at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam (JBPHH).

April is National Sexual Assault Awareness Month and the Department of Defense's SAAM theme this year is, "Hurts One, Affects All. Prevention of Sexual Assault is Everyone's Duty." The Navy will focus its efforts on awareness and prevention of sexual violence through the use of command-level education and special events throughout the month of April with a different theme each week.

Rear Adm. Frank Caldwell, commander Submarine Force, U.S. Pacific Fleet, spoke during the training, emphasizing that sexual assault prevention is everyone's duty.

"This is not an isolated problem. It's a problem in the submarine force, and it's a problem throughout the Navy. The purpose of today is to raise your awareness and to make you sensitive to this problem," Caldwell said. "Sexual assault takes away from unit readiness. It is a crime. It is illegal, and we're not going to tolerate it. We're going to stamp it out."

"You have a responsibility to yourself, your Sailors and the people who work

for you to take action not only to prevent, but to intervene and stop a behavior that's leading down a road that might end with sexual assault," he said.

Leading up to the all hands training, Sailors observed 611 pairs of shoes lining the sidewalk leading to the theater. The pairs of shoes represented the number of sexual assault victims within the Navy last year. The National Kidney Foundation of Hawaii donated a large portion of the 611 pairs for the day with the rest coming from the Hickam Thrift Shop and Navy-Marine Corps Relief Society Thrift Shop at JBPHH and from donations provided by military personnel and civilians. The shoes will be donated to local charities after the event.

"We cannot express enough how delighted we are to be able to help out and support this very worthwhile cause," said Diana Pinard, director of organizational planning and operations at the National Kidney Foundation of Hawaii.

To help spread awareness, COMSUBPAC Sailors are encouraged to participate in regional activities throughout the month. These include "bag" sexual assault where volunteers will bag groceries at the base commissary while giving out pertinent sexual assault awareness materials to the community with emphasis of new SAPR policies.

There will also be a car wash to raise sexual assault awareness while collecting donations for

local agencies that support sexual assault awareness and prevention and a SAAM 5-10K walk/run where military, family members and civilian personnel participate to promote sexual assault awareness.

"I cannot express enough the importance of all the training and events that are taking place to further educate our Sailors, civilians and their dependents on how to spot and prevent sexual assaults," said Master Chief Aviation Boatswain's Mate Marion Rush Jr., force sexual assault prevention and response (SAPR) program manager at COMSUBPAC.

"Sexual assault prevention and awareness should be a concern for all because it happens to both men and women and has far-reaching effects," Rush said.

Sexual assault prevention is an important element of the readiness area of the 21st century Navy and Marine initiative which consolidates a set of objectives and policies, new and existing, to maximize Sailor and Marine personal readiness, build resiliency and hone the most combat-effective force in the history of the department.

Scripts and videos for each week's theme have been provided to commanding officers to help facilitate discussion throughout their commands. These engagement products, in addition to talking points, posters and other tools, are posted to Navy Personnel Command's Sexual Assault and Prevention website, <http://www.sapr.navy.mil>.



Electrician's Mate 2nd Class (SS) Joseph Redden (left), assigned to USS Tucson (SSN 770) and Electronics Technician 3rd Class Anthony Middleton, assigned to Naval Submarine Support Command, Pearl Harbor, line up 611 pairs of shoes on the sidewalk leading to training April 6 at Sharkey Theater at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam. The shoes represent the number of sexual assault victims within the Navy last year.

# Guy Fieri visits, thanks USS Lake Erie Sailors

**Story and photos by MC3 Sean Furey**

*Navy Public Affairs Support Element West Detachment Hawaii*

Guy Fieri, celebrity chef and host of the Food Network's "Diners, Drive-Ins and Dives," visited the guided-missile cruiser USS

Lake Erie (CG 70) at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam on April 5.

Fieri toured the ship and met with the culinary specialists stationed aboard Lake Erie and gave them advice on how to succeed in and out of the military and pursuing a career in culinary arts.

"Nothing beats practical



Guy Fieri, celebrity chef and host of the Food Network's Diners, Drive-ins and Dives, talks with the culinary specialists stationed aboard the guided-missile cruiser USS Lake Erie (CG 70).

experience, and there is no better practical experience than what you guys are getting right now," Fieri said. "If you're here doing it, do it to 110 percent. I don't care what job it is. Someone is watching, and something will come out of it."

The rest of the crew were

invited to a question-and-answer session with Fieri in the ship's galley, where he thanked the Sailors for their service.

"Freedom is not free, and if it wasn't for you men and women, it wouldn't be happening for us," Fieri said. "This is actually me just

showing up to say thank you."

Before he left, Fieri signed autographs, took photos and handed out T-shirts to the crew.

"He looked at it as an opportunity to thank us," said Capt. John Banigan, the executive officer of

Lake Erie. "In the end, it was a morale booster for us, and we benefit immensely by it. It's always good to know that others appreciate us. No matter how famous you are, there is still a love for the military and that's refreshing."



Guy Fieri, celebrity chef and host of the Food Network's "Diners, Drive-ins and Dives," signs Culinary Specialist Chief Randy Basat's chef's coat aboard the guided-missile cruiser USS Lake Erie (CG 70). Fieri was able to tour the ship and answer any questions the Sailors had.

## Joint Easter sunrise service held aboard Missouri Memorial

Story and photo by U.S. Army Pacific Public Affairs

Easter sunrise service took place April 8, aboard the historic Battleship Missouri Memorial located at Ford Island on Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam.

"Thank you all for being here this morning. It's a beautiful day here aboard the USS Missouri. What could be better than a sunrise service," said Lt. Gen. Francis J. Wiercinski, commanding general, U.S. Army Pacific.

"I am extremely humbled to host this year's joint service. This has been a tradition on Oahu for two decades," said Wiercinski.

The sermon for this year's sunrise service was delivered by Chaplain Col. Jack VanDyken, U.S. Army Pacific command chaplain. The topic of Vandynken's message was "God's resurrection gift."

The Aliamanu Military Reservation Praise Team combined with the members from the Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam choir to sing the opening and closing hymns. The Pacific Fleet Band Brass Quartet provided the music for the opening and closing. Chaplain Col.

David Giammona also gave a solo saxophone rendition of "Amazing Grace."

The Hula no ke Akua dance team entertained the audience with a rendition of "Crucified."

Approximately 450 people attended the joint service. Chaplains from the Army, Navy and Air Force participated.

The event concluded with the benediction and light refreshments.



Lt. Gen. Francis J. Wiercinski gave the opening remarks during the Easter sunrise service April 8. Approximately 450 people attended the joint service which included participation from the Army, Navy and Air Force.

## DoD volunteers 'bag' sexual assault at Pearl Harbor Commissary event

Story and photos by MC2 (SW) Mark Logico

Navy Region Hawaii Public Affairs

Hawaii-based Department of Defense (DoD) service members and civilians volunteered to bag groceries April 7 at the Pearl Harbor Commissary while handing out information on sexual assault prevention and response (SARP) policies and programs.

The "bag" sexual assault event was led by Air Force spouse Shari Freeman, one of two sexual assault response coordinators in Hawaii. Navy Region Hawaii and Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam (JBPHH) are coordinating local events and April is Sexual Assault Awareness Month. The theme is "Hurts one. Affects all. Preventing sexual assault is everyone's duty."

"Yes, we do see a lot of sexual assault cases," Freeman said. "We are taking it in stride because we know we are doing the best for the victim. We want to make sure that they are taken care of from every angle. We have to take it one step at the time, making sure that they get counseling, medical care, all the things that they need."

Freeman said that in fiscal year 2011, the Navy at Pearl Harbor had 27 unrestricted reports and five restricted reports.

Restricted reporting is for victims of sexual assault who wish to confidentially disclose the crime to specifically identified individuals and receive medical treatment and counseling without triggering the official investigative process. Unrestricted reports, however, are for victims of sexual assault who desire medical treatment, counseling and an official investigation of the crime.

"Unfortunately, that's just



Army National Guard 1st Lt. Sonja Hershfield and Navy Damage Controlman 1st Class Amy Huitrado volunteer to bag groceries while handing out information on Sexual Assault Prevention and Response policies and programs. The "Bag" Sexual Assault event was held at the Pearl Harbor Commissary with the theme "Hurts one. Affects all. Preventing sexual assault is everyone's duty."

the amount of cases that are reported," Freeman said. "We know that sexual assault is one of the most under reported crimes that there is. We will never get an accurate figure of how many cases are happening."

"Sexual assault prevention is one of my passions only because it has touched my life," Freeman said. "I really enjoy my job here. I've been here almost two years. I've come across a lot of good people and helped a lot of good people along the way. It's very rewarding."

Chief Machinist's Mate (SWAW) Maya Ault, a SAPR point of contact and victim advocate for the Pearl Harbor Naval Shipyard, also volunteered to help out at the event.

"I really believe in our cause, and we really want to get the awareness out there so people will know that we are here to prevent sexual assault and be there for the victim," Ault said. "When I was younger, a junior Sailor,



A volunteer hands out Navy Sexual Assault Prevention and Response ribbons to help spread awareness of sexual assault.

something like this happened to my friend. We didn't know what to do. We didn't know much about the program. Now that I look back 10 years ago, I realized that there were so many things we could have done to help her."

At the event, Ault and other volunteers promoted "Denim Day" on April 25 where various commands will wear jeans as a symbol of protest against erroneous and destructive attitudes about sexual assault.

Freeman, Ault and other

volunteers talked to commissary shoppers about the history of Denim Day. In 1999, Italian Supreme Court decided to overturn a rape conviction because the victim wore tight jeans. The court argued that the victim must have helped her attacker remove her jeans, thus making the act consensual. The ruling sparked widespread protest, and the wearing of jeans became an international symbol of protest against destructive attitudes about sexual assault.

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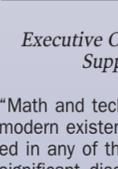


**"In today's competitive, high technology world, why is it so important for schools in America to prepare students with education in fields including science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM)?"**



**Capt. Mark Harris**  
PACAF/IG

"It allows Americans to be more competitive in the world market as well as furthering new business ventures in the U.S. It keeps America strong."



**Lt. Timothy Harper**  
Executive Officer, Navy Operational Support Center Pearl Harbor

"Math and technology are a part of our modern existence. Someone uneducated in any of these fields is placed at a significant disadvantage whenever they apply for a job and even in their daily life."



**Kristy Noyes**  
Military spouse

"If our students can't keep up in these advanced areas, our country will be left behind. We are educating our future leaders."

**Operations Specialist 1st Class Richard Vinas**  
Navy Reserve Recruiting Station Honolulu



"In today's competitive world with high technology, everything we deal with includes electronics and computers. We have to start teaching our youth and our children early because they are going to be dealing with advanced technology in the future just like how we are now. In order for our children to be competitive when they grow up, and to keep our economy and our businesses to continue advancing, they are going to have to know all this high technology."



**Staff Sgt. Lisa Tysor**  
15th Operations Support Squadron

"So students are better prepared to succeed in today's competitive market."

**Damage Controlman 3rd Class Travis Divita**  
Navy Operational Support Center Pearl Harbor



"It is important because it helps human beings progress in the most efficient way possible. Science, technology, engineering and mathematics manipulate the world around us to make life easier for each and every one of us. Although sometimes it might be bad and have negative outcomes, for the most part it helps with our health and advancement in the world and the universe around us."

(Provided by David Underwood Jr. and MCI(EXW) Donald W. Randall)

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## Lake Erie battle served as significant naval event



Photo in the Navy Art Collection, Naval History and Heritage Command

Above is a print engraving from the War of 1812 depicting "The Battle on Lake Erie," also known as the Battle of Put-in-Bay. On Sept. 10, 1813, nine small U.S. Navy ships defeated a British squadron of six vessels in the Battle of Lake Erie off the coast of Ohio. This important naval battle in the War of 1812 secured the Northwest Territory, opened supply lines and lifted American spirits. (The USS Lake Erie (CG 70) is homeported at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam and was named after the battle.)

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# U.S., Thai airmen and soldiers partner, jump for freedom

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UDON THANI, Thailand -- More than 240 Thai and U.S. Airmen and Soldiers took part in a personnel drop over Lop Buri, Thailand to close out this year's Cope Tiger 2012 multi-lateral air exercise between the U.S., Thailand and Singapore which was held March 12 through 23.

Coined by combined exercise leadership as the largest Cope Tiger bilateral freedom jump in its 18-year history, the mission aimed to improve U.S. and Royal Thai Air Force abilities to inter-operate.

"For me, this was good relationship-building between the U.S. and Thailand," said Royal Thai air force Lt. Nawaphansa Yugala, military free fall parachutist. "I felt very prepared to work with U.S. aircrews today, and though I have a lot of training, it was very beneficial to all of us to jump out of the C-17."

The jump personnel were transported by two U.S. Air

Force C-17 Globemaster III aircrews from Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, Hawaii and Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson, Alaska and by two C-130 Hercules aircrews from Yokota Air Base, Japan.

"This was an international version of our joint operational access exercise that proved that we can accomplish our mission when confronted with tactical challenges that naturally arise with different users and operating environments," said Maj. Joseph Monaco, Cope Tiger freedom jump mission commander. "We also exercised interoperability with the Royal Thai Air Force and Royal Thai Army by employing our low and high-altitude personnel airdrop missions as a composite C-17 and C-130 aerial delivery package."

The mobility Airmen were staged out of Udon Thani Royal Thai Air Base, Thailand and readied the transport aircraft for static line and high altitude-low opening procedures.

According to Capt. Michael Recker, Cope Tiger C-17



Courtesy photo

Royal Thai air force and army military free fall personnel conduct a high altitude-low opening jump March 22 during Cope Tiger at Kohk Kathiam Drop Zone, Thailand.



U.S. Air Force Photo/Capt David Herndon

Royal Thai air force member prepares to jump from a C-17 Globemaster III, March 22.

operations project officer, participants learned a great deal from the day-long mission.

"This was a very unique opportunity for our U.S. and Thai airmen and soldiers," said Recker, currently assigned to the 535th Airlift Squadron, at JBPBH. "We don't get to drop actual personnel as often, especially in such large numbers, and doing so with our Thai partners was an amazing experience."

Recker explained that planning for the freedom jump began in September 2011 at the exercise's initial planning conference.

"The C-130 project officer, myself and our Thai

counterparts determined that a joint personnel drop was what we wanted to strive for," Recker said. "We built on that plan at the final planning conference, and a detailed execution plan started about three weeks, out and the build of that was completed during the three days preceding the drop."

Exercise Cope Tiger aims to enhance readiness and combined/joint interoperability between U.S. forces, allies and partners within the Asia-Pacific region. Recker said that Thai and U.S. airmen and soldiers learned valuable lessons through the planning and execution of the jump, ultimately demonstrating

capabilities and resolve to support future challenges in the region.

"This was definitely a confidence builder as well as deeply satisfying in that we successfully accomplished the mission," Recker said. "I feel like our relationship and interoperability with the Royal Thai Air Force and Royal Thai Army is now stronger, and I'm excited about building on that in the future."

Cope Tiger is an annual, multi-lateral joint and combined field training exercise that takes place at Korat and Udon Thani Royal Thai Air Force Bases. This year more than 1,900 Airmen and civilians participated in the exer-

cise, including approximately 430 U.S. service members.

"This was the ultimate training environment to practice the execution of a complex scenario with multiple weapon systems, users, and methods of aerial delivery," Monaco said. "Our tactics, techniques and procedures can be employed with different nations and users with astounding success."

The exercise included a total of 92 aircraft and 34 air defense units, including U.S. platforms such as the C-130 Hercules, A-10 Thunderbolt II, C-17 Globemaster III and F-15 Eagle.

## Do you really know your child care provider?

**2nd Lt. Jessica A Rowe**  
15th Wing Public Affairs

As a parent, you don't need to be told that you are responsible for the well-being of your children. You make sure all cabinets have safety locks, purchase only BPA-free pacifiers and place special covers on all electrical outlets. However, even the most cautious parents can unknowingly overlook a

hazard to their children: unlicensed childcare providers.

Child care is often a necessary part of military life, and a great amount of effort is invested into the process of selecting the best provider. The decision itself is daunting, but resources exist to ease the process.

"We strongly encourage members ensure their child care providers are licensed and authorized to provide

child care on Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam," said Air Force Special Agent J.P. Lapre. If you are interested in putting your children in home care during the day, you can verify if a provider is licensed via Kidsline, a child care resource which maintains a list of certified providers who live on base. Anyone can access Kidsline at [www.greatlife.hawaii.com](http://www.greatlife.hawaii.com).

When selecting a child

care provider, consider everything and ask questions. From CPR and first aid certifications to criminal history and living conditions, know who is caring for your child. In the event adverse information is discovered or if you simply do not feel comfortable, share your concerns with installation officials or Air Force Office of Special Investigations for appropriate action.

In depth knowledge of the

provider's demographics will aid in your search for a good match for your child. Be sure to ask about family arrangements, potential disabilities that may interfere with child care (i.e. hearing loss, memory loss, etc.) and daily activities. These factors not only provide an extra sense of security, but they shed light for other service members who may be considering using that provider as well.

A tragic incident can be avoided if basic preliminary checks are conducted; otherwise, substantial criminal history with child protective services and law enforcement agencies can be easily missed. "Simply put, we cannot afford anything less than the most responsible and competent people taking care of our children while we take care of the mission," Lapre said.

# Pearl Harbor-Hickam *Highlights*

**U.S. Navy photo MC2 Daniel Barker**  
Navy Region Hawaii Federal Fire Department firefighters join service members and other emergency response personnel in a mass casualty exercise on Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam. The exercise, designed to simulate a real world scenario, was conducted as part of force protection drills during Exercise Solid Curtain and Citadel Shield 2012.



**U.S. Navy photo by MC2 Daniel Barker**  
Guided-missile destroyer USS Benfold (DDG 65) and underway replenishment ship USNS Henry J. Kaiser (T-AO 187), perform maneuvers off the coast of Kauai during maritime exercise Koa Kai 12-2.

**photo by U.S. Army Pacific Public Affairs**  
The Aliamano Military Reservation Praise Team combined with members from Joint Base Pearl-Harbor-Hickam sang during the Easter sunrise service April 8 aboard the Battleship Missouri Memorial.



**U.S. Navy photo by MC3 Sean Furey**  
Guy Fieri, celebrity chef and host of the Food Network's "Diners, Drive-ins and Dives" tours the guided-missile cruiser USS Lake Erie (CG 70), with his son Hunter (left) and nephew Jules. Fieri used the visit as an opportunity to thank the men and women of the military for their service.

**U.S. Navy photo MCI (SW) Jay C. Pugh**  
Chief Hospital Corpsman James Oglesby applies a prosthetic wound to Aviation Support Equipment Technician 3rd Class William Seeger at the Pacific Missile Range Facility during Citidal Pacific exercise.



# Earth Day events include fair, bike path cleanup

**Don Robbins**  
Assistant Editor

Navy Region Hawaii and Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam have planned several big Earth Day-themed events this month, including an informational fair and Pearl Harbor Bike Path cleanup.

Among them is the third annual Naval Supply Systems Command Fleet Logistics Center Pearl Harbor (NAVSUP FLC PH) Earth Day fair, which will be held from 9 a.m. to noon April 20 at building 473 at Kilo 8/9 Pier, the pier warehouse behind building 475. The theme is "Partnering for a Greener Future." The fair will include a variety of environmentally focused organizations with displays about energy conservation and the environment. An alternative fuel vehicle "car show" for viewing the latest personal transportation technology in use will also be featured. The center's fuels department will demonstrate an oil spill

response equipment deployment drill at K-9 pier beginning at 10 a.m. In addition, four recycling bins will be on-site for visitors to drop off their white paper, glossy paper, paper board (such as cereal boxes), and cardboard.

For more information on the fair, call Lt.j.g. Luke Dragovich at 473-7818 or email luke.dragovich@navy.mil.

Another hands-on event honoring Earth Day is the Pearl Harbor Bike Path cleanup from 8:30 to 11 a.m. April 21, sponsored by Navy Region Hawaii and Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam in partnership with the City and County of Honolulu Department of Environmental Services, (at Neil Blaisdell Park and Kapakahi Stream.) Volunteers are encouraged to participate and can contact MAC James Wooten at james.wooten2@navy.mil or 472-7149, or 225-5347.

In addition, the U.S. Coast Guard with mascot "Coastie" will appear at a free Earth Day event from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. April 21



U.S. Navy file photo

Volunteers are encouraged to participate in a Pearl Harbor Bike Path cleanup on April 21.

at the Pearl Harbor Navy Exchange (NEX) outdoor living center. NAVFAC Hawaii will also teach

children about energy conservation. Navy Region Hawaii (CNRH) Energy Team will have an Earth

Day display. Other Earth Day events, including demonstrations and giveaways, will be held at the

outdoor living center from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. April 18 to 22. For more information, call 423-3287.

Other events have been planned throughout the month. Now through April 30, a Natural Resources Awareness Earth Day display will be at Lima Landing, West Loch Annex.

From 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. on April 18, the Pacific Missile Range Facility will participate in Conservation Awareness Day, sponsored by the Kauai Conservation Alliance, County Civic Center.

A CNRH Energy Team Earth Day display will be at the Hickam BX from 8:30 to 11 a.m. April 22.

In addition, a native Hawaiian tree planting will take place from 1 to 2 p.m. April 24 at Mokulele Elementary School.

For more information on Earth Day events, contact Grace Hew Len, CNRH public affairs, at 473-3926 or email grace.hewlen@navy.mil or Patty Colemon, CNRH regional environmental coordination, 473-0369 or email patri-



In the  
Spotlight

Air Force officers at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam were among the more than 2,450 officers who were selected for promotion to colonel, lieutenant colonel and major, according to information provided March 28 by Air Force Personnel Center. The boards selected 15 of the 92 lieutenant colonels considered for promotion to colonel, 89 of 427 majors considered for promotion to lieutenant colonel, and 2,350 of the 3,026 captains considered for promotion to major.

JBPHH officers promoted are as follows:

Pacific Air Forces: Kristi Lynn	Gana, Kevin A. McDonough, Mark L Harris, Clarence C. Houston Jr., Michael J Kindel, Dwain Jason Ii Bartels, Ronald S. Wallace 13th Air Force: Nerriza L Brooks (selected for lieutenant colonel), Corey S. Everage, Donald T. McGraw, Grant D. Threlfall 15th Wing: Benjamin E. Sakrisson 15th Maintenance Squadron: Cleve P. Rodriguez 15th Operations Support Squadron: Adrian I. Martin 535th Airlift Squadron: Nathaniel S. Amidon, Sharon T.	Cortney, Mathew S. Klingenberg, Luis Rodriguezquirin-dongo, Christopher D. Ross, Andrew J. Stewart 19th Fighter Squadron: Robert J. Ice, Luke N. Swanson, Richard P. Williams 96th Air Refueling Squadron: Kelly P. Church 647th Logistics Readiness Squadron: Roseline F. Salazar 647th Security Forces Squadron: Megan F. Hall 733rd Air Mobility Squadron: Scott W. Gilliland 735th Air Mobility Squadron: Edmond J. Blanquera 324th Intelligence Squadron:	Stephanie Ann Murphy 613th Air and Space Communications Squadron: Jason B. McClure, Laura M. Porter, Robert A. Porter 65th Airlift Squadron: James D. Lee 17th Operations Weather Squadron: Jennifer M. Hensley Jimmy R. Odom, Jay M. Neese Inbound personnel: Laura J. Applewhite, Travis R. Bohanan, Brian P. Carroll, Jesse L. Fleener, Stephen P. Joca, Megan E. Koehler, Ulysses Linares, Bryan Daniel Mundhenk, James R. Rabon, Edward J. Rozak, Robert P. Whisenant
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# USS Santa Fe receives Navy Unit Commendation

Story and photo by  
MC2 Ronald Gutridge

Commander Submarine  
Force U.S. Pacific Fleet  
Public Affairs

Rear Adm. Frank Caldwell, commander of Submarine Force, U.S. Pacific Fleet, presented the Navy Unit Commendation award April 5 to the crew of the Los Angeles-class fast-attack submarine USS Santa Fe (SSN 763) at the Pearl Harbor Submarine Park and Parche Memorial at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, Hawaii.

Santa Fe received the award for its outstanding performance during its

last deployment from February 2011 to August 2011. As stated in the award citation, "The crew skillfully conducted four operations of great importance to national security by safely operating in a demanding and challenging undersea environment, directly enhancing fleet, theater and national objectives. The crew displayed exceptional tactical skill, tenacity and perseverance while operating under extremely challenging conditions to prepare the battle space for future operations. Santa Fe's tactical acumen was further displayed by their highly successful participation in exercise Malabar, a bilateral exercise with the

Indian navy."

Santa Fe's commanding officer, Cmdr. David Adams, credits the award to the crew's hard work and dedication.

"The Navy Unit Commendation awarded to the Santa Fe really highlights the best things about our deployments and how we go out and defend the nation," Adams said. "The crew's performance throughout the deployment was outstanding. I am very proud to be a part of this team and to be able to see the crew get recognized for all their hard work."

Established by the Secretary of the Navy on Dec. 18, 1944, and awarded by the secretary with



Rear Adm. Frank Caldwell (center), commander of Submarine Force, U.S. Pacific Fleet, presents the Navy Unit Commendation pennant April 5 to Cmdr. David Adams, commanding officer, and chief of the boat, Command Master Chief (SS) Ronald Brooks, of the Los Angeles-class submarine USS Santa Fe (SSN 763).

the approval of the president, this unit commendation is conferred on any ship, aircraft, detachment or other unit of the U.S. Navy or Marine Corps which distinguished itself with service in support of military operations, which were outstanding when compared to other units performing similar service.

Santa Fe is currently assigned to Commander, Submarine Squadron 7 and is the second ship to be named in honor of the capital city of New Mexico. As an improved Los Angeles-class, she features retractable bow planes and 12 vertical launch tubes for cruise missile strikes.

## Third electronics recycling event collects more than 1,800 items

Naval Facilities  
Engineering Command  
Hawaii Public Affairs

Naval Facilities Engineering Command (NAVFAC) Hawaii and Defense Logistics Agency Disposition Services (DLA DS) held the third Electronic Device Recycling Event March 29 at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam (JBPHH).

More than 1,800 items were collected within a four-hour period, including 448 computers, 294 monitors, 282 telephones and cell

phones, 201 hand scanners, and 145 printers among various other electronics, making it the most successful event to date.

The first event in 2010 collected more than 800 items while the second in 2011 received more than 1,350 unused and broken electronic devices that are now out of JBPHH workspaces and properly recycled.

The equipment is documented, boxed and trucked to the DLA DS warehouse in Kalaeloa for proper disposal and recycling.



U.S. Navy photo by Thomas Obungen

Seaman Electronics Technician Striker Jammarr Washington loads a computer tower into one of hundreds of boxes collecting old and broken electronics during Naval Facilities Engineering Command (NAVFAC) Hawaii and Defense Logistics Agency Disposition Services' (DLA DS) third Electronic Device Recycling Event held March 29 at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam.

## NGIS celebrates lodging program appreciation day

Navy Gateway Inns and Suites

Navy Gateway Inns and Suites (NGIS) celebrated its "Navy Lodging Program Appreciation Day" worldwide March 28.

Included in the festivities were award presentations by Capt. Jeffrey James, Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam commander, followed by several games, prizes and a pot luck luncheon.

A major objective of the day was to maintain Navy leadership support of the Secretary of the Navy sponsored Adm. Elmo R. Zumwalt Awards, presented for excellence in lodging management.

NGIS at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam received a three-star accreditation this cycle and is committed to maintain optimum customer satisfaction.

Region and installation leaders credit NGIS accomplishments to leadership of all levels, unmatched staff support and the commitment of local managers to uphold the lodging employee recognition program.

This day of recognition is established to highlight program and individual accomplishments at the local installation level.

The event promoted command leadership and participation.



Photo courtesy of NGIS

Capt. Jeffrey James, Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam commander, joins Navy Gateway Inns and Suites staff at Navy Lodging Program Appreciation Day.