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Drive-in submarine facility opens at JBPHH

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The Navy held a ribbon-cutting ceremony April 27 to dedicate the new drive-in submarine magnetic silencing facility (MSF) at Beckoning Point at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam (JBPHH).

According to officials, this facility is crucial to the mission and safety of Navy submarines and their crews because its unique features help reduce steel-hulled vessels' susceptibility to magnetic-influence underwater mines and magnetic detection systems.

"After a culmination of 11 years of work by numerous Department of the Navy civilian contractors and Navy personnel, the completion and success of this treatment marks a milestone for future evolutions of this type," said Aaron Leong, project lead supervisor of MSF Pearl Harbor. "With the certification of this facility, we now are prepared to continue operations for all types of submarines."

Due to magnetic fields that are constantly being encountered during normal ship operations, ships and submarines build up a magnetic signature. The earth's natural magnetic fields between the North and South poles are being crossed routinely while the vessels are underway. The traversing of these natural fields, and vessels lying dormant for extended periods of time during scheduled maintenance, result in changes to a vessel's magnetic signature. Correcting those changes requires a thorough treatment process to minimize the level of permanent magnetism.

Deperming is performed at the submarine MSF by temporarily surrounding a submarine with coils and supplying current to those coils to create high magnetic fields. By cycling the coil field, the permanent magnetization of the submarine is manipulated. The magnitude of the coil-induced magnetic field starts high, and then is decreased with each cycle. When the process is completed, the magnitude of the permanent magnetization is equal to the ambient field. The MSF can control the ambient field to desired magnitudes.

A closed-wrap MSF requires the submarine to be manually wrapped with heavy copper cables whereas the cables at a drive-in MSF are built into the facility, suspended above, below and on the sides of the submarine.

"In the past, Texas would have had to have been hand wrapped in cables to conduct this same procedure. And

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U.S. Navy photo by Ensign Michelle Downes

Peter Berg, director of "Battleship," meets Sailors at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam.

JBPHH Sailors preview 'Battleship'

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Navy Region Hawaii Public Affairs

More than 450 Sailors and their friends and families attended the advance screening April 28 of Universal Studio's "Battleship" at Sharkey Theater at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam.

Filming for the movie in Hawaii began in 2010 when hundreds of Hawaii-based Sailors, veterans and Navy ships played parts in the movie. The movie featured the capabilities of U.S. Navy destroyers and WWII veterans. In January 2010, even the Battleship Missouri Memorial sailed out to sea for some initial filming.

"We don't put enough attention with our elders, in particular our veterans," said Peter Berg, the director of the movie. "By far, my favorite moment on 'Battleship' is getting to meet these veterans. Some of those guys are in their '90s, and they would come on board with the energy of a 20-year-old. They had all these stories. They were having the best time. They get to be on their ship. That was, by far, my career highlight."

The cast of "Battleship," including Peter Berg, Taylor Kitsch, Brooklyn Decker, Alexander Skarsgard and Rihanna, were all at Sharkey Theater to greet the audience.

"There was a time when Hollywood didn't see eye-to-eye with the military, and I really think that time is no more," said Berg. "I think that Soldiers feel it. Soldiers are coming home from Iraq and Afghanistan to a different reception than they did when they came back from Vietnam, and I think that's great. I'm just glad to be able to do my part to pay respect."

The movie also featured Col. Gregory Gadson, the director of the U.S. Army Wounded Warrior Program, who is a Wounded Warrior himself. Gadson, who lost both his legs because of an improvised explosive device in 2007, practically played himself as Lt. Col. Mick Canales fighting aliens in the movie.

"I like to say that fighting

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NAVFAC Hawaii turns over new JBPHH Fitness Center

Story and photo by Thomas Obungen

Naval Facilities Engineering Command Hawaii

Naval Facilities Engineering Command (NAVFAC) Hawaii handed the keys for the new Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam (JBPHH) Fitness Center to officials from Navy Region Hawaii's Morale, Welfare and Recreation (MWR) office April 25. The project was completed on time and within scope.

NAVFAC Hawaii awarded the $24.3 million design-build contract to Kiewit Building Group in July 2009. They broke ground the following June by clearing the site and demolishing building 1632, the first of four buildings taken down as part of the contract. Three additional buildings were removed earlier this month.

"Working with Kiewit to produce a facility of this caliber showed how much they really care about the customer and end-user," said Ryan Go, NAVFAC Hawaii project manager. "The contractor's staff recognized that the project would ultimately serve the men and women in uniform and their need to stay fit and mission-ready in defense of our nation."

Located on the site of a former fuel tank farm, next to Club Pearl, the modern 62,413-square-foot building replaces nearby aging fitness facilities at Bloch Arena, constructed in 1940.

Using an efficient building technique of tilt-up construction, which consists of casting large concrete panels on site and tilting them up into place, Kiewit completed the facility's core structure within five months of installing the foundation.

Throughout construction, the contractor set the tone for the environmentally friendly facility by sorting and recycling building waste in separate containers and by purchasing material from local or west coast sources to minimize fuel consumption during shipping.

Historic berms from the former tank farm surrounding the center and its adjacent 242-stall parking lot are xeriscaped with rocks, synthetic turf and various native Hawaiian and drought-resistant plants that will help the facility conserve water.

The fitness center interior receives large amounts of natural light due to oversized exterior windows and a state-of-the-art daylight control system linked to overhead skylights and solar tubes. Smaller interior and administrative spaces make use of LED lighting and occupancy sensors that complement the rooftop 360-kilowatt photovoltaic system.

It is anticipated that numerous energy-saving features, as well as dedicated parking spaces for low-emission vehicles and the

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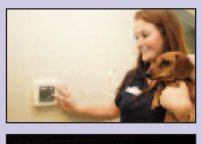
The new 62,413-square-foot Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam Fitness Center will have a soft opening May 21.



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27th Annual Military Band Appreciation Concert performed in Honolulu

Story and photo by MC3 Sean Furey

Navy Public Affairs Support Element West, Detachment Hawaii

HONOLULU – Military service members, along with famies and friends, attended the 27th Annual Combined Forces Military Band Appreciation Concert presented May 2 at the Hale Koa Hotel in Waikiki.

The Combined Forces Military Band consists of outstanding service members from the U.S. Army 25th Infantry Division Band, U.S. Navy Pacific Fleet Band, U.S. Marine Forces Pacific Band and the U.S. Air Force Band of the Pacific.

"These Soldiers, Sailors, Marines and Airmen and women are the best of their trade," said Maj. Gen. Kurt Fuller, commanding general, 25th Infantry Division. "They've been selected through auditions, and they represent their services with great pride. They are some spectacular musicians."

The 2012 Combined Forces Military Band performs during the 27th Annual Appreciation Concert at the Hale Koa Hotel in Waikiki. The concert launches a month-long celebration of Military Appreciation in Hawaii.

This year's military lead was the United States Army, led and conducted by Chief Warrant Officer 3 Lisa M. Guynn, U.S. Army Infantry Division Band.

"It was wonderful, it represented the best of the best," said Rear Adm. Frank Ponds, commander of Navy Region Hawaii and Naval Surface Group Middle Pacific. "They say music is the universal language ... and it was just wonderful."

The concert, hosted by the Honolulu Council of the Navy League, is the kick-off event for the National Military Appreciation Month in Hawaii.

"There's nothing that we can't do together that, separated, we couldn't possibly do," said Maj. Michael Willen, U.S. Air Force Band of the Pacific. "We salute each of the armed forces tonight. Whether we go to fight or whether we go to help people recover, we all go under the same flag."

The Navy League's mission is to educate the public on a need for a strong sea service, including the Navy, Marine Corps, Coast Guard and the Merchant Marine.

Air Force launches energy conservation program at Hickam Communities

Hickam Communities LLC

This month, the Air Force will begin the first phase of the Department of Defense's Resident Energy Conservation Program (RECP) with the mailing of energy conservation statements to Hickam Communities residents.

Onizuka Village residents will receive a statement this month, and residents in Earhart Village, Hale Na Koa and Officer Field will receive statements, respectively, in June, July and August. The statements are not bills, and no payment is due during the first phase of the RECP.

The purpose of the first phase is to familiarize families with their utility consumption, provide them with information on how they can conserve energy, and prepare them for the second phase of the RECP, which is live billing. The Air Force anticipates starting the second phase sometime in 2013.

Statements will show how much energy a family is using and compare it to a baseline – the average energy consumption – that is determined by using data from homes of a similar or same model type. If a family's consumption falls within 10 percent above or below the baseline or better yet, more than 10 percent below the baseline, the family has done an excellent job managing its energy consumption.

Photo courtesy of Hickam Communities LLC

Amanda Kalski, an Onizuka Village resident and also a member of the Hickam Communities housing team, adjusts her thermostat to a more energy-efficient setting as she and her family prepare for the Department of Defense-mandated Resident Energy Conservation Program that begins this month at Hickam Communities.

If consumption is more than 10 percent above the baseline, it is recommended that the family look at its daily habits and determine simple adjustments that can help them conserve. Tips and information on how to conserve energy can be found on Hickam Communities website at www.hickamcommunities.com/Go/SYNERGY.

Hickam Communities is responsible for managing the Air Force's RECP in Hawaii and, along with utility billing provider Minol USA, it is committed to supporting its families' efforts to conserve. Questions about the program or energy conservation statements can be addressed to Minol USA. The call center is available Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., and customer service agents can bereached at 1-888-636-0493.

In the coming months, Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam and Hickam Communities will host a series of town hall meetings to provide residents with an overview of the program and answer questions. All residents are encouraged to attend. Town hall dates and times will be announced on Hickam Communities website and Facebook page and in resident emails.

Resident Energy Conservation Program to launch Navy-wide

Commander, Navy Installations Command Public Affairs

WASHINGTON (NNS) -- Commander, Navy Installations Command will expand the scope of the Resident Energy Conservation Program (RECP) for public private venture (PPV) housing in the U.S. in phases beginning in October 2012.

RECP transfers the responsibility for payment of utilities from the PPV project to the residents, consistent with OSD policy. Research indicates that residents use less when their rent does not include utilities.

In 1998, OSD established policy requiring the transfer of responsibility for the payment of utilities from our PPV project owner to the residents. RECP was created to promote the responsible use of energy in Navy/Marine Corps PPV housing. RECP focuses on utility conservation efforts to reduce electricity and gas usage in PPV housing.

In January 2011, the RECP pilot program transferred responsibility for payment of utilities to residents living in PPV housing in Hawaii and in Marine Corps Housing at Parris Island and Beaufort, S.C. The pilot program reduced electricity usage by almost 10 percent and generated savings in excess of $1 million to re-invest into the PPV housing project to fund reserve accounts used to sustain the financial health of the projects.

"RECP was a great success in Hawaii and Beaufort because our service members and their families increased their awareness of their electricity use, resulting in conservation of energy without sacrificing comfort," said Corky Vazquez, CNIC housing program manager. "When we reduce our energy consumption, we save money. The money we save will be re-invested into the housing communities in which our Sailors and their families live. These funds will be used to improve the homes and neighborhoods."

The RECP methodology works like this: Like type groups of homes are metered and their utility usage is measured monthly (water excluded) to develop an average usage. A buffer of 10 percent is applied above and below the average to create an average usage band. Residents with usage above the band for their like type group pay, and those under, will receive a rebate. The program starts with a communication phase followed by a mock "trial" billing period that prepares residents for "live billing."

The schedule for the RECP Navy-wide rollout will be in phases depending upon whether meters are in place and the project is ready to implement. During 2013, all PPV projects will start live billing. The tentative roll out schedule for live billing is shown by region of the country as follows:

- New Orleans: January 2013
- Northwest, midwest, southeast: April 2013
- Southwest: July 2013
- Mid-Atlantic and northeast: October 2013

For more specific information about when the RECP will roll out for a specific installation, contact your local Navy housing office. A master list of all Navy installation housing offices is available at www.cnic.navy.mil/housing.

Secretary of the Navy Ray Mabus laid out five aggressive energy goals in October 2009 to improve our energy security and efficiency, increase our energy independence, and help lead the nation toward a clean energy economy. This initiative assists in achieving the energy goal of increasing alternative energy afloat and ashore where by 2020, the Department of the Navy (DON) will produce at least 50 percent of shore-based energy requirements from alternative sources and 50 percent of DON installations will be net-zero.

Hawaii Sailors train to combat Spice

Story and photo by MC2 (SW) Mark Logico

Navy Region Hawaii Public Affairs

More than 400 Hawaii-based Sailors gathered May 1 at Sharkey Theater at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam to learn more about the policies, programs and risks regarding the abuse of synthetic drugs.

Representatives from Navy Region Hawaii (CNRH), Naval Health Clinic Hawaii (NHCH), Region Legal Service Office (RLSO) in Hawaii and Naval Criminal Investigative Service (NCIS) conducted training about synthetic drugs such as Spice and Bath Salts.

Spice, a synthetic drug, looks similar to marijuana or oregano and is used for its psychoactive and hallucinogenic effects. The Navy has zero tolerance for drug abuse, including the use of designer and synthetic compounds such as Spice.

CNRH Command Master Chief (SW/AW) Marc Sibal opened the training by saying that since he has been the Hawaii region command master chief, he has seen 20 to 30 Spice-related cases in the Navy in Hawaii.

"Spice is here," said Sibal. "We still need to get our arms wrapped around it. It is still a problem. The bad thing about Spice is nobody knows about the long-term side effects of Spice. Nobody has done any studies with them."

Sibal is part of Hawaii's Armed Forces Disciplinary Control Board (AFBCD) that looks at several establishments which are suspected of carrying and selling illegal drugs. The AFDCB establishes guidance and off-limits areas to military personnel in Hawaii.

"We all joined the Navy for different reasons, to get an education, to serve our country, to get stationed here or there, to make master chief, but not to smoke Spice and get kicked out of the Navy and to figure out what to tell your parents when you come home after one year in the Navy," said Sibal.

Naval Criminal Investigative Service (NCIS) Special Agent Steven Laskey talks to Sailors about the severe risks involved in the use and abuse of synthetic drugs such as Spice.

Lt. Cmdr. Daryl Sulit, a Navy Medical Corps officer assigned to NHCH, was at the training to talk about the medical effects of Spice. Sulit said that medical personnel know the effect of marijuana over a long period of time. It has been used for centuries. Spice, on the other hand, is man-made and was introduced in the past decade.

"Spice is a designer drug made to mimic marijuana," said Sulit. "If you look at the packaging, it looks very similar to marijuana, and it is smoked like marijuana. We don't know if it will cause long-term brain damage, cancer, lung damage, heart damage."

According to Navy Alchohol and Drug Abuse Prevention (NADAP), the chemical blends in synthetic drugs are continuously manipulated, and the strength of the synthetic chemical used is unknown. As a result, there is no way to know what a person is ingesting or what the long-term health risks are if used.

Sulit said that Spice not only affects the receptors in your brain, which induce hallucinogenic effects, but it can also affect other organs such as the heart, kidney and digestive systems. Spice can take effect within 20 to 30 minutes but can last for as long as 24 hours.

"Spice is so much more dangerous because it is a lot more potent than marijuana," said Sulit.

According to the Navy Bureau of Medicine and Surgery, Spice is five to 200 times more potent than THC in marijuana.

Sulit added that among the latest reports of the effects of Spice are anxiety and panic attacks.

"It causes confusion, delusion, hallucination," said Sulit. "Spice can also cause depression, which could lead to suicide attempts, irritation and bizarre behaviors. It can also cause drowsiness and impaired cognition. It has been noted to cause high blood pressure, heart attacks, chest pain and increased heart rate."

NCIS Special Agent Steven Laskey was at the training to talk about the policies and programs involved to combat Spice.

"This stuff is sold as incense," said Laskey. "It is sold as potpourri. It is marked as 'not for human consumption.' However, it is marked as 'not for human consumption' because it is supposed to attempt to defer and trick law enforcement. It was made purposely for use by human consumption but labeling it 'not for consumption' makes it legal. Up until 2011, it was perfectly legal. It was sold and advertised as a safe and alternative means for marijuana. Well, it is not remotely safe, and it is not legal as well."

In March 2012, the Navy announced that it has begun random testing of urine samples for synthetic chemical compounds like Spice. The Navy's capacity for testing for designer drugs will continue to expand. During fiscal year 2012, the Navy will invest $1.73 million to test for synthetic chemical compounds and expects to increase that amount to $2.9 million in fiscal year 2013.

Sailors learn about War of 1812 battles

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Commodore Oliver Hazard Perry led nine U.S. Navy ships that defeated and captured six British Royal Navy ships during a battle considered to be a turning point in the War of 1812.

As part of an effort to remember this pivotal point in Navy history and other battles during the war, Senior Chief Navy Counselor Tyrone Jiles, career counselor for Navy Region Hawaii, coordinated a training session about the War of 1812 for a select group of Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam first class petty officers and chief petty officers. The training took place April 26 at Pearl Harbor Memorial Chapel.

"This training is a little bit of heritage training. We're trying to train our junior Sailors and educate them on how the War of 1812 shaped our country and our Navy and also prepare these first classes to take my shoes one day," Jiles said.

U.S. Navy photo by Jazzmin Williams

Senior Chief Navy Counselor Tyrone Jiles, career counselor for Navy Region Hawaii, addresses a select group of Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam first class petty officers and chief petty officers during a War of 1812 training session April 26 at the Pearl Harbor Memorial Chapel.

The training is part of the MCPON's "CPO-365" training program that allows prospective chief petty officers to have sufficient training with their chiefs. The presentation described the different battles of the War of 1812 in detail. After opening remarks by Jiles, nine Sailors took the podium in groups of two and three to describe the War of 1812.

The training session benefited both the presenters and the audience, with those in attendance learning about an important event in Navy history and those on stage practicing speaking in front of large groups.

"I wasn't always the one that would like to speak in front of people," Jiles said. "It just comes with confidence and a lot of training. The more you speak to a large group of Sailors, the more confident you get as you progress in your career."

Other training topics for CPO 365 include Navy heritage, Navy policies and procedures, equal opportunity guidance, sponsorship and indoctrination, Fleet and Family Service Center programs, Perform-to-Serve, the enlisted retention board, career development boards and physical fitness and nutrition.

All of the presenters volunteered to be part of the training to improve themselves and take initiative, according to Jiles. Working together for eight weeks, the Sailors learned from each other so well that they were able to disseminate the information to a chapel full of fellow Sailors."This is what it's all about, first class and chief petty officers working together," Jiles said.

During the training, one of the more interesting moments of the historic War of 1812 battle involving Commodore Perry was discussed. At one point, Perry, who was aboard the heavily damaged U.S. Brig Lawrence, decided to transfer his personal pennant, a blue flag bearing the motto, "Don't give up the ship," to another ship, the U.S. Brig Niagara.

Amidst the chaos of battle, Perry and his crew traveled half a mile to Niagara where he continued to lead the U.S. fleet to victory.

The town of Put-in-Bay still remembers that battle 198 years later. In 1915, Perry's Victory and International Peace Memorial was erected on the island to honor those who fought in the Battle of Lake Erie and to celebrate the long-lasting peace between Britain, Canada and the United States.

Standing at 352 feet, the Doric column is among the tallest monuments in the United States (the Gateway Arch, San Jacinto Monument and the Washington Monument are taller).

(Editor's note: Sailors from USS Lake Erie (CG 70, homeported at Pearl Harbor, have frequently been a part of the celebration at Put-in-Bay which commemorates the Battle of Lake Erie.)

Fitness center completed

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facility's centralized location, could earn the building a Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) silver certification, with the possibility of earning a platinum rating. It is also expected to consume 55 percent less energy than the baseline set at other fitness centers.

"This facility is an additional tool for our Sailors and Airmen to achieve their fitness and health goals, ultimately improving their quality of life," said Mark McFarland, JBPHH MWR fitness director. "By providing them with the best equipment and state-of-the-art facilities, we will successfully be able to serve those who serve our country."

The ground level of the two-story fitness center features men's and women's locker rooms, cardio and weight training equipment including treadmills and ellipticals, a rock-climbing wall, total resistance exercise system, and two basketball courts featuring NCAA clocks and glass backboards.

The second level contains two glass racquetball courts, classrooms, mirrored group exercise/physical training (PT) rooms and administrative spaces while a third-level loft houses the air conditioning units and other utilities.

The center will have a soft opening May 21 with a grand opening on June 11. Bloch Arena will close at 6 p.m. May 20. Patrons from all branches of service as well as Department of Defense civilian employees are invited to use the facilities.

Letter to the Editor

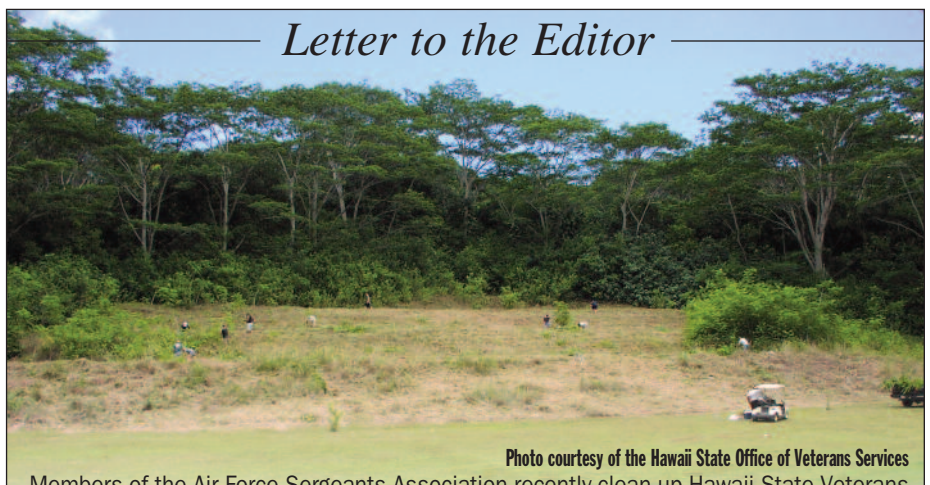

Photo courtesy of the Hawaii State Office of Veterans Services

Members of the Air Force Sergeants Association recently clean up Hawaii State Veterans Cemetery at Kaneohe.

Air Force Sergeants Association thanked for volunteer efforts

Dear editor, On behalf of the Hawaii State Office of Veterans Services, we would like to express our heartfelt thanks and deepest appreciation to the Air Force Sergeants Association for volunteering to clear brush and debris from our Hawaii State Veterans Cemetery at Kaneohe.

Under the leadership of Tech Sgt. Lillian Barnes who coordinated two separate events, over 30 NCO's rolled up their sleeves and came ready and willing to work. They cleared away overgrown brush on the cemetery hillside using chain saws and machetes.

Their combined efforts assisted enormously with our ongoing beautification projects within the cemetery.

We commend their professionalism and volunteerism in helping keep these hallowed grounds with the highest degree of dignity and honor for our military members, our veterans and for our loved ones.

Willie Hirokane, director, Hawaii State Veterans Cemetery.

Diverse Views

Now that we're in the spring season, what clutter are you getting rid of around your home or office for "spring cleaning" and why?

Command Master Chief Marc Sibal
Navy Region Hawaii

"Recyclable materials. And I donate shoes and clothes to Big Brothers, Big Sisters."

Maj. Cindy Cuencas
201st Combat Communications Group, HIANG

"Currently I am gathering all the clothes and shoes I don't usually use. I plan to donate them to a women's shelter."

Gas Turbine System Mechanic Fireman Phitsamay Vilayvanh
Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam

"I do spring cleaning every three months because of my son. He grows out of his clothes by then. When I go on leave, I donate clothes to the Kidney Foundation Hawaii, Big Brothers, Big Sisters and the Goodwill."

Chief Master Sgt. Larry Mactaggart
PACAF Band Manager

"I will be trying to reduce the amount of old files I really don't need that take up too much space."

Master Sgt. Brook Whetsel
15th Wing Command Post

"I will be working diligently to clean out my garage so I can finally park my car."

(Provided by Jazzmin Williams and David Underwood Jr.)

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Mascot helped crew break Hawaii-to-Washington record

A teddy bear, named "Col. Elmer E. Elmer," served as the mascot for the crew of the B-29 "Deacon Disciples," which was the aircraft that broke the Hawaii-to-Washington non-stop record of 17 hours, 21 minutes. The fuzzy mascot was completely outfitted with a flight cap, insignia, decorations and parachute. The teddy bear became a regular crew member of "Deacon Disciples," a battle-seasoned B-29 piloted during World War II by Maj. Charles J. "Deacon" Miller.

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New solar-powered system is given blessing at Bowfin

Story and photo by Jazzmin Williams

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A blessing of the new solar-powered photovoltaic (PV) system for the USS Bowfin Submarine Museum and Park took place April 27 at the museum.

The system is expected to lower energy use and costs for the Pearl Harbor historic site. The USS Bowfin Submarine Museum and Park is part of the Pacific Fleet Submarine Memorial Association.

"Today we recognize their [the Pacific Fleet Submarine Memorial Association] continued commitment to education and technology by carrying on the tradition of reminding us of the many unsung heroes who served in the second World War on land and at sea," said Rear Adm. Frank Ponds, commander of Navy Region Hawaii and Naval Surface Group Middle Pacific.

Kahu Cordell Kekoa uses ti leaves to sprinkle Hawaiian water on one of the new photovoltaic (PV) panels for the USS Bowfin Museum and Park's new PV system. The solar-powered system was blessed April 27 at the Bowfin.

Rear Adm. Katherine Gregory, commander of Naval Facilities Engineering Command Pacific, joined Ponds in giving remarks. Coordination by multiple engineering, solar and construction organizations resulted in the implementation of the photovoltaic system. Naval Facilities Engineering Command Hawaii provided support and assistance for installation and an interconnection agreement with Hawaiian Electric Company.

Kala Capital, LLC provided funding to reduce costs for the USS Bowfin Museum and Park.

"What your project does is exemplify how we need to ensure energy security matters, not just in how we operate our operational Navy, but how we run our shore Navy. Your moving to a PV array really sets an example for the rest of us on how we need to run our facilities," Gregory said.

Kahu Cordell Kekoa spoke on the importance of blessings in Hawaii, prior to using three ti leaves to sprinkle Hawaiian rainwater on one of the panels, draped in a maile lei. The ti leaves symbolized healing, nourishment and protection. After prayers in both Hawaiian and English, Kekoa called upon the speakers to remove the maile from the panel in unison.

"This system represents the future of energy conservation, and not just conserving it, but the right use of it," Kekoa said during his blessing.

'Hiring Our Heroes' job fair to take place May 16

U.S. Chamber of Commerce

A "Hiring Our Heroes" veterans event titled "Shipmates to Workmates" will be held from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. May 16 at Neal Blaisdell Center, 777 Ward Ave. in Honolulu.

The U.S. Chamber of Commerce event is a hiring fair for veterans who are job seekers, active duty military members, National Guard and Reserve members, and eligible spouses.

The event is designed as a one-of-a-kind free hiring fair for naval job seekers referred by the Shipmates to Workmates program.

The fair is part of the larger Workforce 2012 event being conducted by Hawaii Hires Heroes, in partnership with the U.S. Chamber of Commerce and the Shipmates to Workmates civil service hiring initiative spearheaded by Naval Sea Systems Command, Naval Air Systems Command, Space and Naval Warfare Systems Command, Naval Facilities Engineeering Command, Naval Supply Systems Command, Military Sealift Command and Commander Navy Installations Command, the Department of Labor's Veterans Employment and Training Service, Hawaii Committee of the Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve, NBC News and other local partners.

Employers must call 536-7222 or email margarete@successhi.com. Job seekers can register free at HoH.GreatJob.net to guarantee admission.

For more information, visit the website www.uschamber.com/hiringourheroes

'Battleship' screened at Sharkey

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aliens is no different than fighting a human," said Gadson. "If you're fighting for your life, you're going to do whatever it takes to win."

Gadson said he hopes the movie would also help all warriors, wounded or otherwise, and let them know that life can go on.

"You've got to put behind you what's happened in the past," said Gadson. "When you have an opportunity to learn and to go through hard experiences, you can come out the other side and live a productive life."

To prepare for her role in the movie, Rhianna enlisted the help of Gunner's Mate 2nd Class Jacquelyn Carrizosa, assigned aboard USS Ronald Reagan (CVN 76), during the filming in 2010.

"She really helped me out," said Rihanna. "I paid attention to her, everything about the way she dressed, the way she walked, her mannerisms, how she spoke, how collected she was. That was very crucial to me playing this part. She was a pretty girl but very, very tough. Her demeanor was so quiet and sweet, and then you see her put on this uniform and she walks on the set, she's a whole different beast. She helps me as a friend, but when she gets in her element she's very intimidating."

During the filming, Rihanna and the rest of the cast interacted with many of the Sailors in Hawaii so the actors could better understand their roles in the movie.

"I was exposed to a lot of things that I didn't know about the Navy, just seeing their demeanor, where you lived, where you stayed," said Rihanna. "I heard about how long you guys stayed at sea without your family. It really was an awakening for me. It made me appreciate what you guys do so much more."

The film opens officially in U.S. theaters on May 18. The movie is based on a board game of the same name. It is about how a fleet of ships is forced to fight an armada of alien ships.

"The film is going to expose a lot of what the Navy does, and no one knows how these ships are fought and how the day-to-day stuff is," said Kitsch. "I love how we exposed a lot of that. You read about the sacrifice and what it means to wear the uniform, and I think that's what hit me the most. Not just meeting the Sailors and everyone, that's a part of it, but the families, the sacrifices that they make as well. That was probably the biggest one that I took away: how much sacrifice that is."

Naval Shipyard job fair attracts 3,000

Pearl Harbor Naval Shipyard Public Affairs

An estimated 3,000 job-seekers recently attended the Pearl Harbor Naval Shipyard Career Fair at Honolulu Community College. Participants came to learn more about 150 openings – at least 100 apprenticeships and roughly 50 engineering and other positions – at Hawaii's largest industrial employer.

It was a success, said Yvette Oyape, shipyard deputy apprentice program administrator, of the event turnout and feedback. "We had quite a bit (of attendees) in the morning and a nice steady flow the rest of the day."

Representatives from 18 trades and two engineering departments set up displays at the career fair and were on hand to answer questions about their occupations. Many exhibits encouraged hands-on interaction by visitors, Oyape said.

For example, the rigging display featured chainfalls that guests could operate. The mechanical shop brought toy vehicles, made of Erector sets and used to teach trainees how to read plans and practice simple mechanical skills.

Individuals hired as apprentices will begin their employment in January 2013. The apprentice program offers four-year, work-study apprenticeships that pay trainees while they learn a trade and earn an associate's degree from Honolulu Community College and U.S. Department of Labor journeyworker certification.

The average starting pay is $19 an hour. At the end of four years, apprentice program graduates will earn $28 or more an hour.

Eligible applicants must be U.S. citizens, at least 18 years old by the first day of employment, and have a high school diploma or equivalent. Applicants must pass a physical exam, academic skills test and be able to obtain a security clearance. Males must be registered with the Selective Service System.

Engineering positions include naval architects, and mechanical, structural, welding, electrical and nuclear engineers. The starting pay for engineers ranges from $45,000 to $69,000 a year, depending on their qualifications. Other positions include engineering technicians and physical science technicians.

Starting pay for physical science technicians ranges from $36,500 to $59,000 a year, depending on qualifications. Most newly hired physical science technicians require about a year of paid training to attain initial qualification. Engineer development positions are permanent full-time jobs.

Applications for apprenticeships and engineering-related positions will be accepted online at www.usajobs.gov. Application periods for engineering vacancies vary according to the positions. However, the application period for apprenticeships is tentatively scheduled for May 21-25.

For updates, go to the shipyard website at www.navsea.navy.mil/shipyards/pearl/default.aspx and click on "apprentice program info." Applicants with questions can call 474-9216 and leave a message or email phnsyapprentice@navy.mil.

Drive-in sub facility has crucial role

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manual wrapping is a labor intensive and extremely time consuming process. This facility replaces an antiquated process with the ease of a drive-in," said Cmdr. Andrew Hertel, commanding officer of USS Texas.

The Pearl Harbor MSF, managed by Navy Region Hawaii and operated by personnel from the Naval Undersea Warfare Center Detachment Pacific, is capable of deperming all classes of U.S. submarines including Virginia-class submarines.

The ceremony included a presentation of colors, a Hawaiian blessing and invocation. Guest speakers for the event included Capt. Jeffrey James, commander of JBPHH; Cmdr. Andrew Hertel, commanding officer of USS Texas; Rick Heltzel, president of Healy Tibbitts; and David Lin, MSF program manager, Naval Sea Systems Command.

USS Texas is the first submarine in the U.S. Navy to carry the name of the Lone Star State and the second Virginia-class nuclear-powered attack submarine.

Pearl Harbor-Hickam *Highlights*

(Left) Cast and crew members from the 2012 science fiction naval war film "Battleship" stand in front of the Battleship Missouri (BB 63) Memorial at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam. From left, director Peter Berg, along with cast members Brooklyn Decker, Greg Gadson, Taylor Kitsch, Rihanna and Alexander Skarsgard attended events in Hawaii to promote the film's opening in the United States.

U.S. Navy Photo by MC2 Daniel Barker

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(Right) Sailors and military members along with their family members attend a special showing of the 2012 science fiction naval war film "Battleship" at Sharkey Theater on Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam.

Peter Berg, director of "Battleship," and Sailors from Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam visit the Arizona Memorial.

U.S. Navy photo by Ensign Michelle Downes

(Left) Rear Adm. Patrick Lorge, commandant of Naval District Washington (left), and Australian ambassador to the United States Kim Beazley lay a wreath during a ceremony at the U.S. Navy Memorial, commemorating the 70th anniversary of the Battle of the Coral Sea.

U.S. Navy photo by MC2 Kiona Miller

(Below) Construction Electrician 2nd Class Jancharles Morales of Hawaii, assigned to Construction Battalion Maintenance Unit (CBMU) 303, fires an M9 services pistol during weapon qualifications.

U.S. Navy photo by Steel Worker 1st Class Antonio Chavezplata

Photo couresy of USS Hopper (DDG-70)

(Above) A pod of dolphins join USS Hopper (DDG-70) crewmembers for a few hours as the ship operates in the Pacific.

JPAC hosts arrival ceremony at JBPHH for fallen military personnel

U.S. Joint POW/MIA Accounting Command

Department of Defense photo by Staff Sgt. Frezzell Brewer

Members of a joint service honor detail guard transfer cases during an arrival ceremony April 27 at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam to honor fallen U.S. personnel whose identities remain unknown.

Four transfer cases were escorted from the back of a C-17 Globemaster April 27 during an arrival ceremony at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam to honor fallen U.S. personnel whose identities remain unknown.

The remains receiving full military honors represent losses associated with World War II and the Vietnam War. The first transfer case represents individuals unaccounted-for from World War II and was recovered from Papua New Guinea. The final three transfer cases were recovered from Vietnam, Laos and Cambodia and represent Vietnam War losses.

Once the transfer cases arrive at Joint POW/MIA Accounting Command (JPAC's) laboratory, the process of forensically identifying the individuals will begin. If and when identifications are established, the names will be announced following next-of-kin notification.

Falling directly under the U.S. Pacific Command and employed by more than 400 joint military and civilian personnel, JPAC continues its search for the more than 83,000 Americans still missing from past conflicts.

The ultimate goal of JPAC, and of the agencies involved in returning America's heroes home, is to conduct global search, recovery and laboratory operations in order to support the Department of Defense's personnel accounting efforts.

2012 Air Force Climate Survey is coming soon

Jon Hanson

Air Force Personnel, Services and Manpower Public Affairs

JOINT BASE SAN ANTONIO-RANDOLPH, Texas (AFNS) -- Air Force active duty, Reserve, Guard, appropriated fund and non-appropriated fund civilians have an opportunity to voice their concerns to leadership during the 2012 Air Force Climate Survey, which kicks off May 14 and runs through June 22.

The chief of staff of the Air Force-directed survey enables Air Force personnel to provide feedback to senior leadership and commanders at all levels.

"This is a perfect opportunity for all total force Airmen to provide candid feedback on a wide range of topics," said Col. Kent White, the Air Force Manpower Agency commander. "The results will help leaders determine the health of their organization and make changes if necessary."

Topics in this year's survey include impact of deployment, trust in Air Force leadership, satisfaction, resources, recognition and performance.

Individual e-mail invitations for the survey will go out the third week of May. As in past surveys, unit leaders will receive their units' results, if 10 or more members respond, to improve their organization and their organization's ability to accomplish the mission.

More than 172,000 people responded in the 2010 Air Force Climate Survey. Results showed that more than 80 percent of the survey respondents were happy with their jobs, and 95 percent agreed their unit is successfully accomplishing its mission. Additionally, 82 percent of all survey respondents indicated they were generally satisfied with the Air Force.

"Through the Air Force Climate Survey, all Air Force members have the chance to highlight concerns that directly affect them and their units' mission," said Grover Lindsey, the chief of the performance management division at the Air Force Manpower Agency. "This feedback serves to improve each organization and our entire Air Force. Look for your personal invitation to the survey in your inbox and speak today, shape tomorrow."

For more information about the 2012 Air Force Climate Survey and to view the Air Force-wide results of the 2010 Air Force Climate Survey, go to the Air Force Survey Office webpage on the Air Force portal.

For more information on other personnel issues, go the Air Force Personnel Services website at https://gum-crm.csd.disa.mil.

KHON (FOX) TV 2 Hawaii Navy News upcoming segments

May 10: Pacific Partnership 2012
May 17: HURREX
May 24: USS Arizona Memorial 50th anniversary
May 31: Battle of Midway – Pearl Harbor Naval Shipyard
June 7: Battle of Midway – U.S. Pacific Fleet
June 14: JEMS
June 21: RIMPAC: Partnerships
June 28: MCBH: Air show coming

(The segments currently air between 6:20 and 6:30 a.m. each Thursday. Previous segments can be viewed at http://bit.ly/KHONNavy)

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'Skinny Dragons' take stand against sexual assault

Lt. j.g. Jenna Rose

Patrol Squadron 4 Public Affairs Officer

April was Sexual Assault Awareness Month, and VP-4 [Patrol Squadron 4] was increasing awareness throughout the squadron. On April 13, the squadron spent part of the day training on sexual assault awareness. In addition to participating in Navy-wide regulated training, the squadron has also promoted awareness through a variety of events.

On April 16, the Skinny Dragons partnered with the Golden Eagles of VP-9 [Patrol Squadron 9] for "One Sweet Day," held a bake sale and conducted an educational session. Both squadrons' sexual assault prevention and response (SAPR) program coordinators were joined by Sheri Freeman, the regional sexual awareness response coordinator (SARC), and Brenda Huntsinger, the SAPR program manager for Marine Corps Base Hawaii.

U.S. Navy photo taken by MC1 Nathan Laird.

Aviation Machinist's Mate 2nd Class Michael Espinoza and Naval Aircrewman 1st Class Thomas Van Mun enjoy "One Sweet Day" with the regional Brenda Huntsinger SARC. Sheri Freeman and SAPR Program Manager for Marine Corps Base, Kaneohe.

In addition to enjoying baked goods, everyone received information and flyers promoting prevention of sexual assault through training. The event reinforced the commitment of the squadron to maintain a workplace environment that rejects sexual assault and reinforces a culture of prevention, response and accountability. The event brought in a total of $123, which will be donated to the Hawaii Region SAPR Program and Sex Abuse Treatment Center at Kapiolani Medical Center.

When asked about the turnout for the event, Chief Baby Wakefield said, "The event went very well. I was surprised to see how many people turned out, not only for the baked goods, but also to learn about our program. It was also a great event because we were able to partner with VP-9 to promote sexual assault awareness and pass information about future events."

Additionally, the SAPR team sponsored a free 5K fun run on April 20 for the command. The five-kilometer run was conducted at Fort Hase Beach. The winners, first through third, in both male and female categories, were Aviation Electrician's Mate Airman John Ciralli, Naval Air Crewman 3rd Class Matthew Carrell, Intelligence Specialist Seaman Jeffrey Torrance, Aircrew Survival Equipmentman 3rd Class Candace Tramel, Logistics Specialist 1st Class Meibol Kushiyama and Chief Logistics Specialist Baby Wakefield. In addition to getting some early morning exercise, the Skinny Dragons also demonstrated their support for the SAPR program.

May to be celebrated as Asian Pacific American Heritage Month

An 2012 Asian Pacific American Month event will be held from 9 to 10 a.m. May 9 at the Military and Family Support Center, Hickam lanai at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam.

This year's national theme is "Striving for Excellence in Leadership, Diversity and Inclusion."

Guest speaker for the event will be CWO3 Andrew Nguyen.

Attendees must be seated 10 minutes before the start of the program. Military and civilian personnel are encouraged to attend with supervisor's approval.

For more information on the event, call 449-0306 or email kathryn.keatts.ctr@navy.mil

Dumping is illegal

Don't dump scrap tires and other trash at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam. Scrap tires collect and trap standing water, which attract mosquitoes that may carry infectious diseases.

U.S. Navy photo by OPM2 Michael Ishibashi

'Paws and Patriots' bond at event honoring military

Photo by Noelle Mark-Shaughnessy

Army Sgt. Megan Bates, assigned to the Schofield Barracks Veterinary Treatment Facility, is greeted by Shamrock Donnelly, a therapy boxer with Tripler Army Medical Center's Human-Animal Bond Program. Bates and Shamrock were at Paws and Patriots, an April 28 event honoring the military at the Hawaiian Humane Society. Sponsored by the society and Hawaii Military Pets, the celebration and educational event featured information on low-cost spay/neuter services, lost and found, Hawaii animal law, military housing pet policies, microchipping, boarding facilities, Army veterinary care and other pet resources.

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

Senior Chief Navy Counselor (SW) Johannes Gonzalez, the command senior chief aboard USS Reuben James (FFG 57), talks about the importance of career development boards in the Navy during the monthly training for Hawaii-based Navy career counselors.

Hawaii Navy career counselors host training

Story and photo by MC2 (SW) Mark Logico

Navy Region Hawaii Public Affairs

The Hawaii Chapter of the Navy Career Counselor Association and Navy Region Hawaii hosted monthly training April 25 for all area and visiting career counselors at Sharkey Theater at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam.

More than 150 career development team members in the region attended the event. Capt. David Sheridan, chief of staff, Commander Naval Surface Group Middle Pacific and USS Reuben James' (FFG 57) Command Senior Chief Johannes Gonzalez were the guest speakers.

The training focused on annual career information periodic reviews (CIPR). Ashore and afloat commands must have their CIRP programs assessed annually with a passing grade of 85 percent or better in order to be considered eligible for the retention excellence award.

"The message is, leadership involvement," said Sheridan. "Ask for help early. Get folks to look at your program before you have to go through the review. It is very important ... that you invest the time to make sure you understand what's going on with your Sailors in your retention programs."

Gonzalez said the career development board is the most important aspect of every Sailor's career progression, especially because of programs like Perform-to-Serve and Enlisted Review.

"Our Sailors need to know, the chiefs' mess needs to know, the officers need to know all the changes that are happening with our Sailors," said Gonzalez. "One of these days the economy is going to pick up, and when the economy is going to pick up that's when we are going to find ourselves trying to keep Sailors, trying to retain Sailors."

Gonzalez said that even he, as a command senior chief for a frigate, needs a career development board.

Every year, the Navy evaluates each command and through a series of requirements and benchmarks, determines which commands have the highest personnel retention. The 2012 Retention Excellence Award continues to build on command sponsorship, command indoctrination, Perform to Servey, and career development boards, which are essential components of the career information program.