

THOUSANDS GATHER FOR 65TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE ATTACK ON PEARL HARBOR



A Pearl Harbor Survivor views the names of those who were lost on the USS Arizona during the Dec. 7, 1941 attack on Pearl Harbor during a visit to the USS Arizona Memorial on Dec. 7.

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The National Park Service and the U. S. Navy hosted a joint memorial ceremony onboard Naval Station Pearl Harbor on Thursday, commemorating the 65th anniversary of the attack on Pearl Harbor.

More than 1,500 Pearl Harbor Survivors and their families and friends from around the nation joined 2,000 distinguished guests and the general public for the annual observance of the 1941 attack on Pearl Harbor on the Kilo Pier venue, which

looks directly out to the USS Arizona Memorial situated in Pearl Harbor approximately half a mile away.

The theme of this year's historic commemoration, "A Nation Remembers," reflected on how the remembrance of Pearl Harbor has evolved throughout the years since World War II.

At 7:55 a.m., the exact moment the Japanese attack began 65 years ago, a moment of silence was observed. Sailors onboard USS Russell (DDG 59) rendered honors to the USS Arizona as the Hawai'i Air National Guard F-15s performed a missing man formation fly-over above

the memorial.

Highlights of the ceremony included the observance of morning colors, music by the U.S. Pacific Fleet Band, a Hawaiian blessing, a rifle salute by members of the U.S. Marine Corps, wreath presentations, echo Taps and recognition of the men and women who survived that Dec. 7, 1941 and those who gave the ultimate sacrifice for their country.

Guest speakers included the governor of Hawai'i Linda Lingle; Secretary of the Department of the Interior Dirk Kempthorne; Adm. Gary Roughead, Commander, U.S. Pacific Fleet; and Ronald Sugar,

chairman and chief executive officer, Northrop Grumman.

"We are reminded that time marches on and each year, fewer heroes assemble here. We realize and remember that the legacy of heroes and patriots never dies. Their sacrifices and greatness lives on in profound and irrefutable ways in hallowed memorials like Arizona, Utah and soon, Oklahoma," Roughead told the thousands gathered for the commemoration.

"It lives on in family and friends and is part of our nation's history. But most importantly, it lives on in the Sailors, Marines, Soldiers,

Airmen and Coast Guardmen who serve our country. They are the current generation...who go forth in the same way that those who first pledged their lives...and their sacred honor did so many years ago. They carry on with the commitment to values on which our nation rests," he noted.

Tom Brokaw, former NBC Nightly News anchor and managing editor, served as the keynote speaker for the commemoration. He spoke of the "greatest generation" and how during the war years, "Remember Pearl

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Brokaw meets nurse from 'Greatest Generation'



U.S. Navy photo by MCC Don Bray

Former NBC Nightly News anchorman Tom Brokaw grabs a photo opportunity with (Army) 2nd Lt. Lana Contar-Benning who is the last living nurse that was at Hickam Field on Dec. 7. Over 3,000 survivors and guests were at the annual observance of the Dec. 7, 1941 attack on Pearl Harbor as U.S. Navy/National Park Service conducted a joint ceremony commemorating the 65th anniversary of the attack on Pearl Harbor. The theme of this year's historic commemoration 'A Nation Remembers' reflected on how the remembrance of Pearl Harbor has evolved throughout the years since World War II.

National Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day, 2006

A Proclamation by the President of the United States of America

Sixty-five years ago, more than 2,400 Americans lost their lives in a surprise attack on Pearl Harbor. On National Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day, we think of those who died on Dec. 7, 1941, and honor all those who sacrificed for our liberty during World War II.

On that peaceful Sunday morning, our country suffered a vicious, unprovoked attack that changed the course of history.

Though our Pacific Fleet was nearly destroyed, our citizens were inspired by the great acts of heroism from those who survived and from those who did not. In the days that followed, our grief turned to resolution, and America embarked on a mission to defeat two of the most ruthless regimes the world has ever known.

We pledge to always remember the character and sacrifice of the brave individuals at Pearl Harbor. Their selfless service helped deliver a great victory for the cause of freedom and, ultimately, transformed adversaries into the closest of friends. After the devastating attacks on

Pearl Harbor, President Franklin D. Roosevelt declared, "We are going to win the war and we are going to win the peace that follows." In the 21st century, freedom is again under attack, and young Americans have stepped forward to serve in a global war on terror that will secure our liberty and determine the destiny of millions around the world. Like generations before, we will answer history's call with confidence, confront threats to our way of life, and build a more peaceful world for our children and grandchildren.

The Congress, by Public Law 103-308, as amended, has designated Dec. 7 of each year as "National Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day."

Now, therefore, I, George W. Bush, president of the United States of America, do hereby proclaim Dec. 7, 2006, as National Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day. I encourage all Americans to observe this solemn occasion with appropriate ceremonies and activities. I urge all federal agencies, interested organizations, groups, and individuals to fly the flag of the United States at half staff this Dec. 7 in honor of those who died as a result of their service at Pearl Harbor.



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65th anniversary: Pearl Harbor Survivors honored



U.S. Navy photo by MCC (SW/AW) David Rush

Mal Middlesworth, president, National Pearl Harbor Survivors' Association, salutes as the guided missile destroyer USS Russell (DDG 59) conducts a pass-in-review during a joint U.S. Navy/National Park Service ceremony commemorating the 65th anniversary of the attack on Pearl Harbor on board Naval Station Pearl Harbor at Kilo Piers.

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Harbor" became a battle cry for the nation, uniting the country to defend democracy and freedom.

Today, according to Brokaw, "Remember Pearl Harbor" has taken on a different definition and provides an opportunity for reflection, a study of lessons learned, and gratitude toward the Pearl Harbor veterans who served and those of their comrades who paid the ultimate sacrifice. "It is in those lives that succeeding generations find inspiration," he said.

Brokaw added that after the war, the survivors of Pearl Harbor continued to make contributions to America as they carried on with their lives, pursued careers, married and had families. "They never stopped believing that patriotism means love your country and always believe it can be improved," he said.

"It's especially important to remember as we gather here today that in distant parts of the world, in harm's way, young men and women are in uniform again. They have volunteered for this duty. They're paid modest wages, but there's a high price for their duty. They are where they are so we can be where we are," Brokaw told the audience.

"But as I stand here today and look across this great assemblage, I am led to believe that if the call came again, these would be the first to respond, the "greatest generation," said Brokaw, referring to the Pearl Harbor Survivors who were honorees at the commemoration.

One Sailor who was there on that fateful date 65 years ago was former Seaman 1st Class Clare Hetrick, a Lemon Grove, Calif. native. He was 18 years old and stationed aboard USS Arizona during the attack.

"I was a mess cook. I was just finishing up setting up the mess decks and then went to shave and go on liberty when all hell broke loose. I ran out to the foc'sle and the first thing I saw was a red meatball on a Japanese airplane. Right then and there, I knew what I had to do. I went down to my battle stations, which was the five-inch gun ammunition locker port side, below the third deck," related Hetrick.

He said that was when the ship took a direct hit. "There was about five of us in there and had about five rounds of ammunition in a hoist...I guess it was the hit that sunk the ship. It knocked us all of our feet. Someone smelled smoke and said get the hell out of there...it just so happened the ladder went straight up from the magazine to the quarter-deck. I ran over to the starboard side and jumped off and swam over to Ford Island," Hetrick continued.

Now 83 years old and accompanied by 10 family members, he said this is his fifth time back to Pearl Harbor for an anniversary event. "We made our first trip in 1968. We have been coming back every five years since then."

This anniversary was the last official reunion of Pearl Harbor Survivors and many attended the commemoration events with their families.

Honor cordon pays tribute to USS Arizona Survivors

MC2 (SW/AW) Johnny Michael

Navy Region Hawai'i Public Affairs

A parade of military war heroes and their families strode through a 100-man honor cordon, assembled to pay tribute to old friends and fallen shipmates who served on board USS Arizona during the Dec. 7, 1941 attack on Pearl Harbor, on Dec. 5 at the USS Arizona Memorial Visitor Center.

Sailors and Marines from commands in and around Naval Station Pearl Harbor stood solemnly at attention in two rows during the event, snapping salutes when the World War II veterans passed between them.

Operations Specialist Seaman Apprentice Robert Hamlin, a Sailor stationed on board USS Russell (DDG 59), was moved by the event and grateful to have the opportunity to pay tribute to the remarkable men of the USS Arizona and their families.

"It's a good feeling," said Hamlin. "To be able to take part in something that's bigger than yourself, that's great."

Lt. Cmdr. David Stroud, a chaplain at Pearl Harbor Memorial Chapel, coordinated the honor cordon and stat-



U.S. Navy photo by MC1 (AW/SW) James E. Foehl
 Pearl Harbor Survivor, Vincent Vlach, returns salute as he makes his way through an honor cordon for USS Arizona Survivors. One hundred Sailors and Marines from USS Paul Hamilton (DDG 60), USS Russell (DDG 59) and Combat Service Support Group Three made up the honor cordon, which rendered honors to the Survivors as they entered the USS Arizona Memorial Visitors Center.



U.S. Navy photo by MC1 (AW/SW) James E. Foehl
 USS Arizona Survivor, Lt. Cmdr. Joseph Langdell (retired Navy), returns salute as he makes his way through an honor cordon for USS Arizona Survivors.

ed that this evolution was a positive way to reaffirm our nation's commitment to the veterans.

"The message for the survivors is: we haven't forgotten about you," said Stroud. "We're standing the watch, the watch that you left."

Many family members of USS Arizona Sailors - past and present - also came to pay their respects and to listen to each other's accounts of the fathers, uncles and grandfathers who became heroes in December 1941.

"Every year more and more

of the survivors are gone," said William Ball, one such family member. "It's up to the sons and the daughters to remember and carry this on."

Ball, though not yet born when the Japanese Zeros rained their bombs down on Pearl Harbor, was doubly

affected by the attack since both his father, Masten Ball, and namesake uncle, William Ball, were on board the USS Arizona that day. They were one of 35 sets of brothers who were stationed on the battleship and while Masten Ball survived, his brother did not.

The eight USS Arizona sur-

vivors in attendance spoke mainly of their lost shipmates, of their bravery and their sacrifice. For survivor Lt. Cmdr. (retired Navy) Joseph Langdell, however, the significance of the event could be boiled down to three words:

"Remember the Arizona."

Commentary

Fireside Chat

Navy Region Federal Fire Department

Christmas tree or Christmas torch?

Victor Flint

Federal Fire Department

The holidays are a time of year for celebration and jubilation. Part of the celebration is decorating the house, office or work space with lights, garland and possibly a Christmas tree.

Statistics show most of the structure fires are from November through January. Many of these fires involve Christmas decorations or the tree itself. This fire is always much worse when a natural tree is involved.

When a natural Christmas tree catches on fire, the temperature can reach 2,000 degrees within seconds. It's unbelievable how easy and fast this happens, and always with catastrophic results.

The Federal Fire Department does not want a Christmas tree fire to ruin your holiday plans. Here are some safety tips to help you prevent your Christmas tree from turning into a Christmas torch:

- Check for freshness when picking a natural tree. Shedding needles and branches that break easily are a bad sign. Fresh needles and branches are green and flexible. They shouldn't break or fall off when handled.

- Cut the base of the tree off (one - two inches), and keep it in water to

prevent from drying out. Install the tree in a stable holder and keep the holder filled with water as well.

- Placement of your tree is also important. Do not block exits and/or paths of egress with your tree. Do not have any flame or heat-producing appliances or light fixtures near your tree. Be careful of curtains and open windows. You don't want your tree to be blown down.

- Be careful using electric lights. No more than three sets (depending on the size and length of the lights) should be on an extension cord. Check the box for the manufacturer's installation instructions to be sure. Always use UL listed lights and cords. And keep the wires and plug ends away from the water in the tree stand.

- Use only fire resistant ornaments and decorations.

- Do not leave the lights on all the time. Turn off the tree lights when you go to bed at night or when you leave the house, shop or office.

- Never use real, burning candles on or near your tree.

On behalf of everyone in the Federal Fire Department, have a happy and safe holiday season.

For more information about holiday fire safety, Christmas trees and other fire-related questions, call 474-7785.



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At 7:55 a.m. on Sunday morning, Dec. 7, 1941, a Japanese force of 183 airplanes attacked U.S. military and naval facilities on Oahu in the Hawaiian Islands without warning. For 30 minutes, dive bombers and torpedo planes struck airfields and naval vessels. After a 15-minute lull, a second wave of 170 planes launched another attack at 8:40 a.m. that lasted one hour. Casualties to U.S. service personnel were 2,343 killed, 960 missing and 1,272 wounded; 151 U.S. planes destroyed on the ground and all eight U.S. battleships at anchor in Pearl Harbor were either sunk or damaged. At a cost of only 28 airplanes shot down, the Japanese had dealt the U.S. a staggering blow. On Dec. 8, the U.S. declared war on Japan. Germany and Italy, bound by treaty with Japan, declared war on the U.S. on Dec. 11. The U.S. then declared war on these two Axis partners of Japan.

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Navy conducts first-ever escape exercise from nuclear sub



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A Sailor assigned to the Los Angeles-class attack submarine USS Key West (SSN 722), receives training with the MK10 Submarine Escape Immersion Equipment (SEIE). Several submarines have already installed the new system including Key West, one of 17 attack submarines homeported at Pearl Harbor. USS Los Angeles (SSN 688), homeported at Pearl Harbor, participated in ESCAPEX, held at the Navy's Southeast Alaska Acoustic Measurement Facility in Ketchikan, Alaska on Dec. 2. The SEIE allows survivors to escape a disabled submarine at depths of 600 feet, at a rate of eight or more men per hour. The SEIE is designed to enable a free ascent from a stricken submarine and to provide protection for the submariner on reaching the surface until rescued. The assembly is comprised of a submarine escape and immersion suit, an inner thermal liner and a gas inflated single seat life raft.

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For the first time in Navy history, Sailors have practiced escaping from a submerged U.S. nuclear-powered submarine.

A total of seven personnel practiced locking out from the attack submarine USS Los Angeles (SSN 688) and ascending to the surface, wearing special suits designed to enable a free ascent from a stricken submarine. The exercise, dubbed ESCAPEX, was held at the Navy's Southeast Alaska Acoustic Measurement Facility (SEAFAC) in Ketchikan, Alaska on Dec. 2.

While several foreign navies practice the maneuver routinely, the U.S. Navy had not conducted it in more than three decades, and never from a nuclear-powered submarine.

The Navy's renewed interest in submarine escape was brought on in part by the fact that U.S. submarines now operate more frequently in shallow coastal waters, said Capt. Butch Howard, Submarine Development Squadron Five commander, who oversaw the exercise.

"Today, submarines spend a greater amount of time in the littorals or shallow water, which supports the overall concept of escaping from a possible distressed submarine," said Howard. "It's imperative that our sub crews be familiar and comfortable with this operating procedure no matter how remote the potential for its use."

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The assembly is comprised of a submarine escape and immersion suit, an inner thermal liner and a gas inflated single seat life raft, all contained in an outer protective stowage compartment.

For the exercise, USS Los Angeles embarked six U.S. Navy divers, as well as a British diver from the Royal Navy. The submarine submerged to 130 feet, where each of the seven divers donned the SEIE suits, entered the escape trunk, and ascended.

Chief Navy Diver (DSW/SW) Sean Daoust, a submarine escape instructor at the Naval Submarine School in Groton, Conn., was the first to ascend. Daoust said he was honored to be the first to escape from a U.S. nuclear-powered submarine and couldn't wait to return to his students with his first-hand knowledge.

"I teach this procedure on a daily basis," said Daoust. "I have a lot of confidence in the system. Now I can show them the data and the statistics so it will benefit them because if you see one of your shipmates being blast out of a submarine, it's the best way to ensure them the system works."

After Daoust, there were three tandem escapes. Los Angeles crewmember Fire Control Technician 2nd class (SS) Gary Halsey was one of the divers given the chance to participate in a tandem escape. While thrilled at the experience, Halsey also said it was reassuring to know that the escape system works.

"Not many people get to do things like this in their whole Navy career," said Halsey. "The SEIE worked great which instilled confidence, not to mention being very comforting to all of us working on sub-

marines."

Cmdr. Erik Burian, commanding officer of USS Los Angeles, attributed the exercise's success to his crew's "tremendous skill and utter professionalism." He said he was grateful that the namesake of the Los Angeles-class was the boat selected to do the exercise.

"I think it's absolutely fitting the 'first and finest' pulled this off," said Burian. "It's just perfect."

Submariners can have an added degree of confidence in knowing that the SEIE suits on U.S. submarines can save them in the unlikely event of a stranding, said Howard.

"As a result of ESCAPEX, we've confirmed the procedures and our SEIE suits work," he said. "The ship and the folks at SEAFAC did a great job."

In addition to the team from Commander Submarine Development Squadron-5, USS Los Angeles and SEAFAC, the ESCAPEX team was made up of members of numerous commands, including Commander, Submarine Force Pacific Fleet, Naval Sea Systems Command and Explosive Ordnance Disposal Mobile Unit Eleven.

Chosin Sailors adopt Lanakila Elementary School during annual fun run

CTR3 Timothy R. Patrick

USS Chosin (CG-65)

Ten Sailors from USS Chosin (CG 65), homeported at Naval Station Pearl Harbor, headed by the ship's chaplain and community relations (COMREL) coordinator, Lt. John Q. Cometa, participated in the "fun run," an annual event that took place at Lanakila Elementary School, on Nov. 22. This occasion culminated with the signing and exchange

of certificates formalizing the "adopt-a-school" partnership between Chosin and Lanakila.

The fun run, a non-competitive event to promote physical activity, included students from pre-school through fifth grade. Chosin Sailors and other volunteers helped set up, led warm-up exercises, ran with the children and cheered them on.

Previously participating in Lanakila Celebrity Reading Day on Nov. 14, Chosin COMREL volunteers were already familiar

faces to many of the students. "When I received a folder full of letters from the second grade class thanking me for reading to them and what they learned, it made me realize how little things can really make a difference in a kid's life," remarked Operations Specialist 2nd Class William B. Emerick who also participated in the fun run.

During the event, Lt. Cmdr. Lee A. Donaldson, Chosin's executive officer, presented a check to Lanakila worth \$5,698.

Chosin has planned future visits and other events to continue a relationship with the students in the hopes of enriching and furthering their education.

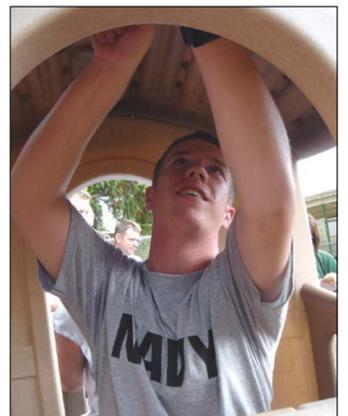
After the fun run, Chosin volunteers assembled playground equipment for the pre-school students of Lanakila, a project that consisted of building a slide and tunnel structure. Upon completion of the playground, volunteers joined several students and faculty for lunch in the school's cafeteria.

The relationships fos-

tered by the Sailors and students had a positive impact upon the children's outlook on learning, reading and fitness. Now, with a strong partnership between the Lanakila and USS Chosin, even more children will be influenced by the enthusiastic Sailors of the U.S. Navy

FC3 Charles Kemp constructs a playhouse for Lanakila Preschool. The project was part of USS Chosin's adopt-a-school partnership with Lanakila Elementary School.

U.S. Navy photo by RPI Ron Harris



A NATION Remembers DECEMBER 7, 1941



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The remains of the once-mighty USS Arizona are visible above the waters of Pearl Harbor as a Pearl Harbor Survivor visits the USS Arizona Memorial on Dec. 7 to drop a flower in the well and pay tribute to fallen shipmates.



(Far left) Naples, Fla. native Airman Victoria Sheppard of the USS Arizona Detachment speaks with John Murphy, a Pearl Harbor Survivor who was stationed onboard USS Vestal, following a joint U.S. Navy/National Park Service ceremony commemorating the 65th anniversary of the attack on Pearl Harbor on board Naval Station Pearl Harbor at Kilo Piers.

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(Left) Hawaii's Governor Linda Lingle addresses the audience during a joint U.S. Navy/National Park Service ceremony commemorating the 65th anniversary of the attack on Pearl Harbor.

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(Right) The American flag can be seen through the apertures in the USS Arizona Memorial as a Pearl Harbor Survivor pays his respects Dec. 7 to the Sailors who were killed during the 1941 attack on Pearl Harbor.

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(Far right) Former NBC Nightly News anchorman Tom Brokaw, who was the keynote speaker at the Dec. 7 ceremony on Pearl Harbor, talks with Pearl Harbor Survivor Timothy Fitzgerald. Over 3,000 survivors and guests were at the annual observance of the Dec. 7, 1941 attack on Pearl Harbor.

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Pearl Harbor Survivors tour sites damaged in the 1941 attack

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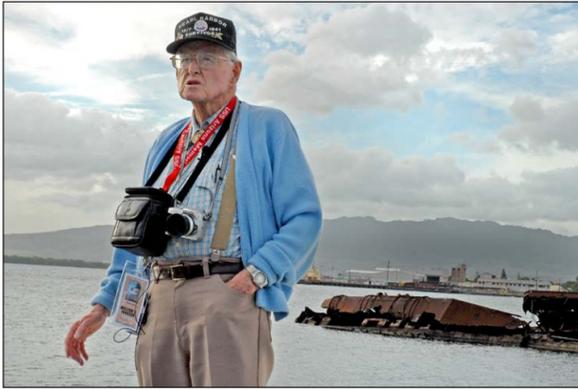
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Pearl Harbor Survivors visited major attack sites at Naval Station Pearl Harbor, Marine Corps Base Hawai'i - Kaneohe, Hickam Air Force Base and Ford Island in conjunction with the Pearl Harbor 65th Anniversary Symposium on Dec. 3.

Historians from the U.S. National Park Service led the narrated bus tours to various memorial sites around Oahu. The tour represented one part of a week-long series of events, leading up to the commemoration of the 65th anniversary of the Dec. 7, 1941 attack on Pearl Harbor.

"The 65th anniversary may very well be the last opportunity many of the survivors have to come back and see the sites of that day first hand," said Bob Chenoweth, tour guide with the U.S. National Park Service. "I really want this year's commemoration to be as meaningful for them as possible and I'm sure it will be."

The theme for this year's commemoration, "A Nation Remembers," reflects on how the remembrance of Pearl Harbor has evolved through-



William Bob Johnson, Pearl Harbor Survivor, explains his location and the role he played on Ford Island during the 1941 attack on Pearl Harbor, with the USS Utah Memorial in the background. USS Utah was hit by three aerial torpedoes and sank during the attack.

out the years since World War II. During the war years, "Remember Pearl Harbor" became the battle cry for the nation, uniting the country to defend democracy and freedom.

Visiting the USS Utah Memorial on Ford Island, William Bob Johnson recalled his experiences there. "I was on Ford Island that morning and I remember hearing the air raid sirens go off, and we all started complaining about holding a drill on Sunday morning. I started going up out of the ship, not very quickly, being all grumpy

about the drill. Then I felt a tremendous explosion. I probably heard it, too, but I remember feeling it more than anything and I got out of there," he described.

Today, the phrase "Remember Pearl Harbor" has taken on a different meaning and provides an opportunity for reflection - a study of lessons learned and gratitude for the Pearl Harbor veterans who served and their comrades who paid the ultimate sacrifice.

For some Pearl Harbor Survivors, touring the sites brought back memories other



Capt. Jack Evans (retired), Pearl Harbor Survivor, shows Akinori Suzuki, of the Japanese news agency Asahi Broadcasting, where he stood during the initial bombings of the attack on Pearl Harbor.

than those of the violence that occurred there.

"At the time of the attack, we didn't have technology like cell phones and Internet today, and it took me three

days to get word to my mother that I was alright," said Pearl Harbor Survivor Jack Evans. "I was 17 back then and she was so worried that my father had to pry her off

the ceiling just to tell her the news."

This year's Dec. 7 commemoration took place at Naval Station Pearl Harbor's Kilo Pier.

Construction activities around Pearl Harbor

Naval Facilities Engineering Command Hawaii

memorial in mid-December and be completed by April 2007.

Restoration/repair of USS Parche Memorial - submarine base area

The USS Parche Memorial, located near the submarine headquarters of Pearl Harbor, is receiving much needed attention in the form of two projects valued at more than \$300K. The projects include the restoration of the remnants of the highly-decorated World War II submarine. Repairs will be made to the memorial's concrete pedestal and approach sidewalk as well as the parking lot adjacent to the memorial. In addition, the exposed steel portions of the USS Parche's conning tower and deck gun will be repainted and the hardwood gun deck will be restored. Repairs to the parking lot were completed in early November. Work is expected to begin on the

Scheduled road closures:

- Pearl Harbor Naval Shipyard - Parking lot C will be closed for repaving through Feb. 2.
- Club Pearl area - Some parking stalls will be unavailable at Club Pearl, due to soil boring work for a military construction project, from Dec. 6-28.
- Submarine headquarters area - Fourteen parking stalls will be closed in the parking lot at the corner of Nimitz and Pierce Street, due to repairs to USS Parche Memorial, today through Jan. 26.
- Fleet Industrial Supply Center Pearl - There will be a partial closure of Vincennes Avenue (down to two lanes) and parallel parking adjacent to buildings 474 and 475 will be unavailable, due to the replacement of a water line, from Dec. 11-April 9.

MM2 Jacob Morrow: An everyday hero

Ensign Rachael Pitchford

USS Port Royal (CG 73)

Some fictional heroes can fly through the air or move objects with their mind, while others scale the world's tallest buildings and fight corrupt governments - all while winning the hearts and minds of the common public. These are the heroes of comic books and television: the heroes of fiction and fantasy. The heroes of reality come in the form of people like Jacob Morrow.

The morning of Oct. 30 began like any other morning for Machinist's Mate Jacob Morrow. His job aboard USS

Greeneville (SSN 772), like most Navy jobs, required that Morrow be awake and at work earlier than most of his civilian counterparts. He didn't expect to be a hero when he woke up that day, but when he finally arrived at work a few hours later, that's what he was.

While on his way to Naval Station Pearl Harbor, Morrow witnessed a serious automobile accident. When he realized that two badly hurt individuals were inside the mangled vehicle, Morrow reacted. Without hesitation, he recalled his emergency medical technician (EMT) training and responded with quickness

and intelligence.

He evaluated the situation and determined that both individuals suffered from severe fractures to their femurs. The Greeneville Sailor began first aid and directed another first responder to assist him with in-line traction. His efforts worked. Because of Morrow's quick response, he prevented the two individuals, who were both Sailors aboard USS Port Royal (CG 73), from suffering any further complications from their injuries. When emergency medical technicians arrived on the scene of the

accident, Morrow briefed them on the extent of the Sailors' injuries. His accurate assessment of their condition aided EMTs in further treatment of the injured Sailors.

Morrow's heroic actions did not go unnoticed. For his quick and effective reaction to the accident, he received a Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal from the commanding officer of USS Port Royal. Morrow was awarded the medal just hours before his next adventure: deploying with USS Greeneville (SSN 772).

Pre-dawn view of USS Arizona Memorial as 'a Nation Remembers



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The city lights of Aiea, Hawai'i backdrop the USS Arizona Memorial the morning prior to the joint U.S. Navy/National Park Service ceremony commemorating the 65th anniversary of the attack on Pearl Harbor on board Naval Station Pearl Harbor. More than 1,500 Pearl Harbor Survivors, their families and friends from around the nation joined more than 2,000 distin-

guished guests and the general public for the annual observance of the Dec. 7, 1941 attack on Pearl Harbor. The theme of this year's historic commemoration "A Nation Remembers" reflected on how the remembrance of Pearl Harbor has evolved throughout the years since World War II.

Navy Personal Excellence Partnership Program – a snapshot

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Nearly every week, and often several days a week, Navy personnel can be found volunteering on public elementary, middle and high school campuses. Many of the 49 Navy partnerships in Hawai'i have been active for years; other more recently established partnerships are off to a running start. Schools are grateful for the Sailors' interest and involvement, but many in the Navy community are unaware of the extraordinary efforts of these volunteers. Following is a "snapshot" of the great things Sailors have done lately for Hawai'i's public schools.

USS Chosin (CG 65) recently adopted Lanakila Elementary School. On Nov. 22, Lt. Cmdr. Lee Donaldson, executive officer, represented Capt. Steven Lott, commanding officer, at a ceremony establishing a Personal Excellence Partnership with Lanakila.

Eight Chosin volunteers wasted no time in lending a hand. Following the ceremony, they participated in a



VP-9 volunteers work on whiteboard installation at Kapunahala Elementary School.

school-wide fun run and assembled play equipment for the preschool playground. A few weeks prior, Chosin Sailors were celebrities for a day as they participated in Lanakila's "celebrity reading program," sharing their favorite books and their Navy careers with Lanakila's students.

Princess Victoria Kaiulani Elementary School gained a valued partner when the Navy element at U.S. Pacific Command (PACOM) recent-

ly established a partnership. Navy volunteers pitched in for "make a difference day" activities at "Princess K," painting school sidewalks with hopscotch courts, foursquare games, decorative paths and footprints. Volunteers joined with the school's community partners to dig holes and pour cement for new tetherball courts. The PACOM Navy Sailors entered into the partnership to assist the local community, while improving cam-

aderie within their own Navy community at the joint command.

Since adopting Kalihi Uka Elementary School last spring, USS Olympia (SSN 717) Sailors have not only assisted the Farrington-Kaiser complex school, but have also assisted other students in the complex. Middle school students participating in a complex gifted and talented science program, SPARK, had requested a visit to a submarine to enhance their understanding of submersion and flotation.

Since Olympia is in the shipyard, Master Chief Machinist's Mate (SS) Henry Schwind, chief of the boat, arranged with USS Columbia (SSN 771) chief of the boat, FTSM (SS) Kurt Smith for the SPARK students to tour Columbia. On two Saturdays, 42 students and teachers were given the grand tour of USS Columbia, guided by both Olympia and Columbia Sailors. Science resource teacher, Susan Kusunoki, remarked, "Not only was I impressed with... the submarine itself, but also the Navy men.

They were all so willing to share their expertise and experiences that our students and myself included,

learned so much more." Many partnerships have spent the fall months sprucing up their partner schools' campuses. Volunteers from Naval Computer and Telecommunications Area Master Station Pacific (NCTAMS PAC) repainted parking lot lines at their partner school, Helemano Elementary. Volunteers painted teachers' workrooms at Aliamanu Elementary School, spaces that would have remained unpainted despite the school's ongoing renovation project. Although Kaneohe's VP-9 was deployed, a contingent of Sailors remaining behind pitched in at their partner school, Kapunahala Elementary, to finish installation of white boards in the classrooms, a project started by command volunteers prior to their deployment.

In addition to time and manpower, Navy partnerships also donate supplies to their schools, through the use of Joint Venture Education Forum (JVEF) funds. Funds are allotted to Hawai'i military units partnering with public schools and are intended to assist with volunteer efforts in the schools.

Commander Naval Surface Group Middle

Pacific Sailors are establishing a remedial reading tutoring program at Moanalua Elementary School to help those students who "just need someone to listen to them read and to listen to them," in the words of Lynette Kam, school librarian. They recently donated more than \$5,000 worth of books to the school. According to Kam, "These books align with the computerized accelerated reader tests students are required to take. The number of different titles given to the school provides great variety for the students and will help meet the students' and school's needs."

Sailors work in the public schools year-round to help the schools improve the classroom environment and campus grounds, assist with the purchase of books and supplies which might otherwise be unavailable, and work with the students and staff to enhance children's educational experiences. School personnel are grateful for their service. Kusunoki discussed her experience with the Navy volunteers, "I am so glad to be an American and feel so confident and proud of our military men and women," she said.

USS La Jolla returns from Western Pacific deployment

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The nuclear-powered attack submarine USS La Jolla (SSN 701) returned home to Pearl Harbor on Dec. 3 following a six-month deployment to the Western Pacific.

The Los Angeles-class submarine departed Pearl Harbor on May 16.

During its time in the Western Pacific, USS La Jolla conducted operations in support of Seventh Fleet, participated in a bilateral exercise, and conducted sustainment training with Seal Delivery Vehicle Team One that helped develop new ways of employing submarines with embarked Navy SEALs.

Cmdr. Nelson Hildreth, USS La Jolla's commanding officer, called

the deployment "professionally rewarding" and attributed that to his crew.

"As with any submarine crew, we deployed ready to take on any mission at any time and we were able to exercise or demonstrate many of these capabilities effectively," said Hildreth. "The crew's performance during the deployment has been outstanding."

During the deployment, the crew

had the opportunity to visit ports in Korea, Japan, Guam and Hong Kong.

La Jolla's homecoming allows crew members to enjoy the holiday season with family and friends.

"My crew has a lot to be proud of for their efforts and we're happy to return home to families and friends following a successful deployment," said Hildreth.

USS La Jolla is one of three spe-

cially configured, Los Angeles-class submarines equipped with the special operations capable dry deck shelter, which allows special operation forces such as Navy SEALs to clandestinely operate from submarines.

Commissioned in 1981, USS La Jolla is 360 feet long and displaces 6,900 tons. The submarine can be armed with both Mark-48 ADCAP anti-submarine torpedoes and Tomahawk-guided cruise missiles.

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(Left) Secretary of Defense Donald H. Rumsfeld, center, readying the coin-toss as four U.S. Navy F/A-18 Super Hornets conduct a formation fly-over Lincoln Financial Field, during opening ceremonies for the 107th Army vs. Navy football game on Dec. 2. Navy won the game 26-14 at Lincoln Financial Field in Philadelphia, Pa., ending the season at 9-3.

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(Right) Secretary of the Navy, Dr. Donald C. Winter, congratulates Naval Academy Midshipmen quarterback Kaipo-Noa Kaheaku-Enhada (10), from Kapolei, Hawai'i, after leading his team to a 26-14 win over the Black Knights of Army, and the playing of the 107th Army vs. Navy football game, hosted at Lincoln Financial Field in Philadelphia, Pa. on Dec. 2. Navy completed its winning season at 9-3 and has accepted an invitation to play in the Meineke Car Care Bowl, in Charlotte, N.C., scheduled for Dec. 30.

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