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NCTAMS continues Operation Aloha tradition

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The 17th Annual Operation Aloha Thanksgiving Day celebration was held at the Waialua Community Center located in the town of Hale'iwa on Thanksgiving Day, Nov. 23.

Naval Computer and Telecommunications Area Master Station Pacific (NCTAMS PAC) Sailors, civilians and family members continued the tradition of giving back to the community in a big way again this year.

Residents of the North Shore community who enjoyed the traditional holiday feast numbered in the hundreds. Warrant Officer Jerald Larkey and Capt. Jim Donovan, commanding officer of NCTAMS PAC, offered welcoming and opening remarks.

Rear Adm. T. G. Alexander, Commander, Navy Region Hawai'i and Commander, Naval Surface Group Middle Pacific, and the Honorable Michael Magaoay, 46th District State Representative, were among the guests who kicked off the event.

"There is no doubt that this is one of the most successful events we've ever had," commented JoAnne Meyers. Meyers is the NCTAMS PAC regional safety and environmental manager and has been a key player in Operation Aloha for the last several years. "I know that the North Shore community appreciates NCTAMS PAC's hard work and support and in return everybody



Rear Adm. T.G. Alexander, Commander, Navy Region Hawai'i and Commander, Naval Surface Group Middle Pacific, served meals to North Shore residents who enjoyed the Operation Aloha Thanksgiving dinner, held Nov. 23 at the Waialua Community Center in Hale'iwa.

feels good about contributing to the community."

Operation Aloha is a highly anticipated Thanksgiving Day tradition in which volunteers provide and serve a holiday meal, including entertainment, for the North Shore community. Sailors and civilian employees with their family members dedicated long hours to raising funds and collecting non-perishable food items and clothing in preparation for the event.

With the help of the children from

Waialua St. Michael's School and Wahiawa Girl Scouts, the Waialua Community Center was transformed from a simple gymnasium to a festive hall the night before. Holiday themed hand-made decorations, drawings, turkey centerpieces made with pineapple, and numerous crafts made by the children adorned the community center walls and tables. The atmosphere was filled with the spirit of giving and sharing. "We had lots of fun, especially knowing that the next

day is the 'big day' and we couldn't wait to see all the people come in to share Thanksgiving Day with us," said Chief Wayne Katz, Operation Aloha executive assistant director.

Every year, the Waialua Community Center hosts the Thanksgiving dinner. Residents of the North Shore community read about the event in the North Shore News, publicized by Ron Valenciana. The meal consisted of turkey with dressing, ham, mashed potatoes and gravy, rice, dinner

rolls, macaroni and cheese, greens, yams, and cranberry sauce. Local restaurants and bakeries donated the desserts.

Charitable contributions made by many local companies provided funding for the plates, utensils, cups, napkins and other items.

As the community enjoyed the meal, entertainment was provided by "Hula by Aunty Kanani's Girls," Inside-Out band, dance by Stephanie Van Lear, the voice of Chenise Blalock and soothing guitar playing groove by Warrant Officer Michael Norris. Outside the community center, volunteers set up tents and displayed donated clothing, shoes, toys and other items for those who needed them.

"I enjoy this time of the year and I thank you all for providing us with this delicious meal. I take advantage of this generosity because I am unable to prepare a meal like this for myself due to my condition. Thank you so much for this wonderful day," said Robert North, a resident of the North Shore.

"I've been attending Operation Aloha since the year 2000. I really appreciate that the military comes out here and do this for us. I can't wait for next year," said Mike Holland, who enjoyed the Operation Aloha hospitality.

By the end of the event, more than 400 people had enjoyed what the NCTAMS PAC team had worked so hard for throughout the year. "I would definitely do it again. The satisfaction I received from seeing people smile during this important time of the year is priceless!" said Warrant Officer Jerald Larkey, Operation Aloha executive director.

65th anniversary commemoration: 'A Nation Remembers'

Navy Region Hawai'i Public Affairs

The National Park Service and U. S. Navy will host a joint memorial ceremony commemorating the 65th anniversary of the attack on Pearl Harbor on Dec. 7 on board Naval Station Pearl Harbor's Kilo Pier from 7:40-9:30 a.m. The theme of the program is "A Nation Remembers." The Kilo Pier venue looks directly out to the USS Arizona Memorial, situated in Pearl Harbor approximately half a mile away.

More than 1,500 Pearl Harbor survivors and their families and friends from around the nation will join 2,000 distinguished guests and the general public for the annual observance of the 1941 attack on Pearl Harbor.

The theme of this year's historic commemoration, "A Nation Remembers," will reflect on how the remembrance of Pearl Harbor has evolved throughout the years since World War II. During the war years, "Remember Pearl Harbor" became a battle cry for the nation, uniting the country to defend democracy and freedom. Today, "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



Photo illustration

veterans who served and those of their comrades who paid the ultimate sacrifice.

Tom Brokaw, former NBC Nightly News anchor and managing editor, will serve as the keynote speaker for the commemoration. Other guest speakers include 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.

Highlights of the ceremony will include music by the U.S. Pacific Fleet Band, morning colors, 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 made the ultimate sacrifice for their country.

At 7:55 a.m., the exact moment the Japanese attack began 65 years ago, a moment of silence will be observed. A U.S. Navy ship will render honors to the USS Arizona. Hawai'i Air National Guard F-15s will fly over the memorial in a "missing man" formation.

The commemoration is free of charge and a limited number of seats are open to the general public. Due to strict security measures on Naval Station Pearl Harbor, only invited guests will be allowed access on base in their vehicles. General public wishing to attend the commemoration will be required to board U.S. Navy

boats departing from the USS Arizona Memorial Visitor Center which will transport them to Kilo Pier and the commemoration site. Seats for the general public on the U.S. Navy boats and at the commemoration are limited, and available on a first come, first served basis. The first U.S. Navy boat for the general public will depart at 5:45 a.m. and last boat departs at 6:45 a.m.

Due to strict security measures, personal cameras may be used at the ceremony, but no camera bags, purses, handbags and/or other items that offer concealment are allowed.

Military dress is summer whites or service dress equivalent with ribbons, no medals.

The civilian dress code for the commemoration is aloha crisp attire (long slacks, colored shirts).

Due to the formality and length of the commemoration, it is recommended that children be at least eight years old to attend.

For more information on the Pearl Harbor Day 65th Anniversary Commemoration, call the National Park Service at (808) 422-2771 or visit their Web site at <http://www.nps.gov/usar>; or contact the Navy Region Hawai'i Public Affairs Office at 808-473-2888 or visit our Web site at <http://www.hawaii.navy.mil>.

Navy Region celebrates Native American Heritage Month

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Navy Region Hawai'i celebrated Native American and Alaskan Heritage Month at Lockwood Hall lanai on Tuesday as they formed a 'warriors' circle' comprised of former mili-

tary members who gathered to honor different cultures.

"We came here today to show a little bit of our Native American heritage, such as the flute, the dance and make people a little more aware [of Native American culture] and to appreciate [it]," said Dr. David Bevet, whose

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U.S. Navy photo by MC2 Justin P. Neshitt

Robert "Red Rain" Lowe holds hands in a friendship dance with members of the audience. The Warrior Circle performed at the Lockwood Hall lanai as part of the Native American Indian and Alaskan Heritage Month celebration. The group is comprised of both veterans and non-veterans, with a mission of spreading knowledge about their heritage.



All shook up?

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DFAS commemorates dedicated service

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Executive Transport Det moves to Hickam

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Go Navy!

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All shook up?

Karen S. Spangler
Editor

When rumors of the imminent occurrence of a major earthquake and tsunami traveled through the islands on the Sunday after Thanksgiving, island residents rushed to stores to stock up on bottled water, non-perishable foods, batteries and other necessities. They lined up at gas stations to fill their tanks while the pumps were still operating – just in case the electrical power was interrupted.

Calls from worried islanders flooded the lines at Oahu Civil Defense and local police stations.

But...it was nothing more than a malicious hoax. Residents were reassured that there had been no official announcements of an impending quake or tsunami. While those who live here weren't shaken by a quake, they were somewhat "rattled" to learn that a hoax had set off such a chain of events.

However, the incident did serve a useful purpose – to provide residents with some valuable information and to remind them of the importance of being prepared for any natural disaster, whether an earthquake, tsunami or hurricane.

One important thing to remember is that earthquakes cannot be predicted. "The bottom line is that the scientific technology does not currently exist to accurately forecast an earth-

quake and a subsequent tsunami," explained Bill Balfour, acting administrator for the Oahu Civil Defense Agency.

"The Oahu Civil Defense Agency appreciates our residents' concern and heightened awareness following the October earthquake on the Big Island," said John M. Cummings III, spokesman for Oahu Civil Defense. "However, rumors such as this should be approached cautiously when not disseminated directly from an official government source," he stressed.

Officials at Oahu Civil Defense recommend that residents consider this event a learning lesson and take the opportunity to become more informed about the science and technology surrounding earthquakes and tsunamis. For more information about earthquakes, visit the United States Geologic Survey Earthquake Hazards Program Web site at www.earthquake.usgs.gov

Once again, the concerns about a possible major earthquake served as a reminder that being prepared for disasters of any form – hurricanes, heavy rains and flooding, tsunamis and yes, even earthquakes – is vital. And who knows when islanders might be faced with the "shakes" from another quake.

So be prepared. Make sure that you have gas in your car and that it's in operating condition. Keep

some cash on hand. If the power is out, automated teller machines and gas station pumps won't work.

Put your survival kit together. Be sure to have flashlights and a portable radio and be certain they are in working condition. Also purchase extra batteries.

Restock your emergency supplies of candles, matches, fuel for camping stoves and lanterns, first aid supplies, pet foods and supplies.

Make sure that you have at least a five-day supply of non-perishable foods on hand.

Refill prescription drugs and purchase other necessary medication. Obtain at least 10 days to two weeks supply of prescription and necessary medicines.

Not only should you have a first aid kit, but be sure to check and replenish first aid supplies at least once a year. Hopefully, you and members of your family have already learned first aid and emergency medical care.

Be sure that you have commercially bottled water on hand or stored tap water on hand. Sterilize containers, such as your bathtub and washing machine, to store drinking water. The bathtub and large containers can also be used to store water for flushing toilets, washing, etc.

More information about



preparing for natural disasters can be found on the Navy Region Hawai'i Web site at www.hawaii.navy.mil and on Navy Channel 2, in the white pages of your telephone book, and in Hawaiian Electric Company's information-filled "Handbook for Emergency Preparedness" which is available at the Navy Aloha Center and Fleet and Family Service Center.

Previous articles about hurricane (disaster) preparation that have appeared in Hawai'i Navy News can be found in the archives on the Navy Region Hawai'i Web site.

You can also call Oahu Civil Defense at 523-4121, Hawaii State Civil Defense at 733-4300, and the American Red Cross at 734-2101.

Be aware, be alert and be ready – and don't assume that Hawai'i will be spared the ravages of a hurricane, a tsunami, an earthquake or other natural disaster. Don't shortchange your family or yourself by failing to be prepared.

Warriors: Celebrating American Heritage

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Cherokee-Shawnee name is 'Running with the Wind.' He served as the spokesperson for representatives from the Native American nation who were at the event.

The representatives wore traditional Native American regalia which also included items that symbolized their time in the military.

Some wore ribbons or a patch from the unit they served with. Some men wore bustles fashioned of turkey or golden eagle feathers representing their family colors, breastplates made of bone for protection, and blinders over their eyes that are used as a 'veil from seeing evil.' The women wore traditional doeskin and carried fans made of turkey feathers.

They shared several dances with the audience, including the round dance and a men's traditional dance also known as the 'warrior dance.' The women performed a tribal dance know as the 'rabbit dance,' with an invitation for everyone to join in for 'crow-hopping.'

With a little help from Capt. Taylor Skardon, commanding officer of Naval Station Pearl Harbor, the audience joined the 'warrior circle' in the dances.

Lt. Maria Navarro, one of the event's organizers, talked about the importance of learning about different cultures. "We are so diverse now. Everyone comes from a different background and it's good to have that awareness because it's in front of us every day," she said.

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Hawai'i Navy News Editorial

Have a safe, happy holiday season

Holiday message from
Vice Adm. Robert
Conway

Commander Navy
Installations Command

The holiday season is officially here again. It has been a busy year for Commander Navy Installations Command (CNIC) and I want you to take the time available to rest and spend quality time with family and friends. This is a major leave period, so more of our people will be on the road heading in all directions - at all times of the day and night - and for a variety of distances. The statistics speak for themselves regarding how this festive time of the year is historically marred by preventable deaths and injuries. Here are some data points:

- The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) projects about 51 million travelers on the roads during the holiday season.

- Regardless if people are traveling for the holidays or staying close to home, impaired driving is the greatest threat on the roads.

- Personnel under 26 are still at greatest risk from motor vehicle fatalities and the leading causes are still drinking and driving, lack of seat belt use, and



fatigue.

- The Naval Safety Center reports that statistically, 34 Sailors and Marines will die on the highway during this one-month period and the vast majority of these mishaps

are preventable.

- Historically, there is a high rate of fatalities and injuries during this time of year due to inclement weather, winter sports, long-distance driving, house fires, and alcohol

misuse.

- Electrical safety is another area of concern this time of year.

The "24/7 Holiday Force Preservation" safety campaign was launched by the Naval Safety Center as an CNIC-wide effort to remind all military and civilian travelers to be alert, aware and able to manage risk when faced with common, yet unexpected, hazards all day, every day. This safety campaign focuses on the period from Thanksgiving through New Years. The Naval Safety Center Web site is an excellent resource which all should review prior to the holidays. www.safetycenter.navy.mil/seasonal/24-7holiday.

With regard to alcohol and traffic safety, I particularly want supervisors to personally query their subordinates about their plans and remind them to apply [operational risk management] ORM for all their activities.

I ask each of you this holiday season to please remind your folks that, if ill-advised and unprepared, this can be a dangerous time, both inside and outside the home, and I want all of our people to return safely from their holiday leave.

Finally, I wish you and your family a safe and happy holiday season and a prosperous New Year.

Chapel Pennant

Angels (et.al.) unaware

Chaplain Gene Theriot

Pearl Harbor Chapel

There is a passage found in the New Testament book of Hebrews that says, "Keep on loving one another, for in so doing, some have entertained angels without knowing it." The writer was referring to an account found in Genesis 18. Abraham was a nomad, moving with his family to a land God would show them. They were living in tents in the wilderness. Out of nowhere, three men appeared before Abraham's tent. They had apparently been traveling some time and looked tired and dirty. Abraham showed these visitors great hospitality. He probably could have satisfied the social requirement by giving them some bread and wine. However, he killed a calf, baked breads and made a feast, like would be done for a dignitary. When they finished the meal Abraham prepared, they gave him the good news that he and his wife Sarah, though both very old, would have the child they had longed for. It turned out that one of the visitors was an angel. The message he delivered was a message from God Himself.

What catches my attention in this passage is not that angels visited Abraham and Sarah, but that they showed them generous hospitality, not knowing who they were. That's why the writer in Hebrews spoke about "entertaining angels unaware."

The Bible has a lot more to say about angels than some people might think, and never are they the white robe, halo and wings type. Usually they appear as ordinary people.

I heard about a cadet at the Air Force Academy, who one day while standing squadron duty, was browsing through a book about Medal of Honor (MOH) recipients. He saw one name that he recognized. There was a MOH recipient who had the same name as the janitor who served their hall. That was a coincidence that caused him to read further. It appeared they were about the same age, too.

When he saw that he was a resident of Colorado Springs, that really captured his attention. He showed his discovery to his fellow cadets, they found the janitor and confirmed with him, that he was, in fact, a recipient of the nation's highest military award. Suddenly, whereas he was once overlooked, if not ignored, they now stood at attention in his presence, called him "sir" and invited him, as an honored guest, to squadron social functions. These cadets who might have hoped to one day be heroic, had every day in their presence, one who was truly heroic. They entertained a hero unaware.

I wonder just how often it is that we, without being aware of it, find ourselves among someone important or someone who may one day become someone important. All of our naval leaders started out as seamen or ensigns. The researchers who find cures for diseases were once the bookworms who weren't members of the "in crowd." The homeless guy I serve at the River of Life has a masters degree and tutors kids in math. You just never know. Some of the people who seem insignificant, really aren't.

But, if we entertain angels or heroes or VIPs unaware, who else do we encounter without being aware of it? We may meet people who look like they have it all together, but whose home life is a shambles. We may know people who have experienced so many setbacks, personally and professionally, that they've lost all self-confidence. There may be those among us who seem like ordinary folk, but who have such an intimate relationship with the Lord that each of our lives would be enriched if we would learn from them.

So, what's the point of all this? Obviously, since you never know, you should treat all strangers as very important persons. What kind of courtesy would you show the admiral? That would be a good courtesy to show the stranger you meet in line at the exchange. They may one day be an admiral. Maybe they're an admiral now!

What kindness should a person show his or her mother? That might be a good guide for how to respond to an older woman who doesn't move quite as fast as we would like. How would you treat a person who was exceptionally successful? That would be a good way to treat the guy on the street that is "down and out." You just never know what kind of person someone is or can be, were it not for you. How you treat others says a lot about you.

But, ultimately, we should be very receptive of and respectful toward others, because, like Abraham, we may entertain angels who have an important word from God. God usually speaks to us through the Bible and through preachers. But He's not limited to those. He also speaks through circumstances and unlikely people. We're not likely to hear them if we immediately dismiss them because they're unlike us and therefore, unworthy of our attention. We should instead, treat all persons as persons of worth, created in the image of God, because, in so doing, we may "entertain angels unaware."

If you would like to know more about how to know God personally or talk with a chaplain about this message or some other matter, please contact us at the Naval Station chaplains' office, 473-3971.

Dark minutes in nation's history



Official U.S. Navy photograph

Photographic montage prepared for the 30th anniversary of the Pearl Harbor attack which was held on Dec. 7, 1971. It is accompanied by a poem by JO3 Jim Deken, USN:

*"In the darkest of moments
a nation is wounded,
rights herself
and pushes on.
Her wounds
give her strength
and urge her on
to victory.*

*Time passes,
the wound heals
but leaves a mark.
The mark
is her reminder
of what has been and
could be again.
She does not forget."*

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Help fellow Sailors, families during holiday season

Karen S. Spangler

Editor

You won't find any cold weather or snow here in Hawai'i with Christmas just around the corner, but across the islands you can see a flurry of activity – people shopping and wrapping gifts, decorating and baking cookies and cakes, and enjoying the many sights, sounds and events in preparation for the festive holiday season. But the holiday season can also be a time of loneliness and sadness for some.

Here in Hawai'i, many service members are far away from their families on the mainland and separated from loved ones at a time of year that is particularly symbolic of love and togetherness - a time to share the joys of the season with families. It can be an especially difficult time of year for young single service members who find themselves all alone during the holiday season.

This holiday season, many military service members are serving in the war zone in Iraq. A good way to help support our troops serving far from home and show appreciation for their dedication is to provide a helping hand to the families who are spending the holidays without their loved ones.

The holiday season can also be a difficult and stressful time for young military families on a limited budget. Not only are they separated from their families in a faraway place, but they may have concerns about financial matters. Perhaps there just isn't enough money to go around; trying to find the funds to purchase gifts for Christmas imposes an additional burden. But there is somewhere to turn – and families who need some assistance during the holidays should request help through their chain of command or the chapel.

The Armed Services YMCA (ASYMCA) assembled and distributed holiday food baskets for Thanksgiving and will also put together food baskets for Christmas. Single Sailors volunteer their time to help with the baskets. The staff at the center needs donations of food, canned goods, money and toys by Dec. 15 in order to complete the baskets for the holidays. Donations of mashed potatoes, stuffing and gravy mixes are also requested. Contributions for the holiday baskets can be taken to the Armed Services YMCA Single Sailor Center.

"It will be a difficult and challenging time for many of these families during the holiday season," said "Auntie"

"Give because that's your aloha. We're all connected and it's important to help our military families."

- Ernie Aubrey

Ernie Aubrey, program coordinator for the ASYMCA at Naval Station Pearl Harbor. "It's an extra expense at Christmas. If we can make a difference in the lives of our military, we should do it," she said. "Give because that's your aloha. We're all connected and it's important to help our military families."

Please email Auntie Ernie at auntienalo@aol.com or call 473-3398 for guidelines and forms for recipient families.

How can you help a fellow Sailor or military family – especially if you know they are going to be alone during the holidays? One of the best ways that you can help your fellow service members and co-workers is to share your holiday. Try to think about how you would feel if you had to spend the holidays alone and extend your hospitality and an invitation to them to join you. Perhaps you may want to invite them to dinner or include them in a beach outing or a movie. Or they might enjoy assisting

with the preparations for Christmas, such as decorating and cooking.

If you notice co-workers or service members who seem a bit depressed or stressed, take the time to offer a listening ear. Be aware of those who need a helping hand, some moral support or a friend and do what you can to help make their holiday a little brighter.

The chapel also works hand in hand with the commands – together they keep an eye out to help people who could use some special attention. The chapel offers devotional activities, Christmas caroling and other special programs. For those who need some advice or want to talk to a chaplain, the chapel staff maintains a constant open-door policy and an around-the-clock duty chaplain.

For single Sailors, a variety of special entertainment and activities are offered during the holiday season.

The Armed Services YMCA Single Sailor drop-in program has planned some special holiday season activities. At the homelike setting offered at the facility, service members can assist with Christmas activities, make Christmas cards to send home and learn to cook.

They will serve a Christmas dinner at 11 a.m. on Dec. 24.

The homey atmosphere will continue with an "up all night" event. Sailors can just "stay home" and watch television, play video games and kick back and relax, Auntie Ernie explained.

"I want them to relax and make themselves at home," said "Auntie" Ernie who, along with her staff, dedicate their efforts to ensuring that single Sailors at Naval Station Pearl Harbor have a "home away from home" – not just during the holiday season, but all year round.

The facility is located at building 89, on the hill across from Club Pearl. Call 473-3398 for more information on any of the center's activities or if you would like to help.

Morale, Welfare and Recreation (MWR) will host holiday activities at its Liberty in Paradise locations. These will include holiday shopping excursions and outdoor recreation activities.

There will be holiday parties from 6-9 p.m. Dec. 20 at all Liberty centers. A free Santa's Liberty feast will be served at 11 a.m. on Dec. 25 at Liberty in Paradise, Beeman Center, Liberty Express and Instant Liberty.

Most MWR and outdoor recreation activities are offered free or at a nominal cost and

transportation is usually provided. Information on upcoming MWR single Sailor events is published in Hawai'i Navy News and on bulletin boards, marquees and posted at barracks on base. You can also call the Liberty in Paradise office at 473-4279.

If you want to check out the spirit of Christmas off base, there are numerous events held throughout the holiday season. Programs featuring military bands, local schools and other musical and dance groups highlight the holiday schedule at the Hale Koa Hotel in Waikiki. Or become acquainted with Christmas celebrations "local style" and view Honolulu as it celebrates the holiday season at Honolulu City Lights. While you're cruising through the downtown Honolulu area and Waikiki, be sure to visit a unique Mr. and Mrs. Santa – dressed in Hawaiian clothing and festooned with leis - in front of Honolulu Hale.

You can help make Christmas a little merrier for your fellow service members and their families – simply by remembering the reason for the season and sharing some of the joy and activities that make the holidays such a special time of year.

Energy saving holiday tips



Krista Rosch

Navy Region Hawai'i Energy Team

The holiday season is fast approaching and with it comes higher electricity consumption. Here are some quick and easy holiday lighting tips that

will assist with energy conservation and put some ease in your wallet:

- If you are purchasing new holiday lights, consider purchasing "light emitting diode" or LED lights that use very little electricity. These lights save approximately 90 percent on holiday lighting costs and last longer.
- Consider replacing your holiday lights with miniature lights. These generate less heat and use less electricity than larger bulbs.

- Reduce the time your holiday lights are on by turning on lights only when it becomes dark.

- Avoid leaving lights on throughout the night while you are sleeping by putting them on a timer.

- Reduce your lighting display by one, two or three strands of lights.

By making just a few small changes to your holiday lighting this year, you will assist Navy Region Hawai'i with its energy conservation efforts.

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Pearl Harbor Highlights



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 Dr. David L. Bevelt and Don Soldier-Eagle conduct a warrior tribal dance as part of the 'warrior circle' demonstration. The 'warrior circle' was performed at the Lockwood Hall lanai as part of the Native American Indian and Alaskan Heritage Month celebration. The group is comprised of both veterans and non-veterans, with a mission of spreading knowledge about their heritage.



U.S. Navy photo by MC1(SW/AW) James E. Foehl
 Capt. Taylor Skardon, chief of staff, Commander, Navy Region Hawai'i, commanding officer, Naval Station Pearl Harbor, serves Thanksgiving dinner to patrons of the Silver Dolphin Bistro on board Naval Station Pearl Harbor. The bistro served a wide variety of menu items for Thanksgiving dinner, including turkey, stuffing and sweet potatoes. The Silver Dolphin Bistro Galley has received runner-up recognition for the Capt. Edward F. Ney Memorial Award two years in a row for its superior food service handling.



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 Romulo Manongdo, civil service employee, chef and head baker for the Silver Dolphin Bistro and Culinary Specialist 1st Class Johnny Uy (right), watch captain for the Silver Dolphin Bistro on board Naval Station Pearl Harbor, carve turkeys as Culinary Specialist 3rd Class Aristotle Rivera brings beef brisket to the serving line for Thanksgiving dinner at the galley.



(Far left) Hula dancers perform at Operation Aloha, a community outreach program hosted by the Naval Computer and Telecommunications Area Master Station Pacific (NCTAMS PAC) Sailors. The event provided a Thanksgiving dinner for residents of the North Shore community.

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(Left) Sailors from the Naval Computer and Telecommunications Area Master Station Pacific (NCTAMS PAC) serve Thanksgiving dinner to residents of the North Shore. The command hosted Operation Aloha at the Waialua Community Center in Hale'iwa.

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CNO presents Memorandum of Understanding to NNOA

Chief of Naval Operations Public Affairs

In a ceremony at the U.S. Navy Memorial in late November, Chief of Naval Operations Adm. Mike Mullen presented a signed Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) to the National Naval Officers Association (NNOA).

The memorandum, signed by Mullen and then NNOA National President Rear Adm. Manson K. Brown, reaffirmed a cooperative relationship between the NNOA and the Navy to achieve mutual goals for diversity in the workforce.

"What NNOA is at a high-level, and trying to get done, is representing and advocating for the most positive qualities of a diverse officer corps for all of the sea services," Mullen said to members of the Washington, D.C. chapter. "I was proud and delighted to sign this memorandum."

Specifically, the MOU calls for developing, implementing and improving strategies for the achievement and management of a diverse workforce of Navy officers and enlisted personnel; establishing and maintaining a positive image of the Navy in NNOA's communities of influence; and providing personal and professional development, training opportunities and positive experiences.

"I have felt for a long time, as someone very committed to the diversity of our Navy, that it's a compelling imperative for the future," said Mullen. "It is very much tied to how I view our responsibilities."

The MOU commits NNOA to becoming more involved in Navy recruiting and retention efforts and in providing opportunities for Navy personnel to participate - in a private capacity - in outreach and community-based programs.

"This is not just about young people being mentored from the minority standpoint; this is about all of us pitching in," Mullen said. "NNOA is a special group. Their outreach is important."

"This presentation represents a significant chapter in the history of NNOA," said current NNOA National President Capt. Bernard Jackson. "The members of NNOA look forward to responding to the challenge before us and doing our part to bring about a more diverse workforce in the sea services."

The Navy, in turn, will identify regional and local recruiting offices to coordinate with NNOA chapters across the country; include NNOA members in Navy-sponsored training and career development programs when applicable; and designate the Chief of Naval Personnel's Diversity Directorate as the service's liaison with NNOA on major matters.

The CNO said he was eager to get started.

"I am anxious to do it at a very high pace and that we make as much happen as quickly as we possibly can," he said. "It's not me, it's us. From the leadership, we are

all very, very committed to that."

Established in 1970, NNOA is composed of active duty, reserve and retired officers and civilians who actively support the sea services in the development of a diverse workforce through recruitment, retention and career development. The organization is sanctioned by the secretaries of the Navy and transportation and is a member of the Navy and Marine Corps Council. NNOA has members of all ranks and ethnic groups.



SECNAV spends Thanksgiving with Sailors, Marines

Secretary of the Navy (SECNAV) Dr. Donald C. Winter eats Thanksgiving lunch with Marines and Sailors stationed at Camp Fallujah. SECNAV was in Iraq to give thanks to the Marines and Sailors for their service.

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DFAS Pacific commemorates more than a decade of dedicated service

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Defense Finance and Accounting Service (DFAS) Pacific celebrated more than 11 years of service to the Pacific region in mid-November to commemorate the command's service before they deactivate in March.

The Pearl Harbor office is one of the many regional locations for DFAS and will be the first DFAS branch targeted in the recent base realignment and closure (BRAC) initiative.

Capt. Stephen Olson, commanding officer, commended the service of DFAS employees.

"You are the folks that make it happen. I appreciate everything you guys do," said Olson.

"I want to thank you for your dedication of service and hard work from everyone, the current employees, the former employees, the past and present military, the contractors, the retired employees and in some cases, the rehired employees.

"You took care of the customer and ensured not only were their financial issues sorted out, but anything you could do to help them were sorted out," said Olson.

DFAS is headquartered in Cleveland. Martha Stearns, central site director, made the trip to Hawaii to show gratitude for a job well done.

"I am so appreciative of all the steadfast work you have been doing in light of all the change. You all have been a steady rock in the Pacific for many years. Your experience is invaluable and that can never ever be replaced," said Stearns.

"In the last 15 years, I have seen tremendous change in the organization, something I think each one of you who is a member of DFAS ought to be very proud of," said Zack E. Gaddy, DFAS director, who accompanied Stearns. "Our service to the men and women in uniform is never more important than it is



Capt. Stephen J. Olsen is passed the command flag from Sgt. Maj. Dennis Richardson during the commemoration of service ceremony.

right now," he said.

"While BRAC is going to bring a lot of change, I respect the fact that each one of you continues to serve your country and serve this agency and the men and women of the Department of Defense in a very real and personable way," added Gaddy.

DFAS Pacific previously provided accounting and vendor pay services for 100 major activities. Currently, it serves more than 700 multi-service units in the

Pacific Command. The site opened in July 1995. The DFAS Pacific office is staffed by 180 civilians and 40 joint-military personnel.

Between now and the March closure, current employees will relocate to other local military organizations or to other DFAS sites which include, Cleveland, Ohio; Limestone, Maine; Rome, N.Y.; and Indianapolis. Eligible employees are also being offered early retirement.

Navy's Executive Transport Det moves to Hickam

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15th Airlift Wing Public
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The Navy moved its Executive Transport Detachment to Hickam Air Force Base from Marine Corps Base Hawaii - Kaneohe on Nov. 25.

The Navy C-37A business jet replaces the DV-modified P-3 aircraft the unit used to fly and was greeted by a formation of Air Force and Navy service members, helping show the integration of the Air Force and Navy personnel in the squadron.

"The 15th Airlift Wing Commander, Col. [J.J.] Torres and Col. [Jeffery] Stephenson, his deputy arranged this welcome for us and set up to show that we [have] joint [support]," said Navy Lt. Cdr. Brian Rosgen, officer in charge of the Executive Transport Detachment, Pacific. "It is really nice to see that we're all working together and it's been great. They've been a lot of help."

The detachment will share office and hangar space with the 65th Airlift Squadron, which also operates a C-37 A. The Navy aircraft will also be maintained by the same Gulfstream contractors who maintain the 65th AS aircraft. This integration makes this the first unit at Hickam not only to share office space, but a similar mission and aircraft with the Navy helping lay the foundation for the future integration of Hickam and Pearl Harbor NAS.

"You'd be hard-pressed to find a unit on Hickam or Pearl Harbor more suited for this type of cross-service integration," said Lt. Col. Robert Howe, 65th Airlift Squadron commander. "We share very similar cus-



Air Force and Navy members greet the Pacific Fleet's C-37A upon its arrival at Hickam Air Force Base, Hawaii on Nov. 18. The plane will be housed on Hickam, as well as the Navy's Executive Transport Detachment Pacific and will work with the Air Force's 65th Airlift Squadron who fly similar planes for the Pacific Command and Pacific Air Forces commanders.

tomers, same aircraft types - and most importantly, the same no-fail mission focus. When you get right down to it, we have far more similarities than differences."

The Navy unit, called the Executive Transport Detachment, Pacific, will consist of 24 pilots and enlisted aircrew members.

They will share office space with the Air Force's pilots and aircrew members from the 65th AS, which employs more than 50 pilots, flight engineers, communication system operators, flight attendants, and administrative personnel.

The squadron routinely flies over 200 distinguished

visitor missions each year to locations around the world and has hosted such dignitaries as former President George H. W. Bush. The addition of the Navy greatly enhances the mission.

"It doesn't really change the mission, it just expands it," said Col. Jeffery Stephenson, 15th Airlift Wing vice commander. "It truly adds to the total force and makes a joint team. So, for the first time that I am aware of in our military Air Force history, we're going to have a Navy unit embedded with our active-duty Air Force unit here at Hickam AFB."

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