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NMCRS ends centennial drive

JOSN Ryan C. McGinley
Staff Writer

Navy Region Hawai'i held a Navy-Marine Corps Relief Society awards ceremony Monday at Sharkey Theater to recognize commands and individuals for their contributions to the charity.

"The one thing that remains constant is the way [NMCRS] helps Sailors and Marines," said Capt. Ronald R. Cox, Navy Region, Hawai'i chief of staff and commander, Naval Station, Pearl Harbor.

The goal of the NMCRS is to provide financial and educational assistance to members of the U.S. naval services, eligible family members and survivors when in need.

This year the region raised more than \$580,000 for Sailors and Marines, an increase of almost \$75,000 from last year's numbers.

"Hawai'i saw a significant increase [since last year]," said Paul Belanger, NMCRS director. "We have probably the highest per capita contribution in the world, a record that we have obtained for quite a few years."

Belanger said a reason for this year's success was that the fund drive in Hawai'i is extremely well run. He also said it's a reflection of the services that

the relief society provides.

"People are happy with what we do for them and the way the Navy-Marine Corps Relief Society provides assistance to Sailors, Marines and their families," he said.

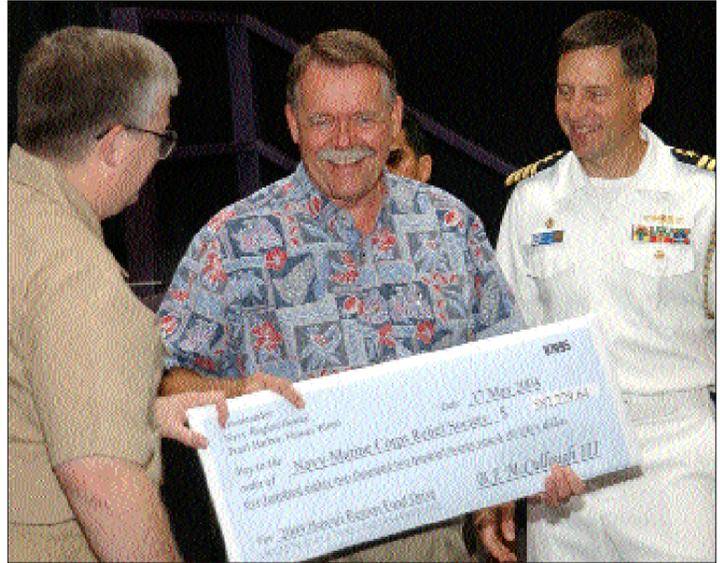
Storekeeper 2nd Class (AW) Anthony Rosal, whose distribution command received second most improved this year, said the reason for his command's success was people wanting to help out fellow Sailors, Marines and their family members.

The ceremony is held each year after the fund drive to identify positive improvements and superior donations to the relief society.

"The awards ceremony recognizes the commands that have gone above and beyond what they did last year," said Belanger. "It recognizes their efforts, but it's also a 'thank you' for an excellent job."

The drive lasted 54 days and 90 Navy and Marine Corps commands participating in the campaign. Of those, 51 increased their contributions from last year. The Navy Exchange was the largest non-military donor with \$23,000.

"It took a tremendous effort to make this year's drive a tremendous success," said Cox.



U.S. Navy photo by JOSN Ryan C. McGinley
Capt. Ronald R. Cox, Navy Region Chief of Staff and Commander, Naval Station Pearl Harbor, presents a check to Paul Belanger, director of Navy-Marine Corps Relief Society, for more than \$580,000 in donations at the awards ceremony Monday.

Chilean Tall ship Esmeralda visits, hosts Sailors, families, civilians



U.S. Navy Photo by JOSN Ryan C. McGinley

The Chilean tall ship B.E. Esmeralda sits in Pearl Harbor at sunset, while on a four-day port visit before heading to Japan. The ship and her crew of more than 300 Sailors interacted with the local Chilean community, toured the island and laid a wreath at the Arizona Memorial.

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The Chilean tall ship B.E. Esmeralda left Naval Station Pearl Harbor Tuesday after a brief port visit here.

The ship arrived at Pearl Harbor May 14 with a welcoming five-shot salute from Ford Island's ceremonial gun batteries.

Throughout the day, the ship

hosted a series of receptions for Governor Linda Lingle and high-ranking members of military commands across Hawai'i.

The midshipmen and other crew members of Esmeralda hosted hundreds of members of the public during their week-end of open tours.

In addition, the crew hosted members of the military and government employees during a series of special tours Mon-

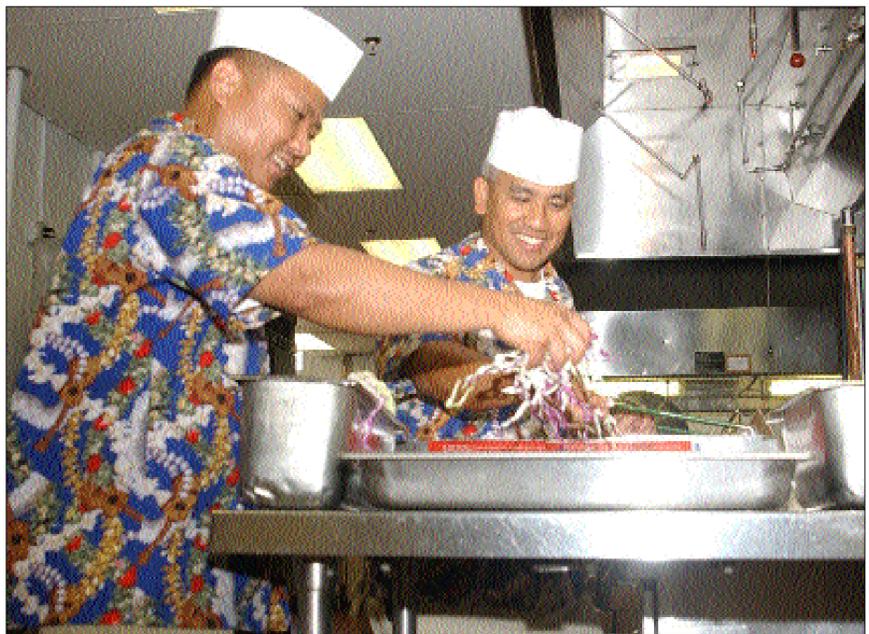
day.

The crew was not restricted to giving tours and hosting VIPs however.

Members of the crew participated in a wreath-laying ceremony at the USS Arizona Memorial. When the ship stopped in Pearl Harbor in 2002, the crew participated in a similar ceremony.

There was also time for the

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U.S. Navy photo by JO1 Daniel J. Calderón

CS1 Rolan Marquez (left) and CS2(SW) Joselito Lasam arrange a bed of cabbage for the tempura fish for lunch Tuesday at the Silver Dolphin Bistro. The Bistro is among six galleys in Navy Region Hawai'i that received the Commander Naval Installations five-star accreditation for food service excellence.

Navy Region Hawai'i galleys get five stars

CNI certification recognizes overall service excellence

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Six galleys in Navy Region Hawai'i received the Commander Naval Installations five-star accreditation at a ceremony held at Silver Dolphin Bistro on Wednesday.

Representatives from galleys across Navy Region Hawai'i gathered at the Bistro to receive their awards from Capt. Ronald Cox, Navy Region Hawai'i chief of staff and Naval Station Pearl Harbor commanding officer.

The Silver Dolphin and Diosdado Rome galleys, both on Naval Station Pearl Harbor, received the accolade in addition to galleys at the Navy Brig, Naval Magazine West Loch, Naval Computer and Telecommunications Area Master Station Pacific and the Pacific Missile Range Facility.

One of the main criterion for the award, according to Culinary Specialist 1st Class (AW) Joseph Alacantara, one of the watch captains at Silver Dolphin Bistro, is customer service.

"Our philosophy is 'everyday is Ney Day,'" he said referring to the Edward F. Ney Award given to galleys for outstanding food service. "We're always thinking about how we can satisfy our customer."

Alacantara said the Bistro serves between 600 and 750 customers on an average day. He also pointed out how affordable galleys are in comparison to eating at a fast-food establishment.

"Breakfast is only \$1.70," he began. "Lunch and dinner are only \$3.25 and special meals are \$4.25."

Meal prices include the entree, sides, all-you-can-drink fountain drinks or coffee and an assortment of desserts.

"To me, this means we're the best galley in the region of Hawai'i," said CS2(SW) Shawn Fulrodt, of the Ewa Palms Galley at NavMag. "Our secrets are teamwork and a great command. Everybody here supports us."

Fulrodt said the CNI inspection team does not announce when it will arrive to evaluate a galley.

"It's a surprise visit and it's usually an all-day evolution," he said. "They just show up and say, 'We're here' and we get to it."

However, after receiving the five-star accreditation more than once, many of the food service personnel are accustomed to the exertion required to maintain their standards.

"There's no real pressure," said CS1(SW) Rolando Cabalar, leading petty officer at Sampson Hall, NCTAMS' galley. "I'm used to it already. The people here know how to do their jobs so there's never any problems for us. Excellence is an everyday thing."

"We kind of take it for granted because it's kind of a tradition here in Hawai'i to be the best of the best," echoed Cox. "It's not a mystery how much the quality of life is improved by the galley."

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O'Kane holds family night at The Banyans

Ensign Angela Asemota

USS O'Kane Public Affairs

USS O'Kane (DDG 77) held family night at the Banyans on May 12, in recognition of Family Appreciation Month.

Upon entering The Banyans, each family received a packet of information containing various resource flyers, O'Kane's operation schedules, and coupons provided by Fleet and Family Service Center, Morale Welfare and Recreation (MWR) Department and Navy OneSource. Additionally, MWR provided prizes for raffle drawings held throughout the evening.

O'Kane commanding officer, Cmdr. William Nault, discussed the ship's upcoming schedule and resources available to family members in preparation for deployment. Nault concluded his remarks by acknowledging the contribution and dedication of Cindy Barker as ombudsman throughout the last deployment and welcoming Audra Jimenez as O'Kane's newly-appointed ombudsman.

With more than 150 attendees, the command was able to reach the majority of the crew's family. According to OSCM (SW) William Reed, family night was a great opportunity for the commanding officer to keep families informed about upcoming operations. "It allowed direct interaction between the upper chain of command and family members," said Reed. "Going over the ship's schedule gave family members the chance to address any concerns or questions they might have. In the past, many of the junior Sailors neglected to keep their families informed about their work so the command is trying to bridge that gap. Family night also provided a forum for the more seasoned sea duty families to share their lessons learned with those newly arriving to the command."

Family night guest speaker, Navy Family Housing Command Master Chief CMDCM (SW) Tony Hintz, provided personalized insight on the privatization project and upcoming changes geared toward improving Pearl Harbor housing. According to Hintz, the revitalization of Radford and Halsey Terrace and the private public venture are necessary steps toward ensuring that the Pearl Harbor housing area is the best in the Navy.

O'Kane Sailors offered free child care during family night, allowing parents to attend the presentations without the additional stress of child supervision. "Bungie the Clown" provided face



U.S. Navy Photo by Ensign Angela Asemota

BM1 (SW) Brett McGraw's family member plays with "Bungie the Clown's" pet rabbit during USS O'Kane's (DDG 77) Family Night held at The Banyans May 12. O'Kane Sailors offered free child care for parents attending the event.

painting, as well as a myriad of tricks and magic followed with balloon animals. According to O'Kane MWR Officer Ensign Brendan McShane, the children responded well to the hired entertainment. "[Bungie the Clown] was really good with the children and kept them entertained the whole night. They were having such a good time, especially with the balloon swords and her pet rabbit, that they didn't want the night to end," McShane explained.

Family night concluded with distribution of O'Kane T-shirts and a formal introduction of O'Kane Family Support Group (FSG) officers with an open invitation to O'Kane family members to join future FSG activities.

"As part of the tradition of 'taking care of our own,' it was our intent to establish a strong foundation of communication between the command and the O'Kane 'ohana', to assist in our responsibility of ensuring the safety, health, and well being of each Sailor's family members," said O'Kane Command Master Chief CMDCM (SW) Donald Kramper. "Our primary communication link outside the skin of the ship is through our family support group and our new Ombudsman, Audra Jimenez. They are an integral part of the O'Kane support system that can offer a wide variety of information and referral to the family members," he said.

FISC wins Meritorious Unit Citation

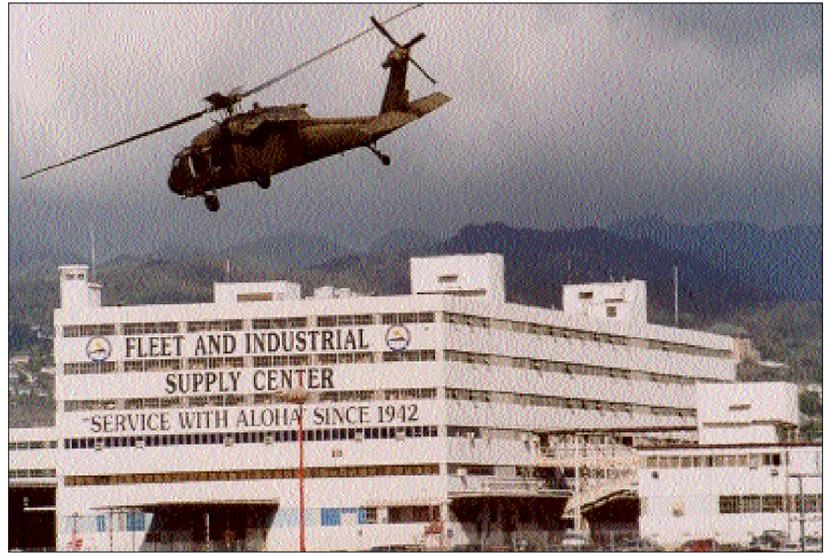


Photo Courtesy of FISC

The Navy Supply Systems Command earned the Navy Meritorious Unit Commendation, awarded by the Secretary of the Navy, May 13 for their success throughout fiscal year 2003. NAVSUP's efforts and foresight have saved the Navy \$1.8 billion through the next five years. NAVSUP's mission is to provide U.S. Naval forces with supplies and services. NAVSUP oversees logistics in the areas of supplies, conventional ordnance, contracting, resale, fuel, transportation, and security assistance.

SecDef sends message to military

From Secretary of Defense
Donald Rumsfeld

The reports of detainee abuse by American Soldiers in Iraq are deeply troubling.

Those who have not upheld the high standards of our armed forces must be held accountable.

With honor, the men and women of our armed forces must maintain our focus to secure a stable and free Iraq and to win the global war on terrorism.

We ask that each of you remember who we are and what we represent.

We are Americans, and our actions must up-

hold the values of our country and the highest standards of professionalism and ethics.

Our military code of conduct requires it, our nation demands it, and the world expects it. Our culture of accountability and responsibility will accept nothing less.

As you serve around the world, stand tall. Be proud of what you are doing to make the world a better place.

Your nation is grateful for your unwavering professionalism, selfless service, courage, and sacrifice.

The chairman of the joint chiefs of staff and I are enormously proud to serve with you.

Sailor apprehended for firing pellet gun into Pearl Harbor Kai schoolyard

Lt. Cmdr. Jeff Davis

Navy Region Hawaii Public Affairs

At approximately 6 p.m. on Monday, a 24-year old male Sailor was apprehended for firing pellets from his Pearl Harbor bachelor quarters window at a tree in a schoolyard adjacent to the base.

The schoolyard at Pearl Harbor Kai Elementary School was empty at the time and there were

no injuries.

Navy Region Hawaii security apprehended the servicemember and confiscated two gas-powered pellet guns.

The petty officer second class (E-5) is assigned to the Pearl Harbor Naval Shipyard and Intermediate Maintenance Facility.

The Naval Criminal Investigative Service is leading the investigation.

Five Stars: Galleys improve quality of life say base COs

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"I think having five-star galley is better for the quality of life of all our Sailors," said Capt. Mary McClendon, commanding officer for NCTAMS. "They work very hard to keep the quality and service up for us. We have quality food, healthy food and it's right on base."

McClendon said the nearest eating establishment is eight miles from her base.

CSCS(SW) Joy Jose, leading chief petty officer for the region food service office, is pleased with the recognition.

He said it recognizes all the hard work everyone in food service puts in on an everyday basis.

"The award is based on a variety of areas, including quality of food and quality of service," he said. "And it's not just about Naval Station. It's about everybody. Even though they fall under their own individual commands, we're all part of Navy Region Hawai'i."



U.S. Navy photo by JO1 Daniel J. Calderon

FN Crystal Summy of USS O'Kane (DDG 77) and Jon Dareff of The Wornick Company prepare shelf-stable, restaurant quality samples for inspection by Silver Dolphin Bistro personnel.

The CNI award, according to Jose, is a step on the road to the Ney awards. The Silver Dolphin Bistro is currently in the running for the Ney Award in the overseas category.

"Congratulations," Cox said as he finished his remarks to

the assembled food service personnel at Wednesday's awards presentation. "This is truly an achievement of five-star proportions. I think you'll see in the future that together we can all continue our tradition of excellence."

Hawai'i Navy News Editorial

Kauai spoke, Navy listened

Editorial
Barry McCullough
Rear Admiral, U.S. Navy

Last year, we asked Hawaii's Department of Land and Natural Resources for what we thought was a relatively simple request: to preserve the area around the Pacific Missile Range Facility on Kauai for agriculture.



But when a public hearing was held on Kauai back in November to consider the request, it was anything but simple. Many people were suspicious of what the Navy wanted.

Some mistakenly thought it was a "land grab," or that it would hinder their ability to access the beach. Frankly, we hadn't done a very good job of informing the public about this issue.

Since November, we have met

"We hope the Land Board will act to preserve this area for agriculture."

Rear Adm. Barry McCullough
Commander Navy Region Hawai'i,
Commander Naval Surface Group Middle Pacific

with hundreds of people in Kauai to talk about this proposal. Most have welcomed it, rightly seeing it as necessary to maintaining our nation's ability to conduct military research in an isolated area, unfettered by development.

Most also saw it as important to Kauai's economy, ensuring the long-term viability of the island's largest employer. But others were understandably concerned. Some were uncomfortable with calling the preservation area a "set-aside".

Some wanted a clearer definition of the types of activity that would be allowed on the agricultural land. Some were troubled by the amount of land the Navy wanted as a buffer around the base. And some had concerns about the impact this would have

on beach access.

We listened, and we adapted our proposal to reflect the concerns of the people of Kauai. We changed the 5,371-acre agriculture preserve so that it would be governed by a simple conservation easement rather than a set-aside.

We met with each of the farmers on the Mana Plain, working through the language of that easement so that it was acceptable to both sides. We reduced the size of our proposed lease area to 270 acres, giving us the absolute minimum necessary to have a security buffer around the base and still maintain the drainage system.

And even though this proposal never included any new restrictions on beach access, we took

steps to open Kinikini Ditch for fishing and to lengthen the hours of beach access at Majors Bay until 30 minutes past sunset, seven days a week.

Today, PMRF is the most open Navy base in the world. As much as we understand those who would like to see it opened even more, the security requirements in our post-9/11 world simply won't allow it.

On Monday, the Land Board will meet on Kauai to make a decision. The proposal that they will consider is one that reflects the inputs of the people of Kauai.

It ensures that farming can continue on the Mana Plain, without pressure to sell out to developers. And it ensures that PMRF can continue to perform its mission that is so vital to our nation's security, as well as to Kauai's economy.

We hope the Land Board will act to preserve this area for agriculture. The next time it meets to hear a proposal about the Mana Plain, it might not be from the Navy. It might be from a developer.

McCullough is the Commander, Navy Region Hawai'i.

Ohana Line

I am interested in going to college, but I'm not sure what my benefits are. How does the Montgomery GI Bill Work and how long do I have to use it?

Any Sailor qualified for the Montgomery GI Bill, and who has fulfilled more than three years active duty, can receive a total of around \$35,460, according to the Pearl Harbor Navy College Office (benefits may be higher if the Sailor also uses Navy College funds).

A total amount can be reached by multiplying this year's maximum benefit of \$985 by 36 (the total amount of months in the Sailor's account).

Once separated from the Navy, Sailors have 10 years to make use of all of their benefits.

Although separating from service activates the 10-year time limit, if a Sailor performs any active-duty service (for more than 90 days), the 10-year period will be reset and start over.

There has also been some confusion about whether or not a Sailor has to continually use the GI Bill once they begin.

Once a Sailor first begins to use his or her GI Bill, he or she can use it during any amount of time.

That includes taking some time off and beginning to use it again at a later time.

I've noticed there are two different legal offices on Naval Station Pearl Harbor. What types of

services am I afforded by the Naval Legal Service Office here on Pearl Harbor and how does it differ from the Trial Service Office?

Judge advocates can offer help in legal and non-legal matters ranging from purchasing a car to renting an apartment, buying a home, paying taxes or writing a will.

A judge advocate is an attorney who has graduated from an accredited law school, and is licensed to practice law by the highest court of a state or by a federal court.

Judge advocates assigned to assist individuals with personal legal problems are known as legal assistance attorneys.

If a legal assistance attorney is unable to resolve the case or a specialized attorney is needed, the legal assistance attorney will refer you to a civilian attorney, normally through a local lawyer referral service, who can handle the case.

The Trial Service Officer differs from the NLSO in that it provides prosecution and defense lawyers for criminal charges covering courts martial, non-judicial punishments and civilian charges.

The NLSO and TSO are open to active duty and their family members, retired service members and reservists on active duty status for more than 30 days. Legal assistance offices are located on almost every base, ship and installation.

Confessions of a non-'Idol'-oter

Commentary
JO1 Daniel J. Calderón
News Editor



I'll be brief — I don't understand all the hype with American Idol.

Yes, I know there's a Hawaiian girl in it. Yes, I know there was another and her dad is in the Navy. Yes, I understand the winner gets a record deal.

But so do a whole bunch of the other contestants.

So, where's the big bonus in winning? From what my co-workers and other people who actually enjoy watching the show tell me, it's better if you lose because the winner is locked into a deal with Fox that will limit the amount of exposure the winner gets. Sounds like a bum deal.

Maybe I'm a sitting in the mud, but I don't get the appeal of sitting through hours and hours of the same people singing week after week and America putting it to a popularity contest.

I mean, let's be honest. If it were all about

talent, Jasmine would have been gone a while back and George would still be there. Yeah, I saw that episode. She's not as good as George was.

I guess that may actually be the appeal. It's not about seeing who the best singer really is. It's more about seeing if the singer you backed will win. There is a sort of glee in picking the winner and sticking with that person to the end.

There's something to that whole bragging rights deal. I wonder how America would react to a real talent contest.

Your Money Matters

Sailors, families beware of credit card fees, traps

Commentary

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A rising number of late payments and pressure on revenues from too many zero-interest balance-transfer promotions, credit card companies are finding creative ways to take more money from your wallet.

Interest paid by consumers to credit card companies is approximately \$80 billion annually. It is estimated that credit card fees cost consumers about \$31 billion a year. Knowing how credit card companies work is important, but you need to know the many different types of fees and what trigger them.

Over the limit fee: Over the limit fees are added to the cost of each purchase while the card is over the limit, and they are usually \$35 for each transaction. Credit card companies don't have a problem approving the purchase and charge you the fee, even if you have no idea your card is over the limit.

Late fee: Late payments on most credit cards will cost an additional \$15 to \$39, depending on the overall balance owed. Another trap is that payments not sent in the card issuer's preprinted envelope are posted five days after they are received.

Cash advance fee: Cash advances will cost you. Fees

are typically three percent of the cash advance, but not less than a set minimum of about \$5. You are then charged interest on the advance and a charge by the ATM owner.

Minimum finance charge: Annual fees may be a thing of the past for many companies, but what they are now doing is charging a minimum monthly finance fee of \$2 to \$6, which is charged to your account regardless if you pay your balance in full. That means they are charging cardholders a monthly fee instead of an annual fee.

Automatic credit downgrade: A credit card issuer can use your late payments on another credit card or loan against you. Credit card companies say that they hike interest rates charged to current cardholders who pay late on other accounts.

The best solution is to pay your balance early, in full and use online bill pay if you can. If you cannot do this, then pay at least the minimum early, use the preprinted envelopes and try to never exceed your credit limit. Read your credit card statements, look for extra fees and charges. If you find charges you think are unfair, call the credit card company and ask for the fees to be refunded.

If you have questions or would like some assistance, the financial counselors at the Pearl Harbor Fleet and Family Support Center are available for free, confidential appointments. To schedule an appointment, call 473-4222, extension 1.

Hawai'i Sailors 'talk story'

Yeoman 1st Class (SW) Peter Kade

Yeoman 1st Class (SW) Peter Kade loves to surf. He says he is just as good as just about anyone competing in the local circuits.

"I may not be competing in the Van's Triple Crown of Surfing (yet), but I can hold my own ... even here at the North Shore."

Kade's father was also a Sailor who spent a good deal of time away from home while his mother worked numerous jobs. Like many Navy families, his moved from one base to another, causing Kade to never spend much time in any one place.

"I was definitely a 'military brat,'" he recalled, "and it was a pretty hard time. School was always a nightmare because I was really shy and terrible at most sports."

Kade said his family never had a lot of money, but when he was 14 and living in Florida, his grandparents bought him his first surfboard, adding a bright light to what he called his unhappy childhood.

"It was the first time I remember ever being really excited about anything," he said. "And while I was terrible at first, it gave me something to really focus on and kept me out of trouble."

After a time, he said he finally got the hang of it and be-

gan competing in local competitions.

"I was really doing great for my level when my dad came home and told me news I really didn't want to hear ... we're moving again."

To make matters worse, it was to Millington, Tenn.

"I decided I didn't care where I was going, I was not going to give up surfing. So I spent the next few years working on my strength as a swimmer, hitting the pool any chance I could."

Kade said when he was old enough, he joined the Navy, if for no other reason than to be near the beach.

"I remember when I got my first orders to San Diego, I was thrilled. And when I hit some waves for the first time in a long time, it was like I had been dying of thirst for ages and the Navy was giving me a giant drink of water," he said.

He added that he also joined the Navy to pay his way through college, which he said is amusing because 15 years later he is still slowly working on his degree.

"I'm hoping to have some kind of diploma hanging on my wall by the time I get out," Kade joked.

He originally entered the Navy as a hull technician, but cross-rated to yeoman after

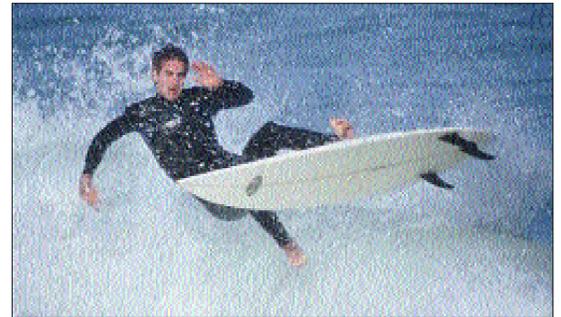


Photo Courtesy of YN1 (SW) Peter Kade

YN1 (SW) Peter Kade wipes out while surfing

Vital statistics

Name: Yeoman 1st Class (SW) Peter Kade
Hometown: San Diego, Calif.
Duty station: Naval Station Pearl Harbor
Job: Administrative
Favorite part of the job: Living in Hawai'i

two tours. When he got orders to Hawai'i, home to some of the world's most famous beaches, he said he was thrilled.

"This is like a dream come true ... to live and surf here at these legendary beaches that I had always heard about," said Kade

And while Kade said he always gives 110 percent to the

Navy (with four Sailor of the Quarter boards to prove it), he admitted some of the time spent behind his computer console he spends anticipating retreating to the beach and hitting the waves again.

Where does Kade see himself in five years?

Retiring from the Navy, going back to California and surfing.

Got Questions?
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Strike up a tune for Military Appreciation Month



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Members of the Combined Military Band perform at the Hawai'i Theater Center Saturday to help promote Military Appreciation Month. Sailors, Marines, Soldiers, Airmen and Coast Guardsmen performed songs from significant points in American history, such as the William Tell Overture, Star Spangled Banner and The Invincible Eagle by John Phillip Sousa.

Bowfin Scholarship awards recognize Pacific Fleet students

J03 Corwin Colbert
COMSUBPAC Public Affairs

The Pacific Fleet Submarine Memorial Association and the Pearl Harbor Submarine Officers' Wives Club held the 20th annual Bowfin Memorial Scholarship ceremony Saturday at the Bowfin Memorial Park at Pearl Harbor.

The scholarships were awarded in honor of the 3,505 submariners and 52 submarines lost on eternal patrol in World War II. Capt. Jerry Hofwolt (Ret.), Bowfin Park executive director, offered introductory remarks before introducing the guest speaker, Rear Adm. Paul F. Sullivan, Commander Submarine Force U.S. Pacific Fleet.

"This is the 20th year for the Bowfin Memorial Scholarship," said Sullivan. "I particularly enjoy the fact this scholarship is focused on the submarine family. As we all know, we are engaged around the world in the global war on terrorism," said Sullivan. "The strength of our families to help us do our jobs is vital and comforting. These candidates are recognized, not only for what the requirements were, but also for their potential ability to learn more. To those who have won today, the earnest is on you to do your best and do your part for our country in whatever way you feel fit," he said.

Sullivan explained how submarine families are vital in the support of those on patrol and the Bowfin Scholarship helps the families cope with the stress of secondary education.

This year, 25 submarine active duty and family members received an award. After Sullivan's speech, they were presented their scholarships.

Mary Shank, chairperson of the scholarship committee, feels the program is extremely beneficial.

"It helps families of submariners attend college," said Shank. "Trying to provide an adequate family life and attend college full-time can be hard at



Photo by J03 Corwin Colbert
Rear Adm. Paul F. Sullivan, COMSUBPAC, serves as guest speaker at the 20th annual Bowfin Memorial Scholarship ceremony.

Some of the recipients, Li-Chun Ko, daughter of USS Chicago's (SSN 721) Fire Control Technician 1st Class Edward Koch, and Kathleen Hicks, daughter of COMSUBPAC's Capt. William Hicks, expressed their thanks in receiving the award.

"This scholarship is going towards my tuition to the University of Honolulu," said Ko. "I am majoring in international business and this takes a lot of stress off my dad and me. Now, I am able to focus on school. It's a great program for military families recognizing their achievements and ability to learn more," said Ko.

"I am attending Honolulu Pacific University for political science and New York University for metropolitan studies," said Hicks. "This scholarship helps a lot. It's definitely an honor and I am happy to be a recipient," Hicks concluded.

The scholarship funds are raised through admission tickets and gift shop sales of the Bowfin Memorial. [All members of the Hawaii submarine force community, active and retired, their family members, and family members of deceased submariners who are living in Hawai'i and are attending an accredited college, university or vocational school are eligible.

Esmeralda: Ship upholds tradition

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Chilean Sailors to take in the sights around the island.

The midshipmen did spend time touring Oahu, including Waikiki and other beaches around the island.

Chilean midshipmen had the opportunity to meet members of the military and general public during city tours and visits sponsored by the International Hospitality Center.

Families signed up to take care of one, two or three Chileans and volunteered to take them around for a day and show them Oahu from a less "touristy" vantage point.

They were also afforded exchange privileges so they could take back souvenirs of their visit to the "best homeport in the

Navy."

Sailors from USS Paul Hamilton (DDG 60) held a barbecue at Ward Field for the midshipmen.

Since 1954, the Chilean Navy has used the ship to train its midshipmen in a variety of seamanship techniques by sailing the ship halfway around the world before returning to their homeport.

Chilean officers say the midshipmen aboard Esmeralda learn how to navigate both by using global positioning systems and by using lower-technology devices like the sextant.

Midshipmen are not allowed to use the GPS until they have mastered using the old-fashioned methods first, said Chilean Navy officials.

Midshipmen also learn to use compass-

es that read magnetic and "true" north.

This is to teach the new officers methods of navigation that are not completely dependent on high technology.

In Chile's history, there have been five other ships to bear the name Esmeralda. The sixth, and most recent, ship was originally purchased from Spain in 1946.

It was built to replace the training ship Juan Sebastian de Elcano.

The Chilean government approved the purchase of the tall ship in December 1951 and the hull of the ship was launched in May 1953. On June 15, 1954, the shipbuilders, Sociedad Astilleros de Cadiz S.A., delivered the ship to the republic of Chile.

On Sept. 1, 1954, the ship arrived at its homeport and has been involved in train-

Commander Submarine Force, U.S. Pacific Fleet completes participation in Pacific Reach 2004

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USS La Jolla (SSN 701), the Deep Submergence Rescue Vehicle (DSRV) Mystic, as well as USS Safeguard (ARS 50) successfully participated in Pacific Reach 2004.

The U.S. Navy worked together with submarines and rescue vessels from South Korea, Japan and Australia. "The [Republic Of Korea] Navy has done an excellent job in coordinating this event," said Capt. Russell Ervin, national coordinator for the exercise "It's been an incredible exercise and one that is critical for the submarine community as it becomes more necessary for navies to work together in rescue operations."

As the mother ship, USS La Jolla, a Los Angeles-class attack submarine, was the transport vessel for the Mystic and worked closely with the deep submergence unit, which is responsible for Mystic.

During the exercise, Mystic successfully mated, a process where the DSRV connects to a disabled submarine to safely transfer personnel, and rescued the foreign submarines ROKS Choimoosun (SS-063) and JDS Sachishio (SS-582).

"I'm extremely proud of my crew for their hard work and effort in making this exercise a success," said Cmdr. Brian Howes, commanding officer, USS La Jolla. "My crew and DSUs worked together as a team from the start. La Jolla has had the honor of participating in two of the three Pacific Reach exercises, and this was the first open hatch operation conducted with the U.S. DSRV and Japanese and Korean submarines."

During the exercise, observers from Canada, China, Chile, India, Indonesia, Thailand and the United Kingdom observed the rescue operations and also participated in the medical symposium prior to getting underway.

Pacific Reach 2004 is the third in a series of bi-annual exercises designed to promote cooperation and interoperability in the area of submarine rescue, enhancing the ability to provide mutual humanitarian as-

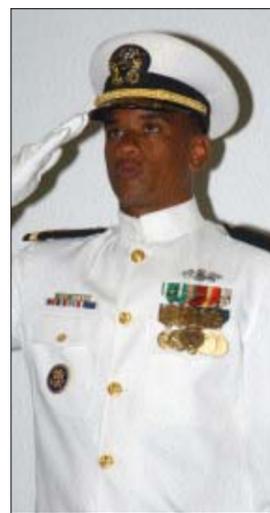


The U.S. Navy attack submarine USS La Jolla (SSN 701) carries the deep submergence rescue vehicle Mystic (DSRV-1)

sistance in the unlikely event a submarine becomes disabled and is not able to return to the surface on its own.

The DSRV was originally designed to give the U.S. Navy a primary submarine escape capability. Its mis-

sion is to provide a quick reaction, worldwide, all-weather capability to rescue personnel from disabled submarines at depths up to 2,000 feet. The DSRV has a maximum operating depth of approximately 5,000 feet.



U.S. Navy photo by JOSH Ryan C. McGinley
Ensign Jeffrey E. Turner salutes during a change-of-charge ceremony held at CBU-413/Self Help. This is Turner's first command after being commissioned in Jan. 1.

Turner takes charge of Seabees

JOSH Ryan C. McGinley
Staff Writer

A newly-commissioned limited duty officer took charge of the Construction Battalion Unit 413/Self Help May 14 in a change-of-charge ceremony.

Ensign Jeffrey E. Turner succeeded Lt. Landric P. Walden as officer in charge of CBU-413/Self Help. He will be stationed here as the resident officer in charge of the construction office on Pearl Harbor.

"When I got here, CBU-413/Self Help was pretty much the most productive [Seabee command] in the Pacific ... and I just wanted to keep that going," said Walden. "All the enlisted [Sailors] here are great. They do any job with pride and professionalism."

Walden took command of the unit after coming from Naval Mobile Construction Battalion Four, homeported in Port Hueneme, Calif., where he served as officer in charge of a civic action team that deployed to the island state of Pohnpei in the Federated States of Micronesia.

Since Walden took command of CBU-413/Self Help, the unit has improved not only jobs in the region, but all over Oahu on anything from interior work, electrical work, plumbing, sprinkler systems and flooring. The unit also remodeled the explosive ordnance division range to help them expand training and allow for a more diversified program.

Turner served on active duty for over 15 years and achieved the rank of chief petty officer before being commissioned. He has served as the public works engineering chief, Naval Support Facility in Thurmont, Md.; detachment AOIC and project supervisor, Naval Mobile Construction Battalion One Thirty Three in Gulfport Miss.; and facilities maintenance shop leading petty officer, Naval Computer and Telecommunication Station, Diego Garcia.

"I hope to continue the same success that this unit obviously has endured forever," said Turner.

He attended limited duty officer/chief warrant officer training in Pensacola, Fla.; Civil Engineering Corps Officers School in Port Hueneme, Calif.; UPS Technical Advanced in Wichita Falls, Texas; and Construction Electrician A school in Gulfport, Miss.

During his 15 years of service, Turner has earned two Navy Commendation Medals, five Navy Achievement Medals, a Joint Meritorious Unit Commendation and Meritorious Unit Commendation among many others.

"My main concern is troop development and mission accomplishment and to have an equal balance," said Turner. "[Sailors should] take care of themselves and take care of the troops that work under them, but also meet the mission requirements."

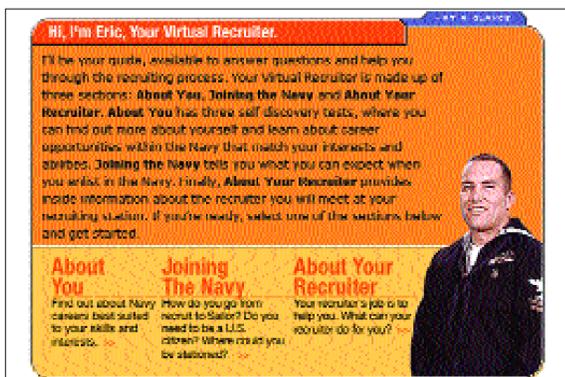
Your Virtual Recruiter: New feature on Website means Navy Recruiting now a point and click away

JO2 Chris Conklyn
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Command Public Affairs

The Navy has unveiled its newest feature to supplement its online marketing strategy and help further its "Accelerate Your Life" advertising campaign to its tech-savvy target market.

Oct. 31 saw the introduction of this new feature on NAVY.com named "Your Virtual Recruiter" (YVR). The site allows visitors to explore the recruiting process anonymously, dispelling some of the myths about joining the Navy.

"We are trying to give prospects all the information upfront about what to expect when they walk through the door of a recruiter's office, so they feel more confident, informed and better prepared to talk to the recruiter," said Gary Sikorski, interactive marketing account manager for Campbell-Ewald.



Your Virtual Recruiter is designed to help explore the many options available in the Navy. Each one of the three sections and subsections within Your Virtual Recruiter covers the steps you would go through in your journey from civilian to Sailor.

The site allows prospects to go through a basic personality test. This test is administered through a series of photos, with the prospect choosing the situation most relevant to them.

A video "virtual" recruiter guides the visitor through the

recruiting process.

This can include information about the enlistment steps that will be required to join the Navy, starting with a visit to a military entrance processing station, the delayed entry program process, boot camp and

first Navy assignment.

"Research shows that young people spend as much, if not more, time on the Internet now than watching television programs, so they are very comfortable with that environment; we call it fish where the fish are," said Sikorski. "If that's where they're at, you want to get to them and communicate in terms of having a robust engaging experience on a Web site with a lot of interactivity."

Since its release in October, the YVR module has been a popular destination for NAVY.com visitors, with a majority of interest being focused on the boot camp link. More than 150,000 visitors have viewed that page.

According to Lt. Lisa Flores, Navy Recruiting Command's director of interactive marketing, YVR was created to demystify the recruiting process for prospects, answer questions, and prepare them for the recruiting process before they even see a recruiter.

Medical Service Corps calls for officer applications

Deadline for applicants coming in August

Chief of Naval Personnel
Public Affairs

The Navy's Medical Service Corps (MSC) is seeking applications for its fiscal year 2005 inservice procurement program (IPP) selection board scheduled for Oct. 20.

"IPP provides an excellent opportunity for eligible active-duty enlisted Sailors and Marines to obtain a commission as an MSC officer," said Beverly Kemp, program manager for enlisted commissioning programs at Naval Medical Education Training Command.

"Some of our challenging and rewarding career fields include health care administration, physician assistant, radiation health, environmental

health, industrial hygiene, entomology and pharmacy," said Beverly.

Applications must be postmarked by Aug. 27; any additional documents needed to demonstrate eligibility must be postmarked by Sept. 17.

College entrance exam scores must be postmarked prior to the board convening date.

Applicants for the physician assistant program must submit official transcripts and a complete list of schools attended to Naval Medical Education Training Command by June 18, prior to the submission of an application.

Submission criteria can be found in OPNAVINST 1420.1A ch.2 and on the Web at <http://nshs.med.navy.mil/mscipp/mscipp.htm>.

For more information, see NAVADMIN 104/04 soon available on the Web at www.bupers.navy.mil.



Sailors from the deck and medical departments aboard the guided missile destroyer USS Shoup (DDG 86) practice life-saving techniques during a man overboard drill.

USS Chafee earns spot as top PMRF shooter

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USS Chafee Public Affairs

USS Chafee (DDG 90) became the first ship ever to earn a perfect score March 31 in the Naval Surface Fire Support (NSFS) shore bombardment area at the Pacific Missile Range Facility (PMRF), Barking Sands, Kauai.

The event came on the heels of a streak of successes during Chafee's combat systems ship's qualification trials (CSSQT), which included a string of "seven for seven" successful torpedo firings.

Chafee is also the first ship to achieve a perfect score during the CSSQT anti-air warfare "undisclosed scenario."

The PMRF shore bombardment area is a "virtual range" at which ships fire live ordnance at an imaginary "virtual island" off the coast of Kauai.

Underwater sensors measure the fall of each shot and the data is fed to a computer that evaluates where it would have hit on the "virtual island." Spotters on the shore notify the ship about when and where to fire, as well as provide battle damage assessment.

The ship's team was comprised of 11 Sailors, who spent many hours training and developing into one unit.

"I could not be more proud of our team," said Chafee's commanding officer, Cmdr. John Ailes. "Their hard work in preparing for the event was clearly evident through-

out the flawless exercise."

Ensign Steve Bower, Chafee's gunnery officer, added, "We would not have achieved perfection without teamwork, dedication, professionalism and attention to detail."

Commander, Destroyer Squadron (COMDESRON) 31, Commodore Capt. Phillip Greene, recognized the ship for its flawless performance. "Well done on earning a remarkable (and unprecedented) 100 percent score on your recent [gunfire exercise]," said Greene.

Rear Adm. Barry McCullough, Commander, Naval Surface Group Middle Pacific (COMNAVSURFGRU MID-PAC), added his congratulations to the

Chafee team.

"You have succeeded in establishing Chafee's warfighting reputation on the waterfront and have raised the bar for all," he said.

Rear Adm. Derwood C. Curtis, Commander, Cruiser Destroyer Group (COMCRUDESGRU) 5, also commended the ship.

"I applaud your hard work and all hands' commitment to warfighting excellence," he said.

Chafee is the 14th Aegis destroyer and was commissioned in Newport, R.I. on Oct. 18, 2003. She is the most recent addition to the USS Nimitz (CVN 68) Strike Group.

Pearl Harbor Naval Shipyard keeps ships 'fit to fight' for more than a century

Holly Shalders

14th Naval District Historic Photo Collection, Arizona Memorial Museum Association

The Pearl Harbor Naval Shipyard has served an operational role since its inception at the turn of last century and continues to keep Pacific ships "fit to fight" today.

The shipyard employs 5,000 Sailors and civilians and is the largest industrial employer in the state. Officials say its strategic location is as important today as it was in World War II.

According to historic files, repairs were estimated to take 10 days to two weeks less time than if the ships had been repaired at West Coast yards during the war.

During World War II, 7,000 ships were repaired in the shipyard; at times entries and exits exceeded 200 in a 24 hour period.

After the United States' abrupt entry into World War II on December 7th, 1941, 15 of the 18 ships sunk or damaged in the attack were repaired.

The quickest repair was on the USS Shaw, which left dry dock 3 on Feb. 10, 1942.

Conversely, the USS West Virginia, widely considered one of the worst damaged in the attack, did not leave the shipyard until nearly two years later, according to the Pearl Harbor Banner, Dec 7 1944.

"The fact that all these ships were repaired and saw future action was a monumental achievement for the yard," said Jason Holm Shipyard public affairs office.

Pearl Harbor Naval Shipyard has a heritage of hard work, dedication and determination to 'keep them fit to fight' that resonates as strongly today as it did in World War II. The histo-



U.S. Navy photo

The battleship USS Maryland pulls into Pearl Harbor Naval Shipyard in July, 1944. The ship had been severely damaged by a Japanese attack off the coast of Saipan. Shipyard workers completed repairs to the ship in less than a month even though estimates on repair time had been set for 49 days.

ry of the Shipyard forms the crux of the story of Pearl Harbor. Famed admiral Chester Nimitz offered the following praise of the yard:

"At no time did the Navy yard employees fail to restore a ship to the fighting line on schedule," said Nimitz, during an interview with the Banner on Dec. 7 1944. "The speed with which Pearl Harbor workers repair most damaged ships has become almost legendary," he said.

The repairs to the USS Maryland

are a prime example of this.

The USS Maryland was damaged by a Japanese torpedo while at anchor off the coast of Saipan on June 22 1944.

Despite sustaining significant damage, she turned for Pearl Harbor and set off 15 minutes later, making 10.5 knots. The USS Maryland, namesake of her class, was a battleship of 32,600 tons. She was launched in March 1920.

She had been a victim of the Japan-

ese attack on Pearl Harbor three years earlier, but had been repaired in 'blitz-quick time' according to the Banner's Dec. 7, 1944 story.

As she traveled toward Pearl Harbor Naval Shipyard, reports of the incident were drafted. Details of her specifications and damage sustained were sent ahead to better prepare the yard for the impending repair job.

Luckily for the crew, Maryland's cargo of 3,750 gallons of fuel oil was not ignited by the Japanese torpedo

and the damage was confined to the area forward of her collision bulkhead. By the time she reached the shipyard on July 11 1944, the plans had been laid down, materials assembled and a complete work schedule had been devised for her repairs.

According to the chronological account of repairs to Maryland, the torpedo hit her on the port side at frame 8. It punched holes through both sides of the bow and broke open an aviation gas tank forward.

The result was a 25 foot hole and the repercussion of the ship flexing the whole way along its length. The Pearl Harbor Banner reported the damage to be major as a 'considerable part of the ship had been blown away.'

The repairs may have taken much longer had the yard workers not been given the advantage of prior knowledge.

Due to the use of welding, a technique used uniformly in modern repairs but rarely seen in World War Two, the job took much less time than first estimated.

In the case of the USS Maryland, permission was obtained from The Bureau of Ships to select a new design and utilize the welding technique to complete the repairs.

The repair job was slated to take 49 days. In actuality, she was declared 'fit to fight' much sooner and left the yard on Aug. 10. The USS Maryland returned to the war after her repairs and was later attacked by Japanese kamikazes during the Battle of Okinawa.

This repair job, most notably the speed at which it was achieved, is a typical achievement of the shipyard.

The area remains today an integral part of Naval Pearl Harbor Station and exemplifies the Navy's determination to keep its fleet in the best possible condition.

New hours for NAVPTO passports

Applications for official and no-fee passports will only be accepted at the Navy passenger transportation Office between 7:30 a.m. and 2 p.m. Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays, and 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Wednesdays. Appointments for expedite services will be required and can be made by calling William Wasko at 473-2317 or by e-mailing navpto@psdph.navy.mil.

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Submarine golfers bring their skills to the ...

Fore!

JO2 Devin Wright
Staff Writer

May 13 brought sunny skies and calm winds to the Navy Marine Golf Course for the annual Squadron Seven Inaugural Golf Tournament.

Fifteen teams from the squadron staff, USS Pasadena (SSN 752), USS Columbus (SSN 762), USS Santa Fe (SSN 763), USS Tucson (SSN 770) and the Naval Submarine Support Command participated in the best ball tournament.

Team USS Tucson polished off the other teams in the tournament with a nine under par. Team Naval Submarine Support Command snuck in a second place win with a seven under par followed closely by Team USS Pasadena with six under par.

During the course of the tournament there were 51 birdies and three Eagles.

With the overwhelming turnout for the tournament Squadron Seven is hoping to hold another one in six months.

Squadron Seven holds the tournament in order to build a stronger work relationship with other commands throughout the region.

"This is an opportunity for the squadron staff and submarine crews to come together and build esprit de corps," said Capt. Dennis Murphy, Commander, Submarine Squadron Seven. "In addition to this golf tournament, so far this year Squadron Seven has hosted a 5K run with over 220 participants and a formal dining-in with the wardrooms and chief's quarters of our submarines. I believe that we are more effective as a squadron staff when we build camaraderie among our crews and have personal relationships that go beyond the deckplate interactions that occur onboard the submarines," said Murphy. "The squadron is always here to help and this golf tournament is a way to get some people off the boat for a day and enjoy one of the benefits of being stationed in Hawaii," he added.



U.S. Navy Photo by JO2 Devin Wright

Charlie D. Bernal of Team USS Santa Fe tees off at the annual Squadron Seven Inaugural Golf Tournament. The best ball tournament, held at the Navy Marine Golf Course, hosted six teams from the Pearl Harbor Submarine Base.



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Dennis J. Murphy of team Squadron Seven and host of the tournament putts on hole one. Murphy holds the tournaments in order to continue building a stronger working relationship with other commands in the submarine community.

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