

Martin nominated to PACOM

U.S. Pacific Command Public Affairs

Secretary of Defense Donald H. Rumsfeld announced the president has nominated Air Force Gen. Gregory S. Martin for reappointment to the rank of general with assignment as commander, United States Pacific Command. Martin is currently serving as commander, Air Force Materiel Command, Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio.

"General Martin is a superb officer. I know him personally from previous service together in the Pentagon. He has a tremendous record and a wonderful reputation," said Adm. Thomas B. Fargo, Commander, U.S. Pacific Command. "I had the opportunity to speak to him today and congratulate him, and he's excited about the opportunity. I am confident in his ability to do a great job in leading the Pacific Command."

Establishing an official change of command date, as well as a date for Adm. Fargo's retirement, as always, remains subject to U.S. Senate confirmation of Martin's nomination.

Fargo's career spans 34 years. After commissioning through the U.S. Naval Academy in 1970, Adm. Fargo has served in a variety of sea and shore duty assignments. At sea, his five assignments in both attack and ballistic missile submarines included executive officer aboard USS Plunger (SSN 595) and commanding officer of USS Salt Lake City (SSN 716). He served as Commander, Submarine Group Seven, Commander Task Force Seven Four, and Commander Task Force One Five Seven in the Western Pacific, Indian Ocean and Arabian Gulf from 1992 to 1993. He commanded the United States 5th Fleet and naval forces of the Central Command during two years of Iraqi contingency operations from July 1996 to July 1998. Admiral Fargo served as the 29th Commander in Chief, U.S. Pacific Fleet from October 1999 to May 2002.

Martin's career also spans 34 years. He entered the Air Force in June 1970 with a commission from the U.S. Air Force Academy; in addition to flying 161 combat missions in Southeast Asia, he commanded the 67th Tactical Fighter Squadron, the 479th Tactical

Training Wing, and the 33rd and 1st Fighter Wings. He also served as vice director of the Joint Staff's Force Structure and Resources Directorate, director of operational requirements for the U.S. Air Force, and principal deputy to the assistant Secretary of the Air Force for Acquisition. Before assuming his current position as the Commander, Air Force Materiel Command in August 2003, General Martin served as the Commander of U.S. Air Forces in Europe and Allied Air Forces Northern Europe. Martin is a command pilot with more than 4,500 flying hours in various aircraft, including the F-4, F-15, C-20 and C-21.

U.S. Pacific Command is the headquarters responsible for all American air, ground and maritime military forces in the Asia-Pacific region. U.S. Pacific Command is the largest geographical command in the Department of Defense.

It encompasses 43 countries bordered by two oceans, encompassing an area that covers over 100 million square miles from the west coast of the United States to the east coast of Africa.



U.S. Navy photo of Air Force Gen. Gregory S. Martin was nominated for reappointment to the rank of general with assignment as commander, United States Pacific Command.



Ready for sea

Australian women serve aboard submarines. See story on page A-2.



Embracing ohana

Chafee Sailors volunteer time to enjoy community. See story on page B-1.

Hawai'i Navy News Briefs

Gate restrictions

From 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Aug. 30 - Oct. 22, Halawa Dr. from Borchers Gate to the COMPACFLT headquarters entrance inside Makalapa compound will be reduced to one lane for security upgrades. Luapele Gate is recommended as an alternate route. Also, the section of Neches St. from Halawa gate to Bldg. 1685 will be reduced to one lane in each direction from Aug. 23 - Oct. 19. To avoid congestion, Halawa Gate will be restricted to commercial traffic only during this period. Traffic delays are expected.

Lingle to attend sub's keel-laying

Gov. Linda Lingle will be the guest of honor at a keel-laying ceremony today in Rhode Island for the USS Hawai'i, the Navy's third in a new line of Virginia-class nuclear attack submarines.

Lingle, who has been named the ship's sponsor, will inscribe her initials on the sub's keel. The Virginia-class subs are 377 feet long - 17 feet longer than the Los Angeles-class submarines based at Pearl Harbor.

PACOM releases Hawai'i education survey

Military parents are generally more satisfied with Hawai'i's public schools than two years ago, but they believe more improvement is needed, according to a survey released yesterday by the U.S. Pacific Command.

Fifty-eight percent of Hawai'i's military parents say they would recommend their child's school to others, an increase from 50 percent in 2002. Survey results are available at www.pacom.mil/jvef/.

Salvor Chief selectees

The following individuals from USS Salvor (ARS 52) made chief in the last cycle but the names were not available for the issue in which the chief selectees were printed: BMC(SW) Paul Adams HMC(SW) John Ashley ENC(SW) Brandon Blake DCC(SW) Jon Klukas DCC(SW) Jon Sommers QMC(SW) Matthew Stevens



U.S. Navy photo of Sailors take time to catch up on the news on Navy TV Hawai'i.

Region relaunches Navy TV Hawai'i

Karen S. Spangler
Assistant Editor

Navy officials have relaunched their local television channel, giving it a new look and implementing programming changes aimed at keeping Hawai'i's Navy community informed.

Formerly Navy Channel 2, the local Navy television channel is now known as Navy TV Hawai'i. Serving Navy personnel and families at all Navy installations and housing areas on Oahu, it is produced by the Navy Region Public Affairs Office.

The local Navy channel's new look is intended to look very similar to the CNN news channel - with news footage and news spots all presented in a visually appealing format. It also airs live briefings and town hall meetings presented by high-ranking government officials, such as the Secretary of Defense and the Secretary of the Navy.

One of the latest additions to the channel is a "ticker" which continuously scrolls across the bottom of the screen, much like the ticker

seen on other news channels.

Through the ticker, Navy TV Hawai'i will be able to keep viewers informed of the day's top headlines - a concise, current summary of what is happening at Naval Station Pearl Harbor and the Navy in Hawai'i. The ticker will also include headlines of stories from the worldwide Navy Newsstand that affect Sailors in Hawai'i.

Navy officials say the ticker will be a valuable tool in providing a means to quickly convey important advisories, such as cautions about approaching hurricanes or tsunamis. Viewers can watch Navy TV Hawai'i and immediately be advised on approaching storm conditions, as well as guidelines for preparation, important telephone numbers, etc.

"This will give us a method to immediately communicate with the Navy community about hurricanes, natural disasters and changing threat conditions," said Lt. Cmdr. Jeff Davis, Navy Region Hawai'i director of public affairs. "And on a day-to-day basis, it

Pearl Harbor educates Sailors on Navy's prospective future

JOSN Ryan C. McGinley
Staff Writer

Naval Station Pearl Harbor held a Littoral Combat Ship brief Aug. 19 to inform and educate Sailors on the prospective future of the Navy's warfare combat in direct correlation with the Chief of Naval Operation's Sea Power 21 program.

The Littoral Combat Ship is a small, faster ship that will incorporate the latest hull form technologies and modularized combat systems to overcome enemy littoral (or coastal region) defenses, which include mines, small boats and submarines.

"The purpose of our brief today is to acquaint you with the Littoral Combat Ship, tell you why we need it, what it does and how we're fielding it faster than any other ship in modern history," said Capt. James Stewart with Commander, Naval Surface Force U.S. Pacific Fleet and instructor for the brief. "Once again we have to think outside the box. There are new ways of doing things to meet new threats."

One of the major changes or benefits associated with the LCS is that it can change missions very quickly and have operational flexibility.

"Unlike previous combatant ships, LCS is not platform-centric," said Stewart. "It's what we called capability-centric, meaning that you can change the capabilities of the ship very quickly."

Capt. (sel.) John Neagley, from the Office of the Chief of Naval Operations and instructor for the brief, listed parameters set forth by the Navy for the ships, which includes a speed of 40 to 50 knots and a crew of 15 to 50 people to operate the ship.

A main focus for the brief was on how LCS would affect the individual Sailor.

"Not only am I going to have to do weather, but I'm going to have to do oceanography, too," said Aerographer's Mate 2nd Class (AW) James Thomas. "The [Sailors] that get stationed on these ships are going to have to do at least three or four different ratings."



U.S. Navy photo by JOSN Ryan C. McGinley of Capt. James Stewart explains to Sailors at Naval Station Pearl Harbor the projected warfare capabilities at a littoral combat ship (LCS) brief. The training session was aimed at educating Sailors on the prospective future of the Navy's surface combat in correlation with the Chief of Naval Operation's Sea Power 21 program.

Lt. j.g. Heather Hornick of USS Port Royal (CG 73) agreed it would affect a lot of communities across the board, creating a more knowledgeable Navy.

"The focus is on highly trained senior petty officers and chiefs that are expected to know an extremely large amount of knowledge and technical expertise," she said. "I think that is going to build a better Sailor."

Stewart also ceased rumors surrounding the new ships and their supposed ability to function without the rest of the Navy.

"LCS will operate as an integral member of a carrier strike group and/or an expeditionary strike group," he said. "It will not duplicate capability that is resonant in the other ships."

Stewart said when not in

wartime situations, LCS would function in similar ways that cruisers and destroyers operate, which would include counter drug and maritime security operations.

The Department of Defense announced in May 2004 that Lockheed Martin Corporation, Maritime Systems & Sensors and General Dynamics were each awarded contract options for final system design of up to two Littoral Combat Ships.

Construction is slated to begin in fiscal year 2005. "LCS is driving change that needs to happen so that we can field systems faster, more economically and more efficiently," said Stewart. "We have to do things faster and LCS is what is allowing us to do that in the surface Navy."

Joint Spouses Conference ready for 2004 registration

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Editor

Sporting a new name for its newest year, the 10th annual Joint Spouses Conference is set to begin accepting registrations for its annual forum Sept. 1.

Formerly called the Joint Women's Conference, organizers said the new name better reflects the military community.

"We have a great number of females in the military and we feel their spouses should be included," said Tina Alsop, director for this year's conference and workshop chairperson. "That's why we have the butterfly in our logo. Every year, there is a different thing. Last year, it was the palm tree. This year's butterfly represents our change."

The conference is designed to provide military spouses with information and support they need to cope with the challenges of military life.

"Being a Navy wife and mother is my career," said Shannon Harrison, Navy liaison for the conference. "Anything else is just a job."

As in previous years, organizers hope this year's conference will serve as a forum for spouses from every branch of the military to come together and share experiences about military life. To facilitate this goal, Alsop and members of the conference board have organized an array of workshops ranging from Financial Planning for Spouses to Introduction to Salsa.

"We really try to vary our workshops so they aren't gender-specific," Alsop said. "I mean, you could say the scuba and snorkeling workshop is geared for men if you wanted to, but there are women who do it too, so you can't really say that."

The workshops are chosen to provide spouses with an array of information about Hawai'i and life in the military. The conference board selects the classes based on



Photo courtesy of Joint Spouses Conference
Spouses enjoy hula lesson at the 2003 Joint Women's Conference. The conference has been renamed Joint Spouses Conference this year to better reflect the military community.

feedback from the previous year's conference. In addition to the salsa class, there are several other new workshops for this year's conference and some updates to past favorites.

"The Filming in Hawai'i workshop was originally a focus on movies done here," said Alsop. "Now, it's about the promising film industry in Hawai'i. The workshop is presented by the state film commission. It's a really popular program."

There will be keynote speakers on each day of the conference. The first day will feature Bishop Museum's "Living Stories." The museum will present Ola Na Mo'olelo. Organizers said the storytelling will transport listeners back to the 1800s with the story of King David La'amea Kalakaua.

Registration will last through Sept. 30. The forms will also be available at base exchanges, commissaries, support centers and chapels.

The conference will be held Oct 15 and 16 at the Hickam Air Force Base Officers' Club. The cost for attending both days of the conference is \$25. It is \$15 to attend the conference on either Friday or Saturday. Childcare is not provided at the conference so attendees with children will have to make arrangements for their care.

"But we have someone

looking into what will be available in the area," Alsop said. She said the information should be on the website soon. Alsop said the conference has something to offer spouses from every branch of the military.

"It's a chance to get away from the daily grind of being at home or at a job all day," Alsop began. "It's also a chance to learn about topics that interest them and to make friends or build new relationships. Last year was my first conference and I met a lot of great people and networked with a lot of great military spouses."

Alsop and the other organizers feel the time spent at the event is worthwhile for spouses from every branch of the military.

"The conference is important because the military spouse serves his or her country just as much as the military member," Alsop said. "When our husbands deploy, or are at work, we have to hold down the fort. We volunteer in different capacities, like the Navy Marine Corps Society Relief or with the Red Cross. Military spouses keep things together on the home front."

Spouses interested in attending the conference can log on to their Web site at www.jointspousesconference.com beginning Wednesday.

Navy families at Kalaeloa will soon receive utility bills

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Navy families who currently reside in the Kalaeloa area (formerly West Oahu Navy housing areas) will soon receive utility bills. Ford Island Housing, LLC, which now owns the housing in the Kalaeloa community, recently sent letters to the residents informing them of the new policy.

However, military tenants who use utilities wisely – electricity, water and gas – will not have any out-of-pocket utility expenses. Tenants who exceed their utilities allowance each month will be required to reimburse Ford Island Housing for the amount that is used over the stated allowance.

The utilities allowance for military tenants for a two-bedroom home is \$149 per month. Those who live in a three-bedroom unit are given a \$170 per month utilities allowance.

According to the sub-metering clause in paragraph 14 of the military lease agreement, the company is required to give military tenants a 45-day notice before charging for utilities consumption. Company officials note that this grace period will allow tenants to review their energy consumption habits and implement conservation techniques.



Residents at Kalaeloa will soon have to pay for utilities used in excess of their utilities allowance.

Military tenants will receive their first bill on or about Nov. 1; that bill will be for utilities consumed during the month of October. Ford Island Housing, LLC, has employed Energy Billing Systems (EBS) as their agent for meter installation, data collection and billing. EBS will generate monthly bills and send them directly to the tenants' homes.

Linda Bowman, general manager for Ford Island Housing LLC, discussed energy conservation measures. "Our staff continues to strive to improve your quality of life and provide outstanding service. An element of these efforts is the reduction of utility consumption," she said.

"Utility consumption is a major concern for all of us. There is a myriad of literature on techniques for conserving our precious resources," she explained.

"Simple things such as raising the thermostat a few degrees, shorter showers and lawn watering at appropriate times of the day can dramatically reduce energy use," Bowman emphasized.

Tenants at the Kalaeloa community are encouraged to contact the Ford Island Housing, LLC office at anytime to discuss the policy or process or if they have additional questions. The office staff will also provide information about energy conservation techniques.

U.S. Navy photo

Got Questions?

Write to us at hnn@honoluluadvertiser.com

Prepare: Legal standdown set for Navy Region Hawai'i

Naval Station Pearl Harbor
Legal Office

To ensure that all naval personnel have their legal and personal affairs in order, the Chief of Naval Operations under OPNAVINST 5801.1 declares October "Legal Checkup Month."

In accordance with OPNAVINST 5801.1, the Naval Legal Service Office Pacific Detachment Pearl Harbor (NLSO) will extend "Legal Checkup Month" to include September and October. This will enable all personnel who need to put their legal affairs in proper order enough time to accomplish that goal.

The Legal Checkup Program is designed to make personnel aware of the status of their legal and personal affairs, to provide all personnel with the opportunity to put their affairs in order, and to ensure that all personnel are aware of and have access to the NLSO.

All personnel are invited to fill out a legal affairs questionnaire and to review their per-

sonal legal affairs with a legal assistance attorney.

The questionnaire will be disseminated to all commands or can be downloaded from <http://forms.daps.dla.mil/order/>, (search by form number 5801/1 and click on the CD logo under "type"). Forms will also be available at the NLSO front desk.

The Naval Legal Service Office provides legal advice and assistance to service members and dependents on civil matters such as divorce, adoptions, guardianships, estate planning, consumer issues, tax, landlord/tenant law, immigration and more. They also prepare wills, living wills and powers of attorney.

Talk to your command to arrange a visit to the NLSO and call 473-5982, ext. 314 to make an appointment. To accommodate clients during Legal Checkup Month, they will extend walk-in hours to Mondays and Wednesdays from 1 to 4 pm, and Tuesdays and Thursdays from 8 to 11 am, starting Sept. 1.

Hawai'i Navy News Editorial

Exercise your right to vote

Commentary
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The Uniformed and Overseas Citizens Absentee Voting Act (UOCAVA) requires that states and territories allow certain groups of citizens to register and vote absentee in elections for federal offices. Many states also have their own laws allowing citizens covered by the UOCAVA to register and vote absentee in state and local elections as well. U.S. citizens covered by the UOCAVA include:

- Members of the U.S. Uniformed Services (on active duty) and Merchant Marine.
- Their family members.
- U.S. citizens residing outside the U.S.

So how do you actually register and vote absentee? If you are included in the group above, you can use the Federal Post Card Application (FPCA) to (1) register to vote and (2) request an absentee ballot.

The FPCA can be obtained from your command voting officer, or online at www.fvap.gov. Every state uses the same FPCA, but each state has its own instructions for filling out the form. Those instructions, as well as the appropriate mailing addresses, can also be found at the above website. Once you are registered via the FPCA, your state voting officials will mail you an absentee ballot, which you can then fill out and return to that state. To be safe, it is recommended that you mail your FPCA by the first week in September in order to vote in the Nov. 2 election.

You may be wondering in which state you should register to vote. Often it is the state that you claim as your residence for income tax purposes. Your legal voting residence can be the state or territory where you last resided prior to entering military service or a state that you have since claimed as your legal residence. To claim a new legal residence, you must have simultaneous physical presence and the intent to return to that loca-

tion as your primary residence. Military members may change their legal residence every time they change permanent duty stations or they may retain their legal residence without change.

Family members may have a different legal voting residence from the service member. Military members may vote in the state or territory where stationed if they change their legal residence to that state. However, there could be unintended consequences of changing your legal residence, like being required to pay state income tax in that state. Therefore, you should be careful when deciding where you should register to vote. Your command voting officer can assist you in making this determination.

Each command in this area has a voting officer who can assist you with obtaining forms and answering questions. If you don't know who your voting officer is, contact your chain of command or contact the CNRH voting assistance officer at colleen.harris@navy.mil.

Letter to the editor

Verizon phone bill:

If you have received a letter from Verizon offering in home phone line services, you should know that this service is already covered by housing and PPV and is free.

Both housing and PPV cover maintenance from your wall phone jack to the outside box. Verizon covers the lines from that outside box out to the world.

What housing and PPV do not cover is if you want extra services, more phone lines, line upgrades (DSL), and things of that nature. Housing and PPV do cover maintenance and trouble shooting of that section of the line.

For Navy housing, you need to call DZB at 486-

4200 for maintenance and service. If you live in PPV housing, you need to call Forest City Residential Management at 839-HELP (4357) for maintenance and service.

For more information on PPV housing and services available, try their web site <http://www.hmcliving.com>. If you live in other than Navy housing, call the appropriate maintenance people for your area. They have the same type of services available to you.

You are responsible for your own phone and the line to the phone jack.

You may call Verizon to come and check your lines inside the house, but the fee is now yours to pay and can be from \$91 for the first 30 minutes plus \$46 for each additional 30 min-

utes plus the equipment cost to repair the problem. Now if you already have the \$3.95 a month service contract most or part of the service fee of is waived.

Verizon is sending out a letter to everyone in their mailing area. Now this letter is offering you in-home maintenance service, but you do not need this part of their service. If you wish to have a choice of who to call to fix your in-home problem then sign up for it. It's your \$3.95 a month or \$91+whatever.

In almost all cases, malicious damage done by you or your dependents to the inside or outside phone systems will be charged to you. This is done case by case.

MM1(SS) Eric L. Foss

Detention report available online

Independent panel delivers detention operations report

The members of the Independent panel to review DoD detention operations briefed Secretary of Defense Donald H. Rumsfeld Tuesday as they delivered their final report.

The four members of the panel were appointed by the secretary to provide him their objective and independent advice and recommendations regarding the allegations and investigations of abuse at DoD detention facilities.

James R. Schlesinger, secretary of defense for Presidents Nixon and Ford and secretary of energy for President Carter, served as the panel's chairman.

Harold Brown, secretary of defense for President Carter; former U.S. Representative Tillie K. Fowler, senior member of the House Armed Services Committee; and retired Air Force Gen. Charles A. Horner, who led the air campaign in the 1991 Iraq War and former commander of the North American Aerospace Defense Command and Space Command, served as its members.

Link to the report: <http://www.defenselink.mil/news/Aug2004/d20040824finalreport.pdf>

Rumsfeld statement on panel's detention operations report

I appreciate the work of the distinguished members of the Detention Operations Review Panel. The panel was chaired by Dr. James Schlesinger. Its members were Dr. Harold Brown, the Honorable Tillie Fowler and General Chuck Horner (retired).

The panel has provided important information and recommendations that will be of assistance in our ongoing efforts to improve detention operations.

Their report is the product of a great deal of effort and commitment, and has benefited from the members' unusually broad experiences. We look forward to reviewing their analysis and recommendations in detail.

As I emphasized during Congressional testimony in May, the Defense Department has an obligation to evaluate what happened and to make appropriate changes. The independent panel's contributions will be of great help to us.

We have said from the beginning that we would see that these incidents were fully investigated, make findings, make the appropriate corrections, and make them public. As additional reports are completed, they also will be made available to the Congress and to the press, as appropriate.

NLSO Hours of Operation

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Walk-in Will Workshops: An attorney will guide you through an estate planning worksheet to prepare your will, living will, and advanced medical directive.	Wednesdays at 1 p.m. Please arrive 15 minutes before the beginning of the lecture to complete preliminary paperwork.
Separation/Divorce Lecture: A video providing information about your rights and responsibilities during a separation or divorce and the legal process.	Tuesday and Thursday from 9 - 11 a.m. (Every half hour).

Commentary

Fireside Chat

Navy Region Federal Fire Dept.

Fire exits ... more than just a way out!

The fire exit is much more than a way out of your building. The fire exit is a lifesaver in more ways than one. First of all, there should be more than one fire exit. There should be at least two or more for all buildings. Unfortunately, there have been a few tragic fires where people were trapped inside because the fire exits were locked and/or blocked. It's human nature, we go out the way we come in. But if that way out is blocked by heat, smoke, flames and fumes, we would have to know another way out or we would get trapped as well. That is the purpose of more than one fire exit. Take a minute to look for the illuminated fire exit sign in your building. You will find these fire exit signs above and close to fire exit doors. It's through these fire exit doors that will lead you safely out of your building.

The fire exit is much more than a door, it's a system. First, it's a door that usually swings out and closes automatically. By the door swinging out, it prevents people from piling up behind the door. With the door automatically closing, it minimizes fresh air from feeding the fire and heat and smoke and fumes from following you out the door. Second, a fire alarm pull station should be close to the door. In the



U.S. Navy photo
 Navy Region Hawai'i employees test their fire exit.

event of a fire, you can pull the handle and activate the fire alarm as you exit the building. Remember to muster at your outside meeting place. Third, a fire extinguisher; should be near the door as well. This way you do not have to look around for the fire extinguisher, it should be near the fire exit.

The Federal Fire Department recommends that you take a minute and get familiar with your fire exit. Remember, the fire exit is more than a way out, it's a system of safety for you.

For more information about fire exits and other fire related questions, call 474-7785.

World War II rescuee tells his tale to the brass



U.S. Navy photo
 After being rescued from Guam in 1944 by a U.S. Navy ship, George Ray Tweed (right) relates his tale to Rear Adm. J.J. Clark (left) and an assistant. Tweed had been evading capture by Japanese forces on Guam for two and a half years before his rescue.

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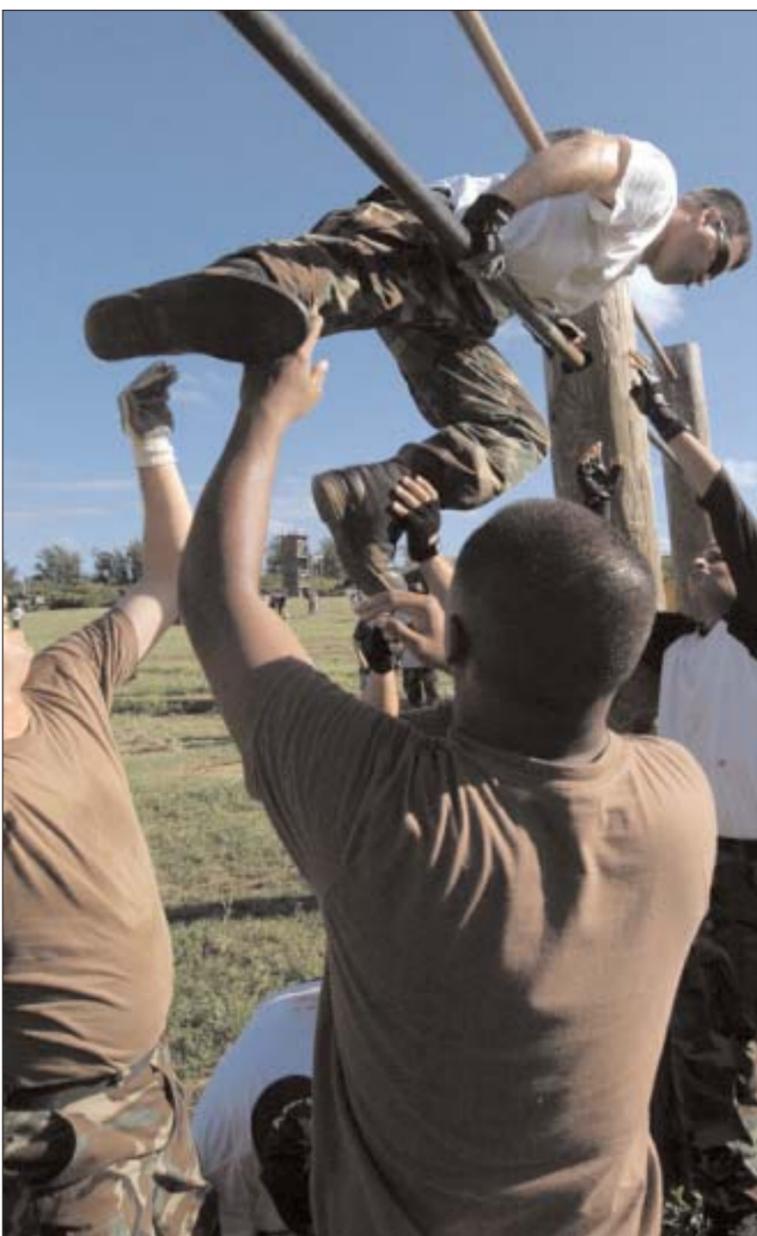
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Chief selectees put to the test



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

A chief petty officer selectee scales high bars with the help of his teammates at the Fleet Marine Force Challenge. The FMF Challenge included a confidence and obstacle course, leadership reaction course, pugil stick training and a general purpose tent pitch/strike for chief selectees at Marine Corps Base Hawai'i Kaneohe Bay.

JOSN Ryan C. McGinley

Staff Writer

After a 200-question examination of general military and professional knowledge, a barrage of questions at their respective boards and what might seem like a never-ending waiting period, it was now time for chief petty officer selectees to get dirty. They crawled through mud, jumped over hurdles, sweated through their CPO selectee shirts and learned valuable lessons about what it means to be a chief.

Nearly 170 chief petty officer selectees, sponsors and command master chiefs participated in the fourth annual Chief Selectee Fleet Marine Force Challenge Aug. 20 at Marine Corps Base Hawai'i Kaneohe Bay as part of their five-week initiation.

Competitors took part in a confidence course, obstacle course, leadership reaction course, pugil stick training and general-purpose tent pitch as part of the day-long events designed to emphasize Navy core values of honor, courage and commitment while transitioning to their prospective rank of chief petty officer.

Senior Chief Hospital Corpsman Daniel Forburger, command senior chief for Combat Service Support Group Three and coordinator for the event, said the challenge has been going on since 2001 and it has grown considerably since then, doubling since 2002. He said the events, sponsored by Marine Forces Pacific and FMF units from MCBH, build camaraderie and teach confidence like no other, involving the whole spectrum of the Navy.

"A good portion of teamwork is what I am learning the most about here," said Chief Gas Turbine System Mechanic (sel.) (SW) David Delgado, Naval Recruiting Center Los Angeles. "We're all one big happy family. So everybody is out here supporting everybody."

Senior Chief Fire Control Technician (SS) Andre Green from Submarine Squadron One added that as a supporter he hopes to help chief selectees learn to rely on one

another to get the job done.

"This is important because it helps solidify the fact that teamwork is what you need to survive," said the San Francisco native. "No matter where you come from or what you do, you need each other to survive."

Besides building teamwork and camaraderie, all participants agreed the events tested their physical fitness to the limit.

"My favorite part so far has been the water jug," said Delgado, a Tucson, Ariz. native. "I had a hard time through the [obstacle] course here, but my mentor was one step ahead of me the whole time, carrying me through."

"The obstacle course has been my favorite event so far and the only reason I completed it was because of teamwork," added Green.

Although the obstacle course got rave reviews, other events had chief selectees coming back for more.

"The pugil sticks were my favorite event because I had been needing to get some frustration out," said Chief Electrician's Mate (sel.) (DSW/SS) George Harris, Mobile Diving and Salvage Unit One. "I'm having a great time. It's the best time I've had so far."

Forburger said the challenges give Sailors a chance to train with Marines, something they might not ever do again. He also praised the support from the Marines in getting the challenge together each year. He



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A chief petty officer selectee maneuvers down a beam at the Fleet Marine Force Challenge.

said word of mouth has exploded this unique event into something selectees look forward to every year.

Although a goal for the challenge is to incorporate fun into the transition process, Delgado said these events in particular would help him when he becomes a chief, because they incorporate a lot of the skills needed to succeed at being a great leader.

"It's a matter of adapting and overcoming whatever obstacle they lay before us," he said. "It's a learning experience and a blast."



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NCC (sel.) Brandon Ward makes his way through a barbed wire obstacle at the Fleet Marine Force Challenge.

Female submariners serve aboard HMAS Rankin

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Editor

Aboard U.S. Navy submarines, the accepted rule is that females cannot serve. Aboard HMAS Rankin (SSG 78), female submariners are integrated into everyday life aboard the Australian submarine.

"We didn't have females aboard till this trip and I feel we're better for it," said Lt. Cmdr. Stephen Hussey, Rankin's commanding officer. "They bring in added value because they come in with a new point of view but underneath it all, we know we're all submariners."

Rankin has been operating in local waters for the last few months, coming in for the Rim of the Pacific exercises. The submarine and her crew are scheduled to depart today to return to their homeport of Perth. For the women aboard Rankin, submarine duty is a unique and exciting way to serve their country.

"There's no room for girly girls aboard here," said Able Seaman Mel Clark. "They wouldn't last a day."

Clark serves as a steward aboard the diesel-powered submarine. She describes her duties as being comparable to a culinary specialist in the U.S. Navy. Clark has been in the Australian Navy for three and a half years and has served aboard HMAS Waller (SSG 75), another submarine in the Australian Navy. The 21-year-old submariner enjoys the challenges of submarine duty.

"You're pretty much one of the boys," she said. "On our [surface] ships, you just have to know your job. On submarines, you need to know how to do your job and how everyone else's job works. It's very mentally stimulating."

Hussey has been in the Navy for almost 30 years and enjoys the new experience.

"This is the first sub I've served on that has females," he explained. "They do every job we've got here. It matters not their gender."

In the 54-person crew, there are currently four women serving aboard. When the submarine returns home, two more will come aboard to fill out the complement of six women aboard Rankin.

"I wanted to specialize in electronic warfare," said Able Seaman Alana Owen. The 21-year-old sub-



U.S. Navy photo by JOSN Ryan C. McGinley
HMAS Rankin (SSG 78) pulls into Pearl Harbor Monday for her last port visit before leaving for home today.

mariner has been in the Navy for four and a half years. She said if she had remained on surface ships, she would have had to remain on Australia's east coast. As a submariner, she can stay on the west coast. In addition to her main job, Owen is also one of the Sailors who help the rest of the crew maintain the qualifications.

"I'm small arms qualified," she explained. "We do shoots regularly to keep everybody in qualifications. Whenever we do a shoot, we all have to make sure we're up there shooting as well, whether we're in quals or not. It helps keep us all sharp."

Hussey said his crew has fully accepted and is comfortable with having women serving aboard. He said this attitude might fly in the face of other ideas, but is happy with the professionalism and abilities of his crew.

"I think there is a great fear of the unknown," he said in response to the idea of having women aboard submarines. "Sometimes, you have people with preconceived notions that are completely unfounded. The women here have integrated fully, easily and they're just as valuable to me as any other member of my crew."

Currently, the female complement aboard his submarine is around 10 percent, but he can see a future with the crew being fully gender integrated. Hussey said the Australian Navy has had women



U.S. Navy photo by JO1 Daniel J. Calderón
Able Seaman Alana Owen sets up the brow curtain for HMAS Rankin (SSG 78) after the submarine pulled into Naval Station Pearl Harbor for a port visit Monday.

serving aboard their submarines since 1990.

"We're not the first Navy to have females aboard our submarines and we won't be the last," Hussey said. "Canada just went to having females aboard within the last 12 months. I think it's a growing trend."

Both Clark and Owen are looking forward to serving Australia as members of the Navy for the foreseeable future.

"I definitely plan on staying in the Navy," said Clark. "It's a good, stable career."

"I'll be here for another two years," Owen said. "And I definitely plan on being in the Navy for a while yet. I'll stay in the submarine service for as long as they'll have me."



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Able Seaman Mel Clark lifts a Mk 48 shroud in the weapons storage compartment aboard HMAS Rankin (SSG 78). Clark is one of four women stationed aboard the Australian submarine. Women have served aboard Australian subs since the late 1990s.

USS Russell wraps up CARAT

Ensign Katie Hulse
USS Russell Public Affairs

On May 11, USS Russell (DDG 59) officers and crew manned the rails while family and friends waved from the pier as Russell got underway from sunny Pearl Harbor to participate in a Cooperation Afloat Readiness and Training (CARAT) Western Pacific deployment.

The closing ceremony for CARAT 2004 took place on Aug. 4 in Subic Bay, Philippine Islands.

Sponsored by the Commander, U.S. Pacific Fleet, CARAT is a sequential series of bilateral exercises held annually throughout Southeast Asia that began in 1995 by combining a number of exercises under CARAT.

While each country phase differed based on the desired training of CARAT partners, the general focus was on interoperability of sea services through training in areas such as operational planning, command and control, tactics, logistics support, maritime law and community service programs.

The overarching goal of CARAT was the enhancement of regional cooperation, promotion of understanding between participating military forces and the continued development of operational readiness of participating forces through mutually beneficial training scenarios.

"The CARAT 2004 deployment was outstanding," said Gas Turbine Systems Technician 1st Class (SW) Judson Imhoff. "Russell took pride in showing off her capabilities to Commodore Little, the other CARAT navies and other ships in our own flotilla. In the engineering plant, we met the ongoing challenge of maintaining a plant capable of supporting all operational commitments, and looked good doing it. We even managed to have some fun on the side," he said.

During the first week of August, Russell detached from her CARAT counterparts, and began her transit south headed for Sydney, Australia.

While August in Sydney proved to be far from a warm Hawaiian summer, Russell

Sailors enjoyed a multitude of activities and tours organized by MWR. The Sydney Bridge climb proved to be a popular attraction, as well as visiting the historic Sydney Opera House.

During her five days in port, Russell Sailors were able to unwind and enjoy all the sites and culture that Australia had to offer.

"Having traveled all over the world, I can say with certainty that Sydney has the most to offer in one geographic area than any other major city abroad," said Lt. Mike Bruce, Russell's missile officer. "In terms of sights, entertainment, tours, fine dining, and overall recreation, Sydney is a definite 'must see.' From the Opera House, Darling Harbour, Bondi Beach, to The Rocks and the downtown area, Sydney has something for everyone. I will definitely return to Sydney."

With only days left until Russell returns to Pearl Harbor, the officers and crew of DDG 59 look forward to the warm aloha of Oahu with great anticipation.



U.S. Navy photo
A tugboat returns to Pearl Harbor after assisting USS Lake Erie (CG 70) as the cruiser leaves Pearl Harbor Monday for the ship's first deployment in five years.

USS Lake Erie leaves Pearl Harbor on latest deployment

Ensign Jared Samuelson
USS Lake Erie Public Affairs

Linehandlers in summer whites stood smartly in ranks while loved ones waved from the pier as USS Lake Erie (CG 70) got underway Monday for the ship's first deployment in almost five years.

Lake Erie's duties as the Navy's test platform for ballistic missile defense have kept her close to the Hawaiian Islands in recent years. The ship operated for seven weeks in the 7th Fleet area of operations (AOR) last summer and conducted a training availability on the West Coast for six weeks this spring, but hadn't done a deployment since a 1999 WESTPAC with the Constellation Battle Group.

The deployment will give the ship and crew an opportunity to continue to hone the operational skills they exhibited during Rim-of-the-Pacific 2004, where Lake Erie worked closely with the Japanese Maritime Self Defense Force as part of the bilateral force.

Given the length of time since her last deployment, this underway period will be the first even for some Lake Erie veterans. For her newest Sailors, the trip represents the culmination of the old recruiter's promise to "Join the Navy, see the world."

Sonar Technician (Surface) 3rd Class Russell Wuerffel reported to the ship in January. He's never been overseas and is anxiously anticipating his first foreign port visit.

"I expect to learn what McDonald's tastes like in Japan. I also expect to learn new customs," Wuerffel said. "Honestly, though, it is a little too early to have any opinions."

For others, this cruise will be yet another star to be added to an already packed Sea Service Ribbon. Of course, that doesn't make the deployment any less important.

"I'm just glad everybody gets to go out and have some fun," Gas Turbine Systems Technician Mechanical 1st Class Donald Ling of Detroit, Mich., said. "It's good to get out there and operate."

Ling has been in the Navy just for over 11 years and was stationed in Japan for nine years. He's earned four Sea Service ribbons.

Lake Erie will be in the 7th Fleet AOR for several months. The ship will be involved in several large-scale exercises. Operating with the JMSDF is nothing new for Lake Erie. In addition to RIMPAC, the ship has conducted a number of exercises with JMSDF ships in the last year, including during last summer's operations in the seventh Fleet and while enroute to her training availability in May.



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USS Russell (DDG 59) and the U.S. Coast Guard high endurance cutter Mellon (WMEC 717) steam side by side during a formation for a photo opportunity after the ships joined with USS Fort McHenry (LSD 43) and USS McCampbell (DDG 85) to form the bulk of the exercise Cooperation Afloat Readiness and Training (CARAT) task group.

Hawai'i Navy News Sports

Youth Soccer season scores final goals

MM3 Greg Bookout

Staff Writer

Military children gathered at Quick Field on Naval Station Pearl Harbor Saturday to play the final games of the youth soccer season.

The youth soccer league is broken up into five divisions based on age groups. The divisions are the Mini-Grasshoppers, the Termites, the Pee Wees and the Midgets. The age range for the league consists of children five to 15 years old and is inclusive of both girls and boys.

The league stresses the importance of teamwork and sportsmanship, as well as giving kids a chance to bond with their peers.

"Soccer is a great opportunity to get kids actively involved," said Jennifer Reese, a parent with a child in the Termite division. "I think they have great coaches and great volunteers who spend a lot of quality time with these children."

Since the league is meant to promote good emotional development and camaraderie among the children, many of the younger age groups do not officially keep score.

"If they don't know the score, we don't tell them," said Darren Olson, coach of the Kaneohe Bay Pee Wee division Jaguars. "We mainly

concentrate on sportsmanship and proper play."

"For the younger groups, we never keep score," said Thomas Callahan, who has coached for seven years among different age groups. "I keep a score book for the older kids, but at a certain age, the kids understand who wins anyway."

Olson said he enjoys coaching soccer to watch the kids learn and grow into playing the game of soccer.

"I love to see the kids challenge themselves and reach their goals," said Olson. "When they first start out, they play a chaotic 'bee-hive' soccer style. By the time they get to be around 10, they start actually passing and understanding the game."

A parent with two children participating in the league noted the importance of having youth sports leagues for children with military parents.

"I think that these programs are very important for military children because military children live a different lifestyle, they have to be transplanted more than other children," said Scott Ragsdale. "This is especially important when moms or dads have to go overseas. It gives children a chance to bond and make friends with other kids with similar backgrounds and it gives them something to put their focus on."

Several of the youth soccer

players said playing in the league was really entertaining and it gave them something productive to do.

"It's fun to play, run around and kick the ball," said one of the kids. "If I was at home, I would probably be fighting with my brother."

"Sports like soccer give kids something to do besides playing computer or watching T.V.," a player from one of the older age groups added. "Too many people just sit around at home all the time."

Callahan said coaching youth soccer over the years was his way of passing on a game he has enjoyed all of his life and a good way of giving

something useful to the kids.

"I love working with the kids. It's a whole lot of fun," he said. "I have been playing soccer my whole life; coaching is a chance to teach them something I know. The kids take well to the way I do things. I don't yell all the time or make them run or do drills constantly. I like to do a lot of scrimmaging," he continued. "My main goal is that after any practice or game they say they had fun."

For more information on youth soccer or other youth sports programs, contact the Boys & Girls Clubs of Navy Hawai'i youth Programs at 474-3501.



U.S. Navy photo by MM3 Greg Bookout
A member of a Pearl Harbor-based youth soccer team hustles after the ball during his last game of the season at Pearl Harbor's Quick field Saturday.



U.S. Navy photo by MM3 Greg Bookout
A youth soccer participant runs alongside the ball during her game Saturday.



U.S. Navy photo by MM3 Greg Bookout
A member of the Boy's & Girl's Club of Navy Hawai'i youth soccer league kicks a ball during the final regular season games Saturday. The soccer league includes military children ages five to 15.

Patrol Squadron 47 Korean War veteran visits former squadron

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Staff Writer

Aviation Ordnancemen 3rd Class Richard Florence, a member of Patrol Squadron 47 (VP-47) during the Korean War, visited his former squadron located at Marine Corps Base Hawai'i Kaneohe Monday.

Entering the service in 1948 directly out of high school, Florence went to basic training at RTC San Diego, to airmen school in Tennessee and spent two years in Norfolk, Va. before moving to VP-47 at the beginning of the Korean War.

Florence recalled that during his time in the Navy, AOs played a slightly different role than they do today.

"The current AOs don't ride the aircraft," said Florence. "Ordies stopped flying around 1995. The major difference between now and then that I see is the modernization and sophistication of the equipment used. The P-3Cs of today have a pressurized cabin and are capable of flying over three times higher than the planes of my day," he stated.

During his visit to VP-47, Florence was able to meet and talk with current AOs and tour the ordnance shop giving him a perspective of modern day AOs work. He also met with Cmdr. Jim Landers, VP-47 executive officer, where he was presented with a matted and framed picture of a Navy P-3C Orion, signed by Thomas McGovern commanding officer of VP-47. Finally he toured a naval P-3C Orion patrol plane and ate lunch at the officers' club where he shared many nostalgic sea stories with the members of VP-47.

"It was amazing listening to Mr. Florence's experiences in the Navy," said Lt. j.g. Anthony Bravo, pilot and public affairs officer for VP-47. "It is very encouraging to hear his stories. He has been out of the Navy for twice my lifetime and I only hope to someday have my own memoirs from my time in the serv-



Photo courtesy of Richard Florence
AO3 Richard Florence poses outside a storefront in Hong Kong. Florence visited the city while in the Navy during the Korean War.

ice to cherish and share."

During Florence's time in the Navy, he flew on a different type of patrol plane than the P-3Cs of today. Florence served on a PBM-5 patrol bomber, which made landings on the water vice on a runway.

"We (AOs) were responsible for all of the munitions aboard the PBM-5," said Florence. "There was a bow, twin turret in front of the pilot, a middle turret high in the midsection of the plane, an aft turret, and port and starboard single mount 50 caliber machine guns."

Florence recounted on the routes he flew during the early 1950s aboard the VP-47 PBM-5 and some of the memories he had of those flights.

"We flew a route out of Alameda Naval Air Station down to Barbers Point, Guam, the Marshall Islands, and up to Manila Bay in the Philippines," said Florence. "Each experience had its own plateau. One particular special memory was a rest and relaxation trip we took to Japan in December 1951. I would have not had the opportunity to



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Richard Florence (right) takes time to talk story with Cmdr. Jim Landers, VP-47 executive officer. The Korean War veteran spoke with Landers and other VP-47 Sailors about the differences in Navy life from then and now.

travel to that section of the world if I wasn't in the Navy."

During his time with the patrol squadron, on some occasions things were tough in the squadron and Florence recalled the cohesiveness of his squadron. Florence was in an aircraft under fire, he witnessed and survived a typhoon, and lost several friends when a flight to Hong Kong went down in 1951.

"The experience was challenging, but extremely rewarding," said Florence. "The camaraderie in my patrol squadron was superb. The officers depended on enlisted and enlisted upon the officers."

Since departing the Navy, Florence went on to work in retail marketing, attend a school to learn about television and radio repair, and work for the California Public school system teaching risk stu-

dents, illiterate students, and English as a second language.

Florence went back to college for one year to adequately learn Spanish as a second language in order to teach Spanish-speaking students the English language.

"I started working with the California Public School system 13 years ago," said Florence. "Working with the kids is one of the most satisfying things I have ever done."

Florence began planning to visit Hawai'i and his former patrol squadron several years ago when old memories of his Navy days came during an evening newscast.

"A few years ago, a patrol plane was damaged and landed in China," said Florence. "When the members of the flight crew came home, they came into Hickam Air

Force Base, where I saw a young boy holding a sign that said VP-47. My emotions began to stir. I went to my collection of pictures where I found pictures I took during the typhoon. Coming out to visit was a culmination of this and the help of several former members of VP-47, in particularly ex-VP-47 executive officer, Cmdr. Keith Bluestein," he added.

Florence noted that the pinnacle of his trip to Hawai'i was meeting with the Navy personnel of VP-47.

"The highlight of my trip to Hawai'i was my visit to VP-47," he said. "The officers were genuine gentlemen. I am from an era 50 plus years ago, but the camaraderie, the cohesiveness of the patrol squadron was the same today as it was during my time over half a century ago."

TV: Pentagon Channel, Navy TV Hawai'i merge for 'new, improved' look

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provides an avenue to get word out quickly about special events, gate and road closures, and other information important to the Navy community in Hawai'i."

"Getting accurate information out quickly is critical," he emphasized, "and Navy TV Hawai'i provides us with the means to alert our Navy families expeditiously."

Another innovation brought to Navy TV Hawai'i in the past couple months was the installation of the Pentagon Channel, bringing the "pulse of military headquarters" to the "heart of the Pacific forces" at Pearl Harbor.

The Pentagon Channel broadcasts military news and information to the 2.6 million members of the U.S. Armed Forces. Its programming includes Defense Department of Defense briefings, military news, interviews with top defense officials and short sto-

ries about the work of the military.

Local news, such as ceremonies and events that bring the channel closer to home, also air on Navy TV Hawai'i. Hawai'i Navy News Minute offers a nutshell report of some of the top stories in Hawai'i Navy News, the official Navy newspaper for the Navy in Hawai'i.

A "resident clock" displaying Hawai'i Standard Time is another addition to Navy TV Hawai'i's format.

Navy Region Hawai'i officials encourage tenant commands with televisions in common spaces, such as quarters and waiting areas, to keep tuned to Navy TV Hawai'i.

If you haven't watched Navy TV Hawai'i recently, tune in and see the new, improved local Navy channel. "That's what this channel was designed for, the service member," said Pedro Valdez, director of Navy TV Hawai'i.

USS La Jolla returns home



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USS La Jolla (SSN 701) returns to the Naval Station Pearl Harbor submarine piers Monday after completing a six-month Western Pacific deployment.

