

SECNAV visits local Sailors

JO1 Daniel J. Calderón

Editor

Secretary of the Navy Gordon England was on Oahu for the Navy's 229th birthday Wednesday. To help celebrate the occasion, England stopped to have breakfast with Sailors, Marines and Coast Guard members at a breakfast hosted by the Honolulu Council of the Navy League.

"It's very significant he came here," said Adm. Walter F. Doran, Commander U.S. Pacific Fleet. "It's perfect, really, that the Secretary of the Navy would stop in Hawai'i on his way to Guam and spend time with service

members here."

"It's always important to come to Hawai'i," England said. "It's an important place for the U.S. Navy and it gives me an opportunity to see our Navy leadership in the Pacific."

England stopped in Hawai'i on his way to Guam for the commissioning of the newest Coast Guard cutter.

"I really had no idea what the Secretary of the Navy does," said Coast Guard Yeoman 1st Class Kelly Merchen. "It's an important moment for all of us here to have been recognized as high achievers and be rewarded by having breakfast and meeting with the Secretary

of the Navy."

"It's great to see the Coast Guard as part of the Department of Homeland Defense," England said. "They do a tremendous job."

Local Sailors, Marines and Coast Guard members were chosen by their chains of command to attend the breakfast and meet with the secretary.

"There are over 2,000 people in the command and out of everyone, I'm one of the few who are able to be here," said Culinary Specialist 2nd Class (SCW) Tanya Sylvester of the Navy Region Hawai'i food service office. "I feel very honored to be here. It feels

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U.S. Navy photo by JO1 Daniel J. Calderón
CS2 Tanya Sylvester and LN1 Edward Crews talk with Secretary of the Navy Gordon England during a breakfast hosted by the Navy League.



Saying goodbye

USS Cheyenne deploys to Western Pacific. See story on page A-5.



"Blues on the Bay"

Blue Angels roar into Kaneohe Bay. See story on page B-1.

Hawai'i Navy News Briefs

Shipyard worker attacked by a large shark

A Pearl Harbor Naval Shipyard worker was victim of a shark attack Saturday. Davy Sanada was in stable condition after being transferred to the Queen's Medical Center Monday morning, a hospital official said.

Sanada, a fourth-year apprentice who works on submarines at the shipyard, was bitten by a large shark on his left shoulder while he was spear fishing near Kupeke Fishpond on Moloka'i. Sanada is expected to undergo several surgeries, including reconstruction of the shoulder area.

2004 FBI recruitment

There will be a monthly career seminar Oct. 22 at Pearl Harbor Fleet & Family Support Center, Bldg. 193, Room 205, from 10:30 - to 11:30 a.m. For reservations, contact the Pearl Harbor Fleet & Family Support Center at 473-4222. Contact Special Agent Kal Wong for information on additional monthly seminars by calling 566-4488. Entry level salary is \$45,735 (GS 10) during academy training, and \$56,240 - \$61,045 upon graduation including locality/availability pay.

Cheerleader visit

Four cheerleaders from the San Francisco 49ers will visit Hawai'i to promote Pro Bowl pre-sale tickets at the NEX from 2-4p.m. Oct. 23. They are scheduled to tour a ship and sub to meet and greet Sailors Oct. 22.

Upcoming training

Navy Region First Class Petty Officers Association will host professional military training (PMK) including general military requirements for CPO. It is scheduled to start Oct. 28 and continue every Thursday until Dec. 2 except Nov. 25 (Thanksgiving) at Navy College Bldg. 679, Pearl Harbor second floor, room 24B from 3 to 4 p.m. For more information, contact CTA1(SW) Alomar at 471-9734, Ext. 216.

Aloha USS Belleau Wood



U.S. Navy photo by JO2 Devin Wright

USS Belleau Wood (LHA 3) sits moored at Pearl Harbor for a port visit en route to San Diego, after participating in a surge deployment in support of the global war on terrorism. While operating in the Northern Arabian Gulf, over 60 combat sorties were flown off Belleau Wood's flight deck. She also helped save 12 crew members of an Indonesian vessel when their ship began to sink, and successfully put ashore over 2,000 Marines.

Hawai'i military flu vaccination program awaits DoD guidance

Les Ozawa

Tripler Army Medical Center Public Affairs

Local and national media reported Oct. 5 that Chiron Corporation had notified the Centers for Disease Control that its influenza vaccine, Fluvirin, could not be distributed for the 2004 - 5 influenza season.

This reduces by half the most commonly used inactivated flu vaccine in the United States.

The Department of Defense (DOD) expected Chiron to provide over half of its flu vaccine stock. DOD officials are now meeting to determine how to distribute its limited supply of influenza vaccine to protect active duty and other beneficiaries.

Military medical authorities are awaiting further guidance on prioritizing the administration of limited vaccine supplies. Personnel deploying overseas, however, may still receive their flu shots through their military units. Information about the Tripler Army Medical Center (TAMC) flu program will be announced when plans are established. For

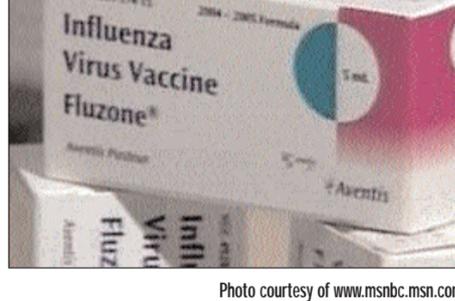


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This year the distribution of influenza vaccine is in limited supply during flu season.

more information, interested patients can contact their primary care clinic or the TAMC immunization clinic at (808) 433-6334.

Individuals may also visit the TAMC website at www.tamc.amedd.army.mil. Other information may be found at the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services website, www.hhs.gov; and the Center for Disease Control website, www.cdc.gov/flu.



U.S. Navy photo by JO2 Devin Wright

MA3 Anne Karcher of Navy Region Hawai'i security department checks an ID of a motorist. October is Crime Prevention Month, a program designed to protect Americans from becoming victims of crime.

Security hosts fair during Crime Prevention Month

Lacy Lynn

Staff Writer

In observance of Crime Prevention Month, Naval Station Pearl Harbor security department will host a Crime Prevention Fair from 11a.m. - 3p.m. Oct. 23 at the Pearl Harbor Navy Exchange.

Each year more than 25 million Americans are victims of crime, according to the National Crime Prevention Council (NCPC), which named October as Crime Prevention Month.

The fair will be a collaboration of local law enforcement, public safety agencies, military support agencies, and businesses.

"By holding something like this we're giving the public resources and educational tools to help prevent being victims of certain crimes," said Master-at-Arms 1st Class Stacey Carfley, Naval Station Pearl Harbor's crime prevention officer.

For the kids, McGruff the Crime Dog and his nephew Scruff will share tips on bicycle safety, drug awareness and talking with strangers, and provide picture opportunities.

There will also be a dunk tank, bounce house, D.A.R.E. officers, camouflage face painting, and a Winnie the Pooh video. The Honolulu Sheriff's Department will provide keiki fingerprinting. For adults, there will be information on domestic violence and street racing, and vehicle and home thefts and break-ins.

"There's so many resources out there, but if the public doesn't know about them, how are they going to bring them in their own homes?" asked Carfley.

She added the fair would give attendees the chance to talk to those who deal with crime issues every day. Those who fall under Navy security jurisdiction will also

be able to sign up for home assessments to receive crime prevention suggestions.

"Crime prevention is not just a security issue. It's something that everyone needs to get involved in," said Carfley.

She provided the following information and tips individuals could use to prevent burglaries and break-ins, and deter burglars in homes and neighborhoods.

- Burglars seek easy targets with easy points of entry through unlocked doors and windows, by forcing weak locks or removing window louvers.

- To block openings for break-ins, individuals should always lock doors and windows when they are not at home, make sure all locks are functioning, and epoxy louvers to the window frames so they cannot be removed.

- Also, residents should secure ladders and tools so that burglars cannot use them to gain entry into homes.

- If risk of detection is too high, the average burglar will not attempt to enter. A dog can bring unwanted attention to a thief. Well-maintained shrubs, trees and lawns keep yard areas clean and open, providing less cover and fewer places to conceal criminal activity.

- An unoccupied home is vulnerable, whether it's for five minutes or five weeks.

- Homeowners can decrease this vulnerability by not alerting criminals to their vacant homes, including leaving notes on the doors, or messages on your answer machines indicating when you will return. House keys under doormats or in flowerpots or mailboxes are not secure.

- Vacating requires homeowners to take additional crime prevention measures. When going on vacation:
 - Notify the local security

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New cryptology rating defends against information threats

JO2 Jessica B. Davis

U.S. Pacific Fleet

Public Affairs

To face the new threat of cyberspace and warfighting through information operations, the Navy established the new Cryptologic Technician (Networks), or CTN rating Oct. 1.

The new rating will focus not only on protecting the Navy computer networks from attacks, but also helping develop networks and systems that improve mission accomplishment.

"The rating is targeted specifically against new threats that we have - cyber threats," said Senior Chief (SW/AW) Cryptologic Technician (Networks) Noah Smith, U.S. Pacific Fleet Special Intelligence communicator. "Our job as CTNs is to develop the various aspects of computer network operations, to protect our national interests and to protect our tactical warfighter."

Specifically, we're engaged to diminish the will for our adversaries to fight, as well as putting precision weapons on a particular target."

Before being selected for CTN, the 242 new CTNs went through an application



U.S. Navy photo by PH3 Chris Weibull

Sailors use computers to access the Internet in the ship's library aboard the conventionally powered aircraft carrier USS John F. Kennedy (CV 67). The Navy has established the new cryptologic technician (network), or CTN rate, to face the new threat of cyber space and war fighting through operations.

process which included an endorsement from their chain of command. In June, a board convened in Millington, Tenn., to decide who would be in the new rating. Those selected require a vast array of computer net-

working knowledge.

Those selected require a vast array of computer networking knowledge. They must either demonstrate ability or the potential to excel in all of the following areas:

- Sustained superior performance within current or previous job scope.
- Knowledge of networks, like size, type, infrastructure and topology.
- Knowledge of firewall, intrusion detection systems.

and data correlation systems

• Knowledge in network, traffic or nodal analysis.

• Analysis and reporting experience.

• Ability to derive unique indicators from data analysis.

• Network management and coordination.

• Knowledge and experience in information operations planning.

• Knowledge and experience in network security policies and vulnerabilities.

• Programming skills.

"I am very excited about becoming a CTN," said Cryptologic Technician (Networks) 3rd Class Mechelle Krecota, a global network analyst at Naval Security Group Activity, Hawaii. "The CTN rating is like the way of the future. There will be many opportunities in this rating."

Besides having the knowledge and experience of their current CT rate, candidates for CTN must be sustained superior performers.

"From a senior-enlisted perspective, the CTN rating will be primary advisors to the information warfare officers on how to conduct and mesh information operations together," said Smith, a

native of Corpus Christi, Texas.

Over the next three years, about 600 CTNs will be selected for service in the new rating through a selection process aimed at an applicant's ability to serve and perform in a technically sophisticated and demanding rating. They will use defensive and offensive computer network operations tools and techniques in support of the information-operation-warfare area.

"This rating is very computer-network-operation focused and is a rating with career progression," said Krecota, from Rural Valley, Pa. "I think CTNs will improve the Navy, because it's the key to strengthening the integration of information operations into naval operations."

Now that the CTN rating has been established, after more than 10 years of debate and study, the new rating is looking for interested, qualified CTs to submit conversion request packages. The CTN rating will be open to all Navy ratings in FY-07.

Interested and eligible applicants should see their command career counselor for eligibility requirements and application instructions.

Prevention: Security tips and awareness

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department to request security checks.

• Stop mail and newspaper deliveries, or have someone collect them.

• Secure doors, windows, gates, pet entrances and garage.

• Transfer valuables to a safety deposit box

• Place timers on indoor/outdoor lighting and appliances and set them to create the impression someone is home.

• Have someone check your home daily for signs of entries or attempts, and report these incidents immediately to base security or Honolulu Police.

Carfley said residents should keep strangers out of their homes, by not allowing repair or delivery personnel in their home alone. They can easily remove belongings or case the home and return later to burglarize.

According to Carfley, neighbors can also help each other by having a watchful eye within their neighborhoods, and by being aware of the neighborhood in general.

"As security we can't be everywhere. We rely a lot on residents and neighbors to help us," she said.

Know your community and watch out for suspicious individuals in the neighborhood, suggested Carfley. Strangers going door-to-door can be determining who is home at certain times of the day.

"Crime is going to happen so we need to give [residents] the tools to make it hard for it to happen," said Carfley who encouraged everyone to follow security measures and tips and come out to the fair.

Hawai'i Navy News Editorial

Rumsfeld meets troops in Iraq

Donald Rumsfeld
U.S. Secretary of Defense



Rumsfeld met with U.S. troops in Al Asad, Iraq - Headquarters 3rd Marine Air Wing Sunday. Below is an abbreviated transcript of his remarks. The full text can be found at <http://www.defenselink.mil/transcripts/2004/tr20041010-secdef1421.html>

I thank you for your welcome. I thank you for what you're doing for the country, and of course it's a fact — we all know this — for over 200 years America, our country, has turned to the Marines for some of the most difficult and some of the most dangerous missions. They stretched through my lifetime from World War II and Korea, Vietnam, and here to Iraq. And you are here really today at Ground Zero in the struggle against fanaticism, extremism and terrorism. And it is where we need some of America's most skilled warriors. For months you've had some heat, you have lost folks. I've been to Bethesda and Walter Reed and visited a number of the folks from your units who have been wounded. You've been separated from families, friends and loved ones. But because of your efforts, we now have a government in Iraq that will not invade other countries, will not fire missiles at its neighbors, will not seek weapons of mass destruction, will not harbor terrorists, will not slaughter its own people, will not behead people, and you can be enormously proud of the contribution you're making to that important progress.

Those who are determined to try to take back Iraq, to take it back to a dark place have launched a vicious campaign of kidnappings, beheadings, suicide bombings, and they're trying to derail the new sovereign Iraqi government, and drive it out, drive us all apart, and to separate the international coalition that's helping to build a new future here in Iraq. They're hoping to snuff out any signs of progress. So they attack civic leaders, they attack cabinet officers — they've made attempts to kill the prime minister. They attack policemen, they go after volunteers — Iraqi volunteers standing in line to join the National Guard or join the police or join the border patrol or join the new Iraqi army. And yet there are volunteers standing in those lines day after day ready to serve the Iraqi people.

The innocent people that are being killed, Iraqi people, are not incidental or accidental casualties. In many instances they are the targets, because this is not a battle against large armies and navies and air forces; this is a test of wills that we are engaged in. Why else would there be a deliberate massacre of over 30 children in Baghdad recently?

All the terrorist leaders — Zarqawi, the man responsible for some of the cruelest atrocities here in Iraq, including the beheadings, after being driven out of Afghanistan with the collapse of the Taliban, where of all the countries on Earth, where would he go? Where would he go? He came here. He came to Iraq. He chose this country to seek shelter. And it was here in Iraq, a long-time state on the terrorist list, and a country that has been the sworn enemy of the United States of America. And think about the kind of people that he and his followers are, and consider what would happen if they were to succeed. What kind of a world would we have if they were to prevail in this struggle?

A victory for the extremists would mean that Iraq would become a base for training, planning of operations for the kinds of people who struck America on September 11th.

We've seen their kind of work around the world. Their victims have been people — the people riding those trains, going to work in Madrid, young Australians and Indonesians in the disco in Bali, and the children attending their first day of school in Beslan, Russia. The goal of the extremists is to impose their will on the way of life of others by terrorizing them and by intimidating free and civilized people everywhere across the globe. Their goal is to topple moderate governments — governments in this region, and to impose their view of the world and an imposed rule by a handful of extreme clerics.

The extremists have made Iraq a key campaign in their global struggle. They know they cannot defeat us militarily, but they are hoping they can win the test of wills. It's a battle of morale, it's a battle of perceptions. And they're hoping to cause members of the coalition to decide that it is the pain and the ugliness and the difficulty of the task is simply too great.

But despite the terror, despite the intimidation, tens of thousands of Iraqis have volunteered, and they continue to volunteer. And they're protecting their country. They performed bravely in Najaf and in Samarra. And since the beginning of this year, over 700 Iraqi security forces have been killed. So they're not hiding in their barracks. They're out there serving their country. And they are now something close to 100,000 Iraqi security forces. We expect to have 150,000 by the end of January when the elections are to be held. The goal is to go up over 200,000 towards 225-plus thousand in the period thereafter. This is their country. It will be Iraqis who will have to build this country. It will be Iraqis that will have to defend this country. And our task, this coalition's task, is to be here for a period and create an environment where they can do that, where they can make this a single nation at peace with its neighbors, without weapons of mass destruction, a country that creates a powerful influence in the region for the good.

It's appropriate at a time like this when everyone is caught up with the latest car bomb in Iraq or the latest IED, or another grisly video, to consider some historical perspective. There can be no doubt but that this global war against extremism is a task for a least a generation. It is a war that very likely will go on for many years, much like the Cold War went on for many years. We will look back at the Cold War in the history books as a great almost preordained victory for freedom. ...

Our leaders dared to aggressively confront what many thought was an unbeatable foe, and eventually the Soviet regime collapsed. ... That's a lesson that I think realistically almost every generation has to learn for itself. The lesson is that weakness is provocative, it entices people into adventures they otherwise would avoid; that a refusal to confront gathering dangers can increase, not reduce, future peril; and that victory ultimately only comes to those who are resolute and steadfast.

Just as there are risks to acting, there often can be even more dangerous risks to not acting. The road ahead is going to require courage, strength, determination. And thankfully those are exactly the characteristics of the men and women in uniform who serve our country. We are so fortunate to be able to count on you in this time of peril for our nation.

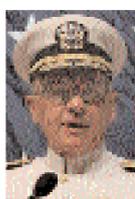
So I thank you. May God bless you and your families, and we thank you for your commitment to our country and to contributing to a more peaceful, a safer Iraq to be sure, but also a more peaceful and safer world as well. Thank you very much.



U.S. Navy photo by PHC Johnny Bivera
Master Chief Petty Officer of the Navy (MCPON) Terry Scott (right) looks on as Secretary of the Navy (SECNAV), the Honorable Gordon England and Adm. Vern Clark Chief of Naval Operations (CNO), join Seaman Anthony J. Tobias as they commemorate the Navy's 229th birthday, celebrated annually on Oct. 13.

Happy Birthday to U.S. Sailors

Message from Chief of Naval Operations Adm. Vern Clark



Our Navy's 229th Birthday is a fitting time to reflect upon the importance of your service to America in a time of war.

Your dedication to a greater cause places you among thousands of courageous men and women who sailed before you, protecting our nation and its freedoms, from the American Revolution through today's global war on terror.

Victory in combat is the United States Navy's mission and heritage. Our Navy was

founded to defend our nation and our freedoms, projecting sovereign American combat power to the far corners of the earth.

In doing so, we not only defend freedom for ourselves but also extend the promise of liberty to millions throughout the world, many of whom still live under tyranny.

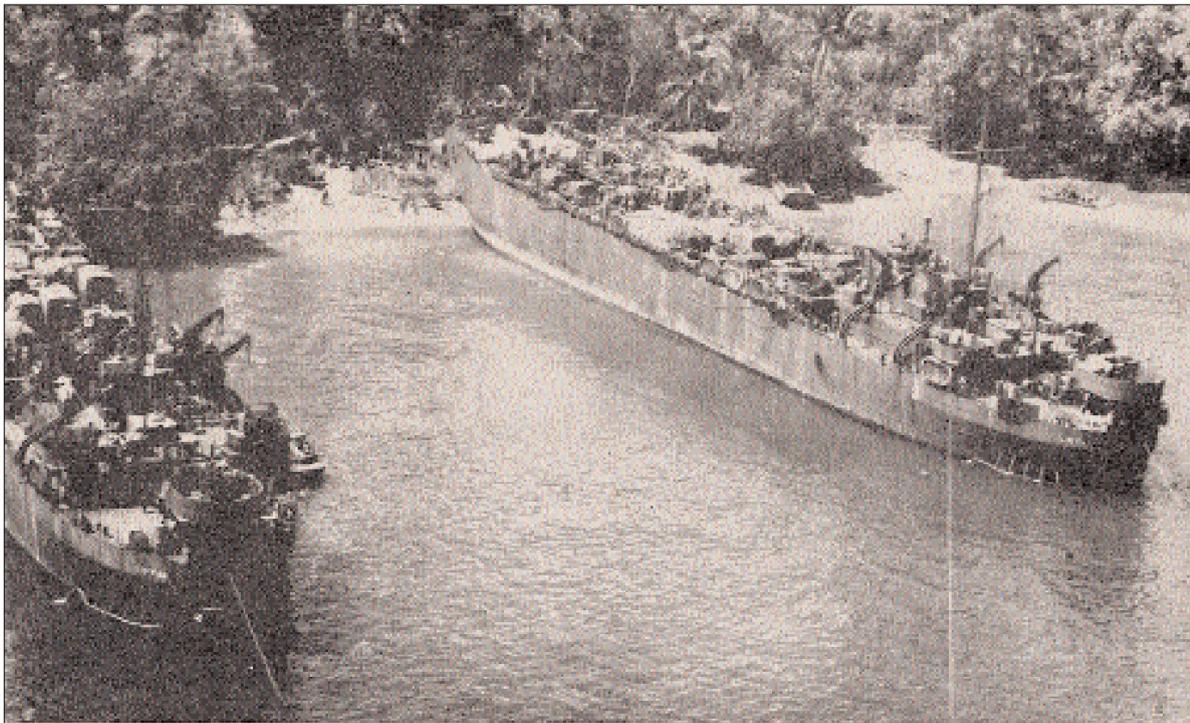
Your service is tremendously important at this crucial time in our history, bringing alive the ideals of honor, courage, and commitment.

As we reflect back over more than two centuries of naval professionalism, I salute each of you.

There is no higher honor than to serve with men and women of today's United States Navy.

Happy birthday, shipmates!

'Work horses' of the Navy



"Work horses" of the Navy is what LST men called the big ungainly craft that put armored equipment and supplies ashore on invaded Pacific territory. Shown above are two of the landing ship (tanks) aground at Hollandia in the "leap frog" move that gained American control of Dutch New Guinea. The Japanese are looking for the crafts off the shores of the Philippine Islands.

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For Your Security and Safety

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Stop free rides for thieves

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Vehicle break-ins are one of the most common crimes in Hawai'i.

Education and awareness are key factors in minimizing vehicle break-ins. You may not be able to stop a thief who wants to break into your car, but by making it more difficult, you can deter criminals.

According to police officials, there are some precautions that drivers can take to prevent a thief from breaking into their car:

- Park in a lighted area — even during the daytime, in case you return to your vehicle after dark.

- Park in areas of high vehicular and pedestrian traffic. Thieves don't want to be seen.

- When parking in stalls, avoid parking adjacent to larger vehicles, e.g., vans and trucks that can block surveillance.

- When parking near a restaurant, avoid parking behind the restaurant or near loading zones. These are usually constructed to minimize views into these areas.

- Avoid parking behind fences or hedges.

- Keep spare keys on your person, not in a magnetic box under the bumper. Thieves know where to look for spare keys.

- Don't leave anything of value in plain sight. This includes such objects as

coins, CDs, tapes, etc. Juvenile suspects have been known to break into a car just to steal the coins left on the console.

- Don't place items of value in your trunk upon your arrival. Thieves may stake out a parking lot and be watching as you place valuables in the trunk.

- Always check to ensure that car windows are rolled up and doors are locked.

- Install a good anti-theft device in your vehicle.

- Invest in removable stereo equipment or a stereo with a removable face plate.

- Tourist areas such as the Pali Lookout are favorite areas for vehicle break-ins. It only takes a matter of seconds for a thief to steal from a car. "I'll only be gone a few minutes" is all the time that a thief needs.

- The criminal element in Hawaii can easily identify rental cars. Thieves look for rental cars, expecting them to contain valuable items that tourists normally leave in vehicles.

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PWC Pearl Harbor changes how materials are purchased

Denise Emsley
PWC Public Affairs

On Sept. 21, Navy Public Works Center, Pearl Harbor (PWC) signed a memorandum of agreement (MOA) with Fleet and Industrial Supply Center, Pearl Harbor (FISC) forever changing the organization's process to purchase materials.

This MOA, one of the first within Naval Facilities Engineering Command (NAVFAC), transferred supply support from the Center's material department (code 800) to FISC as a result of an agreement reached by senior Navy leadership to realign base operations support supply and contracting functions under Naval Supply Systems.

This change is expected to better align and standardize processes, and produce cost savings for the Navy.

On March 1, all PWC code 800 personnel were detailed to FISC. The material department was downsized using voluntary early retirement (VERA) and voluntary separation incentive pay (VSIP) as motivators.

A reduction in force was issued July 23, which caused affected employees to review their work situation and either look for other employment at another organization or accept a change in work and/or responsibilities at PWC.

Following a successful



U.S. Navy photo

A PWC employee moves a crate at the Pearl Harbor material storage yard. PWC signed a memorandum to realign base operations support supply and contracting functions under NAVSUP.

downsizing, employees retired, took other positions at federal agencies including some at FISC, and/or were placed within the Center. No employee was left without a job.

On Oct. 1, PWC's code 800 was abolished and its inventory of equipment, required by FISC to perform center supply support functions, transferred. FISC is responsible for all supply functions at PWC; services are provided on a reimbursable basis.

Purchasing materials through FISC will reduce PWC's labor costs and investment in inventory.

Its production shops should also experience labor savings with the establishment of prime vendor (ProcureNet) shop stores which will eliminate time

spent finding a vendor, preparing additional paperwork beyond an material request issuance (MRI) or purchase request (PR), performing purchase card reconciliations, picking up/delivering materials, etc. As a result, PWC expects to be able to lower overall costs to the customer.

According to the MOA, FISC and PWC will collaborate on metrics, benchmark, and then jointly establish standards after six months of performance.

There are four areas identified with proposed metrics, which will be monitored by FISC during the initial six-month period: inventory management, requisition processing, hazardous materials/CHRIMP, and purchase card program.

Fed Fire fashion show

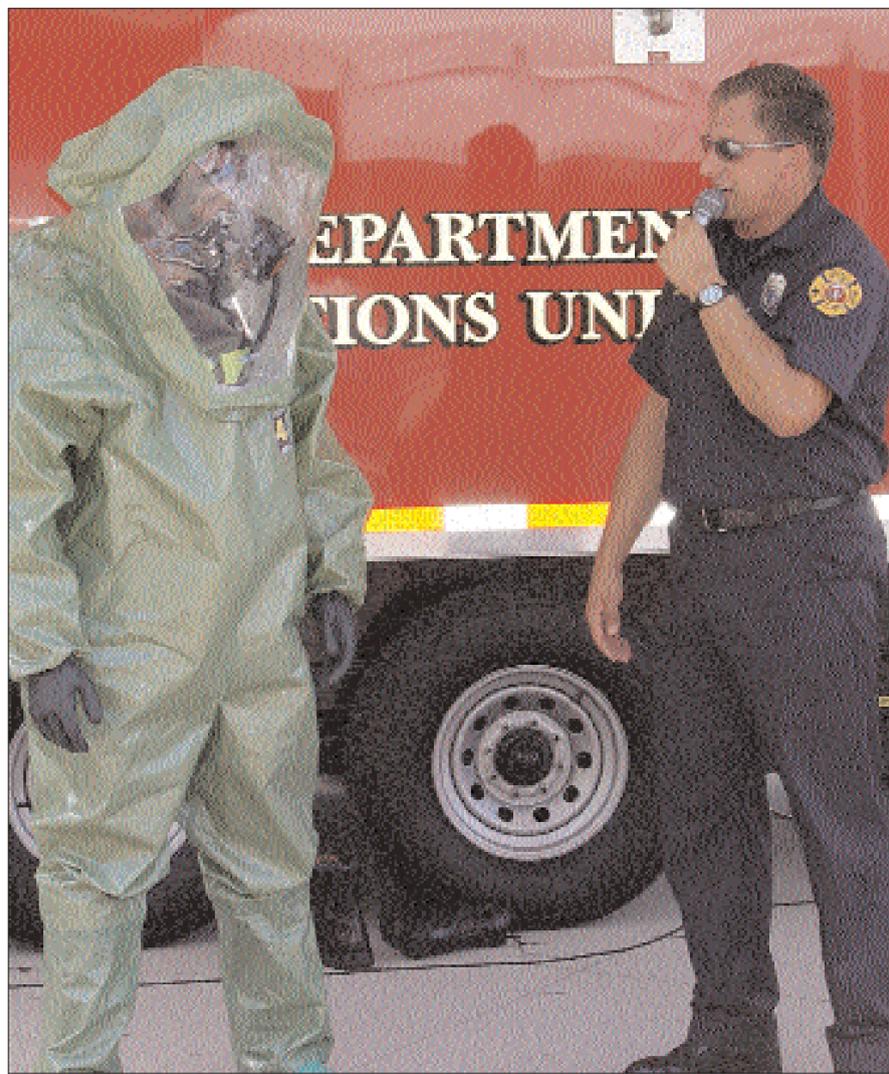


Photo by George Salcedo

Chris Wamberg introduces a firefighter in a level A-type hazardous material personal protective suit at a "firefighter fashion show" Oct. 8. The show was part of the Fire Prevention Week demonstration hosted by Federal Fire Department. Fed Fire held fire prevention events at various locations around the island of Oahu. All the events were conducted at no cost to either Navy Region Hawai'i or the taxpayers. This year's theme was "test your smoke alarms." The purpose of the week was to bring fire prevention awareness to the public.



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USS Cheyenne deploys to western Pacific

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COMSUBPAC Public Affairs

USS Cheyenne (SSN 773) departed for a western Pacific deployment from its homeport of Pearl Harbor Oct. 8.

According to commanding officer, Cmdr. Richard Testyon, the crew worked hard to prepare for this deployment.

"We are going to support the United States policy in the western Pacific under the 7th Fleet commander. Cheyenne has worked very hard to get ready for this deployment," said Testyon. "We have gone through an extensive work-up period. We did some sea-based training and some indoor training at the training center here. We also worked with other submarines, aircraft and surface ships from the Coast Guard and the Navy," he said.

Cheyenne was the first U.S. warship to launch Tomahawk cruise missiles in Operation Iraqi Freedom. Now 18 months after that deployment, one of Cheyenne's final tests before deployment was the strike certification.

"When we do our strike certification, it's as if we were in a real life strike scenario such as Iraqi Freedom," said Fire Control Technician 1st

Class Tony Goodner.

"The reason we do these certifications or any certifications or training is because we may have upgraded weapons systems or have new people operating the equipment. We want to make sure we are ready, fully trained and capable of performing whatever we are tasked to do," said Goodner.

Goodner said from what he could see the strike team aboard is ready and motivated for whatever tasks may lie ahead.

Testyon contributes the morale and motivation of the crew to the support of family members and friends.

"The crew's morale is unbelievably high. I have never been with a group of Sailors who are so easy to work with or who are as motivated as this crew. If it were not for the support of our families and friends, this would be harder to do. So as we go on deployment, our good wishes go out to them. Cheyenne is ready to do whatever the fleet commander asks us to do," he concluded.

USS Cheyenne is the newest submarine in the Pacific Submarine Force. Commissioned in Sept. 1996, it is the 62nd Los Angeles-class submarine. It is approximately 360 feet long and carries a crew of 130 men.



Family members wave goodbye as USS Cheyenne (SSN 773) departs for a western Pacific deployment from its homeport of Pearl Harbor. USS Cheyenne is the newest submarine in the Pacific Submarine Force. Commissioned in Sept. 1996, it is the 62nd Los Angeles-class submarine.



U.S. Navy photo by PH2 Aaron Peterson

The guided missile destroyer USS Hopper (DDG 70) cruises in the Arabian Sea during the exercise Inspired Siren 2004. The exercise will focus on joint naval and air capabilities, improving their respective levels of readiness, interoperability and enhancing military relations between the two nations.

USS Hopper makes its first African port visit in Eritrea

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USS Hopper Public Affairs

USS Hopper (DDG 70) had the rare opportunity to visit the East African nation of Eritrea Oct. 7-9 while deployed to the U.S. 5th Fleet area of responsibility (AOR), becoming the first U.S. Navy ship to have a port of call in Masawa, Eritrea, since 1997.

The Hopper crew hosted a luncheon Oct. 8 and provided a ship tour for Eritrean Minister of Defense Gen. Sebhat Ephrem, U.S. Ambassador to Eritrea Scott Delisi, and Commander, Joint Task Force, Horn of Africa Marine Maj. Gen. Samuel T. Helland, as well as other Eritrean military officials and U.S. embassy personnel.

The Hopper crew prepared static displays for the distinguished guests, ranging from

damage control equipment to Visit, Board, Search and Seizure gear used for maritime interception operations.

Hopper Sailors participated in two public service projects while in port Masawa. Approximately 30 Sailors volunteered at the city's public library, providing painting, landscaping and plumbing assistance.

Hopper deployed from her homeport of Pearl Harbor July 28 and is currently operating with coalition forces of Task Force 150 in support of the global war on terrorism.

Task Force 150 is composed of more than 12 nations, including the United States, Pakistan, France and Germany, who are conducting expanded maritime interception operations in international waters in the 5th Fleet AOR.

SECNAV: England discusses state of Navy

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like I have been recognized as a role model of what a Navy Sailor is supposed to be," said the New York City native.

England had high praise for members of the sea services during his visit and had a special message for Sailors during the breakfast.

"Happy 229th birthday to the U.S. Navy," he said. "Birthdays are a time to reflect and look ahead. When you look back at 229 years, you have to thank the many individuals who have worn the cloth of our nation and gave us this gift of freedom and liberty. As you look ahead," he continued, "you realize it is our obligation to pass on this gift. As it has been earned, so must it be protected."

England spoke about the sacrifices that have been made by sea service members in the past and of the continuing dedication of Sailors, Marines and Coast Guard members into the future. England said Sept. 11 was as defining moment in history.

"You cannot go back and have the world like it was before that day," he said. "We've always had terrorism, but we haven't had international terrorism before. For the first time in the history of the world, a small group of people could do an astonishing amount of damage. What's really significant about 9-11," England continued, "is that the terrorists would have killed 30,000, 300,000, three-million or whatever number of people they could."

England said the continued global security rests on the shoulders of the men and women in uniform.

"Security and economic development go hand in hand," England said. "Our men and women in Iraq are working hard to provide security so the Iraqi people can build up their economic development."

He also praised the devotion of service members by pointing out the Navy's current retention trend.

"Our retention is high and that's a reflection of our morale," he said. "The primary reason [for continued retention] is that they want to continue to serve America."

In addition to the Navy League breakfast, he took time to visit Sailors and Marines at Marine Corps Base Hawai'i at Kaneohe Bay. England said he was appreciative of the Navy League's efforts in organizing the breakfast.

"The sun never sets on the Navy League," he said. "They provide wonderful support for our team around the world."

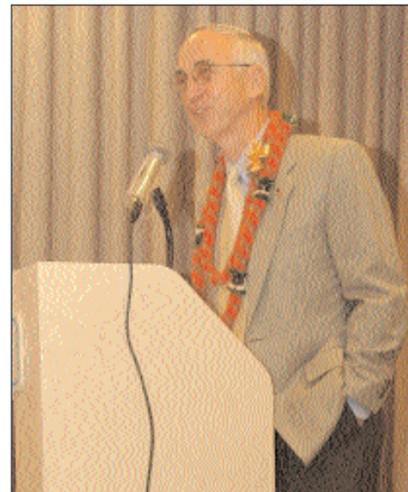
Members of the Navy League enjoyed hosting England and said they were appreciative of the support they receive from the local community.

"Generous donors like P&R Water Taxi, who sponsored today's breakfast, make it possible for the Navy League to put on this type of event," said Bob McDermott, executive director for the local Navy League council. "To have the Secretary of the Navy and Admiral Doran interacting with the Navy League and the Sailors in such an intimate setting is really special. It's a great educational opportunity for Sailors and for us. We actually had to turn Navy Leaguers away [from the breakfast] because the demand was so great," he noted.

McDermott said the Navy League's main mission is providing assistance and encouragement for Navy members worldwide.

"We're like the booster club for the sea services," he said. "Our main mission is to educate the public on the need for a strong sea service."

The local Navy League's website is www.pacificregionnavyleague.org for individuals who would like more information about the League. At the breakfast, four Sailors, three Marines and three members of the Coast Guard were able to meet and mingle with



U.S. Navy photo by JO1 Daniel J. Calderon
Gordon England addresses the audience Wednesday at the Outrigger hotel during a breakfast hosted by the Navy League.

Navy Leaguers and the SECNAV.

"This is a paramount moment for me," said Operations Specialist 1st Class (SW) Damien Williams of USS Reuben James (FFG 57). "I called up the family when I heard that I was going to meet the Secretary of the Navy."

England said he feels the military's presence in Iraq is in keeping with the traditions of protecting and defending individual freedom around the world.

"I believe people all around the world are basically the same," England began. "They want to live in peace and they want to give their children a better life than what they had. We are a stabilizing factor around the world. The world recognizes the fact that we provide stability," he said. "For 228 years, we have helped protect and defend freedom around the world. The day we stop doing that, we won't be America."

Global Hawk UAV makes first flight for Navy

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The first RQ-4A Global Hawk unmanned aerial vehicle (UAV) slated for the Navy's Global Hawk Maritime Demonstration (GHMD) program made its first flight from Palmdale, Calif. to Edward's Air Force Base Oct. 6.

The mission lasted for approximately four hours and exercised the airframe, guidance system and powerplant.

This is the first of two RQ-4A aircraft the Navy is acquiring as part of the GHMD program. The GHMD program is intended to develop maritime UAV tactics and operating procedures. Lessons learned from GHMD will be applied to future naval UAV systems.

This system will provide the Navy with an enduring testbed to evaluate new technologies; to support fleet experiments and

exercises; and to provide a contingency operational capability to support deployed Navy and Marine Corps forces.

"This flight marks an important step for the Navy's unmanned air vehicle programs and naval aviation," said Capt. Dennis Sorensen, Navy UAV program manager. "For the first time, the Navy will have an unmanned system that can support the fleet from nearly anywhere it operates. The lessons to be learned from this program will benchmark future intelligence, surveillance and reconnaissance practices for the maritime environment. Congratulations to the Navy, Air Force and Northrop Grumman contractor team for a job well done," continued Sorensen.

The basic RQ-4A Global Hawk UAV, manufactured for the U.S. Air Force by Northrop-Grumman, is the largest and most advanced UAV in the American military.

The Global Hawk is 44 feet

long, has a 116-foot wingspan and weighs 25,600 lbs. Operating altitudes are in excess of 60,000 feet, and endurance is in excess of 30 hours.

The Navy Global Hawks are designed with features specifically tailored to maritime missions, including new radar modes for detecting and identifying ships at sea, as well as passive sensors capable of picking up hostile radars. The ground stations are also modified, adding displays and controls needed to allow operators to analyze sensor information in real time and without external assistance.

The Global Hawk Maritime Demonstration system will be operated and maintained at Naval Air Station Patuxent River, Md. with the first delivery scheduled for the summer of 2005.

Although based at Patuxent River, the system will be moved/deployed to other locations to support exercises or deployed contingency operations.



Photo courtesy of Northrop Grumman
Designated N-1, the first Global Hawk unmanned aerial vehicle (UAV) slated for the Navy's Global Hawk Maritime Demonstration (GHMD) program took flight for the first time Oct. 6.

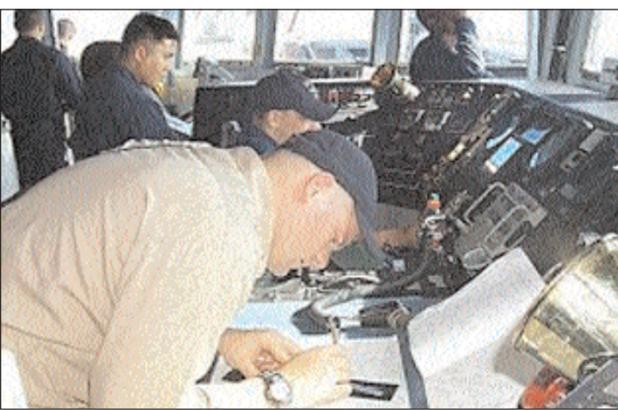


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Officers from the surface warfare community participate in a new multi-rater feedback pilot program in an effort to enhance individual leadership, career and professional development.

Surface community launches 360 degree feedback program

Naval Surface Force, U.S. Pacific Fleet Public Affairs

Beginning Tuesday, selected officers from the surface warfare community participated in a new multi-rater feedback pilot program in an effort to enhance individual leadership, career and professional development under the Navy's Human Capital Strategy.

The "360 Degree Feedback" pilot program is based upon a system that is currently in use by the flag officer community to provide feedback from peers, seniors and subordinates in an effort to improve executive leadership skills.

"We are always looking for ways to enhance an individual's leadership skills, and this multi-rater system will help provide constructive feedback on performance," said Commander, U.S. Naval Surface Forces, Vice Adm. Tim LaFleur. "Not only does the 360 process enhance each participant's professional development, but organizations benefit from the impact of improved leadership. It's a win-win, and that's what we're after."

Similar to evaluation programs used by many U.S. corporations, in the 360 Degree Feedback program, each officer will conduct a self-assessment on the Web-based application followed by assessments from three peers, three superiors and three subordinates. All participants will assess 25 leadership competencies that fall under five broad categories: accomplishing mission, working with

people, resource stewardship, leading change and leading people. Units participating include USS Princeton (CG 59), USS Vella Gulf (CG 72), USS Mitscher (DDG 57), USS Pinckney (DDG 91), USS McClusky (FFG 41), USS Carter Hall (LSD 50) and Surface Warfare Officers School in Newport, R.I.

"The 360 Degree program is an excellent performance feedback tool and designed for counseling purposes only," said LaFleur. "Feedback results will not be entered into fitness reports or be available for use by selection boards. Instead, the goal of the new feedback system is to promote a culture of high performance and continuous improvement with leadership at the foundation."

The Center for Naval Leadership has contracted Business Decisions Inc., to manage this first phase of the pilot program. A second phase beginning in January will use 15 ships and four shore commands. All surface warfare officers at the selected commands will participate.

"Navy flag officers have been attending leadership training where 360 is used as an evaluation method for over three years," LaFleur said. "I personally benefited in receiving the best feedback in 34 years as a naval officer on how others see me. Honest, constructive feedback from seniors, peers and subordinates enhanced my leadership skill set, and I think it can do the same thing throughout the Navy. I am a big advocate for 360 going fleetwide in the next few years," added LaFleur.

Local Sailors can go 'Blue to Green'

Portland Recruiting Battalion Public Affairs

Active duty Sailors and naval officers who are up for re-enlistment and who are interested in continuing to serve their country would be well served by looking into the U.S. Army's "Operation Blue to Green" (BTG).

BTG is a new program intended to help both the Army's recruiting needs as well as the professional development of Navy and Air Force junior enlisted members, NCOs and officers. During fiscal year 2005, the U.S. Navy will be reducing its end-strength by roughly 8,000.

Some of the program highlights include:

- E-1 through E-4 members will retain their grade upon transfer (applicants who are E-5 and above will have their eligibility for grade retention or advancement determined by the Human Resources Command).

- Members with ratings which can be directly converted to Army military occupation specialties (MOS) will only be required to undergo the Army's new Warrior Transition Course, rather than basic training.

- Retraining into other MOSs may be possible based on the individual's qualifications and training vacancies.

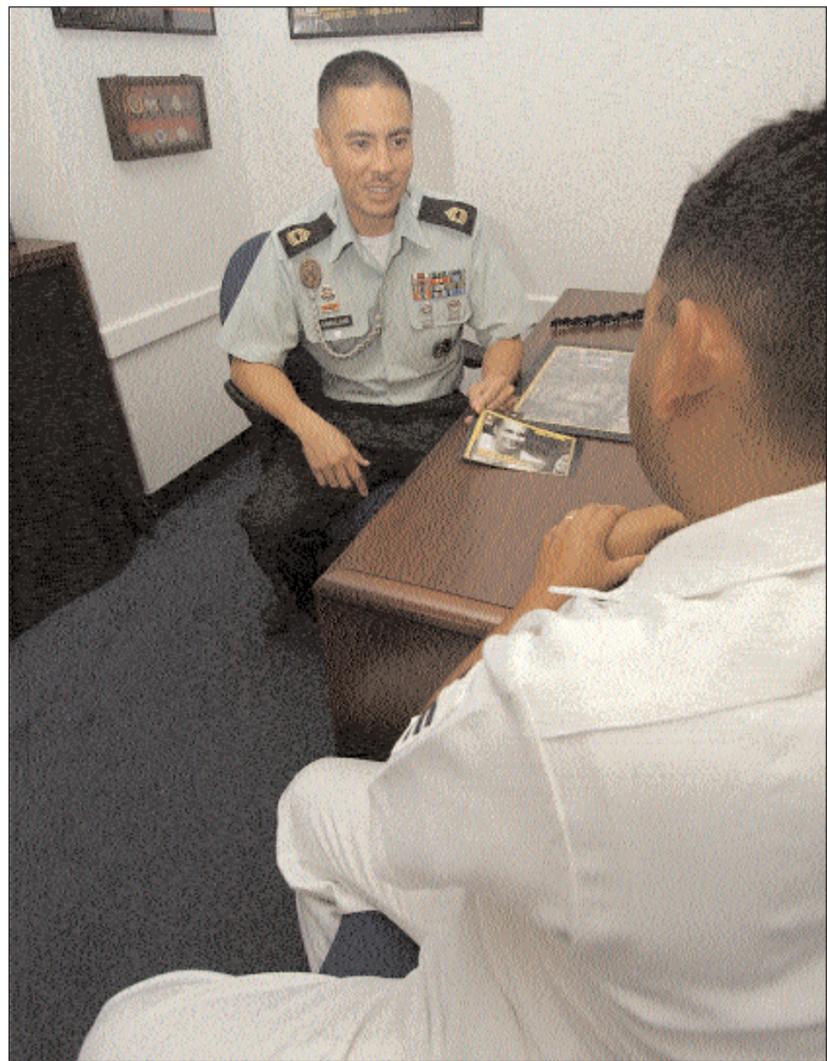
- Bonuses will be available for selected MOSs that can be directly converted from Navy ratings.

- Officers will retain their grade and date of rank upon transition to the Army, and will receive branch-specific training as needed.

Because the new Warrior Transition Course is only four weeks long, rather than the nine weeks required for basic training, the BTG program will save taxpayers money in addition to helping meet the retention and readiness goals of the Department of Defense and its branches.

Sailors do not necessarily need to have a rating that is directly convertible to a specific Army MOS, and may be offered MOS options based on vacancies and training schedules. In most cases, Sailors will have the opportunity to choose from among several different MOS options as well as assignment locations.

Operation Blue to Green is only open to active duty Sailors and offi-



U.S. Navy photo by J02 Devin Wright

A Sailor talks to MSgt John Samillano, station commander of U.S. Army Recruiting Station at Pearlridge Center, about the BTG program. BTG is a new program intended to help both the Army's recruiting needs as well as the professional development of Navy and Air Force junior enlisted members, NCOs and officers.

cers who are up for re-enlistment or extension. If a Sailor signs an agreement to re-enlist in the Navy, they will not be eligible for the Blue to Green program until they near the completion of that military service obligation.

Sailors who are interested in the

BTG program should speak to both their Navy Retention NCOs as well as an Army recruiter before signing any agreement to re-enlist in either branch. For more information, contact the Honolulu Army Recruiting Company Headquarters at (808) 541-1615.

Hawai'i Navy News Sports

Little League football, cheerleading now in season



Photo courtesy of Kaylani Lauaki

Children ages six to sixteen participate in youth sports sponsored by the Boys & Girls Club of Navy Hawai'i. The games are played at military installations around the island.

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The Boys & Girls Clubs of Navy Hawai'i's youth sports program, a part of the Hawai'i Youth Sports League, provides military youth born between 1989 and 1999 with an excellent opportunity to get involved in team sports.

On Sept. 23, the season for flag football and cheerleading commenced following opening ceremonies held at Hickam Air Force Base.

This season, the youth flag football league yielded 10 teams from five different age groups. Children aged six to 16 were placed into divisions called the Mini-mites, Mitey-mites, Termites, and Pee-wees, with the largest age group children ages seven to nine.

The cheerleaders yielded five teams for the football season, with the same age range and division names.

The flag football and fall cheerleading season runs from Sept. 23 through Nov. 13, with teams playing games every Saturday at military installations around the island.

"The youth teams play games on military bases all over the island," said Kaylani Lauaki, a spokesperson for the youth sports program. "The children have games at Quick Field at Pearl Harbor, Hickam Air Force Base, Kaneohe Bay, Aliamanu Military Reservation and Schofield Barracks."

According to Lauaki, the sports leagues do not have playoffs at the conclusion, and while some teams keep individual results, no official posting of standings is made.

"The teams keep scores for



Photo courtesy of Kaylani Lauaki

Military children participate in the Boys and Girls Club of Navy Hawaii and Hawaii youth Sports league. Cheerleading is available for children born between 1989 and 1999.

themselves," said Lauaki. "We don't have playoffs to see who wins. We stress athleticism and sportsmanship."

Lauaki also noted that the leagues are designed to be as even as possible through the assignment of players to the teams.

"The league uses a blind draft to make things fair," said Lauaki. "We try to even out the teams based on age and gender."

Lauaki also explained that a league is available for younger children in which parents actively participate in the play.

"We also have teams for all sports for three-to five-year-olds," said Lauaki. "The younger kids practice only one time per week. The play is very mellow, stressing fundamentals of the sports; it's mainly just to get the kids excited

to play sports. Parents are actually out on the field with the kids, helping them learn and get a feel for the game," explained Lauaki.

Following the flag football and fall cheerleading season, youth basketball and winter cheerleading seasons will begin.

Sign-ups for winter sports will be held Nov. 1-12 at the Boys & Girls Clubs of Navy Hawai'i near Mitchell Field. In order to register, bring a birth certificate, a current physical and \$60 for children participating in the main league, \$35 for the three-five year olds. The winter sports program are also seeking volunteer coaches.

For more information regarding youth sports leagues, log onto <http://www.greatlifehawaii.com> or contact the Boys & Girls Clubs of Navy Hawai'i at 474-3501.

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