



PRO BOWL CHEER

Navy officer cheers on the Pro Bowl cheerleading squad. See story on page A-6.



Whale watching

Volunteers take time to catalog humpback whales. See story on page B-1.

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Airport gate passes for military passenger

The TSA (Transportation Security Administration) has announced a new security directive pertaining to military passengers. Family members of military passengers flying on a government-organized flight or charter may now be given access onto an airport concourse to escort military passengers to the gate or to meet a military passenger's inbound arrival at the gate.

The family member will be required to have a pass and a photo ID to get past the security checkpoint. This security directive only applies for government-organized flights. If your family member is flying on a commercial flight, please contact the appropriate airline for information concerning their security policies. Some airlines may offer you access.

Great Aloha Run

The annual Great Aloha Run will take place on President's Day, Feb. 21 and will close Nimitz and Kamehameha Highways between the Aloha Tower and the Aloha Stadium. The race will begin at sunrise and end at approximately 10 a.m. Personnel who live and work on Makalapa are advised to use Luapele Gate at Salt Lake Boulevard, as Borchers Gate will be closed to vehicular traffic. A portion of the race proceeds will help benefit MWR programs. For questions concerning the race, contact 528-7388.

USS Pearl Harbor visit

USS Pearl Harbor (LSD 52) is inviting DoD ID cardholders, their families and guests to tour the ship from 1-3 p.m. Saturday. Pearl Harbor, homeported in San Diego, will be berthed at Bravo Pier 13. Guests should wear closed toed shoes and be prepared to climb ladders and walk over gridded deckplates. Women should not wear dresses or skirts. The minimum age for visitors is 8 years old.

NMCRS holds volunteer luncheon

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The Navy Marine Corps Relief Society (NMCRS) held its ninth annual Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon on Feb. 14 at the Hale Koa Waikiki Ballroom to recognize

NMCRS volunteers in Hawai'i.

The guest speaker at the event was retired Navy Adm. Steve Abbot, president and chief executive officer of the NMCRS.

During his speech, Abbot noted the importance of volun-

teers to the society.

"Volunteers are the foundation of the NMCRS," Abbot said. "We simply would not be able to provide services to military families without volunteers. They volunteer countless hours without a paycheck because they care. Somewhere

along the road of life, we all need help and these volunteers here with us today are the ones who answer the call," he said.

Two volunteers were the recipients of the Volunteer of the Year award.

Kay Feegle was honored as

volunteer of the year for NMCRS Kaneohe and Denise Walker, chairman of receptionists at NMCRS Pearl Harbor, was awarded volunteer of the year for her services.

Walker, who arrived at Pearl Harbor a year ago, has devoted

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HT2 Jeremy Barrett mourned



Layout by PH3 Victoria Tullock

Petty Officer 2nd Class Jeremy M. Barrett of Winfield, Iowa died in a skydiving accident Feb. 6. The 24-year-old was a hull technician and a diver assigned to the Mobile Diving and Salvage Unit One at Pearl Harbor. A memorial service was held at the Submarine Memorial Chapel Feb. 11.

Crosswalk lights installed to help protect pedestrians

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In an effort to increase pedestrian safety, Naval Station Pearl Harbor installed recessed lights at two crosswalks on Pearl Harbor on Feb. 11.

The lights are attached to the pavement along the crosswalk lines, facing traffic, and flash when the pedestrian pushes the crosswalk button to signal he or she wants to cross the street. A series of lights flash to warn motorists of the presence of a pedestrian about to cross the street at an uncontrolled intersection.

After several accidents and close calls, NAVSTA officials determined that some of the crosswalks throughout Pearl Harbor present some safety issues.

"In some of the crosswalk areas there are two lanes of traffic in each direction," said Cmdr. Richard Verbeke, NAVSTA executive officer. "Crosswalk signs are simply not enough for drivers to see what is happening. So we decided to put in the



U.S. Navy photo by JO3 Ryan C. McGinley

Operation's Specialist Seaman Adam Schwegel, assigned to USS Paul Hamilton (DDG 60), crosses the street

lights to provide more safety to the pedestrian and adequate warning for the driver. In the morning hours before the sun comes up and even

only a good idea for pedestrians, but is a good idea for the Navy installations

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Safety on Ford Island emphasized



U. S. Navy photo by PH1(AW) William R. Goodwin

Ford Island resident Kelly Blanchard walks her dogs, Madison and Abe, around Ford Island. Increased population and construction on Ford Island presents hazards for pedestrians.

PH1(AW) William R. Goodwin

The Ford Island Safety Team has identified safety hazards this week that could affect residents, motorists and visitors on the island.

According to Chief Warrant Officer Roger Griffin, Ford Island Safety Team leader, the increase in construction and a growing population on Ford Island have made traffic and pedestrian hazards a primary area of concern.

"We have runners without conspicuous clothing, reflective vests or belts, who run in the middle of the street with no regard for traffic at all," said Griffin. "We've also still

got a lot of speeding over here, especially in the construction areas. Please drive at a safe speed and be patient," said Griffin.

Ford Island residents have also noticed unsafe driving habits.

"We have noticed speeding," said Kelly Blanchard, Ford Island resident "Right along here (Lexington Avenue), it's not really safe. Like early in the morning if you want to run, it's kind of difficult."

Navy contract partners broke ground on Ford Island last Oct. 20 for construction intended to provide centralized naval operations on Ford Island for overall efficiency

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NSPS to modernize civilian workforce

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The Department of Defense and the Office of Personnel Management (OPM) have issued proposed regulations to establish the National Security Personnel System (NSPS), a new human resources management system for civilian employees in DoD.

"NSPS is a win-win-win system...a win for our employees, a win for our military and a win for our nation," said Navy Secretary Gordon England, who serves as the Department of Defense's senior executive overseeing the NSPS.

The proposal offers new rules and processes for pay and classification, performance management, hiring, reduction in force, disciplinary matters and appeal procedures and labor-management relations.

"Our current human resource system is inadequate to manage the diverse DoD civilian workforce in today's dynamic national security environment, which requires a flexible and agile total force to meet the threats of the twenty-first century," according to the NSPS Program Executive Office (PEO). "NSPS will modernize a 50-year-old, outdated civil service system and allow us to attract, recruit, retain, compensate, reward and manage our employees with a focus on performance, flexibility and accountability."

The proposed regulations were published in the Federal Registry on Feb. 14, initiating a 30-day formal public comment period, providing all interested parties the opportunity to submit comments and recommendations on the content of the proposal. Employees are encouraged to provide comments.

"[We] have an opportunity to provide input on what [we] think about the new system," said Nadine E. Bayne, director of the Navy Region Hawai'i human resource office. "Most of us came into the federal government with a system that was in existence for many years and did not have an opportunity to shape it."

With the implementation of the program, NSPS hopes it will be able to hire more quickly, offer competitive salaries and compensate and reward employees based on their performance and contribution to the mission.

"It's going to be a huge change for supervisors because they will now have to better communicate with their employees in terms of expectations and feedback on the employee's performance," said Bayne.

To view and comment on the proposed regulations,

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U.S. Navy photo by JO2 Devin Wright

SN Troy Jones, stationed aboard USS Hopper, calls his mom between scenes Feb. 13 to let her know he is acting in a 90-minute documentary on the bombing of USS Cole (DDG 67). Storyhouse Productions visited the Hopper to shoot exterior shots for the documentary.

Lights, camera, Hopper

JO2 Devin Wright
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Storyhouse Productions visited USS Hopper (DDG 70) on Feb. 12-13 to film a 90-minute documentary on the bombing of USS Cole (DDG 67) for the History Channel.

Cole was in a Yemini port for a refueling stop in October 2000, when a small boat equipped with explosives was detonated beside the ship, blasting a hole in the ship's hull. Following the attack, which killed 17 Sailors and wounded 39, Cole returned to the United States.

The filmmakers chose Hopper to act as the Cole because of the similarities in the ships and Hawai'i's warm climate.

"We shot onboard the Cole for many of the inside scenes," said Carsten Oblaender, president of Storyhouse Productions. "Norfolk, where the Cole is stationed, didn't give us the right type of climate to accurately represent how it would have been in Yemen. These two ships are both DDGs and Hawai'i provides the warm sunny weather we need to present an accurate re-enactment," said Oblaender.

Oblaender, a German native, feels it is important to tell USS Cole's story in detail.

"I don't think it is fair to the Sailors who died in the attack, or to United States Sailors in general, that this story has not fully been told," said Oblaender. "There have been articles and news reports on the matter, but no one has ever gone as in-depth as we are. I believe the bombing of the Cole was the opening act in the war

on terror," said Oblaender.

Having returned from a recent deployment to the Persian Gulf, the Hopper seemed the perfect guided missile destroyer to re-enact the events that took place in Yemen.

"Since the bombing of the Cole, a lot of changes have been made aboard ships," said Ens. Jamie DeCoster, repair division officer on USS Hopper. "We were able to witness some of those changes first hand having just come off of a recent deployment. Whether we are out to sea or in port, we stand a more vigilant watch because we are vulnerable in some of these foreign areas. The Cole taught us that and we are honored to be a part of this historic documentary," she said.

Some of the crew members aboard the Hopper were asked to participate in the re-enactments. For many of them, the opportunity to participate in the documentary was not only exciting, but it was a chance for them to pay tribute to their fallen shipmates.

"As a service member, I feel it is my duty to give an accurate depiction of the events that happened to the Cole in 2000," said Gunner's Mate 2nd Class Justin Shea stationed aboard USS Hooper. "It is also a once in a lifetime chance. It is something that will show Sailors core values of honor, courage and commitment, values that members of the Cole had. I feel responsible to them to show exactly what happened that day," he explained.

The 90-minute documentary tentatively titled 'The Cole Conspiracy' is scheduled to air on the History Channel in October.

Punahou Elementary School tours USS Louisville

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The crew of USS Louisville (SSN 724) hosted a tour for 25 Punahou Elementary School third graders Feb. 14.

USS Louisville's executive officer, Lt. Cmdr. Richard

Alsop's 9-year-old daughter is a student in the class. Her teacher asked if they could have a tour for the students.

"I thought it was a great idea. Not very many older people understand what we do. That is why I think it is very important that

the younger generation understand," said Alsop.

"In order to keep the submarine force operating with capable Sailors, we need to start spreading the word and recruit at an early age," he said.

The third graders' teacher,

Mary Kane, said she was grateful that the tour was possible.

"This tour was excellent. The children were overwhelmed of what is down there. They all made sure they were here today. No one was absent," she said.

Led by Lt. j.g. Scott Washburn, the tour guides led the children into various spaces, including berthing, the ship's galley, the torpedo room and the control room. The galley was the children's favorite because they were treated to chocolate chip cookies; however, their second favorite place was the control room where they had an opportunity to peek through the periscopes.

Yoshi, age 8, took up some of the other children's time looking through the periscope.

"I liked the periscope because I can see the Battleship Missouri through it. This is the second submarine I have been on. I once was on another submarine, but it was a museum," he said.

USS Louisville was commissioned Nov. 8, 1986 and is the 35th nuclear-powered attack submarine of the Los Angeles (SSN 688) class.



U.S. Navy photo by JO2 Corwin Colbert

Lt. j.g. Scott Washburn of USS Louisville (SSN 724) gives the Punahou Elementary School third grader's a brief description of the different components of a submarine. The class toured the nuclear-powered attack submarine Feb. 14.

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Obey speed limit signs... especially in housing areas

There is a reason that there are posted speed limits...for your safety and the safety of others. This is especially true in housing areas and near schools.

There are always complaints about drivers who speed through housing areas. But stop to think about what could result for drivers who ignore the posted speed limit signs.

At any time, a child could dart out into the street to catch a ball, or might ride a bicycle or skateboard into the street in front of your car. Children usually don't stop to think when they are playing and having fun - it's up to us to take the responsibility as drivers to obey the posted speed limits and drive with extra caution through housing areas and in the vicinity of schools.

Sometimes the slower speed limit might be inconvenient. Perhaps a driver is in a hurry and wants to save time by going just a little over the posted speed limit. But the tragedy that could happen by ignoring the speed limits just isn't worth the little time saved.

The speed limits in all housing areas are 15 mph. While some may argue that traveling at the slow rate of 15 mph is difficult, it is much more difficult - and dangerous - if you can't stop to avoid a child or pet in the road if you are exceeding the speed limits. The slower speed limit is necessary to give drivers a better opportunity to stop their vehicles.

Some questions have also been posed about the 25 mph posted speed limits on Radford Drive. Although no homes front Radford Drive, there are many homes that are situated within 50 feet of the street. The safety of the residents and their children is adequate reason to have and enforce the 25 mph speed limit.

If there is no other way that you can accept responsibility for obeying the posted speed limits, just take a few minutes and try to imagine how you would feel if you were speeding and struck a child - seriously injuring or killing a keiki. Then try to imagine how you would feel if your child was the victim of a speeding driver. You might be able to see the situation in a totally different perspective.

If you notice drivers speeding through the neighborhood, please obtain the license plate number and a description of the car. Report it to base security.

The life you save may be that of your child or a neighbor's child.

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Commentary
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U.S. Fleet Forces Command Command Master Chief



about first impressions. H. Jackson Brown once said, "You never get a second chance to make a good first impression." What a great statement. What many of you may not realize is that you make first impressions all day long, every day of your life. Almost every day we encounter people we have never met. Each time, we have the ability to make a good or bad first impression. That impression matters and I would encourage each of you to think carefully about the image you present both in and out of uniform.

First impressions are often blown because of a failure to do some simple things, like wearing your uniform properly, saluting smartly, smiling, and talking to someone with respect. All of you know what I'm talking about.

In my job as fleet master chief, I am fortunate to hear from Sailors at every level of the chain of command. I hear what you say almost every day. I also see what you do and the impact you have on our Navy. What's more, I talk with the Navy's most senior leadership as well and I hear their view on how you dress, perform and what they believe are your desires and concerns.

You've probably heard people say you're a Sailor 24 hours a day, seven days a week. Do you believe that? Do you agree with that? Do you act like that?

Our Navy has a reputation and it's a great one. Our reputation is one of professionalism. Our Navy leadership consistently reinforces our reputation by saying you, our people, are our greatest asset and that we do everything we can to train you and give you what you need to do your jobs. To maintain this high degree of professionalism requires all of us to look and act accordingly.

Sailors that served before you were professionals who fought for more benefits, better technology, better pay and a more professional working environment. Those Sailors wore their uniforms proudly and represented our Navy in our communities. Twenty years from now, the same should be said about you and your generation of Sailors. My question to you is, are you doing everything you can do further the image of our organization by serving as a professional, on and off duty, in and out of uniform? Are you a true ambassador of our Navy?

Let me tell you what I think

Let me tell you, when you dress professionally, talk professionally and carry yourself like a professional, people listen to you, regardless of rank. If you don't act like a professional or look like a professional, people tend to pay less attention to you. This is something we all control. What kind of image do you present? Do people listen to you? Do you feel you have a voice? If not, maybe you should take a look in the mirror? Or better yet, maybe you should ask someone else what he or she might think of your appearance and demeanor.

What others think of you as a Sailor is important. As a matter of fact, the Navy is studying whether or not we need to incorporate a new form of 360-degree professional counseling, where not only your seniors weigh in on your performance, but also your peers and your subordinates. Many Fortune 500 companies have adopted this form of counseling because they have come to realize it's important that employees receive feedback on how everyone views their performance. Personally, I like the concept. I'm not sure if or when the Navy may adopt this tool, but if they do, how do you think you'd fare? What would your boss say about you? How about your co-workers? What about those people you lead? If you have some concerns, perhaps it's time to do a self-assessment.

Gen. George S. Patton Jr.

said of Soldiers in World War II, "If you can't get them to salute when they should and wear the clothes you tell them to wear, how are you going to get them to die for their country?" I know this statement sounds rather harsh, but never forget we are Sea Warriors and our primary mission is defending our nation - taking the fight to the enemy.

Gen. Patton was a leader who demanded excellence in his people - all his people. He also expected his leaders to correct problems without hesitation. "...Officers who fail to perform their duty by correcting small violations and in enforcing proper conduct are incapable of leading."

Gen. Patton was frank and to the point. If you had to appear before Gen. Patton today, right now, as you read this, and you were the only Sailor he was to come in contact with, what do you think his impression of the Navy would be? Would he say the Navy has professional looking Sailors or would he think otherwise? Keep in mind we are all on display. We never escape scrutiny and we should always remember that our behavior, on and off duty, as well as our appearance, either improves, or detracts from the Navy's overall image. I would urge every one of you to consider this every time you put on your uniform, or put on your civilian clothes. You are a professional Sailor - make sure you dress and act like one.

Secretary Rumsfeld remarks at Mosul Award Ceremony

Think of how the Iraqi people must have felt on election day. They were told if they voted they'd be killed. You vote, you die. The election workers were told they'd be killed. The Iraqi security forces were warned not to show up. It must have taken a great deal of courage to go out.



Secretary of Defense Donald Rumsfeld

They didn't know what their neighbors were thinking, whether their neighbors would go out, how many of them there would be. Some of them, I'm told, walked out some place near the voting place, didn't go in. Milled around for a while to see what was going to happen. At some moment, one of them went in, and the rest followed. They ended up learning something enormously important. They learned that their neighbors down the street had the same hopes, the same aspirations that they did.

So they found courage. Indeed, millions of people found courage. It must have given them enormous confidence and encouragement. And it had to be a stunning blow to the extremists, if you think about it. They had issued statements declaring war against democracy, opposing the elections, telling people they should not vote.

Today they have to know that their advice, their threats were overwhelmingly rejected by millions of Iraqi people.

This victory for liberty rightly belongs to the brave Iraqi people, let there be no doubt, but it also belongs to the coalition and the leaders across the world who chose to do what was right as opposed to what was temporarily popular. And it belongs to the American people who were confident and steadfast and supportive - all of you. Let there be no doubt, the election's success belongs to the United States Army, the Navy, the Air Force, the Marines. In short, it belongs quite simply to each one of you for your. And I should add, it also belongs to your loved ones who sacrifice as well as you do.

I know that during the time you've been here there have been, had to have been a very high pace. Although there must have been moments when you wondered whether it was worth the effort. I suspect there were also times when you wondered if the people you were trying to help were really with you.

Well, when the time came they did just that. They passed the signs telling them not to vote and they went ahead and voted, and newly empowered Iraqis today are forming a government. They're deciding who should be in which posts. They're debating. They're discussing all the things that normal politics and democracy require them to do. They're engaging, in short, in the encouraging discourse of democracy.

The security forces that our military has helped train and equip I'm told stood their posts even though there was violence and bombs nearby. Some gave their lives to protect others from suicide bombings.

Now let's be clear. A week ago Sunday was a good day for this country, but there are still challenges ahead, let there be no doubt. But it was Thomas Jefferson who once said that we are not to expect to be transported from despotism to liberty on a featherbed. It's always been tough. It is not easy. It wasn't easy for our country, it wasn't easy for Germany or Japan, South Korea, and it wasn't easy for Afghanistan. It won't be easy here, but it can be done and country after country have shown that it can be done.

So the task ahead for us is to continue to help the Iraqi security forces to get on the job. That will take some time. Each of those trainees have different experiences and capabilities. Some have met success in helping to secure and defend Iraq against extremists in Fallujah and elsewhere. Others have never before been a part of an Army or a police unit so it's brand new for them. Many should not be expected to behave and operate as if they were battle-hardened veterans. They aren't. But one day soon they

will be. They have to be because it is the Iraqis that are going to have to over time defeat the insurgency. It's their country, it's their responsibility, and they're the ones that have that obligation.

They're developing confidence and skill, there's no question about it, and once they have that confidence and that capacity and capability our forces, coalition forces, will be able to go home and go home with the honor that you will have earned. And I should add, go home with the gratitude of a grateful nation.

When you look back at this time in your life I believe that one day you'll see very clearly the history you've made. Early chapters will tell of hardships, of difficulties, of losses, but the final chapters will record true great achievements.

What's happening in Afghanistan and in Iraq, what has taken place in Ukraine and in the West Bank is part of the march of freedom. So I thank each of you for being here, for volunteering, for your service. I join in paying tribute to all of those who have fallen or been wounded in this struggle. We're proud of them, we're grateful to them, we honor them. They deserve not merely our gratitude, but our commitment to their unfinished work.

SECNAV statement on Adm. Clark's retirement announcement

Special message from the Secretary of the Navy

Statement from Secretary of the Navy Gordon England on Chief of Naval Operations (CNO) Adm. Vern Clark's retirement announcement:

"Adm. Clark is one of the finest leaders in the distinguished maritime history of the United States Navy.

His service to our nation as the longest serving CNO since Adm. Arleigh Burke,

and the strong course which he has set will resonate for decades to come and will keep our naval services strong and ready.

Clark has played a key role in the war on terrorism and our victories against the enemies of freedom. He is a visionary leader, an outstanding colleague and a man of deep faith. I have been privileged to serve with a leader of great integrity who is also a valued and respected friend.

Vern and Connie Clark have selflessly served our Navy and Marine Corps Team with class and grace. Fortunately, we will continue to benefit from their service until this summer."



Adm. Vern Clark

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Peruvian Navy visits Pearl Harbor



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Boatswain's Mate 1st Class (SW) Dave Gleich prepares to moor the Peruvian naval training ship BAP (Buque Armada Peruana) Mollendo (ATC 131) as she enters Pearl Harbor for a four-day port visit.



U.S. Navy photo by J02 Devin Wright
Retired Navy Adm. Steve Abbot, president and chief executive officer of the NMCRs awards volunteer Denise Walker with the NMCRS Pearl Harbor Volunteer of the Year award Feb. 14 at the Hale Koa Waikiki Ballroom.

Peruvians tour military installations in Hawai'i

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Naval Station Pearl Harbor is hosting the Peruvian naval training ship BAP (Buque Armada Peruana) Mollendo's (ATC 131) port visit Feb. 15-19, providing tours of U.S. Navy, Coast Guard and Marine facilities in Hawai'i to exchange knowledge and help develop relations between the U.S. and Peru.

"I'd like to thank the U.S. Navy for their warm welcome in our arrival at Pearl Harbor," said Commander Pedro Ramirez Nuques, commanding officer of BAP Mollendo. "Our primary objective is to develop the practical phase of the cadets' instructional program. I hope this will complement the

theoretical concepts the cadets have learned throughout the year. And our other primary objective is to strengthen the bonds between the U.S. Navy and the Peruvian Navy."

Mollendo's crew of more than 200 includes cadets from the Peruvian Air Force Academy, Military School or Chorrillos, Navy Merchant School, Naval Academy of Bolivia and the Diplomatic Academy. Their mission was for the midshipmen to put into practice the knowledge they have learned at school and exchange knowledge with U.S. military personnel.

The host ship for the Peruvian Navy was the guided missile cruiser USS Chosin (CG 65), which provided a translator, hospitality and information about the island.

"It is a true honor for Chosin to host the Peruvian naval training ship BAP Mollendo during their visit to the Hawaiian Islands," said Capt. Douglas Venlet, commanding officer, USS Chosin. "Like the United States, Peru enjoys proud naval traditions dating back to 1821. Mollendo's visit to Oahu is important to our two navies, to continue an open line of communications and celebrate our heritage together."

Peruvian midshipmen toured Marine Corps Base Hawai'i - Kaneohe, which included an indoor simulated marksmanship trainer and rifle range demonstration, lunch with Marines and a crash fire and rescue demonstration. They also toured U.S. Coast Guard facilities at Sand Island.

"It is always enriching to talk to the youth of today and the Coast Guard is always happy to share information about our great service," said Carolyn R. Lobron, CG District 14 international affairs officer. "These Peruvian cadets can see how such a small service can have such a big impact not only on the U.S., but on the world. We look forward to working with Peru and other countries of the world to protect the safety and security of the seas."

Mollendo midshipmen also toured the USS Arizona Memorial and made a wreath presentation, toured the island of Oahu and displayed an exhibit of Peruvian culture, which was open for U.S. Sailors to visit.

Mollendo will next sail to San Diego and Acapulco, Mexico before returning to Peru.

NMCRS: local volunteers honored at luncheon

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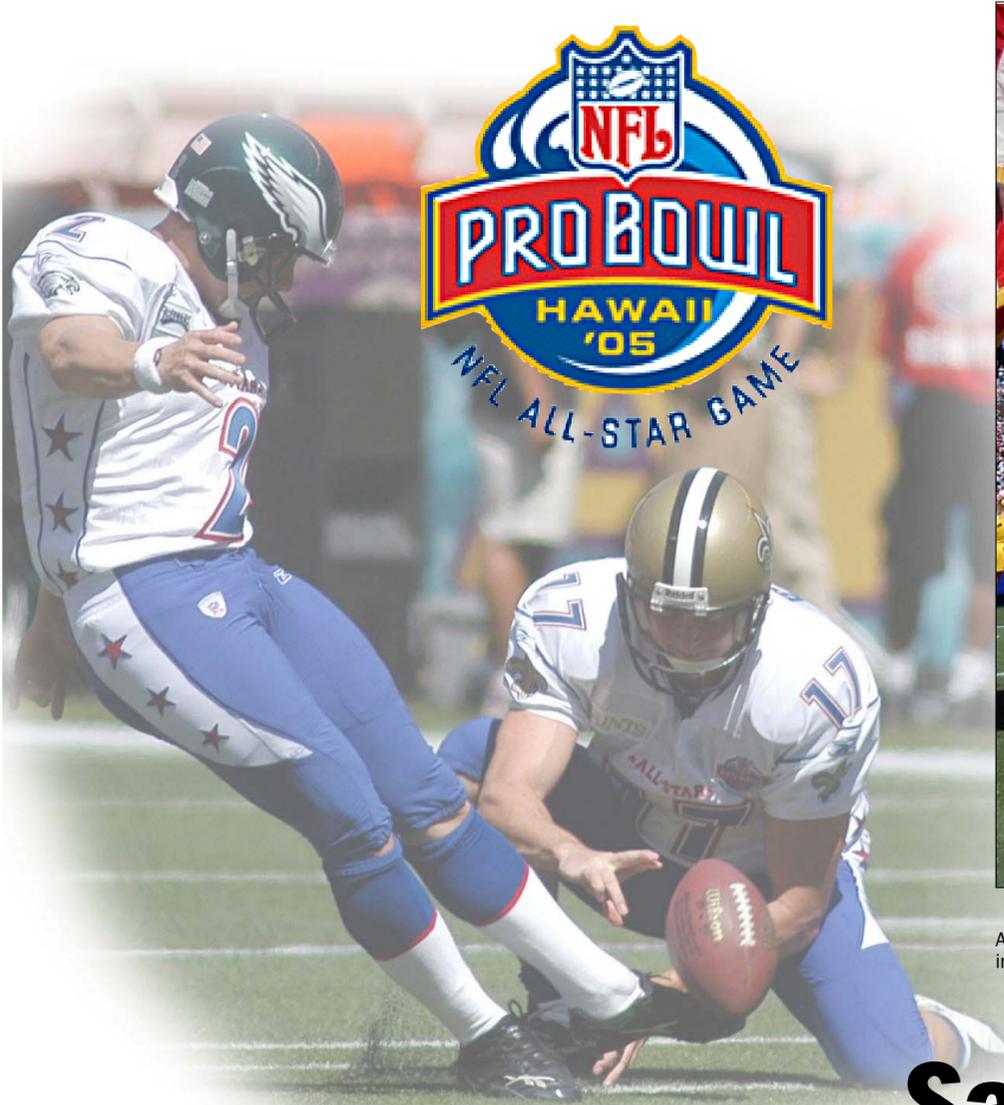
ed 347 volunteer hours to the Pearl Harbor NMCRS and 947 total hours during her husband's military career.

Walker attributes her desire to volunteer to her co-workers.

"I enjoy coming into the office," said Walker. "I enjoy the people I volunteer with. It's fun. More than that though, it makes me feel good to help people. I especially enjoy helping the men and women fighting for us. I also think it makes them feel secure to know that we are here in a time of crisis," she said.

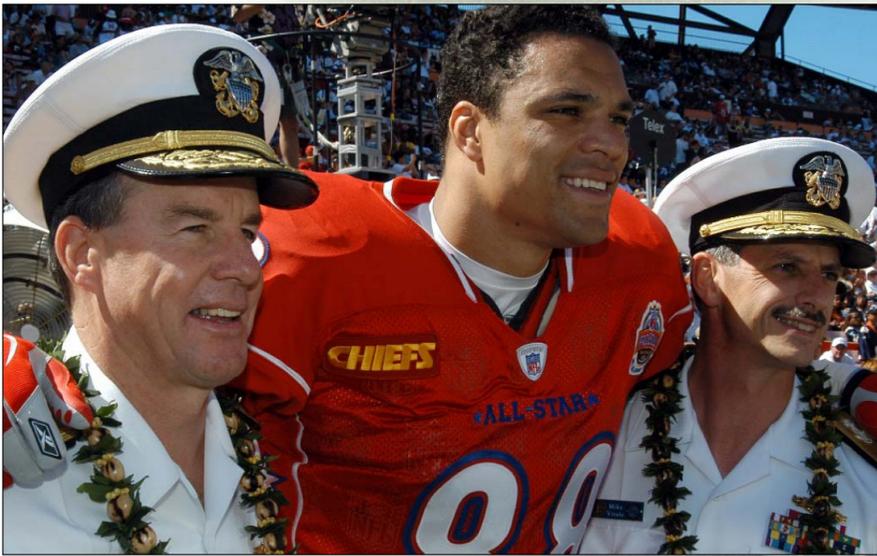
Founded in 1904, the Navy-Marine Corps Relief Society is

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A Naval Station Pearl Harbor ceremonial color guard parades the colors during the playing of the National Anthem at the 2005 NFL Pro Bowl.

Sailors participate in 2005 Pro Bowl



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Commander, U.S. Pacific Command, Adm. Thomas Fargo and Commander, Navy Region Hawai'i, Rear Adm. Michael C. Vitale pose for a photograph with Tony Gonzalez, tight end for the Kansas City Chiefs, before the 2005 NFL Pro Bowl.

Sailors from around Oahu had the chance to participate in the 2005 Pro Bowl. The game celebrated the 26th anniversary of Pro Bowl in Hawai'i.

Before the game began, Adm. Thomas Fargo, Commander United States Pacific Command, performed the coin toss to determine which side - NFC or AFC - would receive the football first.

The pre-game ceremony included a tribute

to more than 60 Purple Heart recipients from American conflicts dating back to World War II. Approximately 40 Schofield Barracks Soldiers, 10 Marines, Navy corpsmen and Hawai'i veterans were among those honored.

The ceremony also included color guards from the Navy, Air Force, Marines and Coast Guard and an F-15 flyover by the Hawai'i Air National Guard.



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Active duty and retired Purple Heart recipients march onto the field at the 2005 NFL Pro Bowl. The pregame ceremony featured a salute to more than 60 recipients, an F-15 flyover by the Hawai'i Air National Guard and the coin toss by Commander, U.S. Pacific Command, Adm. Thomas Fargo.

Naval officer selected for Pro Bowl cheerleading team

JO3 Ryan C. McGinley
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Lt. Jany Collaco was selected for and participated in the 2005 NFL Pro Bowl on Feb. 13 in Hawai'i, culminating a two-year career as a cheerleader for the San Francisco 49ers.

Collaco, assigned to the Human Performance Center Detachment, Command for Naval Air Forces in San Diego, is one of the first NFL cheerleaders on active duty with the U.S. Navy.

"I've always had a passion for dancing and sports and so I decided to pursue my passion and combine them into one really great second job," said Collaco. "It's really been a remarkable experience. This job combined with my job as a naval officer provides a really great balance in my life."

Collaco was born in Brazil, but grew up in San Francisco -

dancing tap, ballet and jazz. She graduated from the U.S. Naval Academy in 1998 with a mathematics degree and earned her wings in 2000 as a P-3 pilot. While at naval post-graduate school in Monterey, Calif., she decided to try out for the cheerleading team, with the Navy's permission, since she had her weekends free.

"The Navy has been very supportive," she said. "I went through all the procedures and got it approved through the dean of students and they were great about it."

She earned her master's degree in operations analysis while receiving "Rookie of the Year" as a 49ers cheerleader, and this year she was selected for the 2005 Pro Bowl.

"I really just want to live every moment here at the Pro Bowl to its fullest," she said. "I want to take in every experi-

ence and just cherish it. I realize that this is my last game so I want to live it up and remember every second out there on the field."

Once completing her master's degree, Collaco was stationed in San Diego, where she currently resides and works. The Pro Bowl marked her last game as a cheerleader because she said commuting from San Diego to San Francisco on the weekends would be too difficult and she couldn't imagine herself cheering for any other team.

"My heart is with the San Francisco 49ers so I would not be able to do it for any other team, so this will end my career as an NFL cheerleader," she said. "I've had the most remarkable two years of my entire life. It's given me so many wonderful opportunities and a chance to participate in so many community service



U.S. Navy photo by JO3 Ryan C. McGinley

Navy Lt. Jany Collaco, representing the San Francisco 49ers, cheers for the National Football Conference at the 2005 NFL Pro Bowl. Collaco, a human performance analyst at the Center for Information Technology in San Diego, is one of the first NFL cheerleaders on active duty with the U.S. Navy. She is a certified P-3 pilot and has a master's degree in operations analysis.

activities with the 49ers."

Collaco said she will miss cheering for the 49ers, but really enjoys the work she is doing with the Navy and looks

forward to where it will take her in life.

"One of my lifelong dreams has been to combine two of my greatest loves, dancing and

my passion for the San Francisco 49ers," she said. "It is an experience unlike any other and I am so proud to have been a part of it."

NSPS: New program looks for feedback from civilian workforce

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as well as to review background material on NSPS, interested individuals can visit NSPS's Web site at <http://www.cpms.osd.mil/nsps>.

"After the comment period, we will initiate the statutory 'meet and confer' process with employee unions for 30 days to discuss their views and concerns and, with the

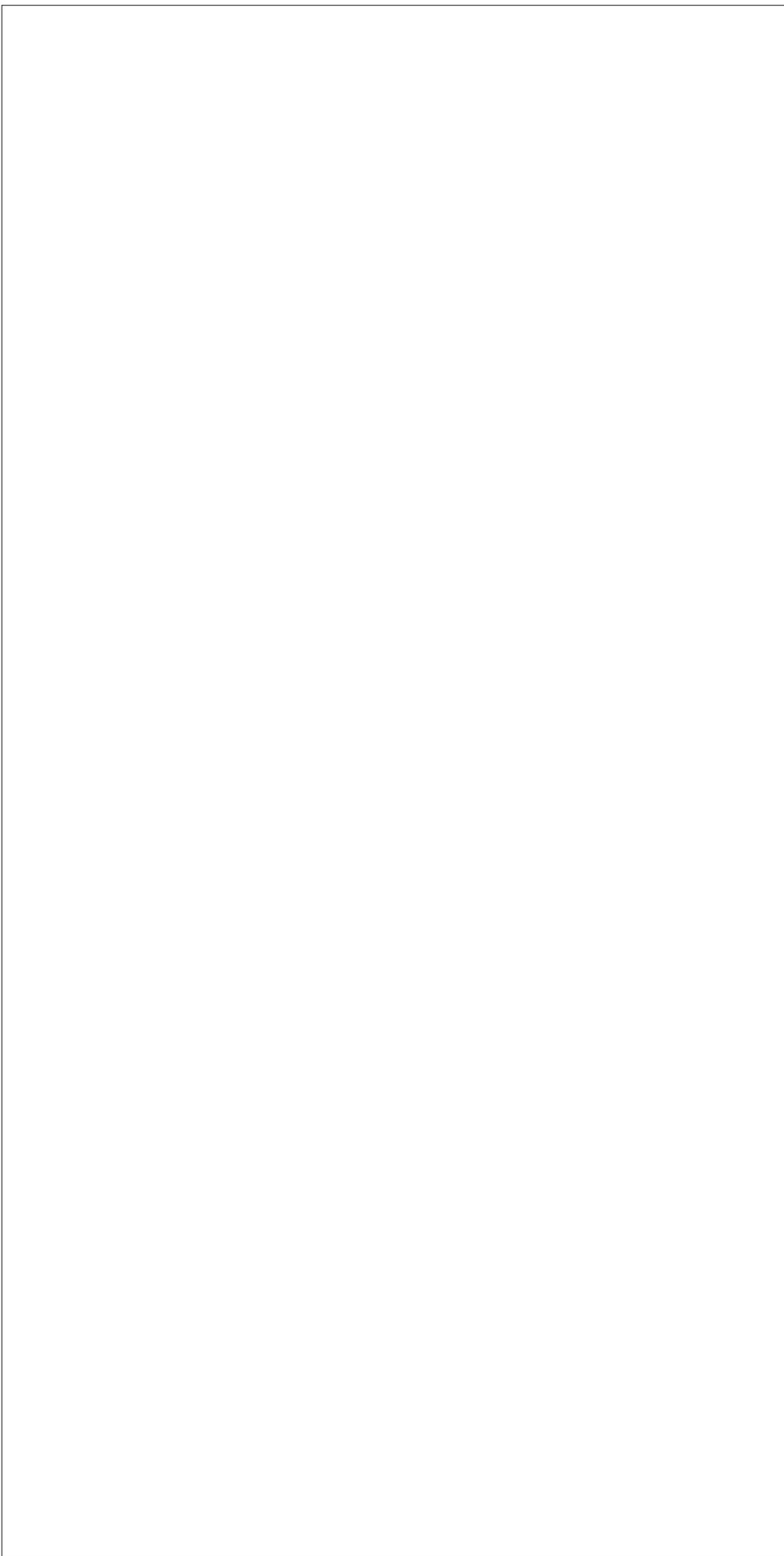
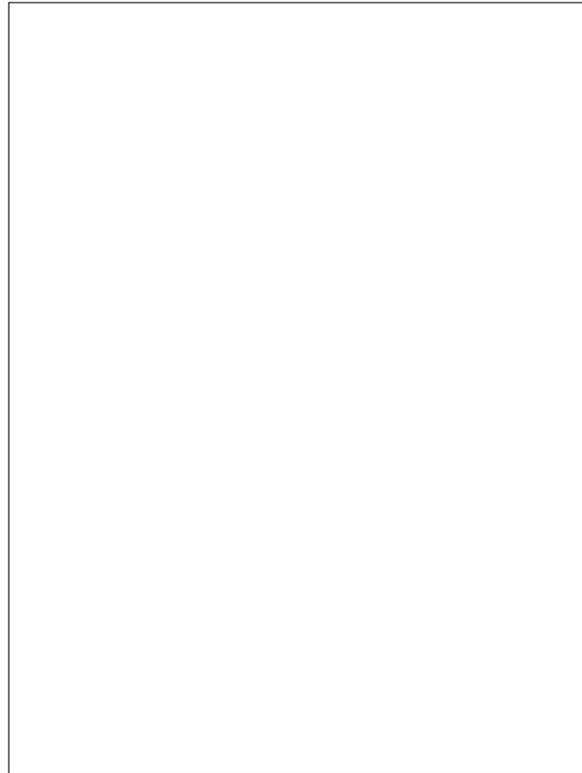
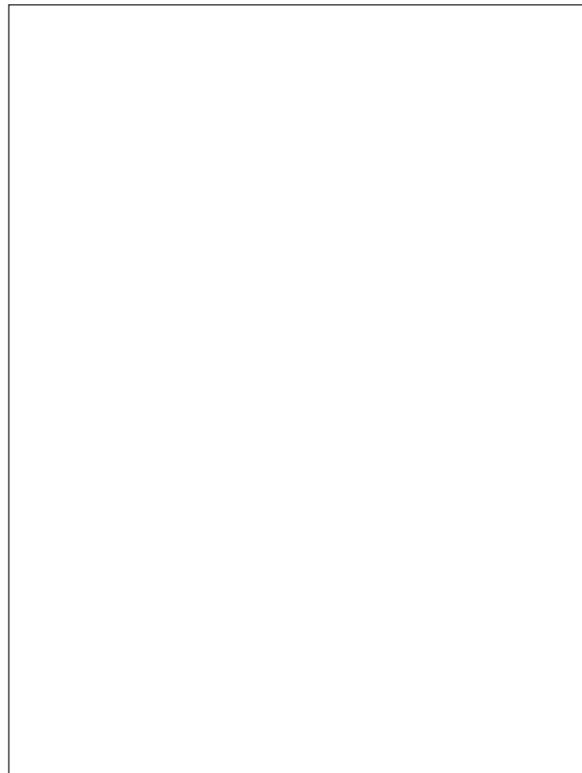
help of the Federal Mediation and Conciliation Service (FMCS), try to find common ground," according to the PEO. "We'll report the results and outcomes of the meet and confer period to Congress before finalizing the regulations."

Implementation of the system will begin as early as July 2005 with full imple-

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USS Chosin Sailors take on Peruvian cadets in soccer match

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Sailors stationed aboard the guided missile cruiser USS Chosin (CG 65) took on cadets from the Peruvian naval training ship BAP (Buque Armada Peruana) Mollendo (ATC 131) Thursday in a soccer game held at Ward Field.

"This is great and informal," said Lt. David Berry, information systems officer aboard Chosin.



A Peruvian cadet kicks the ball down field during the soccer match Thursday between Peruvian cadets and USS Chosin Sailors.

"Nothing else matters besides just having fun and getting to know our Peruvian counterparts."

The Peruvians came to Pearl Harbor with a mission of putting into practice the knowledge they have learned at school and exchanging knowledge with U.S. military personnel.

The cadets took a break from learning, to play the game and barbecue with the Chosin Sailors afterwards.

"I think its good to get out and meet new people from different countries and see how they interact with us," said Torpedoman's Mate 2nd Class (SW) Cameron Alexander. "I hope to get a bunch of laughs out of the experience. It's all about laughs and having a good time."

Berry said he enjoyed playing with the Peruvians because of their background in the sport and what it means to their country.

"This sport is like a past time to Peruvians," he said. "It's something they love to do and something they take a lot of pride in. They love to play and they love to share that with another country."

Berry also said it doesn't matter who wins or loses in the game, but that the players have fun and interact.

"My goal for the Sailors is to be able to interact with the Peruvian players and show them how wonderful it is to be stationed here in Hawaii and make their visit as successful as possible," he said.



Sonar Technician - Surface 3rd Class Justin Wilson, assigned to USS Chosin (CG 65) reaches for a ball at a soccer game between the Peruvian cadets and Chosin Sailors. The Peruvian ship BAP Mollendo is in Pearl Harbor for five days for training and international relations.



Safety: hazards identified on island

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and modernization of facilities over the next four years. Consequently, the construction, along with unwary motorists and pedestrians, could result in mishaps, according to the safety team.

"These contractors are second-to-none in safety," said Griffin. "They're among the safest contractors in the world right now. They put up fences wherever they work and are very safe in what they do. But they can't do it alone, so we encourage drivers, pedestrians and residents on Ford Island to be very careful," Griffin said.

With construction progressing on Ford Island, buildings and hangars slated for renovation also pose a risk for adventurous military family members. Being an island and surrounded by water, there are unfenced pier areas and embankments that also pose a risk to children.

"We're going to continue having a substantial increase in population out here," Griffin continued. "Our concern here is this is an industrial type of complex. We've got all kinds of training evolutions going on all the time. You see joggers on the road day and night, including kids with skateboards."

"I'm grateful for the chance

to live here," Blanchard emphasized. "Ford Island is a beautiful place and I hate to complain, but there is a general lack of parental supervision here. Skateboarding is fine, but the kids have taken the picnic tables and are using them for ramps."

The Ford Island Safety Team was formed March 25, 2004 and meets at least monthly to identify possible safety discrepancies and works continuously to keep Ford Island residents and visitors safe. The team is comprised of experts from family housing, regional safety, Public Works Center facilities and contractor safety representatives.

"We're working with the contractors and those organizations out here who have buildings to inspect them and make them less attractive to children," Griffin explained. "When the team started, we identified nearly 100 discrepancies and we've got that number down to the single digits."

"We're trying to reach out to the families to really educate their children and keep a handle on them," Griffin concluded. "They can disappear in the blink of an eye, so we need the parents to be connected to them at all times. It's a team effort here."

CNO testifies at SASC Posture Hearing

Chief of Naval Operations Public Affairs

Chief of Naval Operations (CNO) Adm. Vern Clark testified before the Senate Armed Services Committee (SASC) on Feb. 10 along with the Joint Chiefs of Staff to report on their respective services' readiness.

This marked the fifth SASC Posture Hearing for Clark since taking the helm as CNO in July 2000.

Chairman Sen. John Warner opened the hearing by first stating how proud he and his fellow committee members are of all the armed forces.

"The men and women who proudly wear the uniform of our country continue to perform magnificently, with unmatched courage and integrity, together with the unfailing support of their fam-

ilies and friends," Warner said.

During his opening statement, CNO said that he carries a message from the fleet.

"On behalf of the men and women of the United States Navy, I carry a message," Clark said, "and that message is, thank you to this body and to the Congress for the continued support to provide them the tools that they need so that they can carry out the nation's bidding."

Clark also said that during the past year, the Navy and Marine Corps team flew 3,000 air sorties delivering more than 100,000 pounds of ordnance, conducted more than 2,000 boardings of ships at sea and consistently deployed more than 7,000 Sailors on the ground, including SEALs (Sea, Air, Land), corpsmen, Seabees and support personnel throughout the area of responsibility.

"I could not be more proud of them and their selfless performance. But I'm also very proud of the people who are serving here at home, both uniformed and civilian, who are working tirelessly to achieve unprecedented effectiveness and efficiencies in our Navy," Clark said. "Their efforts have allowed us to deliver greater combat power to the president at less cost to the taxpayer. And we have made truly impressive strides in those areas."

Many of the questions asked by SASC members focused on the Navy's shipbuilding budget and the effect the proposed budget will have on the future Navy.

"That's the heart of the challenge we face," CNO said. "I've talked about 375 ships ever since I've been here. Now with the size of our force based on transformational ideas, 260 or

325 ships can give us the same capability as a 375-ship Navy."

Those transformational ideas, which include Sea Swap and the Fleet Response Plan, "have dramatically improved our ability to respond around the world." CNO said that even with the reduction of one aircraft carrier, he can still give the president "6+1" or "5+2," meaning six or five carriers in 30 days, with another one or two carriers deployed within 90 days.

CNO explained in an interview with Navy/Marine Corps News after the SASC hearing that his testimony largely focused on the future Navy, but the fleet is getting the job done today.

"Our ships are in terrific shape," Clark said. "Our readiness is better than it has ever been. We've invested in readiness to make sure we are the best, and we are."

Crosswalk: Trial safety lights installed

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as well. "Because of the physical readiness of the Navy, crew members aboard ships need to be ready to go to sea, having someone get hit by a car puts that at risk," said Redfearn. "We need to be ready to go to sea. If these crosswalk lights keep Sailors safe to make that happen then it is a good investment."

Many motorists also feel the new crosswalk lights provide adequate warning that a pedestrian is crossing the street.

"In the morning, I've had trouble seeing pedestrians," said Gas Turbine Technician Electrical Fireman Josh Masterson of NAVSTA. "There is so much activity in the morning that sometimes you forget about those who are walking and that can be dangerous. These new lights will certainly help in realizing there is someone in the crosswalk," he said.

The trial recessed lights are located at the crosswalks by Club Pearl and the Mike Piers and on the at the Mini-Mart by the sub piers.

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