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Early morning run

Sailors, civilians participate in annual Ford Island Bridge Run. See story on page A-10.



Surfing in Hawai'i

What's the latest on local surf spots? See story on page B-1.

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TRICARE on line number disconnected

The toll-free number for TRICARE On Line (TOL) has been disconnected. The number was distributed by Tripler Army Medical Center on red, white and blue business cards.

Distribution of the cards was made throughout the hospital and at Schofield Barracks Health Clinic.

To sign up for TOL, which offers some appointment times on line and health information, go to their Web site at www.tricareonline.com. To find information on TRICARE enrollment, eligibility, benefits, authorizations and claims questions, call 1-888-TRI-WEST (1-888-874-9378) or go to www.triwest.com or www.tricare.osd.mil.

Deceased midshipman identified

Midshipman 2nd Class Jay Michael Dixon, 21, of Destrehan, La. died from injuries received in a fall April 9.

Naval Academy emergency and medical personnel were immediately notified when the body was discovered and responded to the scene within minutes. Dixon was pronounced dead at the scene.

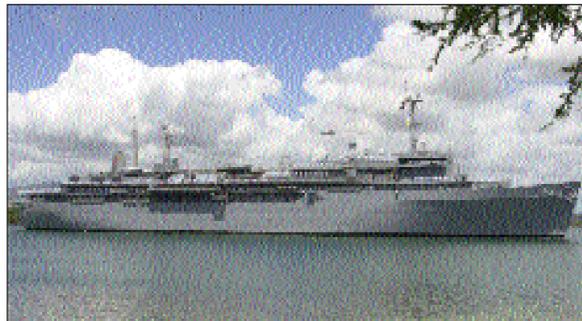
The Naval Criminal Investigative Service is investigating. No further information is available at this time.

Learn from the leaders

The Federal Executive Board-Pacific Leadership Academy will present Phil Harkins, CEO of Linkage, Inc., at its next session April 22.

Cost is \$5 per person and is due by April 19. Contact Gerry Reese at 541-2637 for more information.

USS Frank Cable arrives



U.S. Navy photo by PH1(SW) Jason Carter

USS Frank Cable (AS 40) pulls into Pearl Harbor Wednesday. This visit marks the first time the ship has sailed into an American port since being homeported in Guam in 1996.

Lt. J.G. Nicole Paul and JO1 Johnie Hickmon
USS Frank Cable (AS 40)
Public Affairs

USS Frank Cable (AS 40) arrived at Pearl Harbor, Hawai'i Wednesday

This is the ship's first visit to the United States since 1996. The submarine tender is in Pearl Harbor to fulfill a few operational commitments and also to take part in several events, including the 2005 Submarine Birthday Ball and the

Commander, Submarine Pacific Fleet change of command.

Only one of two submarine tenders left in the U.S. Navy, Frank Cable was previously homeported in Charleston, S.C., but has been forward deployed to Guam since 1996 when it replaced USS Holland (AS 32). It has a crew of 1,200 officers and enlisted Sailors.

In keeping with naval tradition, Frank Cable flew its homeward bound pennant from the forward mast of the ship as it pulled into port.

The pennant displays 17 stars, the first star representing the first nine months the ship has been forward deployed and a star for every six months the submarine tender has been in Guam.

Frank Cable is the Pacific Fleet's only submarine tender and deploys throughout the Western Pacific to such ports as Australia, South Korea, Hong Kong and Japan to provide services to both submarines and surface ships in the Seventh Fleet area of responsibility.

Volunteers take root at Pouhala Marsh

PH3 Ian W. Anderson
Staff Writer

Answering a call to volunteer, Sailors and civilians from around the island of Oahu worked to help restore Pouhala Marsh on April 9.

Meeting at the Pouhala Marsh at West Loch of Pearl Harbor near Waipahu Depot Street, the group jumped into muddy waters to clean up mangrove tree roots and pickleweed which threaten to overtake the wetlands' indigenous flora and fauna.

"When we first started doing this project three years ago, this area actually had 10 percent of the (Hawaiian) stilt population in Hawai'i that would come and nest here," said Pauline Kawamata, volunteer coordinator for the Hawai'i Nature Center.

The continuing Pouhala Marsh Ecosystem Restoration Project is coordinated by the Hawai'i Nature Center, a non-profit organization, which provides hands on educational programs for families and adults.

Several Sailors said they had greater motivation than just pulling weeds out of the marsh. Among them was Disbursing Clerk 1st Class (SW) Ramon Arana, the volunteer liaison for USS Hopper (DDG 70).

"The satisfaction of helping the community," Arana said. "It's something I've always enjoyed doing, giving back to

the community."

Kawamata said without the help of numerous volunteers, the restoration efforts would be impossible.

"We wouldn't be able to do what we do without the help from you (volunteers) folks," Kawamata said.

For Sonar Technician-Surface 2nd Class Kevin Reyes, a Sailor onboard Hopper, the event allowed him to get off the ship, get some sun and help out the community at the same time.

"We don't get to do this sort of stuff on the ship and I'm an outdoors kind of person," Reyes said.

The 70-acre Pouhala Marsh is the largest of the remaining wetlands in Pearl Harbor and vitally important to the Hawaiian stilt that is currently on the endangered species list. During nesting seasons, more than 150 birds - which comprise 10 percent of the global stilt population - can be seen on the marsh.

Carrying out a two-fold program, the Hawai'i Nature Center not only wants to restore the habitat to its previous state, but also to educate the next generation and ensure the Oahu wetland's continued prosperity.

"That's why we're doing what we're doing here - partly because it's helping to restore the habitat for the (Hawaiian) stilt, but it's also part of our educational program," said Kawamata.



Official U.S. Navy Photo by PH3 Ian W. Anderson

Two USS Hopper (DDG 70) Sailors pull pickleweed and mangrove roots from the banks of the Pouhala Marsh in a restoration effort April 9.

First increment of PPV homes nearly complete

Karen S. Spangler
Assistant Editor

The first increment of 910 new homes, currently under construction for Navy families as part of phase one of public-private venture (PPV), will be completed in July.

Many Navy families have already had the opportunity to experience residential living in PPV communities since the launch of the Navy's partnership with Hawai'i Military Communities, LLC on May 1, 2004.

As HMC demolished old homes and constructed new homes as part of a phased project in three housing neighborhoods - Halsey Terrace, McGrew Point and Radford Terrace - housing residents have been able to enjoy the benefit of living in those PPV communities as well as Hokulani and Moanalua Terrace, under the management of Forest City Residential Management (FCRM).

In a departure from the military construction (MILCON) projects of decades past, homes built under phase one of PPV are more spacious and arranged in duplex and single family configurations in green court arrangements. The floor plans of the homes offer an indoor-outdoor connection with front porches, side lanais, fenced side yards and rear patios.

The new designs range from three to five bedrooms and, depending on the neighborhood, comprise a minimum of 1,750 square feet up to 2,755

square feet. The homes feature central air conditioning, state-of-the-art, energy-efficient appliances, storage and larger bedrooms.

HMC's driving force is building quality housing for Navy Sailors and their families. Thad Bond, senior vice president for HMC, explained, "Rebuilding these neighborhoods is a complex and tough job to take on. But everyone on our team, from the workers building the homes, to the housing management folks that work directly with residents - we all get our inspiration and determination from knowing that our work will help make a better life for those who are defending our freedom."

Under the Military Housing Privatization Initiative (MHPI) approved by Congressional legislation in 1996, the Navy, and other services, forged ahead with plans to build homes for its service families by doing business with a private contractor in a PPV partnership. Such a partnership allows the Navy to replace its inadequate housing inventory at a faster pace and for less money than was formerly required under MILCON.

Since 1994, the Navy in Hawai'i spent \$426 million in military construction projects to replace and renovate its aging housing inventory. At that rate of construction, it would have taken approximately another 15-20 years before the Navy could replace its inventory of older homes.

Navy officials see PPV as a "win-win" situation for everyone - greatly enhancing the quality of life for Sailors and their families. PPV replaces the Navy's deteriorating homes at a much faster rate and pumps millions of dollars into the local economy.

Phase one of the Navy's housing privatization will encompass approximately 1,948 Navy homes. Future phases of privatization will include about 4,700 homes over the next several years.

Capt. Norman Ho, assistant chief of staff for housing for Navy Region Hawai'i, emphasized the Navy's commitment to taking care of its military families and to do whatever is necessary to improve quality of life.

"We think about the spouses and families at home while service members are deployed. What can we do to make them feel more comfortable and more protected?" he said.

It has been almost a year since the Navy entered public-private venture for its homes in Hawai'i. Navy families who live in homes included in the project have seen many similarities to previously government-maintained housing, but have also been introduced to enhancements that have promoted an improved quality of life.

Some of the families who live in privatized neighborhoods expressed their views on living under PPV.

Master at Arms 1st Class Fred Roach with Navy Region Hawai'i

security lives with his wife and three children in a four-bedroom Navy home in Hokulani. "The people in the office [FCRM] are personable and concerned about the needs of my family. They took us out and showed us the house and explained about the neighborhood and the schools. This was very beneficial," he remarked.

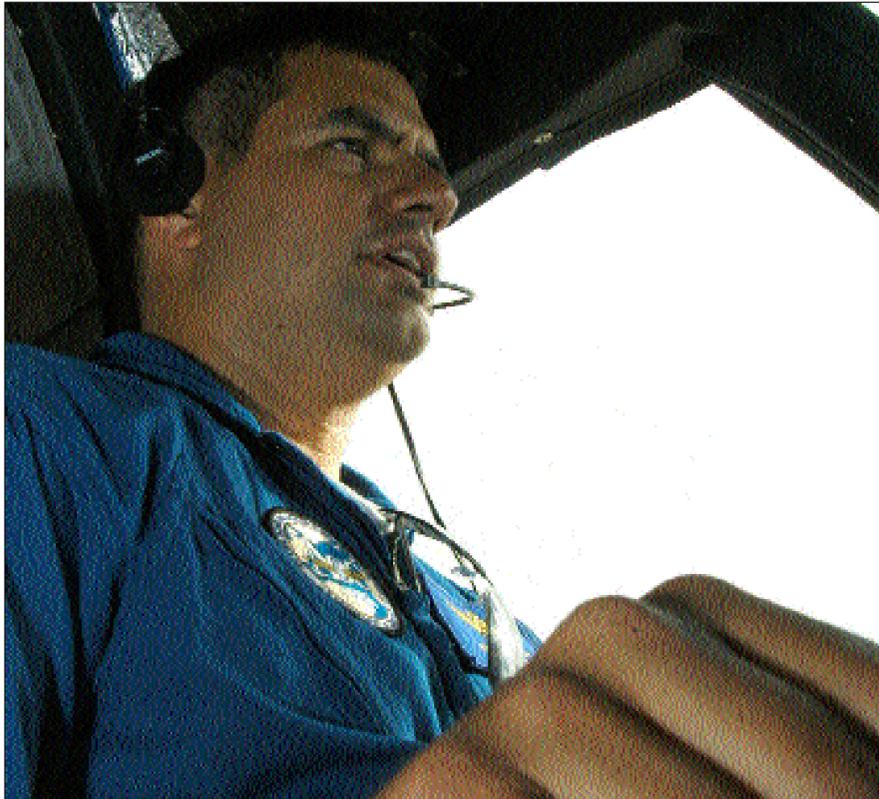
Roach gave the management company high marks, especially in the areas of maintenance and lawn care. "Lawn care and maintenance is extremely good. When things break in the house, they do the job right the first time," he explained. "I'm happy with them and I like the way they do business."

Andrea MacKenzie is a Navy spouse who lives with her husband and three children in a three-bedroom unit at McGrew Point. MacKenzie noted that her family had not previously lived in military housing, but moved directly into the PPV community.

She said she was quite pleased, especially with the maintenance and extermination services, and rated them above average. "FCRM as a company is a very well-greased machine. They've already got a lot of the kinks worked out," she said. MacKenzie was also impressed with the staff at FCRM.

"From a dual military point of view, PPV is great - one of the best things the Navy could have done for us," said

▼ See PPV, A-9



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

NOAA Lt. Cmdr. Barry Choy, chief of flight management section for the NOAA Aircraft Operations Center based in McGill Air Force Base in Florida, conducts an instrument check in the NOAA P-3 aircraft used in operations over Hawaiian waters. NOAA conducted the Ghostnet research project to determine if they could predict where abandoned fishing nets would drift into Hawaiian waters.

NOAA helps protect the local environment

JO1 Daniel J. Calderón
Editor

Every year, marine mammals are caught up and die in untended nets that are washed around the ocean by currents. Many of these nets wind up in the reef area in the Northwest Hawaiian waters. The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) is working to protect these animals and the environment through its new Ghostnet project.

The "ghost net" is a reference to the drift gill nets that were popular aboard Taiwanese and Korean fishing vessels during the 1980s that have been left in the ocean. These nets would drop and hold about 100 meters below the ocean's surface by means of weights and buoys. Fishing boats would come and check the nets regularly. However, when the boats stopped coming, the nets stayed and were carried across the ocean by currents. With no one to pick them up, the nets would drift aimlessly engaging in "ghost fishing" because there would never be anyone to pick up whatever the nets would catch.

NOAA scientists theorized they could use meteorological models of the Pacific Ocean to predict where the nets would drift and try to catch them before animals become entangled in the nets.

"Ghostnet is a first of its kind project that looks for ocean debris," said NOAA Lt. Cmdr. Barry Choy, chief of flight management section for the NOAA Aircraft Operations Center based at McDill Air Force Base in Florida.

Nets had already been discovered in the Northern Hawaiian reef area. The reef is a sensitive environmental region and the nets would trap animals and destroy the reef itself. The goal was to track and stop the nets before they reached the reef. Choy and other pilots who flew the Ghostnet missions over Hawaiian waters after receiving briefs from NOAA scientists, who plotted the most likely course of the nets based on satellite analysis of chlorophyll concentration and convergent currents in the ocean.

"They're trying to figure out whether they can pick out an area where the currents converge," explained Choy. "They look at the infrared imagery of the ocean to determine convergent areas."

Once the areas are determined, pilots like Choy went out in NOAA P-3 aircraft. Flying at altitudes around 1,000 feet, they used a combination of multiple low-resolution cameras and one high-resolution camera to obtain imagery of the area where the scientists believe the debris should be located. The low-resolution cameras are the first line of location. If they "see" the debris, they transmit a signal to the high-resolution camera to get a clearer picture of the area. There were also human observers who scanned the surface of the ocean in the vicinity of where the debris was supposed to be floating. Choy, along with the scientists, feel the human eye is just as good, if not better, than a low-resolution camera at picking out foreign objects in the water. The science

behind the flights was hypothetical. There was no hard evidence to determine whether or not the flights would actually uncover any marine debris.

"We flew 32 hours of mission flights [over the three-week mission period]," said NOAA Lt. Nancy Ash, program manager for Ghostnet and NOAA's Atmospheric River Project. "Before we conducted the [Ghostnet] project, the idea that we could track the nets was just a theory."

Ash said the theoretical information gleaned from satellite imagery of ocean currents and extrapolation of the location of the drifting nets was successful. Both Ash and Choy said the nets were found just where the scientists predicted they would be floating.

"It was 100 percent successful," Ash said.

However, the initial funding for the project was just for the idea of Ghostnet. With hours of video and high-resolution imagery of the nets in the water, Ash said the project has proved its success. She said the next challenge is to obtain government funding for the continuation of the project.

"Now that we've shown this is successful, we will try to work this into the Marine Debris Bill introduced by Senator Inouye," Ash explained. "There is a dive team right now working in the Northwest Hawaiian Islands that focuses on learning the effects of the nets on the reef. Now that we can track the nets, NOAA wants to pick them up before they get into the reef."

Navy to regulate, enforce posting of signs

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The Navy is stepping up its efforts to ensure that signs posted on Navy property are appropriate, within legal guidelines and conform to specific standards. A new instruction providing guidelines and detailing enforcement procedures for the posting of signs on Navy property has been implemented. In conjunction with the instruction, Navy Region Hawai'i will increase its efforts to police the placement of advertising on Navy property on Pearl Harbor and other Navy property.

In an effort to reduce and restrict the number and types and signs that are posted, Navy Region Hawai'i has instituted an instruction, NAVSTAPEARLINST 11000.5, which offers guidelines on the appropriate posting of signs and the necessary procedure for approval.

According to Navy officials, Department of the Navy (DON) policy ensures that naval personnel and their families are provided with information and programs which will effectively enhance their morale and well-being. The instruction explains that "Displaying signs is one way to disseminate relevant information to our military community in a focused and controlled manner."

"Signs may be approved for posting when they support the military mission, including the enhancement of quality of life and work aboard Naval Station Pearl Harbor, so long as they conform to reasonable standards of good taste and appropriateness."

The instruction applies to all persons who seek to post signs on fences and other outdoor locations under the control of the commanding officer of Naval Station Pearl Harbor. This includes all military units and organizations, the Navy Exchange, and Morale, Welfare and Recreation (MWR). The same procedures are also applicable to private organizations, officer or enlisted organizations, or other special interest groups.

The new sign instruction directs that all requests to post signs must be submitted in writing to the commanding officer, Naval Station Pearl Harbor, via the staff judge advocate a minimum of five working days prior to the date of the requested sign or banner posting. The only exception to this policy delegates the regulation of

signs displayed by the Navy Exchange and Quality of Life (QOL)/MWR programs to the director of each respective program.

Written requests must include the following information: purpose of the proposed sign to be displayed, proposed location, proposed dates the sign will be posted, point of contact name and phone number and the proposed content of the sign.

There are two types of signs addressed by the new instruction – informational signs and "welcome home" signs.

The following guidelines apply to informational signs:

- All approved signs must be constructed of durable material and neatly fabricated.

- Signs must be professional, in good taste and well secured so that they do not reflect negatively on the installation and do not present a hazard to traffic or pedestrians.

- The organization that displays the sign is responsible for removing the sign in a timely manner after the sign has served its purpose.

The following guidelines apply to "welcome home" signs:

- Upon written approval, units and individuals may post "welcome home" signs two days prior to arrival of the returning unit or vessel.

- A limit of two signs per unit may be displayed on installation fence lines. No personal signs for individuals may be displayed.

- The signs must be removed within five days from the return of the unit or vessel.

Navy Region Hawai'i security will be responsible for monitoring Naval Station Pearl Harbor properties for identification and removal of unauthorized signs. The instruction emphasizes that unauthorized signs are not permitted and will be removed and disposed of without notice to the person or organization who has posted the sign.

"Hawai'i is a special place. The Navy is committed to doing its part to keep it special. One important way we do that is controlling the signs that are posted, especially in our public community areas," said Capt. Ronald R. Cox, commanding officer, Naval Station Pearl Harbor. "We do that by ensuring only authorized signs, done in good taste, are posted and then removed when no longer required. This is important for our civilian neighbors and important to the Navy," he added.

Cassias ready to take over COMSUBPAC

Rear Adm. Jeffrey B. Cassias will relieve Rear Adm. Paul F. Sullivan as Commander Submarine Force, U.S. Pacific Fleet in a change of command ceremony onboard USS Pasadena (SSN

752) in Pearl Harbor on April 20. Cassias' previous assignment was as Commander Submarine Group Ten, Commander Submarine Group Two and Commander Navy Region Northeast.



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Hawai'i Navy News Editorial

President praises troops at Fort Hood

Excerpts from President George W. Bush's April 12 remarks at Fort Hood, Texas

Thank you all for the warm welcome. It wasn't all that long ago that I brought my family over to go to church Easter Sunday here at Fort Hood. It's an honor to be with the courageous men and women of the "Phantom Corps."

The soldiers and families of Fort Hood have contributed mightily to our efforts in the war on terror. Many of you have recently returned from Iraq. Welcome home — and thank you for a job well-done. Others are preparing to head out this fall, some for a second tour of duty. Whether you're coming or going, you are making an enormous difference for the security of our nation and for the peace of the world. I want to thank you for defending your fellow citizens. I want to thank you for extending liberty to millions. And I want to thank you for making America proud.

I especially want to thank the military families who are here today. I want to thank you for your sacrifices in the war on terror. It isn't easy being the one left behind when a loved one goes to war. You have a wonderful community here at Fort Hood. I thank you for the support you have given to each other. By loving and supporting a soldier, you are also serving our nation. Americans are grateful for your sacrifice and your service — and so is your Commander-in-Chief.

...This weekend we marked the two-year anniversary of the liberation of Baghdad. Coalition forces crossed more than 350 miles of desert to get there, pushing through dust storms and death squads. They reached the Iraqi capital in 21 days, and that achievement will be studied for generations as the fastest armored advance in military history.

The coalition assault was rapid, and it wasn't easy. The enemy hid in schools and hospitals. They used civilians as human shields. Yet our troops persevered. We protected civilian lives while destroying the Republican Guard's Medina Division, pushing through the Karbala Gap, capturing Saddam International Airport, and, on April 9th, we liberated the Iraqi capital.

For millions of Iraqis and Americans, it is a day they will never forget. The toppling of Saddam Hussein's statue in Baghdad will be recorded, alongside the fall of the Berlin Wall, as one of the great moments in the history of liberty. And eight months later, soldiers of the Ivy Division brought the real Saddam Hussein to justice. When Ironhorse soldiers left for Iraq, Saddam Hussein was a brutal dictator sitting in a palace, and by the time you came home, he was sitting in a prison cell.

When it came time to drive the terrorists and insurgents from Fallujah, soldiers of the 1st Cavalry Division spearheaded the assault. The "First Team" was "First in Fallujah" — and when the dust settled, what you found there reminds us why we are at war: Blood-stained torture chambers used by terrorists to execute hostages; you found videos of beheadings and brutal terrorist attacks; you found over 600 improvised explosive devices, including an ice cream truck that had been loaded with bomb-making materials for a terrorist attack.

The men and women of the Phantom Corps know why we are in Iraq. As one First Team soldier, Lieutenant Mike Erwin, put it: "If we can start to change the most powerful country in the Middle East, the others will follow,

and Americans 20 years down the road won't have to deal with a day like September the 11th, 2001."

The terrorists have made Iraq a central front in the war on terror. Because of your service, because of your sacrifice, we are defeating them there where they live, so we do not have to face them where we live. Because of you, the people of Iraq no longer live in fear of being executed and left in mass graves. Because of you, freedom is taking root in Iraq. Our success in Iraq will make America safer, for us and for future generations.

In my liberation message to the Iraqi people, I made them a solemn promise: "The government of Iraq, and the future of your country, will soon belong to you." I went on to say: "We will help you build a peaceful and representative government that protects the rights of all citizens. And then our military forces will leave."

From the beginning, our goal in Iraq has been to promote Iraqi independence — by helping the Iraqi people establish a free country that can sustain itself, rule itself, and defend itself. And in the last two years, Iraqis have made enormous progress toward that goal. Iraqis have laid the foundations of a free society, with hundreds of independent newspapers and dozens of political parties and associations, and schools that teach Iraqi children how to read and write, instead of the propaganda of Saddam Hussein. Iraqis have laid the foundation of a free economy, with a new currency and independent central bank, new laws to encourage foreign investment, and thousands of small businesses established since liberation.

The troops from Fort Hood have done their part. In Baghdad, soldiers of the 1st Cavalry Division launched Operation Adam Smith, and the new generation of Iraqi entrepreneurs you helped nurture will create jobs and opportunities for millions of their fellow citizens. Iraqis have laid the foundation for a society built on the rule of law. Today, courts are functioning across Iraq, and hundreds of independent Iraqi judges have been trained in Bahrain and Jordan and Czech Republic and Britain and Italy.

An Iraqi special tribunal has been established that will try senior leadership, including Saddam Hussein. He will get the trial that he did not afford his fellow citizens when he was in power.

...This time of brave achievement is also a time of sacrifice. Many of our soldiers have returned from war with grave wounds that they will carry with them the rest of their lives. And America will fulfill its duty by providing them the best medical care possible. Still others have given their lives in this struggle — your friends, your comrades. We honor their memory. We lift them up in prayer. Their sacrifice will always be remembered by a grateful nation. We can live as free people because men and women like you have stepped forward and have volunteered to serve.

I came here today to thank you in person for your courageous choice of service. You're making America proud. You're making America free. And you're making the world more peaceful. I want to thank you for all you've done for our great nation. May God bless you and your families. And may God continue to bless this great land of liberty, the United States of America.

(Full text of the president's speech at Fort Hood can be found online on the official White House Web site at <http://www.whitehouse.gov/news/releases/2005/04/20050412.html>)

Maintain fitness and appearance

Commentary
FLTCM(AW/SW) Jon Thompson

U.S. Fleet Forces Command
Command Master Chief



I can't tell you how many times Sailors have told me, "If someone is shooting at me, I'm sure I would be able to run fast."

I've been told this when I ask about a person's physical fitness. Unfortunately, the people who offer this type of answer have missed the point and grossly under appreciate the reasons why we insist we not only pass the semi-annual physical fitness assessment (PFA), but also look great in uniform.

Did you catch that? I said "great." Not good, not acceptable. I said great. Next time you pass a mirror, take a look at yourself. Take a look at yourself in the uniform you wear to work each day. What do you see? What do you think others see?

Shipmates, each day I see Sailors who don't look like they take their appearance seriously and I'm not just talking about junior Sailors. The list of uniform violations is too long and could be easily corrected. What's more, many of the infractions are a direct result of a lack of physical fitness. Here's what I think:

- If your uniform doesn't fit, get a new one. I see too many Sailors wearing skin-tight uniforms. When your clothes fit too tightly, it detracts from your appearance. Of course, if the reason your clothes fit that way is because you don't have a healthy diet or fail to go to the gym, you need to do two things: get a new uniform and start working out.

- If you have lost weight, congratulations. However, if your uniform is still the size you used to be, you need to get a new uniform. Others should not be able to tell you lost 25 pounds by the number of pleats you have created in your uniform pants by cinching your belt.

Shipmates, help me (and yourself) out. It won't be long before the Navy ushers in a new physical fitness instruction. That instruction is going to

reinstate the option to separate Sailors from the Navy who fail to remain within body fat standards and fail to pass three PFAs in a four-year period.

There's no reason for any Sailor to depart the Navy for physical fitness failure. We need every one of you to complete your enlistment. We also need the majority of you to continue to follow-on enlistments.

Although not related to physical fitness, there are a couple other things that continue to catch my attention:

- If you wear a long-sleeved shirt, the sleeves should be rolled down when you depart your immediate work center. We have short-sleeved uniforms. If you are going to the exchange or heading home from work and need to make a stop, make sure your sleeves are rolled down and you look professional.
- If you have ribbons and a warfare device (or devices), wear them correctly and with pride. Old, frayed ribbons are a clear indicator of a lack of attention to detail and a lack of pride. If you display warfare devices, make sure they are centered and neatly placed on your uniform. The bottom line is you earned them, now you have the obligation to display them correctly.
- If you are stationed at a command that allows coveralls to be worn as a working uniform, you need to abide by the rules. Under no circumstances are you to wear coveralls to and from work. Additionally, coveralls are not an acceptable uniform for you to wear to the exchange or any other place of business. It doesn't matter if you're in a hurry, or are only going to stop for a minute, coveralls are a working uniform to be worn only at work.

As you all know, every one of you needs to be ready to serve our Navy in a variety of roles. More and more Sailors are being called upon to perform non-traditional Navy roles and to serve in joint billets. Ask yourself this, "If you were assigned to a joint command and you were the only Navy person there, what would the other service personnel think about you and your appearance?" If you are honest and

don't feel you would be the best representative, I suggest you have work to do.

Am I nitpicking? I don't think so. Physical fitness and uniform appearance directly relate to operational readiness. How? I'm glad you asked. Physical fitness tests measure your endurance and stamina, two vital elements that you need to work in a combat environment.

Working hard days and weeks on end will wear you down both physically and mentally. If you are not in good physical shape, you won't be able to keep your body and mind sharp. The same can be said of uniform appearance - your appearance is a direct reflection of your attention to detail and discipline. If you don't take the time to do the small things right (uniforms), you may not give the same level of attention to your work.

Additionally, others may not give you the chance to get involved in important projects that could positively affect your career if they feel you don't present an acceptable appearance. If you cut corners in your job and don't think appearance matters, you lower our operational readiness.

I really want peer pressure to kick in and for Sailors to police each other. Chiefs, correcting uniform discrepancies and ensuring your people lead healthy lives and stay physically fit is your duty and your obligation. You should take advantage of every opportunity to correct Sailors when they do not wear the uniform correctly. You should also set the example by maintaining your own great appearance and leading by example. If you make time to go to the gym or have a physical fitness routine, those who work for you will follow suit. It's not good enough to stand in front of your people and tell them they need to get in shape; you have to practice what you preach.

Shipmates, I need each of you to look your best, present a professional appearance and do your level best to get in shape, stay in shape and be a model to all others. The bottom line is that physical fitness and appearance directly affect our operational readiness and your commitment to our standards is critical in achieving our mission.

Sampling spaghetti sauce at the clinic



U.S. Navy photo by PH3 Ian W. Anderson

HM2 Patrice Hernandez, of the Pearl Harbor Naval Shipyard Medical Clinic, hands over a sample of spaghetti sauce to Michael Tobin, a clinic civilian employee at Thursday's Spaghetti cookoff. The clinic held the competition to determine who had the best tasting spaghetti sauce. HMC(FMF) Allan Blackard won this month's competition. They will hold a different food competition monthly to raise money for their MWR program.

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MWR holds expo at The Banyans



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Staff Sgt. Olson with the U.S. Air Force is shown the proper use of medical equipment during Wednesday's Morale, Welfare and Recreation expo. The annual event introduced sailors, DOD civilians and their families to services and vendors available from their local MWR facilities.

Pearl Harbor Sailor awarded scholarship

JO2 Devin Wright
Staff Writer

Operations Specialist 2nd Class Sunrise Rex Nisperos from Commander Surface Group Middle Pacific was awarded the Patsy T. Mink Scholarship at Chaminade University March 23 in conjunction with Women's History Month.

Nisperos was awarded the scholarship for a five-page essay he wrote for a social theory class he was taking at Chaminade University about gender roles in American society.

He attributes his experience with gender equality to being in the military.

"The military is always changing and continuing to improve social equality," said Nisperos. "As service members, we are at the forefront of social equality. I think as a service member I may have had a leg up because we (the military) are constantly moving in the right direction and are sensitive to gender equality issues," Nisperos said. "It was just a few years back when women weren't allowed on ships. Now they have proven that they can not only handle life aboard a Navy vessel, but excel," he added.

Nisperos also noted the advances American society

has taken to right the gender inequalities of the past.

"We are all aware that just a few decades ago women's voices weren't heard," he said. "As a society and as a nation, we have also taken and are taking steps in the right direction. It is unfortunate that history shows women didn't really have a say in policy making. Who knows how much more stronger of a nation we would be if we had taken into consideration the woman voice," he added.

His essay was called 'Gender Roles and Equal Opportunity in Promoting Peace and Social Justice.' His thesis statement was, "It is much more productive and less time-consuming to expand on the functional qualities of both genders than wallow in the ignorance and indifference of the past."

John Mink, husband of the late senator Patsy T. Mink, was on hand to present the award.

Patsy T. Mink was the first non-white woman to serve in Congress. She is celebrated as one of the most important civil rights leaders, especially for writing the Title IX Amendment, which today preserves the rights of all genders in education. On Sept. 28, 2002, Mink died in Honolulu of viral pneumonia.

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USS Louisville receives MUC

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The crew of USS Louisville (SSN 724) received the Meritorious Unit Commendation (MUC) award April 8 for their participation in Operation Iraqi Freedom (OIF).

The nuclear-powered attack submarine returned home from OIF on May 13, 2003 as one of four Pearl Harbor-based submarines that shot Tomahawk missiles into Iraq during the war.

According to Cmdr. David Kirk, commanding officer USS Louisville, at the time Louisville was outfitted with one of the oldest fire control and communications system in the submarine fleet. Kirk said the boat deployed expecting to conduct one type of mission and was tasked to move into OIF area of operation to fire Tomahawks.

"The multi-mission capabilities of our modern submarines was demonstrated by Louisville which shifted gears from operations vital to national security to going on a high speed run into the OIF and shooting missiles

on time," said Kirk.

Kirk, who took command a year after their return from OIF, also said without the hard work of the crew this award would not have been possible.

"The credit and success goes to the crew. They were well-trained, ready and able to sustain the submarine during trying times," he said.

Rear Adm. Paul F. Sullivan, Commander Submarine Force, U.S. Pacific Fleet, presented the award to the crew. He said he was proud of the Sailors and felt comfortable the crew would continue to suc-

cessfully accomplish their missions.

"The ability to do multi-mission tasks is what submarines are all about," said Sullivan.

During Operation Desert Shield and Desert Storm, USS Louisville made naval history by firing the first submarine-launched Tomahawk cruise missiles in war.

Commissioned on Nov. 8, 1986 at the Naval Submarine Base, New London, Conn., USS Louisville is the 35th nuclear-powered attack submarine of the Los Angeles-class design.



U.S. Navy photo by JO2 Corwin Colbert

Rear Adm. Paul F. Sullivan congratulates the crew of USS Louisville (SSN 724) for their participation in Operation Iraqi Freedom. Sullivan presented them with the Meritorious Unit Commendation award during an awards ceremony held on the Pearl Harbor submarine piers on April 8.

The best: Charlotte Sailors earn Ney Award

JO2 Corwin Colbert
COMSUBPAC Public Affairs

USS Charlotte (SSN 766) was selected as the number one food service venue in the submarine force and won the 2005 Capt. Edward F. Ney Award March 9.

According to Senior Chief Culinary Specialist Chris Eitapence, this is the first time there was only one winner for the submarine category.

"We were the only winner. That makes us the best of the best in the submarine force," said Eitapence.

Along with the trophy awarded to the submarine, the Navy Supply Corps will pay for a two-week, college-credit culinary course for three of the culinary specialists onboard. According to CS1 Shawn Giggey, the trophy is nice, but the chance to send some of his submariners to school is better.

"I can't wait to send these guys to school and reap the benefits of hard work," said Giggey.

CS3 Cory Loveland is one of the three Sailors going to school. He said he really enjoys what he is doing and cannot wait to go to school.

"I am looking forward to school and learning new things to bring back to the boat. This job is a great stress reliever," said Loveland.

The award was created in 1958 by the Secretary of the Navy and the International Food Service Executives Association (IFSEA) to improve and recognize the quality of food service in the Navy.

It was named in honor of Capt. Edward F. Ney, the



U.S. Navy photo by JO2 Corwin Colbert

CS1 Shawn Giggey of USS Charlotte (SSN 766) prepares fajitas for his crew. The food service department onboard the submarine received the 2005 NEY award on March 9.

head of the subsistence division of the Bureau of Supplies and Accounts from 1940 to 1945.

Ney joined in the Navy in 1912 and was appointed to acting pay clerk during World War I. He helped determine the requirements and supervise the procurement of food for the United States Navy.

Ney died Aug. 8, 1949,

three years after his retirement.

The Charlotte, nuclear-powered attack submarine, was christened Oct. 3, 1992 at Newport News Shipbuilding by Mary McCormack, the ship's sponsor. The submarine was commissioned on Sept. 16, 1994 at Norfolk, Va. and arrived at its new homeport at Pearl Harbor Nov. on 17, 1995.

Iraq joins Arabian Gauntlet 2005

Iraqi navy joins in its first multi-national exercise as observers

Commander, U.S. Naval Forces Central Command/Commander, U.S. 5th Fleet Public Affairs

For the first time in its country's history, the Iraqi navy has joined with coalition forces to participate as observers during exercise Arabian Gauntlet 2005 in the Persian Gulf March 22-30.

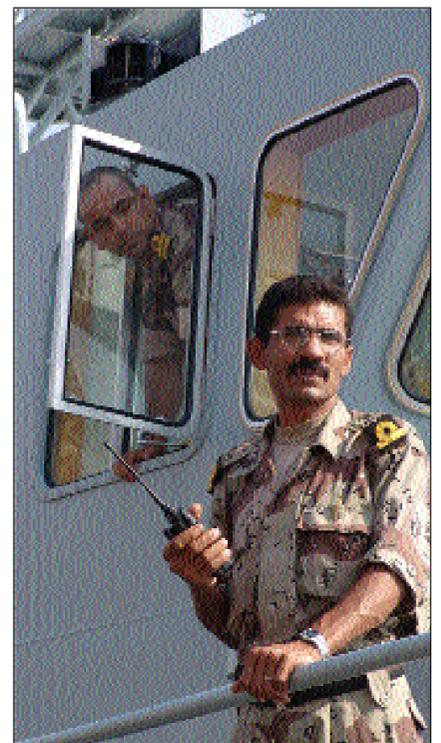
Arabian Gauntlet is a multilateral air, surface and mine countermeasure exercise designed to enhance interoperability with coalition partners and allies in the region by conducting maritime security operations (MSO).

"This is the very first time for us to be involved with many nations in the Arabian Gulf area," said Iraqi Capt. Thmir Naser, chief of staff for the operational commander at Umm Qasr Naval Base. "The coalition has done very well for us. They have helped us with training, as well as to deal with operations to protect our two [oil] terminals."

MSO is aimed at setting the conditions for security and stability in the maritime environment. MSO pressurizes the maritime environment and is the single most significant component of the conventional maritime effort against terrorism. The exercise provides another step for the Iraqi navy in taking greater responsibility for maintaining security and stability within Iraqi territorial waters by observing coalition forces practicing MSO missions.

"It is very important to us to find other nations' experience and get their skills," said Naser. "You get good knowledge for the future and for your people, to control such a job like protecting the two oil terminals, which is the main source of Iraq's economy."

As a sovereign Iraq continues to strength-



U.S. Navy photo by JOC(SW) Joe Kane

Two Iraqi ICDF Sailors prepare to moor a ship at the port of Umm Qasr

en, so does the Iraqi navy's hope for future participation in exercises and operations with its allies.

"We hope next year we will be more involved," said Iraqi Capt. Adel Hafith, operational commander of Umm Qasr Naval Base. "But right now, it is very good for us to start out just observing."

More than 3,000 people and 19 ships from the United States, Iraq, Pakistan and other coalition and regional allies are participating in Arabian Gauntlet 2005.

Bonhomme Richard initiates personnel accountability pilot program on deployment

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USS Bonhomme Richard Public Affairs

The multipurpose amphibious assault ship USS Bonhomme Richard (LHD 6) (BHR) initiated a pilot program of an automated personnel accountability system to better track Sailors and Marines on and off the ship while in port during a March 12-17 port visit to Jebel Ali, United Arab Emirates.

According to Cmdr. BHR supply officer, Randy Moore, the program uses existing Common Access Card (CAC) and computer technology to indicate whether a Sailor or Marine is on the ship or on liberty.

Later, when the system reaches full maturity, it will also track recall and liberty buddy information.

"Our challenge is to come up with an automated way to find out where people are on the beach and how to recall them accurately and quickly," said Moore.

According to Moore, the personnel accountability system was brought about by a call for help from a warfighter.

Prior to a port visit to Guam in December, Moore contacted Naval Supply Systems Command (NAVSUP) and asked if they had anything to help keep track of Sailors off the ship while meeting the liberty requirements of the numbered fleets.

Moore said NAVSUP's Cmdr. Terry Purcell and Lillian Grieco, along with Commander, Naval Installation's (CNI)



U.S. Navy photo

Official photo of USS Bonhomme Richard (LHD 6).

Donna Freedman, were instrumental in moving the personnel accountability system from the concept phase to the execution phase in support of Bonhomme Richard's liberty accountability requirements.

Rick Caldwell, a contractor with NAVSUP, and Mike Devich, a contractor with CNI, worked together with BHR and the CNI CAC program office to come up with the system to test on the ship during her Western Pacific deployment.

"Typically, we will use the term 'supporting the warfighter,'" said Caldwell. "In this

case, we've clearly answered the call, delivering a pilot opportunity to a forward deployed ship operating dead center in the global war on terrorism."

Devich said that although the pilot system included \$12,000 worth of commercial off-the-shelf computer equipment provided by NAVSUP's Automated Information Technology office, where existing laptops can be made available, only a barcode scanner and smart card reader are necessary.

The application itself is government off-the-shelf software sponsored by the CNI's

Common Access Card Program Management office. Caldwell said the pilot system will speed up the process of going on liberty, and will provide a positive impact on quality of life for Sailors and Marines.

In the future, the system will support additional information and reporting requirements, as well as improvements to the current capability, such as being able to display digital photos of individuals either authorized or not authorized on the ship.

While getting people on liberty faster is a beneficial result of the pilot system, Moore said the most important part is the added measure of accountability and speed to recall Sailors when necessary.

"We are living in a dangerous time," said Moore. "This automated tool allows us to locate our Sailors faster in the event of a terrorist threat. We save one Sailor's life, and this system is priceless."

"It's proactive and intrusive, but necessary," Moore said. "absolutely necessary."

Capt. J. Scott BHR commanding officer, Jones said this system is yet another example of BHR's forward-leaning approach to mission readiness and force protection.

"Without her Sailors and Marines, BHR is nothing more than a 44,000-ton paperweight," Jones said. "That is why this personnel accountability system is so important. It helps us to accomplish our mission and then bring our people safely back home."

TSA offers tips, praise for military

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Travelers aboard civilian airlines are no longer allowed to carry lighters with them when they travel under a new rule from the Transportation Security Administration (TSA) that took effect Thursday.

The ban on lighters extends to the "secure area" in airports. Travelers cannot carry lighters on their person nor can they place them in their carry-on bags. The prohibition extends to checked bags as well.

"We've been trying to inundate the media with the knowledge that lighters were being prohibited," began Sidney Hayakawa, federal security director for TSA at the Honolulu International Airport (HIA). "I know we got a big hew and cry from the smoking public about this regulation. You can still use matchbooks if you want to smoke in designated areas."

Hayakawa said the new prohibition is in response to the shoe bomber who nearly destroyed a plane when he attempted to detonate an explosive device in his shoe. Even with the new and current restrictions on items that can be carried onboard aircraft, Hayakawa acknowledged the TSA cannot control all items coming aboard.

"We can't regulate everything," he said. Hayakawa said his staff of more than 700 screeners monitor HIA's nine checkpoints and 20 lanes with professionalism and uncommon courtesies.

"We've had a lot of accolades from passengers who tell me our screeners are very helpful and pleasant," said Hayakawa. "I'm very proud of each and every one of them. Without hesitation, I'd say we have the best screeners in the nation."

Hayakawa said the spirit and aloha culture of Hawai'i contributes to the service for airline passengers.

"We have a mantra here: greet, help, screen, thank," said Hayakawa. Screeners follow each step in the mantra with every passenger. The system helps save time and provides each traveller with a personalized experience.



Official U.S. Navy Photograph by PH3 Ian W. Anderson
Kelly Fuentes an employee of Transportation Security Administration inspects a bag containing photographic equipment before allowing it to continue on to its designated flight.

In his experience, Hayakawa feels military passengers are easier than civilians when they travel.

"I think they're a little better than the rest of the traveling public," he said. "They understand the mission. They respect it and they don't give us a hard time."

Hayakawa said military members who travel in large groups leaving Hawai'i for a deployment have been helpful by calling ahead.

"If a command is coming through, they can call our operations center at 840-5320 at least a day ahead," said Hayakawa.

If a command plans in advance, Hayakawa said he can have a special screening process in place for the members of the command who are traveling. He has also extended the invitation for military families to accompany the departing member to the gate.

Tib Soquena Jr, a screening supervisor at HIA, agreed with Hayakawa's assessment of military members traveling on their own.

"I don't know if they're just more patient or maybe they see us as all being on the same team, but you can tell they're military even before they show their IDs," Soquena said.

Hayakawa said customer service for all passengers has improved significantly since TSA took over the screening procedures in 2002.

"We began with 700 strangers," he explained. "At first, the lines were over 90 minutes long."

We've gotten a lot better. We've expanded the number of checkpoints and gotten more lines.

The max time now is around 35 minutes."

The best cure for long lines is information, he explained.

"My best customer is an experienced or educated passenger," Hayakawa said. "You get ready ahead of time so you don't back up people behind you in line."

Hayakawa encouraged individuals who will be travelling aboard airlines to check out the TSA Web site at www.tsatraveltips.us.



U.S. Navy photo by PH3 Jo A. Wilbourn Sims
Commander, Expeditionary Strike Group Three (ESG-3), Brig. Gen. Joseph V. Medina, commends Seaman Brit L. J. Garrett, for his bravery during a helicopter crash aboard the guided missile destroyer USS Preble (DDG 88).

San Diego Sailor awarded Navy/Marine Corps Medal

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A Sailor assigned to USS Preble (DDG 88) was awarded the Navy/Marine Corps Medal for heroism, at a ceremony April 4 aboard the ship at its homeport at Naval Station San Diego.

Marine Brig. Gen. Joseph V. Medina, commander of Expeditionary Strike Group 3, presented Seaman (SW) Brit L.J. Garrett the medal for heroic acts performed Aug. 31 while on a six-month deployment to the Persian Gulf in support of maritime interception operations.

While training a seaman on the guided-missile destroyer's flight deck, a mechanical failure caused a helicopter to crash onto the ship's flight deck during landing.

After pushing the seaman out of harm's way, into the hangar bay and securing the door to protect those inside, Garrett ran back onto the flight deck to provide first aid to an air crewman who was thrown from the helicopter. Only after the situation stabilized, and when ordered, did Garrett depart the scene to

receive medical attention for his own injury.

"The helicopter crash we experienced that day was a terrifying experience," said Preble's supervisor, Senior Chief Gas Turbine System Technician (Electrical) (SW) Kane Valek. "Seaman Garrett did not freeze, he did not act on his own self-preservation instinct. Instead, he immediately went to protect his shipmates. He went to the aid of others. That is not something you can teach or coach. That is heroism."

Garrett said he was just doing his job, and any Sailor in his predicament would have done the same.

"I felt as though it was my obligation to help those in need," said Garrett. "At the time, I didn't think about getting hurt or injured. All I could think about was helping my shipmates and getting them to somewhere safe."

The Navy/Marine Corps Medal is awarded to Sailors and Marines who distinguish themselves by heroism not involving actual conflict with the enemy. For acts of life-saving, or attempted lifesaving, it is required that the action be performed at the risk of one's own life.

Task Force Uniform Begins Discussion of Second Phase

Task Force Uniform Public Affairs

As Sailors around the fleet continue to assess the new Navy working and service uniform concepts, a panel of petty officers, chiefs and officers began discussing the second phase of Task Force Uniform (TFU) during a uniform board need April 12-15.

As with phase one, this 28-Sailor panel representing Sailors and commands around the globe is being guided by the TFU charter outlined by the Chief of Naval Operations (CNO), the CNO's 2004 Guidance to the Fleet, as well as their experience with the proposed changes seen to date.

CNO-directed Command Master Chief (CNOCM) Robert Carroll, director of TFU, said there are no pre-conceived ideas going into the conference about changes the board could be making to current uniforms.

"The main plan with phase two is to continue to make common-sense decisions in regards to our uniforms, and work on those which may not have had the highest degree of disapproval in the initial survey," he said. "Phase one focused on working uniforms for all Sailors and service uniforms for E-6 and below. These were the two areas many Sailors believed were the biggest problem areas in the seabag."

After the board met for the first time and discussed what they had seen in the initial phase of TFU, Master Chief Petty Officer of the Navy (MCPON) Terry Scott said the panel must be extremely sensitive to Sailors' concerns and not be tempted to rush any judgment on decisions that could affect the Navy for many years to come.

"We're not going through



U.S. Navy photo by JO2 Brandon W. Schulze

Task Force Uniform Director, Command Master Chief Robert Carroll speaks to the 28-Sailor panel of petty officers, chief petty officers and officers who discussed the second phase of TFU, scheduled through today.

the process to come up with a quick answer on any of these topics," said Scott. "In fact, I think we're taking the right amount of time with regards to the wear test and any future implementation. I want everyone to have the opportunity to voice his or her concerns."

Carroll said there are four proposed topics on the current agenda outlined for the week of discussion. The first is the question of having a physical training (PT) uniform for all Sailors, and if so, what that uniform should look like. Second is the decision of what to do, if anything, with service uniforms for E-7 through O-10.

"The question is to continue with the concept started with one year-round service uniform for E-6 and below, and the Task Force is reviewing the idea of employing the same idea for E-7 and above," he said.

The third and fourth items on the agenda deal with service dress and dinner dress uniforms. Carroll suggests a discussion is needed for consolidating dress uniforms and to make those uniforms

more practical.

"The original survey said that seamen and petty officers were interested in keeping their traditional dress uniforms," he said. "However, there may be improvements that can be made to make the material more comfortable."

As the efforts of TFU progress toward potential changes, the one constant through the process has been an eye toward tradition and maintaining uniforms that connote naval service.

TFU is currently constructing Web-based surveys to provide Sailors the opportunity to register their opinion on the Navy working uniform and service uniform concepts.

"The surveys are being written for participants and observers," Carroll said. "Our plan is to survey both groups separately, which allows us to better evaluate and categorize the responses."

The results of the surveys will be used to evaluate the compatibility of the new uniform concepts in a naval environment, as well as determine how to incorporate these concepts into the Navy's seabag.

PPV: New home to be ready summer '05

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Cryptologic Technician-Administration 2nd Class Michelle Dilday who is assigned to CMSAPAC at Camp Smith. She and her family reside in the Hokulani neighborhood.

"The management at Forest City is great – they should have more rental agents like that," Dilday remarked.

Dilday explained the rules under PPV are more lenient and flexible. "I can definitely see the benefits of living in PPV housing," she noted. One of those benefits, according to Dilday, is that Forest City Residential Management is "quick to respond to maintenance issues."

"It impresses me that they even treat our animals well. They're very family-oriented and interested in what's going on with our family," she continued. "The neighborhood is pretty quiet and very comfortable."

A service request line and emergency maintenance line are available 24 hours a day, seven days a week. Line dispatch operators answer calls from 7 a.m.-8 p.m. Monday through Friday and from 8 a.m.-3:30 p.m. Saturday and Sunday. At other times, calls are routed to a call center.

For emergency service requests, the response time is approximately 30 minutes. Urgent calls are answered within a couple of hours and routine calls take about 24 hours for response.

Under privatization, Navy families now rely on the city and county of Honolulu for such services as refuse collection, fire department services and police support. By calling 911 for either fire or police, calls are routed to Honolulu city and county services. Additionally, FCRM maintains a 24-hour roving and on-call security patrol in all of its PPV communities. Residents should call 479-1869.

Bond remarked that a recent article in a local publication created

some confusion about the city's role in providing police patrols in Navy family housing. He said all homes in the neighborhoods managed by Forest City are on the city's tax rolls, noting the families that live in these areas [PPV neighborhoods] have just as much right to police patrols and protection as any other neighborhood on Oahu that lies outside the fences of military installations.

In an effort to help clarify the roles and responsibilities and the apparent confusion over areas of jurisdiction, Bond explained he is working to schedule meetings with appropriate people at the City Council and the new city department heads. He hopes to brief them on the project and the process that was undertaken with the city in early 2004 that resulted in the privatized Navy family housing paying property taxes as consideration for city services.

According to officials at Hawai'i Military Communities, its efforts to beef up security in Navy housing are paying off. Bond said since meeting with residents last October to discuss concerns about crime in Navy family housing, HMC and Forest City Residential Management have taken a number of steps to reduce the vulnerability of homes in the area.

"Last fall, residents told us they were concerned about security and we heard that message loud and clear," said Bond.

Since the meeting, Forest City Residential Management has taken a number of steps to make the neighborhoods safer. Specifically, Forest City Residential Management:

- Directed Securitas to step up the supervision of its officers to ensure they are actively patrolling and responding to any suspicious behavior or activity.
- Doubled Securitas' roving 24-hour patrols.
- Ordered one patrol officer to be assigned exclusively to the

Halsey Terrace community.

- Directed Securitas to vary patrol patterns, including the use of bicycles, foot patrols and spotlights in their work.
- Installed motion sensor lighting in numerous homes.
- Ordered contractors to cut back trees and shrubs to increase visibility.
- Helped residents glue-down jalousie windows and checked to ensure all window screens are secure.
- Provided materials for residents who preferred to perform these security upgrades themselves.

"Through these efforts, we have been able to keep the crime rate in Navy family housing below the levels in surrounding civilian neighborhoods," said Bond. "We sincerely hope that residents will not hesitate to call us with their security concerns and suggestions in the future."

The evolution of PPV for the Navy in Hawai'i reaches another milestone in July when new PPV homes will be offered to Sailors and their families. Construction, although a necessary part of the process, can sometimes be difficult to deal with. Bond talked about working with the residents who live in the communities that are undergoing construction projects.

"It's not easy living in a neighborhood that's also under construction, yet we continue to be impressed every day by how cheerful and understanding most of the residents are in the face of the work that surrounds them," Bond noted.

PPV is about much more than housing, according to Ho, who remarked that it's all about making a difference in the lives of Navy families. "It's about transforming the lives of our Navy service members and their families and enhancing their quality of life," he said. "It's about keeping our commitment to those who serve and those they love," he added.

Transition (due to construction) move-out procedures:

- Residents are notified by housing transition manager requesting update of resident file, i.e., current page 2, orders, etc.
- Appointment will be made with housing transition manager at neighborhood management office, 2500 Radford Drive, to discuss housing options.
- Relocation assignments will be completed at relocation office at Navy Aloha Center: Schedule move-out inspection in current home, new move-in paperwork and transition packet including change of address forms, telephone/cable info etc. to ensure smooth transition.
- Resident information is forwarded to Navy Family Housing Office for move chit processing.
- Move-out inspection of demo home includes general cleaning, trash removal and cleaning of appliances only. Keys surrendered on that date.

Outbound move-out procedures (PPV residents only):

Guidelines:

- Notice needs to be given in person at the neighborhood management office (NMO) located at 2500 Radford Drive. Office hours are 8 a.m.-6 p.m. Monday-Friday.
- A minimum of 28 days written notice must be provided to landlord by tenant.

Service member may provide more than 28 days notice.

In the case of short orders, 28-day notice will be waived, but the NMO must be notified immediately if this is the situation.

- Must provide a copy of orders or other supporting documentation (i.e., ERD, retirement orders, separation paperwork or command endorsement).
- General or specific power of attorney (POA) must be provided if spouse of service member is completing paperwork.

Move-out procedures:

- Service member or spouse brings appropriate documentation to the NMO and is prepared to complete paperwork. Completion of paperwork takes an average of 15-30 minutes.
- Service member will complete "notice of intent to vacate."
- Pre-term and final inspection dates will be scheduled at the time notice is provided.
- Service member will receive a copy of the following:
 - Cleaning checklist/preparation for final inspection checklist.
 - Disposing of garbage properly.
 - Copy of convenience checklist that will have the following information:
 - Final day in unit.
 - Last month's rent.
 - Date and time of pre-term and final inspection.

Request to allow dependents to remain:

- Request must be submitted in writing.
- Requests are normally approved for the purpose of allowing dependent's to finish school year. All other situations are looked at on a case by case basis.
- If request is approved, rent will remain at the Hawai'i BAH at dependent rate and spouse needs to have a current specific or general POA.

Call the neighborhood management office at 423-7711 if you have any questions regarding providing notice of intent to vacate.

Hawai'i Navy News Sports

Runners take on Clarey Bridge

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More than 1,300 members of the local community, including military members, converged on Ford Island Bridge for the April 9 annual Ford Island Bridge Run.

The run began at the Kamehameha Highway side of the bridge, went across and around Ford Island and back over the bridge to end on Richardson Field.

For the past eight years, the Ford Island Bridge Run had more participants than any other 10K (6.2 mile) run on Oahu.

Jean Clarey, wife of late Admiral "Chick" Clarey - for whom the bridge was named - tossed out the first rainbow pigeon followed by a flock of the multi-colored birds, signifying the beginning of the race. Hundreds of voices shouted in unison, "Ten! Nine! Eight! Seven..."

After the chants reached "one," the participants started across the bridge, most wearing smiles.

The sound of thousands of sneaker-clad feet thundered for a moment, followed by the sound of conversations and laughter.

Early morning clouds gave way to sunshine and stayed with the event through its conclusion. The Battleship Missouri and USS Arizona Memorial glistened in the

sunshine. Participants sprinted, jogged and strolled through the course around Ford Island.

Nearing the end of the race, grimaces covered the faces of the competitors sprinting to the finish line. They were dripping with sweat, mouths wide open, gasping to catch their breath.

After completing the race, competitors exchanged congratulations with other top finishers.

"This is a great chance to meet military families," said Ian Fleet, a civilian participant from England, while relaxing with his wife and child.

The festive atmosphere was heightened by the varied popular tunes performed by the local band "KELA" under a tent on Richardson Field while Morale, Welfare and Recreation staff members provided fluids, flavored ice pops and fruit after the race.

"This was my second time doing this race," said Carlos Cancel, assigned to Tripler Army Medical Center. "The ice pop is great! I really feel refreshed."

According to Rodney Gouveia, MWR athletic director, the run is part of the Navy's commitment to being a good neighbor in the community.

"I'm really glad the Navy opens up the bridge and Ford Island to



Chris Larson sprints across the Naval Station Pearl Harbor Ford Island Bridge during the ninth annual Ford Island 10K. Chris took second place overall with a time of 33 minutes 55.2 seconds.

the public," said Gouveia. "Events like this bring families together to have some good healthy fun."

There are many other sporting events for single Sailors and military families provided by the Navy Region Hawai'i community support program. For more information, go to www.greatlifehawaii.com.

High-stakes poker at Beeman



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More than 60 finalists duked it out to become the winner of the April 9 JN Chevrolet Masters of Poker No-Limit Texas Hold'em Tournament at Beeman Center on Naval Station Pearl Harbor. The tournament started with more than 250 players and finished with six winners, but only one champion. After five hours of card play, Ely Ramil was declared champion of Texas Hold'em. Ramil won a Las Vegas vacation and Compaq desktop computer.

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