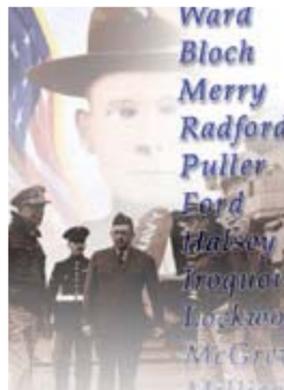




Honoring a survivor
A Pearl Harbor survivor is laid to rest. See story on page A-2.



History behind the names
Find out the history behind the names of some of Pearl Harbor's landmarks. See story on B-1.

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Flag officer assignments: Heinrich, McAneny

Chief of Naval Operations Adm. Mike Mullen announced the following flag officer assignments Aug. 3:

Rear Adm. (sel.) Mark F. Heinrich is being assigned as commander, Defense Supply Center Richmond, Defense Logistics Agency, Richmond, Va. Heinrich is currently serving as commander, assistant chief of staff for force supply, N41, commander, Naval Surface Force, U.S. Pacific Fleet, San Diego.

Rear Adm. (sel.) Douglas J. McAneny is being assigned as deputy director, politico-military affairs (Europe), J5, Joint Staff, Washington, D.C. McAneny is currently serving as executive assistant to the commander, U.S. Pacific Fleet, Pearl Harbor, Hawaii.

Reflective gear

In an effort to decrease jogging mishaps, service members and DoD employees are reminded to wear the required reflective gear while jogging in the early morning or evening hours both on and off base.

USS Olympia returns from deployment

USS Olympia Public Affairs

USS Olympia (SSN 717) returned from a six-month Western Pacific deployment on Aug. 6.

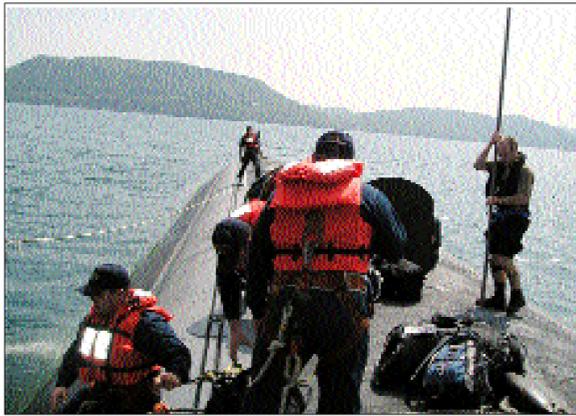
Olympia departed Pearl Harbor on Feb. 7 and joined the USS Carl Vinson (CVN 70) Strike Group.

During their deployment, the crew was involved in many missions including an integrated exercise simulation.

Chief of the Boat Henry Schwind said the crew functioned like a "well-oiled machine." "The crew had great focus and were complete professionals," he said.

Machinist Mate 2nd Class Michael Passalacqua reported to the submarine before the deployment. He said he was nervous, but the crew helped him adapt. "Deploying is what we do in the Navy to help protect our country," said Passalacqua. "At first, I was a little apprehensive when I reported onboard. However, everyone aboard helped me get settled and used to the daily routine," he said.

Despite the long hours and many missions, the crew still had time for a little relaxation and visited many ports



U.S. Navy photo
Crew members aboard USS Olympia (SSN 717) make preparations to pull into Pearl Harbor. Olympia returned to Pearl Harbor from a six-month Western Pacific deployment on Aug. 6.

including Saipan, Japan, Singapore and Guam.

Some Sailors volunteered their time to communities by making minor repairs to local nursing homes and orphanages. They even had time for a swim call between missions in the warm Pacific waters.

"Sometimes life onboard can be challenging, but stuff like this is why I'm staying in for another tour," said Lt. John Bacholzky after taking a dive from the ship's fair-

water planes.

After a clean-up in Saipan at an old War World II memorial, the mayor of Saipan recognized the crew's effort with a short speech, a few mementos and a picnic at the park.

In June, when Olympia visited the home of the Republic of Korea's (ROK) submarine force in Chinhae, the Korean submariners were gracious hosts, providing tours of their submarines to the crew. During the visit, Olympia

had the honor of hosting the commander of the ROK Submarine Flotilla on board for a tour and lunch.

The admiral said that he was extremely impressed with the crew's professionalism and expressed gratitude for the submarine's visit to Chinhae.

Following the port visit, Olympia joined the ROK submarine Lee Sun Shin to conduct an exercise. The exercise provided excellent real-world training opportunities for both submarines.

Olympia arrived in Guam on July 6 for a scheduled 10-day repair period alongside the deployed submarine tender, USS Frank Cable (AS 40). The crew worked hard to conduct a number of repairs during this visit and took full advantage of the Frank Cable's remarkable capabilities. After completing the upkeep period, Olympia conducted several exercises with another submarine, destroyer and maritime patrol aircraft, culminating in an exercise torpedo firing.

The nuclear-powered attack submarine was also provided a chance to highlight the best of submarine life when two groups of mid-

shipmen joined the ship during the last two months of the deployment. The midshipmen spent a few weeks onboard to learn about the many aspects of submarine operations and to experience the camaraderie of a close-knit crew.

The chief of the boat was pleased with his crew's performance throughout the deployment.

"The results were phenomenal in every possible way," said Schwind. "I could not ask for anything more. The current level of performance of the crew was perfect and I have never seen another crew perform this well."

Electrician's Mate 1st Class Timothy Johnson said this was an exceptional deployment. "I am very proud to be a part of such a successful deployment - to be able to contribute something back to our nation and still experience as many foreign ports as we did," he said.

Olympia is the Navy's 104th nuclear-powered submarine and the 95th attack submarine. Launched at Newport News Shipbuilding and Drydocking Company in Newport News, Va., Olympia was commissioned on Nov. 17, 1984.

PHPAA presents check to FFSC

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For 50 years, the cast of the Mardi Gras Follies danced and sang across the stage of The Banyans at Naval Station Pearl Harbor. When the performances were finished, the proceeds from the shows were donated to local military and civilian charities.

At a ceremony held Aug. 8 in front of the Pearl Harbor Memorial Fountain adjacent to building 150, the Pearl Harbor Performing Arts Association (PHPAA) presented a check for \$10,000 to the Fleet and Family Support Center (FFSC) at Pearl Harbor. The money will help FFSC with many of the programs that assist Navy families and support the efforts of its volunteers.

Kathryn Koos-Lee, Hawaii's regional family programs (FFSC and FAP) director at Navy Region Hawaii, said, "This generous donation will support the dedicated volunteers of the Fleet and Family

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Construction starts at new Moanalua Center



U.S. Navy photo by J02 Devin Wright
Rear Adm. Michael Vitale and Governor Linda Lingle along with representatives from The MacNaughton Group break ground at the new site of the Moanalua Center on Tuesday. The new development will consolidate several Navy quality of life facilities, while maintaining commercial space for shopping, dining and community services. The new complex will provide space for a 55,000-square-foot Navy Support Service Center. The complex will be located at the former Moanalua Shopping Center. The center is expected to be completed in September 2006.

Pearl Harbor steps up efforts to keep Sailors fit

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In the wake of new Navy-wide physical readiness standards, Naval Station Pearl Harbor is increasing its efforts to help keep its Sailors fit and prepared for a more agile and speedy 21st century Navy.

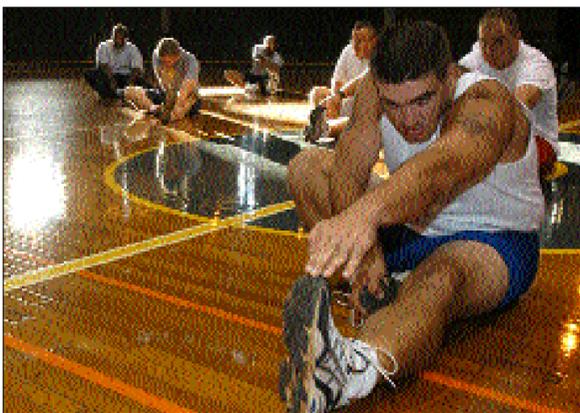
According to Master Chief Perry Bonarrigo, command master chief, Naval Station Pearl Harbor, the base's remedial program was bumped from three days a week to five and it now includes not only a workout, but diet information and individualized training opportunities to help Sailors stay on top of their fitness.

"Why did we go to five days a week? So that people know that we're serious and they should be serious," he said. "We had to do a round turn to

get everybody involved, not by just doing remedial, but offering them things at the remedial sessions that will help them, like diet and trainers."

According to NAVADMIN 180/05, Sailors who do not attempt to maintain physical fitness standards will be processed for administrative separation per MILPERSMAN ARTICLE 1910-170. Starting in January 2006, commanding officers and officers in charge are authorized to begin administrative separation on those Sailors who failed the physical fitness assessment (PFA) three or more times in the most recent four years and also failed the fall 2005 PFA.

"We have to get people's attention because the Navy is going to start weeding them out in six months," said



U.S. Navy photo by J03 Ryan C. McGinley
Sailors stretch at Bloch Arena before running interval sprints as part of the Return to Readiness Program offered by MWR.

Bonarrigo. "Our numbers [of failures] are coming down, but we want to keep that trend continuing."

Bonarrigo attributed the decrease to a focus on remedial training along with the impact of the Return to

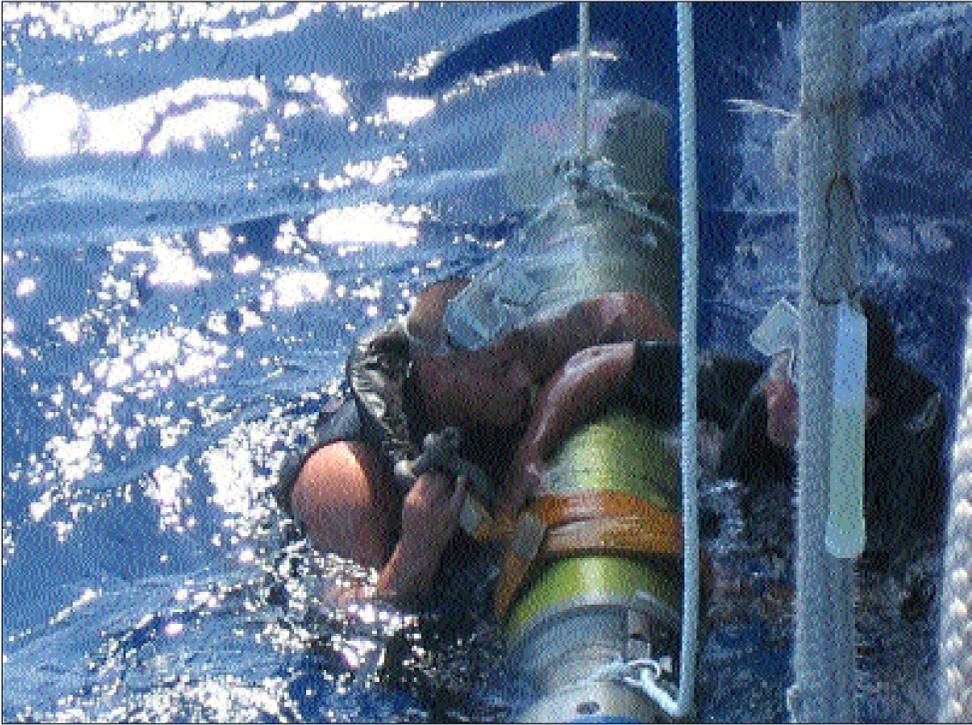
Readiness Program, offered by Morale, Welfare and Recreation at Pearl Harbor, as an ancillary tool to help Sailors stay fit.

"Return to Readiness is a program to get the Sailors back into shape where they can be able to pass their PRT," said Lisa Hansen, fitness specialist at MWR. "And if they don't meet the standards for body composition, we try to help them lose the weight."

The daily program is based on providing Sailors with comprehensive cardiovascular conditioning and muscular strength and endurance training. Each session also aims to help the Sailor burn as many calories as possible to aid body composition. It includes a variety of activities such as run-

▼ See FIT SAILORS, A-10

Swimming with torpedoes



U.S. Navy photo by STG3 Brandt

USS Paul Hamilton (DDG 60) SAR swimmers BM2(SW) Michael J. Santiago and SHC(SEL)(SW/AW) Andrey Trentnoff took part in a torpedo recovery exercise held in the Bay of Bengal, located off the coast of Malaysia. Paul Hamilton, homeported in Pearl Harbor, Hawai'i, is currently deployed to Southeast Asia for Combined Afloat Readiness Against Terrorism (CARAT) 2005.

Under Secretary of the Navy signs Hoga (YTM 146) donation contract

Naval Sea Systems Command Public Affairs

Under Secretary of the Navy, Dionel Aviles, signed the donation contract July 28 officially transferring the historic, World War II harbor tug Hoga (YTM 146) to the city of North Little Rock, Ark., for the Arkansas Inland Maritime Museum. The city plans to transport the vessel from the Maritime Administration's National Defense Reserve Fleet in Suisun Bay, Calif., to a display site in North Little Rock, on the Arkansas River.

Secretary of the Navy Gordon England said, "This historic vessel serves as a testament to the unrelenting courage and fierce determination exhibited by Hoga's crew during the attack on Pearl Harbor on Dec. 7, 1941. I am confident that the city of North Little Rock and the people of the state of Arkansas will preserve Hoga as a proud part of America's naval heritage."

Hoga's transit through the Panama Canal and up the Mississippi River to the Arkansas River will take place later this summer. The vessel will be refurbished and converted into a naval museum and memorial by the Arkansas Inland Maritime Museum. It will join another historic naval vessel, the submarine Razorback (SS 394), already on display in North Little Rock. Hoga is expected to be open to the public before the end of the year. Hoga was built by Consolidated

Shipbuilders, Morris Heights, N.Y. The vessel was launched on Dec. 31, 1940 and placed into service on May 22, 1941.

Coming under attack in Pearl Harbor on the morning of Dec. 7, 1941, Hoga saved several ships caught in the harbor. The vessel pulled the damaged repair ship USS Vestal away from the burning USS Arizona, and fought USS Arizona's fires. Hoga pushed the minelayer USS Oglala into 1010 dock, and assisted the burning USS Nevada by fighting fires and pushing the sinking vessel across the channel to beach. This prevented USS Nevada from sinking in the channel and blocking the fleet's access to the open sea. For its actions, Hoga received a commendation from Adm. Chester A. Nimitz in February 1942.

Hoga was designated a National Historic Landmark by the U.S. Department of the Interior in June 1989. After serving as a firefighting tug for 45 years on San Francisco Bay, the vessel was retired in 1993 and returned to Navy custody. Hoga was stricken from the Naval Vessel Register on July 12, 1996.

Hoga is the last remaining naval vessel afloat that saw action in Pearl Harbor on Dec. 7, 1941. The creation of the Hoga museum/memorial in North Little Rock will allow future generations to share and commemorate its rich history.

Further questions can be referred to NAVSEA Public Affairs at (202) 781-2975.

Pearl Harbor Survivor laid to rest at the USS Nevada Memorial



U.S. Navy photo PH2 Dennis Cantrell

The ashes of a Pearl Harbor survivor BM1 Charles Everett Bussell, is laid to rest in the waters of Pearl Harbor next to the USS Nevada Memorial.

Christine Ah Yee Contributing Writer

Pearl Harbor survivor and retired Boatswain Mate 1st Class (BM-1/C) Charles Everett Bussell was laid to rest off Hospital Point at Pearl Harbor on Tuesday.

His ashes were scattered in the harbor at the USS Nevada Memorial.

He died June 21 at Holy Family Hospital in Spokane, Wash.

Bussell served onboard USS Nevada (BB-36) from 1939 to 1944. His combat experiences aboard the Nevada included the Aleutian Islands campaign, flagship convoy duty between the U.S. and England in preparation for D-Day, lead ship in the invasion of Normandy, the invasion of Cherbourg, and coastal shelling of German gun emplacements along southern France.

The Dec. 7, 1941 attack on Pearl Harbor cast a haunting memory that kept Bussell away from Pearl Harbor for 62 years. On that day, USS Nevada was moored alone at the most easterly berth of "Battleship Row;" Bussell vividly remembered the attacks. After remaining at bay from Pearl Harbor, he returned for the first time since the war in December 2003 at the request of his

son for Dec. 7 commemorative services. In a 2003 interview with the Honolulu Star Bulletin, Bussell acknowledged that he is getting older and did not know when he would get another opportunity to visit Pearl Harbor.

"On the morning of Dec. 7 I had just come off duty and was preparing to get some sleep, when I heard a loud noise that sounded like someone chipping paint off the ship's hull using a jackhammer. That made me look out a nearby porthole to see what the heck was going on, and that's when I saw USS Arizona was taking heavy fire and was just beginning to sink," said Bussell.

Within minutes of the attack, Nevada's crew was manning their battle stations. Heavy gunfire, a torpedo and a couple of bombs bombarded Nevada, making it almost impossible for the ship to get underway.

"My battle station was the Nevada's number two 14-inch gun-turret. However, I was almost immediately assigned to one of the damage control crews who were trying to put out fires, repair damage and generally trying to keep the Nevada afloat," Bussell remembered. "At one point I was ordered down into the ship to help remove bodies that had been

bagged. Later, I resumed my duties and ferried the injured and the dead to shore," he said.

At the southwest point of Ford Island, Japanese dive-bombers attacked and the ship disappeared in the huge geysers erupting from enemy bombs. Many considered Nevada lost, but she emerged from the geyser sprays with gaping holes in her hull and on fire. Nevada was ordered to be beached at Waipi'o Point, now known as Hospital Point.

When asked about the Pearl Harbor attacks by anyone including family members, Bussell's response was always "there are too many bad memories and too many painful memories." The attack left three officers and 47 enlisted men dead and five officers and 104 enlisted men wounded.

He briefly served onboard USS Shelby (APA-105) at the invasion of Okinawa. He was honorably discharged from the Navy on Sept. 26, 1945.

He worked in various mining operations throughout the states and briefly owned a tavern. He retired as a machinist from the U.S. Postal Service.

Bussell is survived by his wife, Elizabeth Ann Bussell, of Nine Mile Falls, Wash.; sons, Charles Lloyd

Bussell of Nine Mile Falls and Wayne Everett Bussell, of San Bernardino, Calif.; daughter, Bonita Louis Lewis, of Phoenix, Ariz.; a sister, Betty Zink, of Dillon, Mont.; a brother, Wilburn Bussell, of Burke, Idaho; as well as numerous grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Bussell had requested that his ashes be scattered at Pearl Harbor, near the USS Nevada Memorial at Hospital Point.

Handling and dispersal over the waters of Pearl Harbor of remains of veterans can be difficult for the primary next of kin (PNOK). Support instructions and guidance can help the PNOK with direction to ease an otherwise difficult situation.

Jim Taylor, the Commander, Naval Region Hawai'i Funeral Honors Coordinator, accommodates requests for disposition of remains as to eligibility for dispersal over Pearl Harbor. Personnel who served in any branch of the military service who were on active duty on the Island of Oahu, or within three miles thereof, on Dec. 7, 1941, are eligible for dispersal over the waters of Pearl Harbor.

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Hawai'i Navy News Editorial

Learn about tomorrow from yesterday.. and today

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Shipmates, before I start this week's column, I just wanted to say thanks for the hard work that you're doing. I'm finishing up my latest trip through the Pacific AOR [area of responsibility], and the quality of our Navy's Sailors and the work they do today is simply awe-inspiring.

After talking with many of our shipmates and watching what they do, I have no doubt that our Navy is in great hands for the future. I find myself humbled at the dedication, intelligence and skill levels of our deckplate Sailors. You are "making your mark" and keeping our great Navy at the forefront.

That brings me to what I wanted to talk about this week - the past and the future.

Navy leadership has mentioned more than a few times that the best way to prepare for the future is to look to the past. And that's a smart philosophy we should embrace.

The coming month of September is a good time to reflect on the practices and philosophies of our past Navy leaders. Here at Pearl Harbor, the Pacific Fleet is preparing to honor the 60th anniversary of the end of World War II.

Some of our finest Navy leaders

rose up from that terrible conflict and were instrumental in bringing it to an end.

We should be looking at these past leaders - so we can learn from their successes and their mistakes.

One of the World War II Navy's most effective and brilliant leaders was Fleet Adm. Chester Nimitz. And it wasn't because he was dynamic, flamboyant or smarter than everyone else. He had simple approaches, simple ideas and the ability to inspire those around him.

Naval historian Robert Love said the laid-back, soft-spoken Texan's greatest gift was his ability to bring together the best qualities in a team and then let it do the job.

According to Love, Nimitz possessed an inner balance and calm that those around him drew from. He also knew he was only as good as the Sailors he led. You can tell that from the photos we have at the COMPACFLT headquarters building of Nimitz playing friendly games of horseshoes with his Sailors.

But his most effective trait was the courage to let his subordinates do their jobs without interference. He understood the importance of team building as much as being a team player. Building an effective fighting team from some of the disparate personalities as the quiet, introspective Raymond A. Spruance and the ebullient, aggressive William F. "Bull" Halsey, Jr. or the hard charging Eugene Fluckey was certainly no small feat and a great lesson we all can learn.

Another example is how Nimitz took a shattered Pacific Fleet after the Dec. 7 attack and, virtually overnight, remade it into a fighting force that defeated the Japanese fleets at Coral Sea and Midway. The Battle of Midway was a huge gamble for Nimitz, but many historians consider that victory the ultimate turning point for the entire war.

Nimitz, Halsey, Spruance, Fluckey and many of the other famous names we grew up with are easy to proclaim as great leaders. But there are others who were and are just as great.

Even as exceptional as Nimitz was, he'd be the first to say there are better leaders. And in a sense he's right.

He'd be talking about today's leaders. He'd be talking about the

leading seaman in a division, or the LPO. He'd be talking about that chief who helps train his division officer about management skills and gives the Sailors the tools to be successful.

Those who keep the Navy running day in and day out are the leaders Nimitz would look to and he'd know all he had to do was step aside and let the team go to work.

So ask yourself - are you the leader you want to be? What can you learn from the leaders of yesterday and today that will help you become greater than you are?

OK, well here's a question and answer for you. Who (past or present) impressed you as a leader, and what made that person such a great leader? I'll bet money it was a mentor all those long years ago who helped you get started in the Navy. It was someone who cared, who bothered, who thought more of mission and people more than of self. I still remember my first senior chief who showed me the way and taught me how to be a Sailor.

But that's the way to get started though - asking and answering those kinds of questions.

What we learn from history is how to avoid past mistakes. It may be cliché, but it's true - those who fail to learn from history are doomed to repeat it. So learn.

The CNO and MCPON reading lists aren't dull, dry books. They are collections of leadership examples of what to do and what not to do. Knowing where the famous and the not-so-famous leaders went right will help you - us - move in the right direction to make our Sailors and our Navy a better fighting force and a better organization.

The question now to ask is, do we learn from our past? Do we learn not only to the distant past, to "the greats," but also to more recent history and learn from them?

As I travel around this great Navy of ours, I hope to see more of you out there on the deckplates. The greatest satisfaction I get from this job is the never-ending learning I get from meeting you. In my job, I get to see many leaders that are doing some great things.

In the near future, you will see a message from the fleet master chiefs (Atlantic, Pacific and Europe) that will launch a Web site that will be used to share commands' best practices, highlight good ideas, and provide information to share throughout the Navy.

And I'm pretty sure that Adm. Nimitz would agree with me - that's what truly counts as a leader. Learn from our mistakes and share our lessons.

Stay safe, shipmates. HOO YAH!

SECDEF Defense Department briefing

Secretary of defense Donald Rumsfeld
U.S. Department of Defense

Some 60 years ago, with the war in Europe turning against them, Hitler's forces faced defeat and in desperation, the Nazi regime carried out some of the most indiscriminate acts of violence that had been seen during the war.

With allied forces closing in on Berlin, Hitler ordered destruction of German infrastructure, and sent Germans, even very young children, Germans, out to face almost certain death as soldiers. If Germans were no longer willing to shed their own blood to ensure their right to survival, Hitler said, they deserved to die. The world saw in these acts the true nature of totalitarianism and its capacity for self-annihilation.

This may suggest why terrorists today in Iraq are indiscriminately killing so many Iraqis, even Iraqi children. They seem to either believe that this could turn the tide their way, or they've given up hope of rallying public opinion to their side. And it could also explain why extremists would risk bombing Londoners, which served, really, to harden the British people's determination to fight extremism.

At some point, most would-be terrorists should see that their cause is a desperate one. They can't hold ground for long, they have little visible political leadership, they have no positive vision to offer. The vast majority of Iraqis have rejected them at each opportunity, as evidenced by their votes in the last election, in a number of public opinion polls, and by lining up in the tens of thousands to defend their country and participate in the Iraqi security forces and in the constitutional drafting process. Even Sunnis, many of whom boycotted the January elections, have now joined the political process and decided to be a part of the Iraq of tomorrow.

In less than a week, Iraqis representing all of the various ethnic factions in the country are expected to have completed drafting the new constitution. It's

important that they stay with their timetable. This will be a critical step in persuading the majority of the Iraqis that the new Iraq is worth fighting for; that they have a stake in it. Indeed, their new constitution, a piece of paper, could well turn out to be one of the most powerful weapons to be deployed against the terrorists. The enemy understandably senses this and is determined to stop the constitutional process through terror and intimidation. As the Oct. 15 referendum date on the Iraqi constitution comes and the December elections approach, I think it's reasonable to expect that violence could again increase for a time, as it did during the last elections. But given the political progress, that should not necessarily be considered an accurate gauge of the enemy's future.

As allied forces pushed forward in both the European and the Pacific theaters in World War II, the enemy's tactics, such as the cult of death among S.S. forces and the kamikazes in the Pacific, led to some of the bloodiest fighting of that war. But those deadly acts - and they were deadly - prove not to be harbingers of victory. So if such tactics are used in Iraq in the months ahead, one should be careful not to draw the wrong conclusion. As long as the Iraqi people persevere, the terrorists cannot win.

One additional note. Every year since Sept. 11 attacks, Americans have commemorated that anniversary. This year the Department of Defense will initiate an America Supports You Freedom Walk. The walk will begin at the Pentagon and end at the National Mall. It will include many of the major monuments in Washington, D.C., reminding participants of the sacrifices of this generation and of each previous generation that has so successfully defended our freedoms. Freedom Walk participants will be invited to a special performance by country singer Clint Black. More information about this event will be on the Department of Defense Web site, www.americasupportsyou.mil.

Prepare to surrender



U.S. Navy historical photo by Lt. Barrett Callagher

Vice Admiral Charles A. Lockwood, Commander, Submarines, Pacific Fleet, comes on board USS Missouri (BB-63) for the surrender ceremonies, in Tokyo Bay, Japan, 2 Sept. 1945. Awaiting him, at far left, is Admiral William F. Halsey, Commander, Third Fleet.

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Hurricane awareness: Plan ahead for safety and care of family pets

(Part 6)

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We love our pets and they are important members of our families. But pets are not allowed in public evacuation shelters. What will happen to Rambo or Fifi if a hurricane hits the island and you must evacuate to a shelter? The Hawaiian Humane Society offers guidelines for pet owners.

Pet owners need to plan ahead and be sure to make advance preparations to ensure the safety of their pets in the event of a hurricane or other natural disaster. Hurricane season runs through November in Hawai'i so there is still plenty of time for a visit from one of the dangerous storms. As you are preparing your family for a hurricane, include the care of your pets in the disaster plan.

Long before a hurricane heads toward the islands, you should decide what arrangements you are going to make for your pet. These might include residence at local boarding facilities or making advance arrangements with a dependable friend or relative who can care for it during an emergency. If neither of these situations is an option, you should determine the safest place in your home for your pet and be sure that you have provided for its needs.

If you plan to board your pet, check with veterinary clinics or the local humane society to locate boarding facilities. When selecting a facility, you should be sure that it is out of the hazard area and ask if the kennel has an emergency evacuation plan. Visit the facility to determine their requirements and make sure that it meets your standards.

Many boarding facilities will require proof of current vaccinations, so be sure to keep your pet's vaccinations up-to-date. You should also keep a pet carrier on



hand for each pet. The carrier should be large enough so that the animal can stand up and walk around inside it. Make sure that your pet has an opportunity to become familiar with the carrier ahead of time so that he feels comfortable when he has to be placed in it.

It is also a good idea to keep a current photo of your pet to help ensure identification if you are separated from him during the emergency.

You may plan to make advance arrangements with a dependable friend or relative for care of your pet. It should be a safe place that

is away from coastal or low-lying areas.

You should be sure that your pet has a properly fitted collar and an identification tag on at all times. This is particularly important during hurricane conditions. Also keep a leash on hand in order to maintain control of your pet in the event that you need to take the animal to another location.

As you prepare the survival kit for your family, be sure to also stock up on pet food and cat litter for family pets. If they require special diets or medications, make certain to have a two

weeks' supply on hand. You should also stock up on newspaper, plastic bags and cleaners/disinfectants to handle pet wastes.

Once storm conditions are approaching, make sure to bring your pets indoors well ahead of any disaster conditions. Never leave pets outside or tied up.

If you need to evacuate your home, you should prepare an indoor area where your pet can stay. Such an area should be a place that is safe for your pet and is easy to clean. Be certain that there is protection from breaking glass, wind and noise. Use an area that is easy to clean, such as a tiled area or garage. Be sure that your pet has access to a high place, such as a counter top, in the event that flooding occurs.

Follow safety guidelines if you have more than one pet that you must leave behind.

- Do not confine a dog and cat together, even if they are normally friendly.

- Keep small pets, such as rabbits, mice and birds, away from dogs and cats.

- Leave difficult or aggressive animals in cages to ensure that they can't get loose.

Prepare and be sure that your pet's basic needs are provided for:

- Leave water for your pets in bathtubs or sturdy containers that will not spill. You should provide at least a three-day supply of water.

- Leave only dry-type foods to prevent the animals from overeating.

- Use special food dispensers for birds and fish. They must eat daily to survive.

- Put down newspapers to cover the floor and/or have cat litter containers available.

After the hurricane is over and it is safe for you to return home, be careful when letting your pet loose outdoors and make sure that it is wearing an identification tag. Scents and landmarks

that are familiar to your pet may have changed during the storm and could cause it to get confused and lost. If your pet should become lost, call and visit the Humane Society as soon as possible.

For more information on how to prepare for your pets in a disaster, contact the Hawaiian Humane Society at 946-2187 or the Oahu Civil Defense Agency at 523-4121.

In the upcoming weeks, additional hurricane articles will be published in Hawai'i Navy News. The information is intended to provide interesting and helpful information about hurricanes that will help to prepare you in the event that a hurricane moves toward the Hawaiian Islands.

More information about hurricanes and guidelines on hurricane preparedness may be found on Navy Channel 2 and on the COMNAVREGION Hawai'i web page: www.hawaii.navy.mil. The web page includes links to other sites that give helpful information about hurricane preparation.

The Navy family housing Resident Handbook also provides guidelines on disaster preparedness and evacuation. The front pages of the Oahu telephone directory are another valuable resource for information on hurricane preparation.

You may also obtain up-to-date information by calling: Oahu Civil Defense recorded information at 527-5372 and National Weather Service recorded advisories at 973-4381. Listen to the weather advisories on local radio and television stations.

Keep in mind that your pets are totally dependent upon you for their care and safety in the event of a hurricane. Be a responsible pet owner to man's best friend.

(Some information provided by Oahu Civil Defense Agency and Hawaiian Humane Society.)

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Thousands turn out for ship tours in Seattle



U.S. Navy photo by PH1 Michael R. McCormick

Gunner's Mate 2nd Class Jacob Smitley of Ottawa, Ill. demonstrates procedures on firing a 25mm MK-38 machine gun to guests aboard amphibious transport dock USS Ogden (LPD 5) during the Seattle Seafair Festival parade of ships. Seafair is Seattle's month-long traditional summer festival, which includes parades, amateur athletics, air shows and boat racing.

PH3 Rachel Bonilla
Fleet Public Affairs Center, Pacific

More than 7,550 visitors toured USS Ogden (LPD 5), USS Bonhomme Richard (LHD 6) and USS Crommelin (FFG 37) and one Coast Guard vessel in August over a four-day port visit to Seattle for its 55th Annual Seafair Festival.

Visitors experienced some of what life is like for Sailors aboard ships, were briefed on the various jobs the ships and their Sailors perform at sea, and left with a better understanding of what the Navy does for the defense of the United States.

"I have never been on a Navy ship," said Aaron Davis of Midland, Mich., coming off tours of Ogden and Crommelin. "I got the chance to get an overall perspective of the Navy. Tours give the public a chance to really feel part of the armed forces of our nation."

Aboard Bonhomme Richard, visitors toured the ship's hangar bay, well deck and flight deck and viewed pictures of the ships humanitarian relief efforts during Operation Unified Assistance, the U.S. mission to provide relief to tsunami victims in Asia.

"Talking with the Sailors onboard was the best part; they made the whole experience," said Donald Stone from Seattle.

Tours of the ships were offered as part of the Seafair Festival which ended Aug. 7. The festival included a Blue Angels air show, Navy Band concerts and numerous other events, including the ship visits.

"I wanted to give them a chance to see we are doing a job," said Sonar Technician (Surface) 1st Class (SW) Robert Zingaro of Crommelin. "It's not a movie. We are actual people out here."

For more news from around the fleet, visit www.navy.mil.

Blue Angels perform for nearly 500,000 in Seattle

JO2 (SW/AW)
Paula M. Ludwick

USS Bonhomme Richard Public Affairs

The Navy's flight demonstration team, the Blue Angels, performed for nearly half-a-million people at the annual Seattle Seafair Keybank Air Show on Aug. 5-7.

Seattle Seafair was one of 35 stops for the Blue Angels throughout the United States during their 2005 schedule.

Crowds of civilians and military gathered around Seattle's Lake Washington to watch the Angels fly over the water with a view of Mount Rainier and Mercer Island in the background.

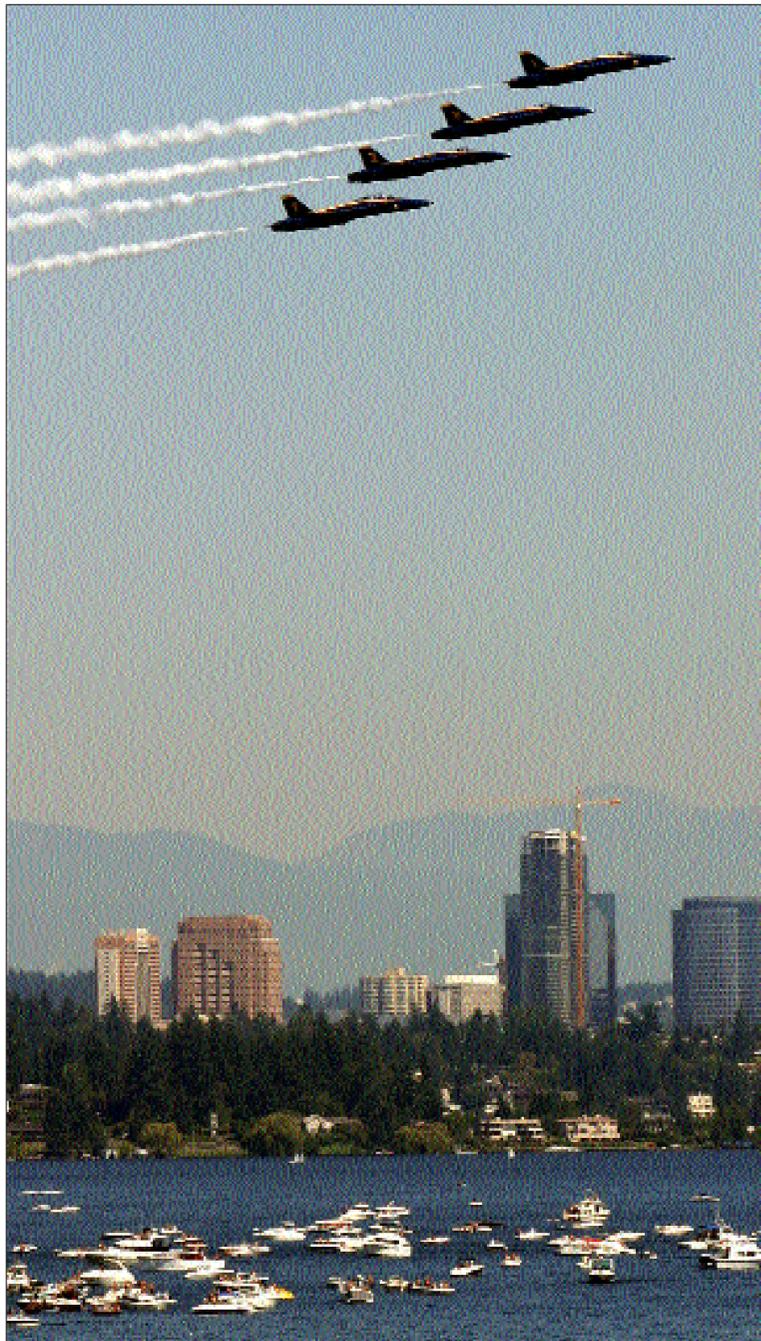
"I've been coming to see the Blue Angels fly every year since I was born," said Sandy Wimpres, 29, of Seattle. "The first show I was brought to, I was only 10 days old. I never get tired of seeing them. I always get excited watching them fly."

"They are really exciting," added Ingrid Seybold, 6, of Sammamish, Wash. "I like everything about them."

Military personnel also looked forward to watching the Blue Angels fly.

"I enjoy watching them myself," said Cryptologic Technician 2nd Class (Communications) (SW/AW) Raymond Hughes of USS Bonhomme Richard (LHD 6). "It instills a great sense of pride to say that I am in the United States Navy when I see the Blue Angels flying." The 55th Annual Seafair Festival is Seattle's month-long traditional summer festival of parades, air shows, boat races and ship visits.

This year's Seafair fleet is commanded by Commander, Amphibious Squadron 7 and consists of the amphibious assault ship Bonhomme Richard, the amphibious transport dock ship USS Ogden (LPD 5), the frigate USS Crommelin (FFG 37), the Coast Guard medium-endurance cutter USCGC Active (WMEC 618) and four Canadian coastal defense vessels: HMCS Nanaimo 702, HMCS Yellowknife 706, HMCS Saskatoon 709 and HMCS Whitehorse 705.



U.S. Navy photo by JO1 Ralph Radford

The U.S. Navy flight demonstration team, the "Blue Angels," practice their performance over South Lake Washington with the city of Bellevue in the background. The practice show prepares the pilots for their regular air show during the 55th annual Seattle Seafair. The Blue Angels fly the F/A-18A Hornet, performing approximately 30 maneuvers during the aerial demonstration, lasting over an hour.

Sailor named AO of the Year

PHAN Adam York
USS Kitty Hawk Public Affairs

Aviation Ordnanceman 1st Class (AW/SW) Michael J. Dasch learned July 29 he had been selected by the Navy's Association of Aviation Ordnancemen (AAO) to receive the 2005 John W. Finn Aviation Ordnanceman of the Year award.

The award is given out every year to honor superior aviation ordnance personnel in both the Navy and Marine Corps.

"I felt honored, proud and shocked," stated Dasch. "My co-workers told me I was getting the award, but I didn't believe it until the captain announced it the next day."

Lt. David Fowler, Dasch's division officer, sent in the nomination for the award, which was approved by Kitty Hawk's weapons officer, Cmdr. Jeff Sassone.

Capt. Ed McNamee, Kitty Hawk's commanding officer, said Dasch is fully deserving of the award.

"A proven leader and performer, Petty Officer Dasch is the cornerstone of every ordnance success enjoyed by Kitty Hawk," said McNamee in Dasch's nomination package. "He sets the example by doing and proving that perfection is the standard for our Sailors today."

Dasch is leading petty officer (LPO) for 130 Sailors in G-3 and was directly responsible for the rehabilitation of more than 90 departmental spaces, seven Carrier Air Wing (CVW) 5 spaces and seven magazine groups during Kitty Hawk's ship's restricted availability in 2004.

Dasch also organized and facilitated study groups for junior weapons department personnel in preparation for Navywide rating exams, resulting in a 65 percent increase in department-wide advancements during the most recent exam cycle.

"[Dasch] has done all the professional things we expected from him as LPO of the

largest division in weapons department," said Sassone.

Dasch, a native of Smithtown, N.Y., began his career in the Navy in 1994 as an undesignated seaman. He soon became acquainted with an aviation ordnanceman (AO) first class who taught him about the rate.

"He always talked about how great being an AO was, so I requested my department to send me to the Aviation Ordnance 'A' school for training," said Dasch.

After graduating from "A" school, Dasch reported for duty aboard USS Independence (CV 62), where he served as magazine maintenance man and trunk supervisor.

In 1998, he transferred to Kitty Hawk when Independence was decommissioned, earning his first Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal for superior performance while leading bomb assembly. Throughout Dasch's career in the Navy, he has received three Navy and Marine Corps Achievement medals and a Military Outstanding Volunteer Service medal.

Dasch said he and his wife plan to attend the next AAO convention in July 2006, which will take place in Reno, Nev.

"They give out the [John W. Finn] awards at the conventions, but I couldn't attend this year so they sent it to me in the mail," he said. "I can't wait to go next year."

Dasch is truly one of the Hawk/5/15 team's most valuable players, said Sassone.

"He's a well-rounded leader, mentor, manager and professional ordnanceman," he said. "These are the factors that won him the award."

The Kitty Hawk Strike Group is the largest carrier strike group in the Navy and is composed of the aircraft carrier Kitty Hawk, CVW-5, the guided-missile cruisers USS Chancellorsville (CG 62) and USS Cowpens (CG 63), and Destroyer Squadron 15.

International rescue team saves Russian mini-sub crew

U.S. Pacific Fleet Public Affairs

A Russian mini-sub and its seven crew members were successfully brought to the surface by an international rescue team sent to free them Aug. 7. The crew members were alive and their condition was evaluated by a U.S. medical officer aboard the Russian ship.

In a period of only a few hours from the time of the incident, Russian, British and U.S. resources were readied, deployed and brought to bear in a cooperative effort to free the seven sailors trapped more than 600 feet below the surface for two days.

Close, frequent communications from the very start of the operation between navy offi-

cial in Russia, Britain, Japan and the United States greatly facilitated the prompt and cooperative rescue efforts.

"The close team work and global coordination between our navies to rescue these sailors in such a short time is testimony to the spirit and determination of our nations," said Adm. Gary Roughead, commander of the

U.S. Pacific Fleet.

In addition to the U.S. Navy doctor, three U.S. Navy divers supported the British remotely operated vehicle (ROV) team aboard the Russian ship in the rescue effort. The British ROV successfully cut the mini-sub free from fishing nets and the mini-sub was able to surface due to its own positive buoyancy.

Sub divers focus on force protection

JO2 Corwin Colbert
COMSUBPAC Public Affairs

A submarine diver's mission is simple - protect the boat. With the threat of terrorist activity around the world and the need for U.S. naval war vessels to be ready at all times, it becomes critical for divers to check for bombs and other harmful objects that may cause a threat to the submarine or its crew members.

"Safety of the boat is crucial," said Lt. Tyler Forrest, diving officer on USS Santa Fe (SSN 763). "We need to detect objects such as bombs and mines for the safety of the ship and the crew."

Sailors who get diver qualified while in Pearl Harbor go to the Center of Explosive Ordnance Disposal and Diving Detachment Pacific Scuba Diving Course on Ford Island. The unclassified five-week course teaches the operational use and maintenance of open circuit Scuba equipment, diving physics, identifying diving injuries and recognizing the need for treatment.

Training includes underwater work projects, hull inspections and qualification dives. This course qualifies trainees at a depth of 130 feet. Students must also obtain CPR qualification for one-person rescue.

"It's tough, physical training," said Store Keeper 3rd Class Victor Mesa of the Santa Fe.

Another Santa Fe diver, Fire Control Technician 2nd Class Steven Styger, said, "One of the most important things to learn in school is protecting yourself from personal injury. You have to know what you are doing or you can become permanently damaged or paralyzed if you do not perform diving procedures right."

These divers also appreciate the fact that their certi-



U.S. Navy photo

Pearl Harbor submariners train to become submarine divers at the Center for Explosive Ordnance Disposal and Diving Detachment Pacific located on Ford Island. As submarine divers, their main mission is protecting the submarine from underwater threats.

fication allows them to dive for recreational purposes as well.

"I didn't realize you cannot buy diving gear in a civilian store without certi-

fication," said Mesa. "Being qualified kills two birds with one stone."

"This is a cool job that not many people do," said Styger. "The most reward-

ing part is getting to jump into some nice refreshing water."

Santa Fe's chief of the boat, Command Master Chief Rafael Perez, said no

matter what the personal benefits may be, the main mission remains protecting the submarine from underwater threats.

"We are becoming more

creative in utilizing the divers to fight the terrorist threat," said Perez. "We are fighting the things we see, but we cannot forget about the things we don't see."

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Navy personnel donate school books to Hawai'i elementary students



U.S. Navy photo JO2 Devin Wright

TM2 (SW) Leteyvia Murray hands out a collection of books to an Ewa Beach Elementary School student during the school's welcome back assembly Aug. 5. For the past two years, Sailors have volunteered their time at the school to help students improve their reading skills.

JO2 Devin Wright
Editor

Sailors from Naval Magazine Pearl Harbor were on hand at Ewa Beach Elementary School on Aug. 5 for the students' first day back at school and to donate \$3,000 in school books to help replenish the school library.

"The Navy has had a partnership with Ewa Beach Elementary School for a while now," said Eilen Hirota, Ewa Beach Elementary School principal. "We really wanted to make the Navy part of our welcome back assembly and recognize them and everything they have done for our students. The Navy has also provided us with schoolbooks, so we thought it would be nice if the Sailors were the ones to actually hand them over to the students," she said.

For the past two years, Sailors have volunteered their time at the school to help students improve their reading skills.

"We are a part of the Ewa Beach community," said Cmdr. Mark Sevilla, executive officer of Naval Magazine Pearl Harbor. "We can't think of a better way to be a member of the community - to support the community and promote goodwill - than to help the continuing reading improvements of the kids of Ewa Beach," he said.

In addition to the donation of school books, Sailors also volunteer their time at the school to help tutor students.

"I love working with kids," said Torpedoman's Mate 2nd (SW) Class Leteyvia Murray, assigned to Naval Magazine Pearl Harbor, who volunteers as a tutor at the school. "We read together... talking and listening to their goals and aspirations is rewarding. It makes me feel good about myself to know that I may be making a difference in a child's life. They seem to enjoy it as well."

Sailors normally tutor students once a week for two hours.

Uniform Center relocates to better serve P.H. Sailors

Laarni Gedo
NEX Marketing

In an ongoing quest for better ways to serve those who serve, the Navy Exchange at Pearl Harbor's Uniform Center, currently located in building 346 near Scott Pool will move to its newly renovated home in building 1337, formerly the Naval Station Bowling Center next to Club Pearl, on Sept. 23.

"The current location is not in good shape, it has a lot of termite damage and just won't last," said NEX Store Manager Beverly Hudgins. The new location promises advantages the current store lacks. "The selling area will be about 50% larger and the customers will be able to pick up their tailoring, dry cleaning and purchase uniform items at the same register---they won't have to wait in two lines."

In addition, the new location will carry the premium Brooks Brothers brand and more Navy Pride items the current building is unable to carry because of limited space.

"The flow of patrons should definitely improve with the one-stop shopping and larger floor," Hudgins said.

According to NEX officials their mission is to provide excellent service complimented by top quality products. With this in mind, the Uniform Center serves as the Mecca that uniformed service men and women visit and return to again and again.

"My uniform represents my service to my country," SK1(SW) Barry Melvin said. "I wear it proudly."

The current Uniform Center has been the sole provider of uniforms and uniform-related needs to our Sailors.

Melvin, a logistics support



U.S. Navy photo

NEX Facilities maintenance workers renovate the old Naval Station Bowling Center next to Club Pearl. Building 1337 will house the new Uniform Center beginning Sept. 23 when it relocates from its current location in building 346 next to Scott Pool.

representative visits the Pearl Harbor Uniform Center at least one a month. "I get anything from ribbons to belts," he said.

I TC(SW) Sharie Randall who has been in the U.S. Navy for 18 years shops at the Uniform Center twice a month. Whether in need of a new belt buckle or a ribbon, Randall's visits to the Uniform Center have been great, she said.

"Because of the remote and small location, you'd think they'd be limited in what they offer but they have everything," she said. "And if they don't have something, they can usually get it to you in two to three days."

To Randall, her uniform not only represents the pride in the honor of serving her country it also symbolizes a piece of herself. She said that the anchor she wears represents her strength that holds things down in times of turmoil.

Through rough seas and times of tranquility, the Uniform Center apparently shares the pride these uniformed men and women have in representing our

country.

"Working here makes me feel really good," said Uniform Center Supervisor Flo Reis, "especially when they get promoted---we're always happy to help out."

She said that sometimes the sailors just don't know what or which uniform accessories to get. "But we always know exactly what to get," she said.

According to Hudgins, the Uniform Center is the only supplier in Hawai'i with the exception of phone or Internet ordering.

"It is imperative that we stay in stock and have all the uniform items a Sailor needs here in Hawai'i since we are their sole source," Hudgins said. "The Sailor depends on the Navy Exchange to be a reliable supplier for these essential items and it is our responsibility to provide them, and do so with a high level of customer service."

For more information about the Uniform Center or the upcoming relocation, contact the store directly at 423-3373.

Sailors make-over Mighty Mo

CWO3 Joseph T. Monaghan
NCTAMSPAC N61

Sailors from Naval Computer and Telecommunications Area Master Station Pacific (NCTAMSPAC) pitched in to turn wrenches and push swabs and paint brushes to prepare Mighty Mo for the 60th anniversary of her most momentous honor. She was selected from a fleet of many to host the Japanese surrender ceremony at the end of World War II, a day recorded as one of history's most notable.

Sixty years ago, on Sept. 2, 1945, the Japanese foreign minister, Mamoru Shigemitsu, met with General Douglas MacArthur and Fleet Admiral Chester Nimitz on the 01 level of Mighty Mo, USS Missouri (BB-63) anchored in Tokyo Bay, to sign the Surrender Document which formally ended WWII.

Today, she is prominently moored on Battleship Row, the scene of so much devastation on Dec. 7, 1941. Her well-earned resting berth is next to Ford Island, mere feet from the Arizona Memorial. She has been visited by millions of tourists and dignitaries and hosts thousands of military ceremonies every year. Truly, Mighty Mo's history continues.

Mighty Mo is a tough 64-year-old war veteran. She saw her share of action, from Iwo Jima to Wonsan to launching the first 28 Tomahawk missiles on Baghdad during the first Gulf War. Her keel was laid in January 1941 and although she has proven her mettle again and again, saltwater and steel are uncomfortable mates. Mo requires a good deal of care and elbow grease to keep her in fighting form. That's where the Sailors from NCTAMSPAC come in.

In preparation for Mighty Mo's big day, numerous Sailors from NCTAMSPAC mustered on the pier in coveralls with tools in hand. Mo is a second home to many of the NCTAMSPAC Sailors, who regularly volunteer to conduct maintenance on board.



U.S. Navy photo

Sailors from NCTAMSPAC N61 volunteer to prepare Battleship Missouri for the 60th anniversary of the Japanese surrender ceremony Sept. 2, 1945. Missouri has been visited by millions of tourists and dignitaries and hosts thousands of military ceremonies every year.

On this day, their jobs were to paint the chief's mess, clean the wardroom display windows, replace the safety netting on the 04 level, and work on the air search and surface search radar antennas.

The electronics technicians quickly went "up the stick" to pit their ingenuity against the 64-year-old radar antennas. Indeed, a good deal of creativity was required to make Mo's air search radar antenna spin again. At the end of the day though, the air search radar antenna had been measured and the surface search

radar antenna was on the move again.

Down below, the crew painting the chief's mess made short work of the overhead, restoring a good portion of the Goat Locker to its former glory. Meanwhile, the pier crew was engaged in manual labor, humping water, cleaning large wardroom display windows and replacing safety netting on the 04 level.

The NCTAMSPAC crew is committed to maintaining Mighty Mo and said it considers it an honor to prepare her for the upcoming anniversary.

USS Santa Fe departs for Western Pacific cruise

JOC(SW/AW) David Rush
COMSUBPAC Public Affairs

Friends and family members waved goodbye to the submariners of USS Santa Fe (SSN 763) as the Los Angeles-class, nuclear powered attack submarine slowly departed from its homeport of Pearl Harbor on Tuesday.

According to Santa Fe's commanding officer, Cmdr. Steve Perry, the morale of the crew is high and his submarine has met all of the requirements to go on deployment. "The crew is well-trained and ready to go. The ship is in great shape and we're all looking forward to going out and doing our nation's work," he said.

Perry added that this will be the first deployment for many of his submariners. "I'm looking forward to watching the crew grow together as a team and continue to excel and advance and do the great things that they do every single day," Perry said.

One of the crew members, Sonar Technician 2nd Class Chad Sherman, said aloha to his wife and

their five-month-old baby. "I'm ready for it. It's the first time being married and with a little one," said Sherman.

His shipmate, Fire Control Technician 2nd Class Theodore Turney, is literally in the same boat. He said his goodbyes to his wife and one-year-old daughter, but is looking forward to getting to work. "We're going out to do what we're trained to do. The best thing is to actually implement all of the training."

His wife, fighting back tears, offered support to her submariner. "I love him so much - and I'm going to miss him."

Santa Fe is the Navy's 52nd Los Angeles-class fast attack nuclear powered submarine. It was commissioned on Jan. 8, 1994 at Naval Submarine Base, Groton, Conn.

Santa Fe is the second ship to be named in honor of the capital city of New Mexico. An improved Los Angeles-class (or 688I), is 362 feet long, displaces 6,900 tons submerged, and features the BSY-1 combat system, retractable bow planes, and 12 vertical launch tubes for Tomahawk cruise missile strikes.



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Submariners 'gear up' for motorcycle safety

JOC(SW/AW) David Rush
COMSUBPAC Public Affairs

On Wednesday, Pacific Fleet submariners participated in a required basic rider course training at Marine Corps Base Kaneohe to learn how to ride 'one up' before hitting the highway.

According to Chief Electronics Technician Chad Hicks, Commander Submarine Force, U.S. Pacific Fleet staff member and certified motorcycle riding course instructor, for many would be bikers, the training is not only a requirement – it may mean the difference between life or death.

"They get injured because they don't utilize operational risk management (ORM) and by not evaluating the road conditions and their skill level for how or where they are riding," said Hicks.

Hicks said Sailors also get into trouble because they do not evaluate the dangers associated with riding a motorcycle. "The course teaches you the basic skills needed to safely operate a motorcycle, and can show you areas that you need work on. But this doesn't make you safe. Only you can do that."

COMSUBPAC Force Master Chief Michael Benko emphasized that Sailors need to know what they are doing before they get a motorcycle such as, "buying too large and too powerful of a motorcycle based on their level of experience. Other mistakes include riding too fast, especially in poor weather conditions, and poorly negotiating turns and other unexpected road hazards," said Benko.

Benko cited recent incidents involving Pacific Fleet submarine Sailors. "Four of nine recent motorcycle accidents in the submarine force, and all three motorcycle fatalities, were riders who had not attended the motorcycle safety class," he noted.

In addition to the riding safety course, the Navy requires all personnel to wear protective equipment, including a DOT or SNELL approved helmet, long trousers, at least a long-sleeved shirt, a motorcycle jacket, full-finger leather gloves, hard soled shoes with heels that protect the ankles, and protective eyewear.

"The DoD rules are clear about

helmets," added Joe Perfetto, traffic-safety specialist and motorcycle instructor at the Naval Safety Center. "Every civilian or military member of the Armed Forces must wear a helmet when riding a motorcycle on base, whether in a state that requires them or not. That rule applies to military on and off base."

As outlined in OPNAVINST 5100.12G, Sailors must complete an approved basic rider course, ride with headlights turned on at all times, wear personal protective equipment, a brightly colored outer upper garment during the day, a clearly visible and uncovered reflective upper garment at night, having a current motorcycle driver's license and have rear view mirrors mounted one each side of the handlebars.

Sailors who are not in compliance with the instruction are subject to disciplinary action under the UCMJ.

The Navy also requires Sailors get the training and certificate of completion prior to obtaining base registration and access for their motorcycle.

Statistics indicate that even with the required training and personal protective equipment, Sailors are increasingly taking their last ride. The Naval Safety Center Traffic Safety Division reported in June of this year that Navy motorcycle fatalities are up nearly 100 percent since 2000.

There were 13 Navy motorcycle fatalities in fiscal year 2000, a number that increased steadily to 25 in fiscal year '04. So far in fiscal year '05, the Navy has lost 13 Sailors in motorcycle mishaps, compared to 17 deaths at the same time in the previous year.

"I recommend finding an inexpensive bike for beginners. This allows you to improve your skill and not feel bad if you damage the bike while learning. Evaluate what kind of riding you want to do, and how much bike you really need. The hottest bike on the street is not always the best," concluded Hicks.

For additional information, refer to OPNAVINST 5100.12G, which outlines the Navy's policy on motorcycle safety requirements.

Mardi Gras Follies: 50-year tradition helped local charities

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Support Center who give their time and energy to help service members and their families. Funds will support recognition of command ombudsman who serve as a liaison between the command and command families and who provide vital assistance during deployments."

A number of important functions will benefit from the money and it will also help to fund volunteer recognition events, according to Koos-Lee. "The funds will allow the FFSC to hold a volunteer appreciation luncheon to recognize sexual assault victim advocates who respond 24-7 to military victims of sexual assault, the Association of Retarded Citizens of Hawai'i who put together the welcome aboard packets for incoming personnel, the Retired Activities Office volunteers who provide information and assistance to retired personnel, volunteers who teach FFSC workshops and classes, and ombudsman trainers," she said.

"The funds benefit so many programs which help Navy families. The FFSC is so grateful for the support of organizations like Pearl Harbor Performing Arts," she added, expressing her appreciation to the PHPAA.

Patti Chrzanowski, one of PHPAA's founding members and the association's current president, explained that the role of the performing arts organization in putting on the Mardi Gras Follies every year was not only fun, but produced important benefits. "The members of PHPAA have grabbed the brass ring on the merry-go-round of life, performing, dressing up, putting on makeup and having the time of their lives," she said. "The best part of it was that we were doing it as a service to others. We have the satisfaction of knowing that we raised money for deserving non-profit organizations and had a great time doing it."

As a result of PHPAA's efforts and this year's Follies presentation, more than \$42,000 has been donated to military and local charities. One donation went to Hiko No Family Readiness Group, an organization that puts together and sends care packages to Army Reservists from Hawai'i who are serving in Iraq.



U.S. Navy photo by Karen Spangler

Rear Adm. Michael Vitale is presented a check for \$10,000 by the PHPAA on Monday at the Pearl Harbor Memorial Fountain. The money will help FFSC with many of the programs that assist Navy families and support the efforts of its volunteers.

Some of the other recipients included the Joint Military Family Abuse Center, Armed Services YMCA, USO Airport Center and the American Red Cross, Tripler branch.

The Las Vegas-style song and dance revue was the main fundraiser for the Pearl Harbor Performing Arts Association at Naval Station Pearl Harbor. With the help of the contributions from PHPAA over the past 50 years, local organizations have been able to provide more services to the military community and to recognize the efforts of their volunteers. Those funds offer a big helping hand to organizations in need.

"We wanted to finish our 50th year – that was important to us," said Chrzanowski. But she noted that mounting costs and a work crew ready to retire made it necessary to bring the Follies tradition to a close.

The show had its beginnings in 1955 as the Mardi Gras Costume Ball when it was sponsored by Awa La Wahine, the military wives' association on base. In 1995, the association reorganized and became the Pearl Harbor Performing Arts Association, under the auspices of Pearl Harbor Naval Station. There was only one year that the Follies cast didn't perform on the stage at The Banyans. Due to security restrictions at Naval Station Pearl Harbor in 2002, the Follies cast performed at the Monarch Room of the Royal Hawaiian Hotel in Waikiki.

Featuring a cast of over 40 talented performers, the musical extravaganza offered the glitz and glamour of a Las Vegas-style revue for audiences in Hawai'i. A segment of each show always showcased patriotic numbers in a "salute to the red, white and blue."

According to Chrzanowski, it was a "labor of love" for those involved with the Follies – veteran director Jack Cione, costume designer extraordinaire Bill Doherty, and all of the volunteers who devoted hours of time to make the lavish production what it is.

Over half of the cast and crew were military-affiliated, either active duty, veterans or retired. The talented cast of the Follies included long-time performers with the show as well as newcomers who dreamed of performing on stage. Follies stars included entertainers of all ages – in addition to active duty and retired military, military family members, DoD civilians and residents from the local community performed in the annual show.

The curtain fell on 50 years of tradition at Naval Station Pearl Harbor when the cast of the Mardi Gras Follies took its final bows during its 50th anniversary production in March of this year. But through their monetary donations, the results of their efforts continue to help FFSC and other military and civilian charities.



U.S. Navy photo by JO2 Corwin Colbert

Rear Adm. J. B. Godwin III held a town meeting with Navy Marine Corps Intranet (NMCI) staff on Tuesday at the Sharkey Theater on Naval Station Pearl Harbor. The meeting was a question and answer session focusing on the future of NMCI.

NMCI updates Hawai'i

JO2 Corwin Colbert
Staff Writer

A Navy Marine Corp Intranet (NMCI) town meeting was held at Sharkey Theater on Naval Station Pearl Harbor on Tuesday.

Rear Adm. J.B. Godwin III, Direct Reporting Program Manager and Mike Koehler, electronic data system contractor for NMCI were the speakers at the event. Godwin and Koehler were ready to answer as many questions as possible from the civilian contractors from the many bases in Hawai'i.

"We want our claimants and users to have an interface with us," said Godwin. "That is why we are holding this meeting quarterly here in Hawai'i."

Godwin and Koehler mention there is technical testing happening and changes will come within the company as well as the software.

"We have done a lot of work between the Navy, Marine Corps and the company to ensure a better product," said Godwin. "We are adding departments to our staff such as technical engineers."

Koehler emphasized efficiency and effectiveness a goals in the technical refresh stage of NMCI. He also mentioned the operating system changing from Windows 2000 to Windows XP. They said outside of your standard Microsoft and basic applications, the responsibility will be on the user for other applications that a com-

mand needs.

"Everyone knows when you do an operating system upgrade, you will need to test the applications," said Koehler. "Changing applications is just a stepping stone of what's to come for NMCI users."

Godwin mention buying the enterprise license for many products such as Adobe Acrobat for the whole enterprise and putting it into a reoccurring enterprise fund. This will help the stability of the NMCI operating system and keep compatibility issues at a minimum.

"We will buy upgrades and maintenance of the Adobe product, so we can be all configured the same way," said Godwin. "We are improving our configuration management. Before we would call and ask local system managers to upgrade different programs. Some would and some would not have the money to upgrade."

Besides upgrades and testing Koehler and Godwin answered current technical issues. They believed the Navy and Marine Corps are aggressively pursuing NMCI as integral part of the communicating and application interface.

"Both leaders of the Navy and Marine Corps are onboard in moving forward with NMCI," said Godwin. "I worked with the CNO when he was the vice chief and a month ago Mike Koehler had a chance to sit down with the commandant and speak to him regarding NMCI and the Marine Corps. I think we will see a much harder push on where we are going with NMCI," said Goodwin.

Flight quarters, flight quarters!



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Easyrider 63 conducts a fly-by of the War Dragon in the Western Pacific while on deployment. HSL-37 Det 4 is embarked onboard USS Chosin (CG 65).

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Lt. Michael Lewis, assigned to Patrol Squadron Four Seven (VP-47), paints a pole outside the Kapunahala Elementary School cafeteria. Sailors from VP-47 volunteered to paint school buildings at the school as part of the military's "Partnership with Schools" program.

Golden Swordsmen volunteer at Hawai'i elementary school

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Navy Patrol Squadron 47

Golden Swordsmen from Patrol Squadron Four Seven (VP-47) volunteered for the military's "Partnership with Schools" program Aug. 6 at Kapunahala Elementary School.

Twenty-five Sailors took time out of their weekend to paint the school's cafeteria. Two months ago, VP-47 Sailors cleaned and painted the library.

Navy commands attached to Marine Corps Base Hawai'i-Kaneohe adopt local schools to help with tutoring programs and beautification projects in their off time.

"The command master chief asked the First Class Association who wanted to head up this project and I volunteered so that was it," said Aviation Ordnanceman 1st Class Samantha Jimerson.

"We share Kapunahala Elementary School with VP-9," she said. "They get to be more hands on and help with tutoring, but we get to fix up the school."

Karen Segawa, the Kapunahala principal, said they now have "newly painted classrooms, improved campus lighting, and installed a drainage system between buildings in preparation for returning students this school year thanks to the student's families

and volunteers."

"The principal told us the kids loved what we did to the library," said Jimerson. "They only needed the cafeteria painted this time, but if they needed anything else fixed then we would definitely do that."

As with all good partnerships, both sides benefit from this pact. The students get a newly-painted school and the Sailors get to represent the Navy to the local community in a positive light.

"I like painting for a good purpose," said Yeoman 1st Class Sharon Brandyhill. "Everybody was working and participating which made it a fun way to spend a Saturday afternoon."

Marconi turns USS Olympia over to Horten

JO2 Ralph Hemmah

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Cmdr. James Horten relieved Cmdr. Paul Marconi as USS Olympia's (SSN 717) commanding officer in a change of command ceremony Wednesday onboard the nuclear-powered attack submarine in Pearl Harbor.

The guest speaker for the ceremony was Capt. David Marquet, Commander, Submarine Squadron Three. He noted that while on their most recent deployment, Olympia completed two missions and important exercises with our allies.

"The importance of these exercises and personal relationships was demonstrated in our ability to rapidly deliver aid following the tsunami off of Indonesia," Marquet said.

Marquet added that, "Olympia was among the tops in retention and advancement, three years on the retention honor roll – one of the things I considered when selecting them as the Battle 'E' boat last year. Paul, well done."

"There are a tremendous number of people that I should thank and recognize, but today I want to focus on a special group – the crew of Olympia. How impressive and resilient you are, you were the best a captain could ever desire," said Marconi.

Under Marconi's command, Olympia received two 'Battle E' awards, conducted two

deployments, four missions, four Operational Reactor Safeguard Examinations (ORSE), and safely transited 100,000 miles with 1,073 days at sea.

Following his brief speech, Marquet presented Marconi with the Legion of Merit for his outstanding service as Olympia's commanding officer. Marconi, who has been selected for captain, will report to his next assignment as senior board member for the Nuclear Propulsion Examining Board in Pearl Harbor.

Horten graduated from the United States Naval Academy with distinction in 1988 with a bachelor of science degree in marine engineering. He earned a Master of Science degree in administrative studies from Boston University in 1999.

"I first set foot on USS Olympia as a plebe at the United States Naval Academy shortly after its commissioning. That was my first time onboard a submarine," said Horten. "Now many years later, the Navy has selected me to be the commanding officer for which I am both humbled and extremely proud."

Olympia was launched on April 30, 1983 and commissioned on Nov. 17, 1984. Olympia is the United States Navy's 104th nuclear-powered submarine, the 95th of the attack submarine fleet, and the 29th of the Los Angeles-class nuclear-powered attack submarine.



U.S. Navy photo by JO2 Ralph Hemmah

Cmdr. Paul Marconi, commanding officer of USS Olympia (SSN 717), was relieved by Cmdr. James Horten in a change of command ceremony on Aug. 10, 2005, onboard the Pearl Harbor-based nuclear-powered attack submarine.

Hawai'i Navy News Sports

Hawai'i to host Navy in upcoming season opener

Naval Academy Varsity Athletics

Hawai'i opens its 2009 football season with a home game against Navy.

UH athletic director Herman Frazier said the Warriors have an agreement to host the Midshipmen on Sept. 5 at Aloha Stadium, and a contract will be signed soon.

Navy coach Paul Johnson said he hopes to still be at his current job four years from now. "I haven't thought that far ahead, but I don't have any other plans," Johnson said in a telephone interview.

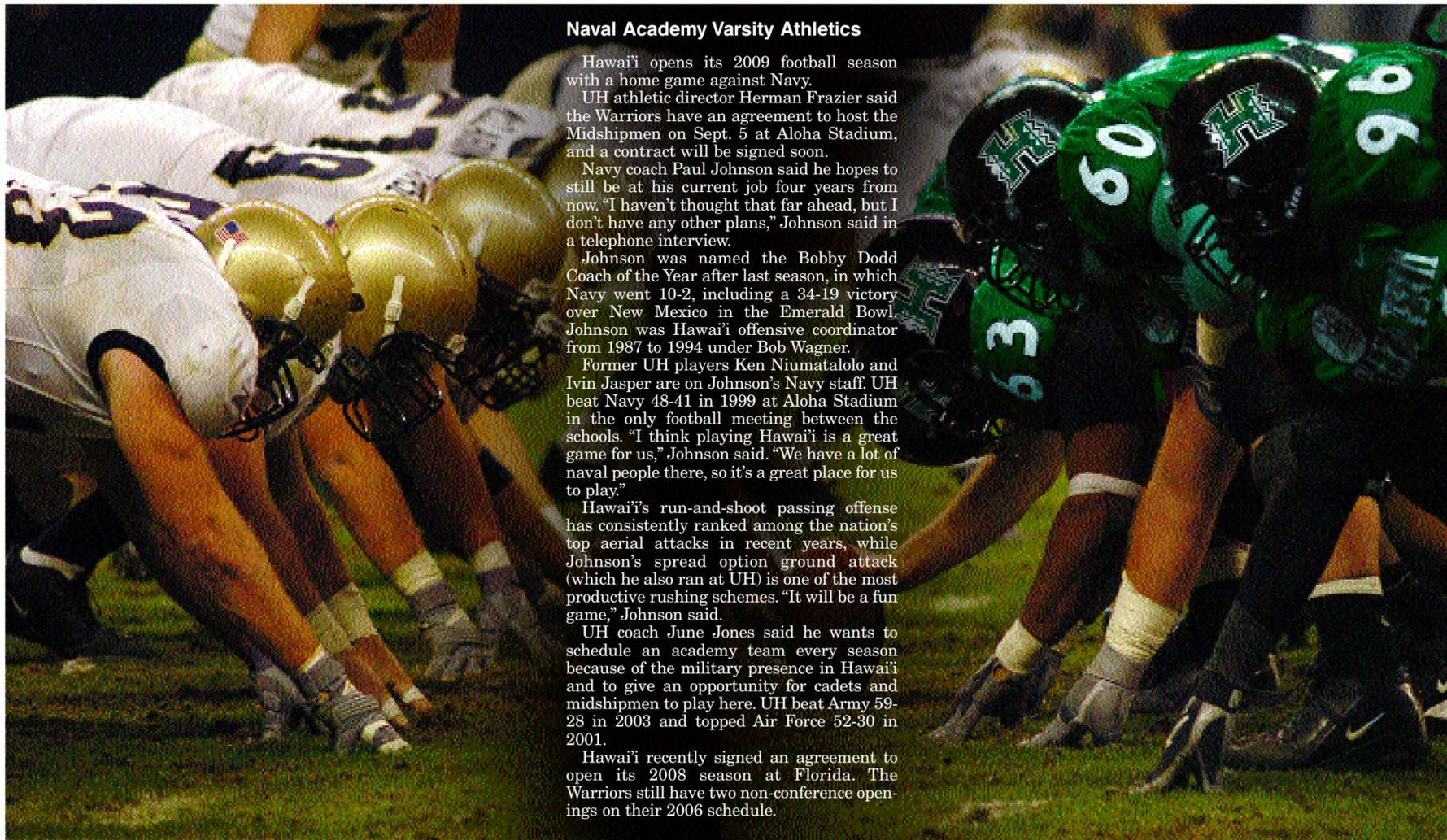
Johnson was named the Bobby Dodd Coach of the Year after last season, in which Navy went 10-2, including a 34-19 victory over New Mexico in the Emerald Bowl. Johnson was Hawai'i offensive coordinator from 1987 to 1994 under Bob Wagner.

Former UH players Ken Niunatalolo and Ivin Jasper are on Johnson's Navy staff. UH beat Navy 48-41 in 1999 at Aloha Stadium in the only football meeting between the schools. "I think playing Hawai'i is a great game for us," Johnson said. "We have a lot of naval people there, so it's a great place for us to play."

Hawai'i's run-and-shoot passing offense has consistently ranked among the nation's top aerial attacks in recent years, while Johnson's spread option ground attack (which he also ran at UH) is one of the most productive rushing schemes. "It will be a fun game," Johnson said.

UH coach June Jones said he wants to schedule an academy team every season because of the military presence in Hawai'i and to give an opportunity for cadets and midshipmen to play here. UH beat Army 59-28 in 2003 and topped Air Force 52-30 in 2001.

Hawai'i recently signed an agreement to open its 2008 season at Florida. The Warriors still have two non-conference openings on their 2006 schedule.



Fit Sailors

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ning, cycling, push-ups and sit-ups, gym cycles and cardiovascular workouts.

"I think the program is a valuable resource for Sailors who need some additional help because it helps to motivate them to get back into shape," said Hansen.

Cmdr. Douglas Holderman, Naval Station Pearl Harbor executive officer, said he hopes the changes and variety of programs augment awareness and underline the importance of physical fitness.

"The goal is to give our Sailors the help and opportunities they need to maintain their physical fitness," he said. "With the increased emphasis on the PFA standards, it's important that everyone realizes Naval Station Pearl Harbor's commitment to the change in cultural attitude the CNO desires."

The approved changes to the physical readiness test are outlined in NAVADMIN 180/05 and OPNAVINST 6110.1H, which are available at the Navy physical readiness program Web site at www.npc.navy.mil/command-support/physicalreadiness.