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DoD identifies Navy casualty

The Department of Defense announced Wednesday the death of a Sailor who was supporting Operation Enduring Freedom.

Petty Officer 3rd Class Fabricio Moreno, 26, of Brooklyn, N.Y. was killed Oct. 14 in a single-vehicle accident in Manda Bay, Kenya. Moreno was assigned to Naval Mobile Construction Battalion 3, Port Hueneme, Calif. He was deployed as part of a Combined Joint Task Force - Horn of Africa construction team.

Volunteers needed

Campbell High School NJROTC is looking for volunteers to help at the school's physical fitness festival and land navigation competition Oct. 29 at Campbell High School campus. Volunteers are needed to monitor the following events: Sit-ups, push-ups, pull-ups, standing long jump, and shuttle run. Also needed are scorekeepers and timers. The event is a way to help out and cheer on young people from the local community who are interested in a military career. For more information or to volunteer, contact Linda Naki at 689-1215 ext. 2295 or email CAMPBELL-HI@smail04.cnet.navy.mil.

Navy training saves life of mariner at sea

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When Chief Hospital Corpsman (SW/FMF) Rickie Sorenson was planning the final underway of a very successful 22-year military career, he was not expecting it to be quite as intense as it turned out to be. Aviation Warfare Systems Operator 3rd Class Michael Todd expected to spend the Navy's birthday attempting to find his way around the new Aegis guided missile destroyer his helicopter detachment had embarked on three days before. Unexpected does not mean unprepared though, as "Doc" Sorenson and his medical team aboard USS Chung-Hoon (DDG 93) and her embarked helicopter squadron demonstrated when they were called in the middle of the night to rescue a South Korean mariner who had sustained life-threatening injuries while on the high seas.

Chung-Hoon and Helicopter Squadron Light Three Seven (HSL-37) Detachment 2 were approximately 400 nautical miles (nm) from their homeport of Hawai'i, transiting to



U.S. Navy photo

A Sailor assigned to USS Chung-Hoon (DDG 93) signals a helicopter, assigned to Helicopter Squadron Light Three Seven, on take-off for a rescue mission at sea.

participate in an in-depth training exercise with the USS Ronald Reagan Carrier Strike Group, when

Coast Guard District 14 made the request to Commander, Third Fleet for assistance.

Chung-Hoon was notified at 6:30 p.m. Oct. 12 of the mariner in distress approximately 320 nm away. Immediately turning to assist, Chung-Hoon closed the gap on the mariner at a speed of 28 knots.

"The speed and ease with which the entire ship's team shifted from preparations for operations in a battle group environment to a life-saving mission was truly remarkable," said Lt. Cmdr. Benjamin Smith, the senior pilot on the search and rescue (SAR) mission that evening.

At 12:30 a.m., Todd was launched on his first SAR mission with the daunting task of being lowered from the hovering helicopter onto a Panamanian bulk carrier he had never seen before to coordinate the transfer of a badly injured person with a crew that spoke very little English.

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Rodney Davis visits Pearl Harbor



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The guided missile frigate USS Rodney Davis (FFG 60) enters the Pearl Harbor channel for a brief port visit to take on fuel, stores and passenger transfers. They are on the return leg of a deployment in support of CARAT 2005.

Meeting the challenge of a new era; CNO releases 2006 guidance

Chief of Naval Operations
Public Affairs

Chief of Naval Operations (CNO) Adm. Mike Mullen released his 2006 Guidance for the Navy on Oct. 14.

Mullen's guidance outlines his top three priorities, his specific objectives to address those priorities, and what he expects from each Sailor to achieve his vision.

He noted that we all live in a new era, which is "plagued by uncertainty and change and unrestricted warfare, an era of shifting global threats and challenging new opportunities."

Underpinning his guidance - which is rooted in the framework of Sea Power 21 - are his top three priorities: sustained combat readiness, building a fleet for the future, and developing 21st century leaders.

Mullen said that of all the challenges the Navy faces, building the future fleet is the biggest. Specifically, he pointed out that the 2006 budget currently in Congress calls for only four ships and he is not "anxious to stay there."

He addressed this and his other two priorities by outlining seven specific objectives ranging from continuing support in the war on terrorism to determining the proper size of the future fleet to continuing executing Sea Warrior and other ongoing manpower and personnel transformational efforts that will help the Navy achieve his "top three."

The guidance includes 10 "guiding principles" - warfighting, people, teamwork, jointness, leadership, accountability and integrity, alignment, risk management, commitment to change and effects-based thinking - that he says must "guide and inform our actions every day."

"Our success in defense of

this nation depends upon the men and women of the United States Navy - active, reserve and civilian and their families," Mullen wrote, "Personal and family readiness are vital to combat readiness." He also pointed out that he doesn't talk about people without talking about diversity, another main focus for Mullen since he assumed duties as CNO in June.

"I believe we have to have people from and for every part of our Navy and we've done well, but we can do better in my view," Mullen said.

CNO also stressed the importance of naval teamwork and joint operations. He called the Navy/Marine Corps team a "national treasure," but added that while naval forces bring to the fight unique maritime and expeditionary prowess, they are "only as good as the contribution we make to the overall effort."

Of all of Mullen's guiding principles, leadership at every level remained a central theme. "Everything starts and ends with leadership," the CNO wrote. "Nothing else we accomplish, no other priority we pursue, is of much consequence if we do not have sound and effective leadership in place to enact it."

And that leadership is essential to his principles of alignment and change. He wrote that the alignment of any organization is simply the degree to which its resources, processes and communications support its vision and mission. "Every Sailor in the Navy should share an understanding of our vision and mission," he wrote, "and be able to describe how he or she contributes to that vision."

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Region hosts Mayor Hannemann for leadership seminar

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Commander Navy Region Hawai'i's Workforce Development Office sponsored the second in a series of Learn from the Leaders events Wednesday at The Banyans Conference Center with featured speaker Mayor Mufi Hannemann of the City and County of Honolulu. More than 100 Sailors and civilians attended the event, which was held to help educate individuals on the importance of leadership in the workplace.

"I hope that those who attended the event are more informed and inspired to become better leaders," said

Diane Wolfe, workforce development administrator for Commander Navy Region Hawai'i. "Increasing knowledge is always important."

She said the purpose behind Learn from the Leaders events is to meet and exchange ideas with great leaders from business, military, athletic and political fields.

Rear Adm. Michael C. Vitale, commander, Navy Region Hawai'i, also was in attendance to share his comments about the program and to introduce the mayor.

"It has been six months since we kicked off the region's Leadership Development Program, a process designed to develop leadership competencies in

our aspiring leaders and improve the leadership competencies of our current supervisors and managers," said Vitale. "I'm happy to say that many people are enrolling and getting started on developing or improving their own personal leadership skills."

Vitale said it's a beneficial program and hopes that all Sailors and region personnel take full advantage of the Civilian Leadership Development Program to increase their leadership abilities.

"It's important to me that all region personnel become familiar with what this program has to offer," said Vitale. "I also want to encourage you

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Mayor Mufi Hannemann of the City and County of Honolulu addresses service members and civilians at the Learn from the Leaders event at The Banyans at Pearl Harbor.

Battleship Missouri Memorial salutes Armed Service veterans Nov. 11

USS Missouri Memorial Association

At noon on Veterans Day, Nov. 11, the Battleship Missouri Memorial will hold a moment of silence to recognize those [service members] who made the ultimate sacrifice to protect all Americans' rights to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness.

In addition, the memorial will extend complimentary admission and flag raising privileges to all American veterans, including active-duty personnel, throughout Veterans Day. All visitors will also receive a button that commemorates the 60th anniversary of the end of World War II, which was on Sept. 2.

Veterans must present a valid military I.D. or discharge papers at the admission window. Veterans can travel directly to the Signal Bridge 03 level to raise flags or report to the memorial's pierside Victory Store for more instructions. Veterans are welcome to

bring their personal flags for raising or can choose to purchase one at the store. A certificate of presentation is also available at a small cost. The buttons will be available to all visitors at the Victory Store.

The history of Veterans Day dates back to the end of World War I on Nov. 11, 1918, when Allied and Central Powers signed an armistice, ending the war. In 1919, President Woodrow Wilson issued an Armistice Day proclamation. Then in 1926, the United States Congress issued a resolution directing the president to issue an annual Battleship Missouri proclamation of Armistice Day on Nov. 11.

In 1938, Congress passed a bill making it a legal holiday and said that each Nov. 11 "shall be dedicated to the cause of world peace and ... hereafter celebrated and known as Armistice Day."

For the next 16 years, the United States formally observed Armistice Day.

After World War II, there were many new veterans who

had no association with World War I. The significance of "armistice," simply meaning "a truce," had changed and leaders of veterans groups felt that Nov. 11 would be more appropriate if it honored all who had fought in wars, not only World War I.

The first non-Armistice Day took place in 1953 in Emporia, Kansas, with a Veterans Day observance. Ed Rees of Emporia was so impressed that he introduced a bill to the House asking for the name to be changed to Veterans Day.

After the passing of the bill, Rees wrote to all state governors asking for personal approval to change the holiday. On June 1, 1954, President Eisenhower signed legislation officially changing the name of the legal holiday.

Regular admission to the Battleship Missouri Memorial is \$16 per adult and \$8 per child 4-12. Military and kama'aina rates are \$10 per adult and \$5 per child. Guided tours of the Missouri are additional.



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Cmdr. James J. Duke relieves Cmdr. William J. Nault as commanding officer of USS O'Kane (DDG 77) as Capt. Fred Pfirrmann, commodore Destroyer Squadron 31 observes, during a traditional change of command ceremony held Oct. 12 on board O'Kane at Naval Station Pearl Harbor, pier B-23.

USS O'Kane changes hands

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Cmdr. James J. Duke relieved Cmdr. William J. Nault as commanding officer of USS O'Kane (DDG 77) during a traditional change of command ceremony Oct. 12 on board O'Kane at Naval Station Pearl Harbor. Duke is O'Kane's fifth commanding officer since its commissioning Oct. 23, 1999.

"Through the course of these past 20 months, I have had the unique privilege and honor of leading the crew of dedicated professional American Sailors you see here today," said Nault. "O'Kane and her crew has indeed answered every call and, in so doing, re-set the bar of excellence at each turn."

"I have always believed deeply that the relationship a crew has with their ship - and I mean the vessel itself - is unique in each case. And as the captain, this ship and all she represents will forever own a special place in my heart and soul," he continued. "Today I take with me the enduring spirit of this mighty warship and her incomparable crew. My final demand of each of you that remains is that you care for this ship the very

best that you can, for she has brought us all safely to the far off reaches of distant oceans and back home again and will do so many times over. She deserves nothing less than your best efforts and attention."

"As I leave you here today, I would like to think - to steal a football analogy - that I have left nothing out on the field. I have led and you have followed; no captain could ask any more. Warriors, I will truly miss each and every one of you and I wish nothing but the best for you and your families in the future. Press on, destroyermen," Nault concluded.

For Nault, the ceremony marks the end of a successful tour commanding more than 330 Sailors. During his tenure, Nault led USS O'Kane through a six-month deployment to the Western Pacific where the ship conducted extended maritime interdiction operations in the Arabian Gulf and Indian Ocean, contributing to the success of Operations Enduring Freedom and Iraqi Freedom.

Nault's next assignment will be at Surface Warfare Officer School Command, Newport, R.I. where he will serve as director for com-

mand training.

Nault's previous operational tours include boilers division officer on USS America (CV 66), main propulsion assistant aboard USS Yorktown (CG 48), chief engineer on USS Caron (DD 970) and commanding officer, USS Salvor (ARS 52).

O'Kane's new commanding officer showed his appreciation for the crew's pride and dedication, evident in his first week on board. "I would like to first thank Commander Nault. Not only did he provide me with an excellent relief, he has turned over a magnificent ship and crew. I am honored to have this opportunity," said Duke.

"To my new shipmates on O'Kane, 328 of America's finest, I am truly honored to serve with you," he concluded.

Duke's operational tours include USS Carl Vinson (CVN 70), USS McClusky (FFG 41), USS George Washington (CVN 73) and executive officer of USS Gary (FFG 51).

Most recently, he served as action officer and executive assistant in the Joint Staff (J-5), Deputy Directorate for Political-Military Affairs, Middle East.

Recognizing outstanding leadership



U.S. Navy photo by PHC Johnny Bivera

Chief of Naval Operations (CNO) Adm. Mike Mullen presents a plaque to commanding officer, USS Russell (DDG 59), Cmdr. James W. Kilby, during the 25th Annual Vice Admiral James Bond Stockdale Leadership Award Ceremony, held in the Pentagon Hall of Heroes. The annual award recognizes two commanding officers who demonstrate superior leadership and conspicuous contributions to the improvement of Navy leadership while in command of a single ship, submarine or aircraft squadron.

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Are you a hard or soft target for crime?

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Hoo-yah, Warriors. Fleet Thompson covered identity theft in a recent article and I encourage you to read it. I would like to follow along the same lines about personal and home security – whether you live in town or in military or public-private venture (PPV) housing. Keeping a home secure and safe can be a challenge.

The outstanding security professionals at Navy Region Hawai'i, with added support from Pacific leadership and the Honolulu Police Department, are aggressively addressing the problem of home/community security, but let's face it – they can do only so much.

While we continue to improve security efforts, we all know it's not feasible to make housing areas 100 percent secure. I wish it were.

Since wishing doesn't work, what's the answer?

You are. I am. We all are.

It's a fact that thieves go for the easy targets rather than the challenge of a well-protected target. So it's up to us to help our civilian police and Navy security forces by making sure we offer only the hardest possible targets for crime.

So how do we do this? A lot of it is common-sense approaches to home and personal security and I'll talk about that in just a second. But one of the most important ways is attitude.

Too many times our younger families are still in that "invulnerability" mode. Let's face it;

some people don't think anything can happen to them. And that's the person or home that thieves live for. I ask you all to remember that bad things can happen to any of us, but we can reduce that risk by taking some appropriate measures.

Now the security professionals over at the Navy Region Hawai'i Security Department are very serious about helping you protect yourselves from crime, so they gave me some great information I'd like to share.

First off, let's look at numero uno – yourself. We all need to look after ourselves and our families to make sure we are not making either a target.

I know this sounds like a port visit safety brief, but bear with me. Foreign port or here at home, sadly, there are bad people everywhere. Security says this is what you can do to keep yourself safe:

- If you think something is wrong, or if a situation seems dangerous, you are probably right – get out of there.
- Don't assume suspicious people, cars or situations are "OK." If you see a policeman or security guard, mention it. Record the license plate number and take a mental picture.
- If you're being followed on foot, change direction or cross the street and vary your pace. If you're being followed in a car, turn and drive the other way.
- Avoid dangerous places and situations. Don't invite trouble. Use good judgment about where you go, what you do and what time you do it.

Next we need to look at how we are protecting the home, which also protects us as well.

According to the crime statistics, most break-ins are crimes of opportunity. They usually occur during the day and are committed by

teenagers. The best opportunity is the vacant home since it provides an inviting target.

The key is to think like a burglar. Most are looking for something quick and easy. Navy Region Hawai'i Security offers these tips to help you prevent being robbed:

- Keep your bushes and shrubs trimmed and off the windows. A huge shrub providing cover against your windows is a burglar's welcome mat.
- Organize and/or participate in a neighborhood watch. Local police can help you and those signs around the neighborhood tell potential thieves your neighbors are watching.
- Post a monitored security system sign in your yard whether you have one or not or a "beware of dog" sign visible at your home (even if you don't have a dog). A burglar looking for an opportunity will be less likely to take the chance even if you're bluffing.
- Motion-activated floodlights strategically placed are a great investment and most home improvement stores offer them and motion sensors at fairly reasonable prices.
- Get solid deadbolts and door peepholes. Don't rely on a little chain to keep someone out. A good shove with someone's full body weight will most likely trump the chain.
- Make sure all the external lights are working, such as your porch lights, streetlights, etc.
- Make sure you are home – even if you aren't. Put your lights on random timers, have a trusted neighbor collect mail and newspapers if you can't get them stopped, have a neighborhood kid take care of the lawn, anything to keep your home looking "lived in."
- If you are in military or PPV housing, stay in touch through Web sites or town meetings. The Hawai'i PPV Web site is www.omcliving.com/.

• Don't leave items visible in your vehicles and ensure home valuables (both inside and out) are locked up. Lock your home and car door even if you're only going to be away for a moment.

The Naval Safety Center has checklists and tips to help, so I strongly recommend you take the time to review them and give your home a good security review.

As a service to our Sailors, Navy Region Hawai'i Security personnel will also help you review your home's security status. If you would like a security professional to review your home's security, contact Chief Master-At-Arms Tangela Arnold at 474-6192 and schedule the review. Because of demand, you might get Chief Arnold's voice mail, but she asks that you leave her a message and she will schedule you into her calendar and give you a call back.

Now with all that said, it is still possible to find yourself a victim. No security is perfect. Protect yourself by having all the records and photos you'll need to settle up with the insurance company.

Additionally, you can mark your valuables with an engraver or ultraviolet marker. If the police recover any of your possessions, the fact that they are clearly marked may be useful evidence.

There are many other suggestions ranging from the very expensive to the do-it-yourself. You may already be using some. The main point is personal security is a partnership with you, the Navy and local police to keep everyone safe – on liberty or at home.

I ask you all to help out by doing your part. Rest assured that Navy leadership is taking a hard look to ensure our neighborhoods are safe. So stay secure and be vigilant. Help each other!

President's Radio Address: Middle East elections

U.S. President George W. Bush

This weekend is a momentous time in the history of the Middle East. After choosing their leaders in free elections in January, the Iraqi people have gone to the polls to vote on a democratic constitution. This constitution is the result of months of debate and compromise by representatives of Iraq's diverse ethnic and religious communities. These leaders came together to produce a document that protects fundamental freedoms and lays the foundation for a lasting democracy. Earlier this week, the Iraqi people embraced changes to the text that have led to its endorsement by some Sunni leaders, as well as Kurdish and Shia leaders. Now the people of Iraq will have the final say.

By casting their ballots, the Iraqi people deal a severe blow to the terrorists and send a clear message to the world: Iraqis will decide the future of their country through peaceful elections, not violent insurgency. And by their courageous example, they're charting a new course for the entire Middle East.

This weekend's election is a critical step forward in Iraq's march toward democracy and with each step the Iraqi people take, al Qaeda's vision for the region becomes more remote. As Iraqis prepared for this election, the world learned of a letter written by a leading terrorist explaining why Iraq is the central front in their war on civilization. Al Qaeda's number two leader, a man named Zawahiri, wrote to his chief deputy in Iraq, the terrorist Zarqawi. We intercepted this letter and we have released it to the public. In it, Zawahiri lays out why al Qaeda views Iraq as "the place for the greatest battle" of our day.

He says that establishing al Qaeda's dominion over Iraq is the first step toward their larger goal of imposing Islamic radicalism across the broader Middle East. Zawahiri writes: "The jihad in Iraq requires several incremental goals. The first stage: Expel the Americans from Iraq. The second stage: Establish an Islamic authority over as much territory as you can to spread its power in Iraq. The third stage: Extend the jihad wave to the secular

countries neighboring Iraq."

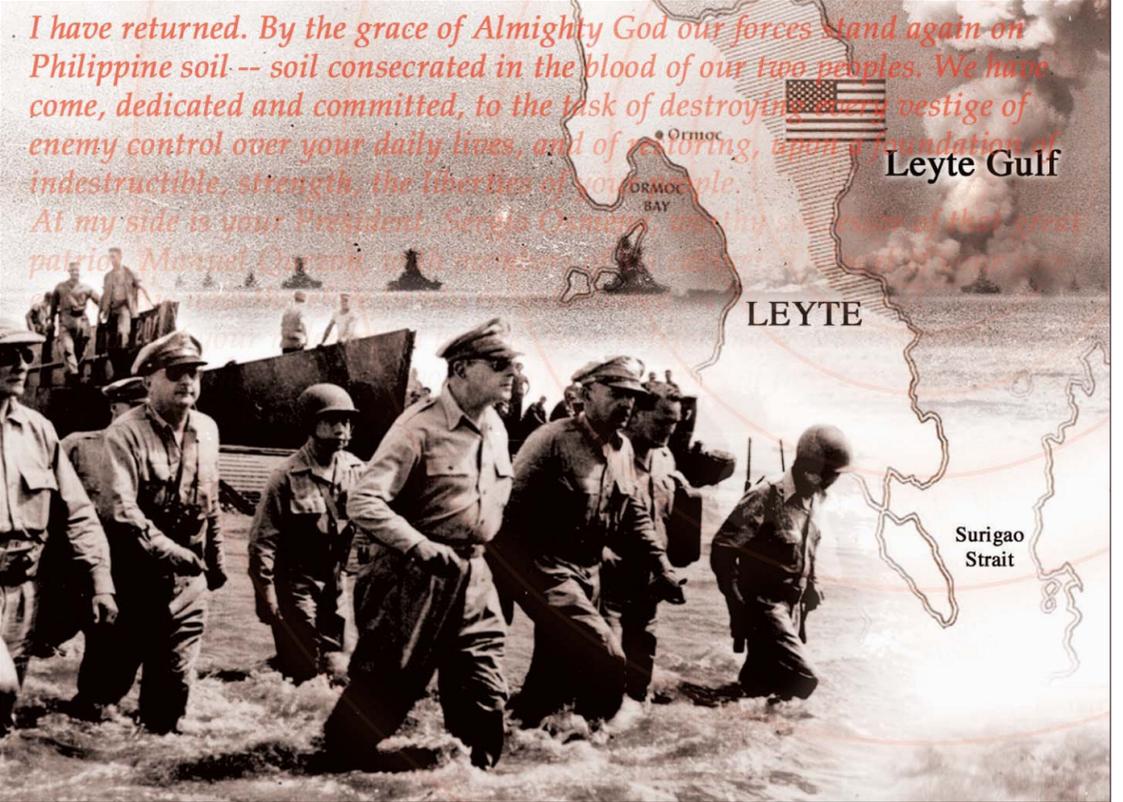
This letter shows that al Qaeda intends to make Iraq a terrorist haven and a staging ground for attacks against other nations, including the United States. The letter makes equally clear that the terrorists have a problem: Their campaign of murder and mayhem is turning the people against them. The letter warns Zarqawi that, "many of your Muslim admirers amongst the common folk are wondering about your attacks on the Shia." Even al Qaeda recognizes that with every random bombing and every funeral of a child, the Muslim world sees the terrorists for what they really are: murderers at war with the Iraqi people.

These terrorists are driven by an ideology that exploits Islam to serve a violent political vision: the establishment of a totalitarian empire that denies political and religious freedom. This is why the terrorists have fought to prevent and disrupt this weekend's elections. They understand that the act of voting is a rejection of them and their distorted vision of Islam. Simply by coming out to vote, the Iraqi people have shown that they want to live in freedom and they will not accept a return to tyranny and terror.

The terrorists know their only chance for success is to break our will and force us to retreat. The al Qaeda letter points to Vietnam as a model. Zawahiri says: "The aftermath of the collapse of American power in Vietnam, and how they ran and left their agents, is noteworthy." Al Qaeda believes that America can be made to run again. They are gravely mistaken. America will not run, and we will not forget our responsibilities.

In Iraq, we have brought down a murderous regime. We have stood by the Iraqi people through two elections, and we will stand by them until they have established a free nation that can govern itself, sustain itself and defend itself. When we do, Iraq will be an ally in the war on terror and a partner for peace and moderation in the Muslim world. And because America stood firm in this important fight, our children and grandchildren will be safer and more secure.

"I have returned."



Oct. 20, 1944, was a day of redemption for Army Gen. Douglas MacArthur as he splashed ashore on the Philippine island of Leyte. It was a complete turnaround from the last time he had seen the islands.

The Japanese army had chased MacArthur out of the islands in March 1942. He had barely escaped Corregidor Island via a Navy PT boat. As he left the Philippines, he vowed, "I shall return."

But it wasn't easy. By May of that year, the Japanese controlled everything from Burma to the Aleutians and threatened Australia. American forces were fighting a desperate fight on land, sea and air.

Then in quick succession came the Battle of Coral Sea and the astounding U.S. Navy victory at Midway. The U.S. Marines began the long road back fighting in the tropical Hell of Guadalcanal. U.S. Army and Australian forces forced their

way through the jungles of New Guinea.

Each month, American might grew, and they took on the Japanese at Tarawa, Peleliu, Biak, Saipan, Guam and finally America was ready to redeem MacArthur's pledge to the people of the Philippines.

With U.S. Army troops still fighting, MacArthur landed at Red Beach on Leyte and, via radio, he addressed the Philippine people. "I have returned. By the grace of Almighty God, our forces stand again on Philippine soil – soil consecrated in the blood of our two peoples. We have come, dedicated and committed, to the task of destroying every vestige of enemy control over your daily lives and of restoring, upon a foundation of indestructible strength, the liberties of your people."

Much fighting remained, but the landing at Leyte began the liberation of a people.

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Don't be a crime target – be proactive

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Crime can happen even in the best of neighborhoods - including Navy family housing and public-private venture (PPV) housing neighborhoods. However, Honolulu Police Department (HPD) statistics show that property crimes in Navy housing communities throughout Hawai'i continue to happen less frequently than elsewhere.

For residents in PPV communities managed by Forest City Residential Management, Securitas and Honolulu Police Department work hand in hand to provide security and protection for PPV housing residents. The residents in PPV communities, Halsey Terrace, Hokulani, McGrew Point, Moanalua Terrace and Radford Terrace, are also encouraged to help law officials "take a bite out of crime" in their neighborhoods.

Hawai'i Military Communities (HMC) and their residents have recently upped their efforts in securing their neighborhoods. HMC has hired a private company called Securitas, which is essentially an extension of the HMC security, which patrols the neighborhoods and acts as an additional set of eyes, explained a spokesperson for HMC.

The official noted that with improved manage-



ment from Securitas, as well as increased involvement from residents who have taken charge of securing their homes and neighborhoods, these efforts have resulted in a dramatic decline in certain reported crimes in the neighborhoods.

Securitas also sends a daily report to HMC which documents all reports of incidents. When there are

reports of auto thefts, break-ins, etc., those incident reports are forwarded to the Navy so that they may inform other residents or send out an alert if necessary.

HMC is also working closely with HPD in order to keep on top of issues. "HPD has been a great resource and has been providing monthly reports to Hawai'i military communi-

ties to keep them apprised of any important issues and crime rates," said the spokesperson.

But the efforts of those who live in the communities can go a long way toward helping to prevent crime. "Most importantly, individuals and families need to make it hard for thieves, not easy," emphasized the HMC spokesperson. "If you tempt them,

you're essentially inviting them to steal your possessions," he added.

The benefits of community crime watch programs are significant, according to HPD. Residents in PPV neighborhoods, as well as all Navy housing communities, are encouraged to participate in crime watch programs. "The best deterrent is an organized neighborhood watch. Nothing beats a united neighborhood that cares about their own security and the security of their fellow residents," explained the HMC official.

But even in communities without an organized community crime watch program, there are measures that residents can take to protect their homes and property. The spokesperson from HMC advised, "The best defense is good neighbors who are active in the neighborhood, stay aware, and take note of those people or things that appear out of the ordinary."

Officials stress that residents who notice any infractions, suspicious vehicles or suspicious persons in housing neighborhoods or in the vicinity of their homes should immediately report them to Securitas or HPD.

"Common sense" guidelines should be applied as residents focus on protecting their homes and personal property from would-be thieves. Security officials and HMC offer these tips to protect against auto theft:

- Never leave your keys in the car, whether a spare key or otherwise.

- Never leave anything in plain sight in your car. Additionally, it's best not to leave anything of value in your vehicle.

- If your keys or personal information have previously been stolen, it's recommended that you have the locks on both car and home replaced. If that's not an option, it's suggested that the vehicle owner purchase a club or other theft deterrent. The owner may also want to block the vehicle in the drive with another vehicle or lock it inside the garage.

Sometimes residents with garages may have a false sense of security, but there are still defensive precautions that need to be taken, such as these offered by HMC:

- Be sure to keep the garage door closed any time it is not in use.

- Be sure to keep the door from your garage to your home locked at all times — even if the garage door is closed.

There are things that everyone can do to deter would-be burglars and criminals. By being more proactive in their neighborhoods and taking precautions, residents can help to protect their homes and property from thieves.

"The moral of the story is, we're our own worst enemy and together we're our best line of defense," advised the HMC official.

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The amphibious dock landing ship USS Pearl Harbor (LSD 52) arrived in Karachi, Pakistan on Oct. 18 to offload 13 pieces of heavy machinery to support the Pakistani earthquake relief effort.

Personnel from Naval Mobile Construction Battalion (NMCB) 3 and NMCB 74, units forward-deployed to Bahrain, assisted Pearl Harbor Sailors in offloading dump trucks, front-end loaders, backhoes, cargo trucks, a road grader, a forklift and a generator. The equipment will help to improve road access to areas most impacted by the recent devastat-

ing earthquake by clearing debris and fixing roads.

USS Pearl Harbor is the first U.S. Navy warship to participate in the joint relief effort.

"It is important in an effort like this to use all of the resources we have," said Cmdr. Jonathan Harnden, Pearl Harbor's commanding officer. "To help the Pakistani people, we need to maximize throughput. Our naval assets in-theater have a very large sealift capability that can free up our helicopters and airlift assets."

Pearl Harbor and other ships attached to Expeditionary Strike Group (ESG) 1 had just arrived in the North Persian Gulf when the ship received tasking to assist with the relief mission. According to Harnden, ESG 1's posture in the region allowed the Navy to

respond quickly to assist one of America's key allies in the global war on terrorism.

"We were preparing to perform maritime security operations in support of the Iraqi oil platforms when we were tasked to help," Harnden said. "We accomplished that mission quickly and without needing any additional personnel, supplies or training."

Pearl Harbor's busy operational tempo in the past few weeks has not fazed the men and women of the crew, according to the captain.

"They amaze me more every time we do an operation," said Harnden. "They are serious young men and women who have volunteered to serve their country in a time of war and who tackle everything I throw at them with a spirit of determination and dedication to succeed that

should make everyone proud."

Pearl Harbor Sailors were eager to assist the Pakistani people.

"Everyone has had more work to do," said Yeoman 1st Class (SW) Carl Wiggins. "From the yeomen to the deck crew, we have all had to take on a little more. But considering the mission, it's well worth it."

The commander of ESG 1, Rear Adm. Michael LeFever, leads the Disaster Assistance Center in Islamabad, where U.S. assistance efforts are coordinated. The three amphibious ships under his command, Pearl Harbor, the amphibious transport dock USS Cleveland (LPD 7) and the amphibious assault ship USS Tarawa (LHA 1), remain on standby to transport more relief supplies if necessary.



U.S. Navy photo by PH3 Tony Spiker
A crane aboard the dock landing ship USS Pearl Harbor (LSD 52) unloads a seven-ton heavy lift dump truck from its flight deck in Karachi, Pakistan.

USS Stennis Sailors assist with hurricane relief efforts



U.S. Navy photo by LaQuisha S. Davis

Volunteer Sailors from the aircraft carrier USS John C. Stennis (CVN 74) assist in Hurricane Katrina relief efforts. While in Mississippi, the Sailors are based at John C. Stennis Space Center near Gulfport, Miss. where they have been provided cots in a tent city along with firefighters, contractors and other volunteer workers.

JO2 (SW/AW) Gabriel Owens

USS John C. Stennis
Public Affairs

More than 50 volunteer Sailors from the aircraft carrier USS John C. Stennis (CVN 74) arrived at Keesler Air Force Base in Biloxi, Miss. on Oct. 15 to assist in Hurricane Katrina relief efforts.

Stennis, homeported in Bremerton, Wash., deployed a volunteer force in an effort of goodwill to its adopted home state. The volunteer group is scheduled to be in the disaster area for approximately two weeks working on many recovery projects.

While in Mississippi, the Sailors are based at John C. Stennis Space Center near Gulfport, Miss. where they have been provided cots in a tent city along with firefighters,

contractors and other volunteer workers.

The carrier's namesake is former Mississippi Senator John C. Stennis, the major proponent for the modern nuclear-powered aircraft carrier fleet.

While Stennis was the senior senator from Mississippi, he was elected president pro tempore of the Senate for the 100th Congress. As chairman of the Senate Armed Services Committee from 1969 to 1980, Senator Stennis consistently supported a strong U.S. military and gained the honorary title of "the father of America's modern Navy."

Upon arrival in Biloxi, the volunteers were greeted by Margaret Womble, daughter of Stennis, and Rex Buffington, director of the Stennis Center for Public Service and former aide to the senator. "The

people of Mississippi are grateful and appreciative of your service," said Womble.

Several young volunteers from the Stennis Center presented Stennis Sailors with boxes of cookies made by the Senator's alma mater.

After a brief speech by Buffington, also welcoming the Sailors, a representative from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) gave the group a rundown on what to expect while performing various tasks around the Gulf area that was totally demolished by Katrina.

"I knew the work down here wasn't going to be easy," said Lithographer's Mate 3rd Class Joseph Vincent of the admin department. "Before we can even settle in, they already have major projects lined up for us."

JASS career management system back online

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After being taken offline following the damaging effects of Hurricane Katrina in August, the Job Advertising & Selection System (JASS) Career Management System (JCMS) is back up and ready to take applications.

Effective Oct. 18, Sailors can again log into JCMS to view open requisitions and submit applications via their command career counselors.

Beginning with the Oct. 29 req-

uisition, the cycle will shift from biweekly to monthly. Sailors in the negotiating window must adhere to the revised PRD window as outlined in NAVADMIN 199/05. Sailors who fall within the five-month window will be governed by the rules of those who were within six months and not under orders. The current requisition schedule can be viewed on the JASS and Naval Personnel Command (NPC) homepages.

"There is still program and software refinement to be done on the monthly cycle. Rather than delay the shift, the monthly cycle will execute as written," said Master

Chief Operations Specialist (SW/AW) Patrick Lumley, PERS-4 senior enlisted advisor.

"This is a tremendous opportunity for command role users, command career counselors and Sailors to become acclimated to the monthly schedule. Not only are we providing adequate time for commands to view and comment on prospective applicants, the shift also charts the course for the future capabilities being built today," he said.

After Katrina hit, the Navy Chief Information Office (CHINFO) made restoration of JCMS its number one priority due to JCMS'

large impact on Sailor orders negotiations and quality of life.

"Starting with only a back-up tape and then rebuilding a robust, full-production system has been a major undertaking and took a total team effort to accomplish," said Lumley.

Efforts by NPC, Space and Naval Warfare Systems Command, the Enlisted Placement Management Center, Naval Network Warfare Command and Navy Reserve Force were critical to the successful build and end-to-end application testing over the past six weeks.

Sailors can go to the updated

"What's New" link in JCMS, under the help tab, to find the latest information on JCMS capabilities. This provides a one-stop knowledge source on JCMS.

Manual mode of operations and expanded detailing hours announced in August will end with the commencement of the upcoming cycle. A normal detailing schedule is available on the NPC Web site at www.npc.navy.mil.

JASS/JCMS can be accessed through the NPC Web site or by going to www.jass.navy.mil.

For the complete JCMS restoration announcement, see NAVADMIN 271/05.

Nimitz crew members strengthen ties with Australian community

Airman (AW)

Christian Garzone

USS Nimitz Public Affairs

Sailors from USS Nimitz (CVN 68) and Carrier Airborne Early Warning Squadron (VAW) 117 participated in three community service events during the ship's most recent port visit in Fremantle and nearby Perth, Western Australia on Oct. 7-12.

All three projects involved working outdoors to spruce up facilities for the elderly or disadvantaged.

Nimitz Sailors cleaned and performed gardening at the East Perth Youth Withdrawal and Respite Service facility, which rehabilitates teens who have issues involving drug and alcohol dependency. Another project was performed at a similar facility in Perth known as the Carlisle Residence.

A third project was performed solely by Sailors from VAW-117. They performed gardening work and cleanup outside the Rocky Bay Discovery Abilities building in the Fremantle area. The facility improves the quality of life for people with disabilities, particularly those with neuromuscular and other neurological disorders.

"I enjoy community service projects mostly because it immerses you in the culture of the port that we are visiting," said Religious Program Specialist 2nd Class Derek



U.S. Navy photo by PH3 Shannon E. Renfro

Official file photo of USS Nimitz (CVN 68)

Arnold from Ripon, Wis. "The chance to meet people of different heritages changes the way you view a port call. The ports we pull into are not only a chance for us to have time off, it is a chance for us to broaden our horizons and expand our world view."

According to Arnold, it's nice to have time off in port; however, he always gains "a great deal of satisfaction knowing those participating had a chance to meet people, engage in conversations with locals and ultimately gain a global perspective."

Arnold also added that although there are cultural barriers that sometimes make it difficult for Sailors and locals to fully understand one another, through expressing the international language of kindness, better cultural comprehension will occur.

"Community service is a great thing. Most people have a longing to contribute and give something to those less fortunate," said Lt. Cmdr. Joseph Dufour, the chaplain in charge of organizing the activities. "Our most important projects [conducted in our] last port involved assisting people with neurological disorders and those with drug and alcohol problems."

In a letter from Byron Barnes, the Mission Australia (Perth) coordinator, Barnes thanked Dufour and others involved.

"Because of your efforts, and that of the volunteers you arranged, we were able to improve the quality of life for the teens that are facing drug and alcohol dependency issues," he wrote. "I certainly look forward to working again with the U.S. Navy when the opportunity arises."



U.S. Navy photo by JOSN Christopher Okula

Sailors assigned to the guided missile destroyer USS Cole (DDG 67) bear a ceremonial wreath as they circle the USS Cole Memorial at Naval Station Norfolk.

Cole crew members honor fallen heroes

JOSN

Christopher Okula

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Atlantic

Crew members attached to the Norfolk-based guided-missile destroyer USS Cole (DDG 67) held a memorial ceremony at Naval Station Norfolk's USS Cole Memorial on Oct. 12.

The ceremony commemorated the fifth anniversary of the suicide attack on the destroyer which killed 17 Sailors and injured 39 others as the ship was docking in

Aden, Yemen on Oct. 12, 2000.

"We're here to honor the memory of our fallen shipmates," said Cmdr. Brian Solo, Cole's commanding officer. "Our cause is not about revenge or retribution. It's about ensuring against the senseless violence that has taken innocent lives."

Friends and family members of those who died that day were present at the ceremony, as were many members of Cole's current crew, who stood in formation behind those who came to remember their loved ones.

Lorrie Triplett, the widow

of Lt. j.g. Andrew Triplett, came with her family to remember her husband.

"I'm still sad about the way he was taken," Triplett said. "He loved the Navy. Whatever he could do, he would do. He might have thought this ceremony was a bit much, though."

After Cole's two wreath-bearers marched 17 symbolic paces around the Memorial, a trumpet player from the Armed Forces School of Music on Naval Amphibious Base Little Creek played Taps, bringing the solemn occasion to a close.

Transiting the 'City by the Bay'



U.S. Navy photo by IT2 (SW) John W. Moore

Sailors man the rails aboard the guided missile destroyer USS Hopper (DDG 70) while participating in the 25th annual San Francisco Fleet Week. More than 2,000 Sailors, Marines and Coast Guardsmen from eight ships experienced the hospitality of the "City by the Bay."



U.S. Navy photo by JO2 Corwin Colbert

A culinary specialist, assigned to the Silver Dolphin Bistro, hands out plates of food to Sailors during lunch hour. The Silver Dolphin Bistro is one of four commands at Pearl Harbor to be selected as finalists for the 2006 Ney Award.

Pearl Harbor galleys selected as finalists for 2006 Ney Award

JO2 Corwin Colbert
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USS Lake Erie (CG 70), USS Hopper (DDG 70), USS La Jolla (SSN 701) and Silver Dolphin Bistro galley were named as finalists for the number one food service venue for the 2006 Capt. Edward F. Ney Award on Oct. 5. Even though the top winners will be announced by the Secretary of Defense in February 2006, Chief Culinary Specialist David Steinke, the leading chief petty officer of La Jolla, said it is still a great accomplishment.

"The division and the crew are ecstatic," said Steinke. "It is wonderful to

get the nomination as the Commander Submarine Force, U.S. Pacific Fleet Ney finalist. It emphasizes the hard work and dedication of the crew."

CSC Nick Gordillo of the Silver Dolphin Bistro said everyone is enthusiastic about being nominated and is working to earn the award.

"I told everyone this award is like the Super Bowl of food service awards," said Gordillo. "We won the play-offs, now we got to win the whole thing."

Winners from each category will receive a trophy and the Navy Supply Corps will pay for a two-week, college-accredited culinary course for three of the culi-

nary specialists on board.

The award was created in 1958 by the Secretary of the Navy and the International Food Service Executives Association to improve and recognize the quality of food service in the Navy. It was named in honor of Capt. Edward F. Ney, the head of the subsistence division of the Bureau of Supplies and Accounts from 1940 to 1945.

Ney joined 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. He died Aug. 8, 1949, three years after his retirement.

Joining forces



U.S. Navy photo by PH1 Shane T. McCoy

The Los Angeles-class attack submarine USS Santa Fe (SSN 763) pulls in to Goa, India, marking the half-way point of Exercise Malabar. Malabar is a joint Indian American exercise designed to bolster relations between the two countries and enable the two countries to work together against a common threat. This year's exercise is the largest to date including two U.S. destroyers, USS Nimitz and the submarine Santa Fe. The Indian navy contributed a carrier, a submarine, a frigate and their New Delhi-class destroyer.

Cryptology officers get new name, boss

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Those in the Navy cryptology officer community were designated "information warfare officers" in May to reflect their roles in managing, moving and protecting information.

The name change affects officers with 161X, 164x, 644x and 744x designators. Currently, there are more than 860 officers with this designator. This move marks a new era, acknowledging the expanded skill sets and responsibilities the Navy has vested in these officers.

"We are transforming along with the rest of the Navy to make sure that the right person is in the right job at the right time," said Cmdr. Jim Hagy, information warfare assignments and community manager, Navy Personnel Command, Millington, Tenn. "By shedding our Cold War era title, we are changing not only our name, but transforming the community in order to align ourselves with the Navy's total force strategy."

With the name change also comes the transition to a new chain of command.

Cryptology officers were under the Naval Security Group (NSG) Command at Fort Meade, Md., which was disestablished Sept. 30. Now, the information warfare community has joined the Naval Network Warfare Command (NNWC) in Norfolk, Va.

NNWC was created in 2002 by the Secretary of the Navy as the operational authority that coordinates all information technology, information operations and space requirements for the Navy. The command's establishment recognizes that networks, as warfare enablers, are becoming increasingly important.

At that same time, the Chief of Naval Operations established information operations (IO) as a primary warfare area on par with other warfare specialties and directed development of the Navy's IO career force.

The information warfare community has a long history of furnishing signals intelligence to strategic, operational and tactical commanders. The Navy has been concerned with protecting its signals against unauthorized use since the Civil War, but dramatic cryptologic

developments didn't arrive until after radio communications came into use around the start of the 20th century.

The first wireless transmission from a Navy ship was in 1899 and with it came assignments in communications security and intelligence.

In 1917, the code and signal section of the Naval Communications Service undertook cryptologic duties during World War I. By 1935, the Naval Security Group was born. At the height of World War II, more than 10,000 Navy specialists participated in the worldwide activities of NSG.

After 1945, its size was reduced and a few years later, officer and enlisted designators were formed. These forces proved themselves during the Korean conflict and throughout the 1950s and 1960s. In 1968, the Naval Security Group was established under a flag officer and by 1971, it was reorganized, marking the separation of cryptology from communications for the first time.

Over the next decades, the community continued to show its worth during war and peace.

New, joint Department of Defense ads urge parent-to-kid talks about military

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The Department of Defense debuted a new joint, national awareness campaign on Oct. 17, aimed at encouraging parents and other influencers of youth to be prepared for what can be a tough conversation, a defense official said.

The ads, part of the Defense Department's Joint Advertising Market Research and Studies program, urge parents and educators to "make it a two-

way conversation" when their children or students broach the subject of military service, according to Air Force Maj. René Stockwell, the program's chief of joint advertising. Parents can do this by brushing up on the military with the information found on the "Today's Military" Web site at www.todaymilitary.com.

"We find that the many parents are not informed about what the military is really about," Stockwell said. "They think that most people are going to serve in the war. They don't know

about the unique jobs that we offer, the educational opportunities, or what it's like being part of something greater than yourself. That's the purpose of our campaign: to try to inform them and educate them about what the military is really about."

Shot from the parents' point-of-view, the advertising campaign depicts a series of one-sided conversations between young adults who are considering military service and their parents. The children explain why military service is a good career option and are

met with silence. A narrator then encourages the parent to "make it a two-way conversation" by broadening their understanding of military service through the information found on the Today's Military Web site.

In addition to the information on the Today's Military Web site, four TV commercials hit the airwaves on national cable TV Oct. 17. Advertisements can also be seen online, in magazine advertisements and in televised public service announcements.

While the target audience is anyone who is influential

in a young person's life, one influence is usually greater than others, said Darlan Harris, communications manager for Mullen Advertising, which is handling the campaign.

"The decision to join the military is one that we believe is really an important one to make," Harris said. "The most responsible way to do that is to involve the people in your life and oftentimes parents are those that are most involved."

It all comes down to educating those who influence young people about the

opportunities afforded by the military, Stockwell said.

"The more informed parents and influencers are about the military, the better prepared (they'll be) to have that informed discussion and encourage their children or their young people in their career choices," she said.

The program provides the military branches' active and reserve components with market research and analysis and advertising to create a receptive recruiting environment by promoting the value of military service to adult influencers.

Night Ops aboard Boxer



U.S. Navy photo by PH3 Christopher Elmini

An AV-8B Harrier, assigned to Marine Attack Squadron Two One Four (VMA-214), prepares to launch from the flight deck of the amphibious assault ship USS Boxer (LHD 4) during night flight operations in the Pacific Ocean. Boxer is currently conducting carrier qualifications with regional squadrons to maintain pilot and ground crew proficiencies.

Advanced cardiac life support kits hit the fleet

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In early October, the Maritime Force Protection Command (MARFPCOM) began distributing 100 of their newly-developed advanced cardiac life support (ACLS) kits to independent-duty Navy hospital corpsmen throughout the fleet.

The ACLS kits are the product of a collaborative effort between Navy personnel and civilian-sector partners to develop what MARFPCOM Force Medical Officer Cmdr. Michael S. Weiner calls the "one-source solution

for ACLS."

"This is the future," Weiner said of the kits, which are packed in durable, portable containers. "You could drop this thing from a three-story building and it would be just fine."

The kit features medical equipment comparable to kits found trailing presidential convoys and in airliners. Each is stocked with gear ranging from personal point of injury medical care kits to automated external defibrillators (AED).

Weiner said the new ACLS kits were born out of necessity. Until the kits were developed, independent duty corpsmen would struggle with awkward pieces of equipment when time mattered most. An all-in-

one innovation simplifies procedure, helping to save lives.

"Our goal is to align medical care throughout the world and to standardize treatment for all service members," Weiner said, "no matter where they happen to be in the world."

Weiner speculates that the kit could prove extremely valuable to Sailors in the diving community, for example, who are more at risk for heart failure by the nature of their work.

"The level of care that patient is going to get is equivalent to what they'd get in a hospital setting. That's what's so incredible about this," Weiner said. "It's standard, it's simple and I think it's pretty elegant."

Exercise tests oil spill response strategies

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The Navy's emergency spill response team, Hawai'i's Clean Island Council (CIC), and the U.S. Coast Guard trained side-by-side in Pearl Harbor on Monday, testing booming and skimming strategies that would be implemented in the event of an inadvertent oil spill.

The scripted scenario simulated a spill resulting from a ruptured pipeline near the Rainbow Bay Marina boat launch area. At stake was the protection of one of Pearl Harbor's prime water recreational areas as well as a sensitive tropical ecosystem.

Response officials hope that their services won't be required for such a scenario, but if such a release occurs, exercises such as this one help to insure that the response team is trained and ready.

According to Cynthia Pang, the Region's environmental response coordinator, booming and skimming are proven techniques frequently used to prevent oil from spreading further.

A 400-foot boom was strategically placed to form a V-shaped fence or barrier that contained the simulated spilled oil. Anticipating prevailing winds and water circulation patterns helped determine where the boom would most efficiently corral the oil.

"Placing the barrier downwind of the oil allows the wind to blow the product into the boom where it can then be collected into the skimmer," said Brian Parscal of Clean Islands Council. Parscal operated the skimmer, which was towed by lead boats pulling the boom attached to the catamaran's bows.

With the boom in place to contain the spill, a technology known as skimming is



Photo courtesy of Clean Islands Council

A 400-foot boom contains a simulated oil spill area in Pearl Harbor as part of a simulated exercise. Navy emergency response workers in the foreground test their ability to collect and deliver the spilled oil to an awaiting skimmer in the background.

used to take up the oil into a holding tank until it can be properly disposed of, explained Parscal.

While the exercise provided a valuable opportunity for the CIC to demonstrate its ability to contain the spill, the Navy maximized the opportunity to hone their skills to deliver the oil to the skimmer.

Navy utility boats worked to form a U-shape boom to collect and deliver oil within the contained area into the skimmer.

According to response officials, a multitude of factors are considered to ensure the safest and most efficient response. Information about the type of oil that has been released, logistics of getting the skimmer and other necessary equipment to the spill site, and the impact to the environment are details for a good recovery.

Both Navy and CIC officials agreed that the exercise provided valuable team-building opportunities.

"When you have multiple

entities converging in an emergent situation, the ability to coordinate field activities can be challenging," said Kim Beasley, Clean Islands Council general manager.

The exercise provided the team an opportunity to standardize the emergency response and communicate across organizational cultures. "Working together promotes understanding," said Pang.

Parscal summed it up when he said, "It was a familiarity exercise. We learned how the [Navy] operates...they learned how we (CIC) operate...and we (Navy, CIC and U.S. Coast Guard) learned how we can work together as one team."

The Region's spill response team, U.S. Coast Guard and CIC, Hawai'i's marine oil spill response corporation, continue to train on a regular basis to enable an immediate and efficient response should an oil spill emergency - requiring a collaborative effort - occur in Pearl Harbor.

Former VP-47 Sailors come together with today's heroes



U.S. Navy photo by Cmdr. James W. Landers

Lt. Benjamin Salomon of Patrol Squadron Four Seven (VP-47) discusses changes to the P-3 Orion with former VP-47 Sailors at Nellis Air Force Base, Las Vegas. VP-47, homeported at Marine Corps Base Kaneohe, Hawai'i, participated in training exercises at Nellis Air Force Base during the same weekend of a VP-47 reunion.

CNO and USNI to co-sponsor Sea Enterprise essay contest

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Navy News Service

To give Sailors a chance to share their views on the Navy's next business transformation effort, the staff of the Chief of Naval Operations (OPNAV N4) and the U.S. Naval Institute have joined to sponsor a Sea Enterprise essay contest.

Contestants must write about ways to improve efficiency and effectiveness through Sea Enterprise.

The essay should include suggestions to improve the Navy in areas such as new technology, accelerating innovations, adaptive organization design, new opportunities for Sea Enterprise and leading changes.

"Sea Enterprise is about trying to increase the efficiency and effectiveness of how we do our everyday work in the Navy and that is an all-hands effort," said Dave Nystrom OPNAV N401, Sea Enterprise action officer. "So what we want to do is create an avenue for people to get more involved, increase the dialogue, make things more effective for their shop - give them the chance to submit the really good ideas to the 'Big Navy'."

The contest will also give military leaders an opportunity to engage their people on Sea Enterprise principles. On top of that, it provides leaders with another avenue to give their personnel a chance to make a difference.

"It's really a chance to say, 'Hey folks, here's an opportunity to make a difference,'" said Nystrom. "Have you got a good idea? Let's get it written up. Let's get it submitted. This could change the whole Navy."

Department of the Navy employees, including active-duty, reserve and civilians, who submit winning entries are eligible to receive cash awards. The top four non-DON submissions will also receive awards.

The winning entries will be announced in the spring and published in a special Proceedings magazine supplement.

A ceremony to recognize winning entries will also be held in Washington at the USNI Forum 2006.

For more essay contest details, log on to www.usni.org/contests/seaenterpriseessay.htm

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Navy training: Ready for the unexpected

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Todd and the pilots returned the 59-year-old patient to Chung-Hoon where the ship's flight crew performed the second challenging night vision-assisted landing at 3:30 a.m.

Boatswain's Mate 1st Class (SW) Phillip Simpson II, responsible for directing the safe launch and recovery of the medical evacuation aircrew, said, "These are the kind of things we train for. The Navy operates and trains in these waters every night with the expectation of coming across the unexpected. Often it is in battle, but it is nice to be able to assist in humanitarian efforts like this or the work the Navy did with the tsunami and Hurricane Katrina."

Sorenson and his staff worked through the night to stabilize the patient and prepare him for transport to

Queen's Medical Center at first dawn. The injuries were the most extensive Chung-Hoon had encountered to date.

"I am very proud of the sea warriors of Chung-Hoon and HSL-37," said Cmdr. David Welch, commanding officer of Chung-Hoon. "Every Sailor who participated in this helicopter rescue and medical evacuation performed their assigned tasks with great skill and quiet determination."

"Situations such as this show a crew and vessel's worth more than any evaluation could come up with," said Sorenson. "It gives me a great sense of pride on my way out (of military service) that our own fellow shipmates and any fellow mariners we may care for in the future will be given the greatest chance of success from the crew on board Chung-Hoon."

Hannemann: Leadership seminar

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to consider making yourself available as a mentor for other Civilian Leadership Development Program members. The mentoring process is so important to the success of this program and being a mentor is an excellent way for you to help develop our people."

Hannemann, who is no stranger to public speaking, addressed the attendees about his experiences as mayor and as a leader in general.

"Be a good role model and lead by example. The best leaders are the best followers," said Hannemann.

Hospital Corpsman 1st Class Aaron Blake of Naval Medical Clinic Makalapa was

on hand for the event, not only to meet the mayor, but also to help refine his own leadership skills.

"I am a big advocate of leadership," said Blake when asked why he attended. "Take charge and take responsibility. Don't always accept the good and blame someone else for the bad. Leadership and mentorship is important for our junior Sailors to help point them in the right direction and help keep them on track, which is something I never had when I was a junior enlisted," explained Blake.

Events are sponsored quarterly at The Banyans Conference Center and are open to all Navy Region personnel, both civilian and Navy service members.

Guidance: Challenges for the new era

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tributes to them."

As he frequently tells Sailors in the fleet, Mullen wrote that the only constant in the Navy's future is change. Success in today's uncertain security environment demands that "we continue to transform the way we think, operate and fight," he explained.

In summing up his 2006 Guidance, Mullen said the Navy is in great shape, readiness is high and maintenance is getting done faster and more efficiently than ever before. "But," he added, "we cannot meet the challenges of this new era simply by sustaining today's readiness and requirements. Our adversaries will not rest; our friends and allies cannot wait."

He said that building upon Sea Power 21, the Navy must continue to transform, recapitalize and modernize. "The Navy will begin to build today a force that is properly sized, balanced and priced for tomorrow."

Mullen wrote that it is impossible to foresee, or to fully comprehend, all the challenges the Navy will face. "But by building a balanced force that is resilient and adaptable, with the depth of capabilities required to meet the demands of a multi-mission, multi-task environment, we can mitigate against this uncertainty."

"I am proud to face these challenges with you and look forward to our shared success," said Mullen.

CNO's Guidance for 2006 is available at www.navy.mil/features/2006CNOG.pdf.



U.S. Navy photo by PHC Johnny Bivera

Chief of Naval Operations (CNO) Adm. Mike Mullen conducts a roundtable discussion with members of the press to introduce his CNO Guidance for 2006. The annual guidance provides vision and direction for the Navy in the coming year and beyond.

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Hawai'i Navy News Sports

Navy Seal, local doctor become Ironmen

JO1 (SW/AW)

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Pearl Harbor

Four Sailors swam, biked and ran 140.7 miles with 1,744 other athletes in this year's Ironman Triathlon World Championships held on Hawai'i's Big Island on Saturday.

It was very fitting, since the Ironman competition owes its history to the Navy. While the first triathlon was held in San Diego in 1974, Cmdr. John Collins created the triple-endurance Ironman competition here in Hawai'i in 1978.

The race consists of a 2.5-mile swim, a 112-mile bike race and a full 26.2-mile marathon. Any of these events would challenge most amateur athletes, much less combining them all with a time limit of 17 hours.

Chief Aviation Boatswain Mate (handler) and Navy SEAL Mitchell Hall said before the race that he had lofty goals.

"My personal goal is to be in the top 100 and throughout my training and the racing I've done this year, I think that's realistic," said Hall.

To reach that mark, he said he would need to post a time between nine-and-a-half and 10 hours, but really aimed at just finishing.

Hall was not only racing to test himself, the 33-year-old was racing for the entire



U.S. Navy photo by JOC Deborah Carson

Chief Aviation Boatswain Mate (handler) and Navy SEAL Mitchell Hall rides his bicycle through the streets on the island of Hawai'i while participating in the 2005 Ironman competition.

SEAL community as part of a recruiting effort to increase their numbers from 2,500 to 3,000 by 2008.

"I hope the publicity works," said Hall who will be a focal point for the NBC broadcast of the event in November and a feature story in Triathlete Magazine in January. "I hope that this gets a message out and the parallels are evident to anyone who wants to become a SEAL."

The 150 professional athletes began their swim promptly at 6:45 a.m. with the

more than 1,600 amateurs awaiting their start at 7 a.m. Hall was joined in the water by other Navy triathletes: Lt. Andrew Baldwin, dive medical officer for Mobile Diving and Salvage Unit One (MDSU-1) at Pearl Harbor; and Lt. Cmdr. Eric Rehberg, a force oceanographer for Naval Special Warfare Command in San Diego.

The bay erupted as the starting gun sounded and 3,000 arms and legs splashed the water as each competitor tried to gain a good start. For

Navy, Baldwin was out of the water first and 132 overall with a swim time of 57:24, the only Navy triathlete to finish the first leg in less than an hour.

"My background is in swimming, but I thought my bike was the best," said Baldwin, a three-time Ironman competitor who struggled with the 15 pounds of muscle he gained during dive school this past year.

Once the swimmers returned to the beach, they took quick showers and



Photo courtesy of Jessiqa Pace
Lt. Andrew Baldwin, dive medical officer for MDSU-1 runs during a triathlon.

changed while on the run to get their bikes to start the 112-mile leg of the race. Hall, who left the water 297 overall, made up 186 spots by cycling the distance in a blistering 4:55:02.

After a short, five-mile winding course through the streets of Kona, the cyclists headed onto Queen Kamehameha Highway through mostly deserted coastline to a turnaround point 50 miles north in the small town of Hawi. The bike race portion is far away from the cheering crowds and requires mental as well as physical strength.

"It's always a mental struggle (competing at the Ironman)," said Baldwin, "but I was ecstatic to wear the uniform and represent the Navy

this time instead of just competing."

Once the cyclists finish the bike race, they must finish the most difficult task - 26.2 miles on foot. Comparing the hike to the rest of the stages, it seems that the swim and the bike portions are just a warm-up.

Hall put on an impressive show and finished 207 overall at a solid 9:39:40 while beating out 10 of the professionals. Baldwin crossed the line not far behind with a 10:04:36 and 404 overall while Rehberg fell to the bottom-half of the pack, finishing 995 with an 11:11:24 Ironman time.

All the Navy entrants finished well within the 17-hour time limit and all join a select few who hold the title of Ironman.

Hall thinks his strong finish and the publicity the SEALs received for the race will help his community reach the extra 500 SEALs needed in the next three years.

"We hope to increase the numbers by just getting the word out and having guys come prepared," said Hall. "That's the parallel between (me running the Ironman) and what the students that come to Basic Underwater Demolition/SEAL (BUDS) need to do. They need to be prepared. The preparation is key. Had I not been prepared properly, it would have been a whole different day out there."



Search underway for next Master Chief Petty Officer of the Navy

Master Chief Petty Officer of the Navy Public Affairs

The next Master Chief Petty Officer of the Navy (MCPON) is anticipated to take the helm from MCPON (SS/AW) Terry Scott in late spring or early summer of 2006, and the Chief of Naval Personnel is accepting applications.

N A V A D M I N 273/05 serves as the guidance for the nomination and screening procedures for qualified MCPON candidates. Commanding officers and commanders must submit packages for consideration to the Chief of Naval Personnel (Code N1A) no later than Nov. 15.

The process will permit as many qualified candidates as possible the opportunity to apply, provide the time for a thorough examination of all nominating packages, and convene a special selection board to submit a list of recommended candidates for a final interview before the selection by the Chief of Naval Operations (CNO) is made.

In addition to drawing upon proven leadership ability over a career, experience as a command master chief is essential for the MCPON to have.

The MCPON serves as a trusted and valued personal advisor to the CNO and Chief of Naval Personnel. As the Navy's senior enlisted leader, the MCPON must have the ability to serve as the Navy's enlisted representative at all levels of strategic planning crucial to the Navy's ability to meet challenges now and in the future.

The MCPON accompanies the CNO on visits to Navy installations and units around the world, and testifies before Congressional committees and other advisory boards on quality of life issues. The MCPON also represents the Navy's enlisted Sailors on presidential, Defense Department, Department of the Navy and corporate executive-level working groups, and often serves as guest speaker before a wide range of civic and Navy-affiliated functions.



Operating in the Gulf



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