

Hail and farewell



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Boatswain's Mate 3rd Class Nolan McSwain embraces his wife upon return of USS Chosin (CG 65) from a six-month deployment.

Chosin, HSL-37 return from deployment

Ensign Kristina Melendez

USS Chosin (CG 65) Public Affairs

The guided missile cruiser USS Chosin (CG 65) and helicopter Anti-Submarine Light Squadron 37 (HSL-37), Detachment 4 returned to

their homeport of Pearl Harbor on Monday after a six-month deployment to the Western Pacific and 5th Fleet area of operations.

Chosin, commanded by Capt. Doug Venlet, departed Hawai'i in July as part of Expeditionary Strike Group (ESG) 1.

"The Sailors of the 'Mighty

War Dragon' performed every mission to Chosin standards - a fantastic effort in everything they did," said Venlet.

During the deployment, Sailors from Chosin and HSL-37 supported maritime security operations (MSO). MSO set the conditions for security and

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Chung-Hoon departs for maiden deployment

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USS Chung-Hoon Public Affairs

USS Chung-Hoon (DDG 93) departed for her maiden deployment on Jan. 5. The newest guided missile destroyer, based at Pearl Harbor, Hawai'i, will be independently steaming in the Western Pacific conducting extended maritime interdiction operations (EMIO).

Joining the crew of 318 Chung-Hoon Sailors will be close to 60 additional crew members enhancing medical, planning, security and aviation capabilities. These detachments include a two-plane HH-60 detachment from Helicopter Squadron 10 (HS-10) and a platoon of U.S. Marines.

In preparation for deployment, 21 Chung-Hoon Sailors attended six weeks of the new advanced visit, board, search and seizure (VBSS) schools. Information Systems Technician 1st Class (SW) K.C. Polston, member of the VBSS team, said, "This will be a very busy and exciting deployment for our team, using the skills we worked so hard on to adapt to the evolving needs of the Navy. It is going to be a stretch of our abilities, but one I feel very well

prepared for," said Polston. "Working with the Marines is going to be a unique opportunity to watch and learn from their training also."

Although excitement for the mission runs high, the expected mixed feelings are also associated with the deployment. "Obviously, I am going to miss my beautiful wife and little girls while I am gone and that's difficult," said Boatswain's Mate 2nd Class (SW) Lavar Guyton. "But I am also really eager for the chance to gain that much experience.

We have the opportunity to land and train with two new helicopters while in theater and have the advanced search and rescue capabilities of the HH-60. That is awesome."

"The crew has trained long and hard for this," said Cmdr. Dave Welch, Chung-Hoon commanding officer. "I am proud of their preparation and approach. The ship's motto is 'Imua e na Koa Kai' or 'Go Forward Sea Warriors,' and everyone has taken that attitude to heart. It's an exciting time to be assigned to Chung-Hoon."



U.S. Navy photo by JO2 Ryan C. McGinley

Sailors man the rails aboard the guided missile destroyer USS Chung-Hoon (DDG 93) as she leaves Pearl Harbor for a maiden five-month deployment in support of the global war on terrorism.

Sea-Based X-Band Radar arrives in Pearl Harbor

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Editor

The Sea-Based X-Band Radar (SBX) arrived in Pearl Harbor on Monday for planned repairs and refurbishment, after completing a 15,000-mile journey from Corpus Christi, Texas aboard the heavy lift vessel MV Blue Marlin.

The SBX will be off-loaded and will proceed into the Pearl Harbor Shipyard where it will undergo minor modifications, post-transit maintenance and routine inspections before completing its voyage to its homeport of Adak, Alaska in the Aleutian Islands.

"We brought SBX to the Pearl Harbor shipyard to undergo modifications because of the outstanding quality of work that they do," said Pam Rogers, communications specialist for the Missile Defense Agency (MDA).

The SBX is a combination of the world's largest phased-array X-band radar carried aboard a mobile, ocean-going, semi-submersible oil platform. It will provide the nation with highly advanced ballistic missile detection and will be able to discriminate a hostile warhead from decoys or countermeasures.

"SBX will be an element of the

ballistic missile defense system, which will protect our nation, our service members and our allies against ballistic missile attack," said Rogers.

The MDA completed integration of the SBX platform and radar in the spring of 2005 at a cost of approximately \$900 million. The SBX spans 240 feet in width and

390 feet in length. It towers more than 280 feet from its keel to the top of the radar dome and displaces nearly 50,000 tons. The platform is twin-hulled, self-propelled and stable in high winds and turbulent sea conditions.

On Oct. 14, 2005, SBX returned from a successful 52-day deployment in the Gulf of Mexico. While in



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The heavy lift vessel MV Blue Marlin sits moored in Pearl Harbor, Hawai'i with the Sea Based X-Band Radar (SBX) aboard after completing a 15,000-mile journey from Corpus Christi, Texas.

the gulf, SBX completed more than 100 major test activities, demonstrating the ability to achieve most major sustainment and operational capabilities, including transferring personnel, supplies, and fuel; at-sea maintenance; and the ability to operate at sea for extended periods. It also tracked three satellites to test the radar's operation.

"The radar is so powerful that if it were off the east coast of the United States near Washington, D.C., it would be capable of detecting the motion and rotation of a baseball launched into outer space from the San Francisco area," according to the Missile Defense Agency.

The SBX is scheduled to arrive in Adak later this year. Although homeported in Adak, it will be capable of moving throughout the Pacific Ocean to support both advanced missile defense testing as well as defensive operations. The radar will provide missile tracking, discrimination and hit assessment functions to the ground-based midcourse defense element of the ballistic missile defense system. It will support interceptor missiles located in Alaska and California if required to defend against a limited long-range missile attack on the United States, and will also participate in operationally realistic flight tests.

Spill recovery team provides rapid response

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Commander Navy Region Hawai'i's emergency response team took rapid action to contain and clean up nearly 4,000 gallons of diesel fuel marine, or DFM, that was released into Pearl Harbor on Jan. 2.

The Navy's on-scene coordinator credited the successful cleanup to prior planning, training and a cooperative effort among multiple Navy commands, the U.S. Coast Guard and the State Department of Health (DOH).

The region conducts simulated spill response exercises

on a regular basis to provide valuable training opportunities for emergency workers to hone in on their spill response skills to ensure a rapid response in the event of an inadvertent oil or fuel spill.

"We train with the hope that our [response team] services won't be required, but if such a release does occur, like it did last week, we're ready," said Cynthia Pang, the Navy's response coordinator with the region's environmental department.

In addition to having trained response workers on alert during all refueling operations in port, the Navy's Fleet and Industrial Supply Center (FISC) at Pearl Harbor implemented detailed procedures to

closely coordinate the fueling process with ships' personnel.

"Our [FISC Pearl] priorities are to protect public safety, property and sensitive areas within the harbor during fueling operations," said Cmdr. Thomas Gorman, who is the fuel operations officer at FISC Pearl Harbor. "To help ensure this is accomplished, an extensive declaration of inspection checklist and operations order are completed to ensure safe operations."

"Normal, standard operations to protect the environment include placing booms around the ship to contain any inadvertent spills," added Lt. j.g. Alex Torres, who oversees waterfront port operations at Naval Station Pearl

Harbor.

"Booms, which are interlocking, floating devices with a 24-inch skirt that extends beneath the water's surface, are strategically placed around the ship as a precautionary measure," explained Torres.

With the boom in place during fueling of the USS Port Royal (CG 73), a spill was discovered and immediately cleaned up. Additional fuel discovered the next day was contained in a 20-foot-by-40-foot boomed area. Navy contractors proceeded to vacuum the fuel into staged tank trucks using a technology known as skimming.

"Booming and skimming are proven techniques frequently

used to prevent oil from spreading further," said Torres.

The region's spill recovery team considers many factors to implement the safest and most efficient response, including the type of fuel, logistics and conditions for operating a surface water or portable skimmer and getting other required equipment to the spill site. Prior training exercises provided response workers with valuable opportunities to weigh these factors in a simulated environment, which facilitated the decision-making processes for an actual spill.

Response officials agreed that the successful cleanup was a direct result of team-

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Hawai'i Navy News Briefs

Civilian employee involved in accident on board Naval Station Pearl Harbor

On Jan. 4, Federal Fire Department and base security emergency units responded to a single vehicle accident on board Naval Station Pearl Harbor. The accident involved 67-year-old Henry Dean, a civilian employee of Navy Region Hawai'i. Dean's vehicle struck a light pole on the base and paramedics transported the man to Kapiolani Medical Center at Pali Momi where he was later pronounced dead.

H-3 Sea King douses north Lihue fire

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An H-3 Sea King helicopter from Pacific Missile Range Facility (PMRF) assisted the Kauai Fire Department (KFD) in battling a 200-acre fire that erupted around noon Jan. 3, at a cane field located on the north side of Lihue.

The cane field is situated between the intersection of Kuhio and Kapule Highways to the northwest and Hanamaulu Bay to the southeast. While no housing is immediately adjacent to the field, the fire was still uncomfortably close to homes in the area and keeping it contained was the foremost priority for Bob Westerman, KFD Fire Chief.

"We don't dare stop, we don't dare slow down at all," said Westerman as his fire crews on the ground and the H-3 from above assaulted the blaze.

The H-3, manned by Lt. Cmdr. Steven Lubberstedt, Lt. Keith Roberts, Aviation

Structural Mechanic 2nd Class James Stauffer and Aviation Electronics Technician 2nd Class Christopher Szabo, arrived on scene at 2:30 p.m. and initially made efforts to establish communications with the KFD control point.

After placing Stauffer on the ground, it became apparent, however, that the H-3 and KFD did not have a common communications platform on which to converse. The solution came from the Lihue Municipal Airport's crash and fire team, who sent two men with a VHF radio capable of communicating with the H-3 over to the KFD control point.

From that point, the helicopter delivered precise water drops via a 324-gallon container called a "Bambi Bucket." In all, before the H-3 departed just past 5 p.m., the crew dropped 25 buckets worth, or approximately 8,100 gallons of water, onto the fire.

According to Stauffer, the process became very efficient as the helicopter took water from the nearby bay and then dumped it onto the blazing field.

"We had a nice, tight pattern to dip, then drop," said Stauffer.

The efforts paid off, as the fire was considered under control by 5 p.m. and extinguished an hour later.

The cause of the fire is under investigation.



U.S. Navy photo by JO2 (SW/AW) Johnny Michael

An H-3 Sea King helicopter from PMRF dumps a 324-gallon bucket of water onto a brushfire in Lihue, Kauai.

PACFLT submarines selected for Battle 'E'

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The winners of the 2005 Battle Efficiency Awards (Battle "E") for the Pacific Fleet Submarine Force were announced on Jan. 1.

Three nuclear-powered attack submarines homeported at Pearl Harbor were among the submarines selected for the award. They include USS La Jolla (SSN 701), Submarine Squadron One; USS Columbia (SSN 771), Submarine Squadron Three; and USS Cheyenne (SSN 773), Submarine Squadron Seven.

On Jan. 5, Capt. Michael Zieser, Commodore, Submarine Squadron One, presented the Battle "E" award to Cmdr. Nelson Hildreth, USS La Jolla's commanding officer.

"Teamwork is the driving factor in being the best. It is one thing to set a goal, another to accomplish it. Although each crew mem-

ber is an expert in their specialized area, there is no difference between departments or divisions in mission accomplishment. That is a true team - working to achieve the common goal and succeed in all they endeavor to do," said Zieser.

"Earning the Battle "E" is a reflection of the crew's hard work and the leadership of the chiefs and the officers over the past year," said Hildreth.

According to Rear Adm. Jeffrey Cassias, Commander, Submarine Force, U.S. Pacific Fleet, the award reflects hard work and determination of the respective crews. "Each crew member of an award winner can be justifiably proud of their contribution to improve Pacific submarine force readiness. I am extremely proud of your outstanding performance," said Cassias.

In addition to Pearl Harbor-based submarines, other submarines homeported throughout the Pacific were selected for the Battle "E" award from

their respective squadrons. USS Corpus Christi (SSN 705), an attack submarine homeported in Guam under Submarine Squadron 15, as well as ballistic missile submarines belonging to Submarine Group Nine in Bangor, Wash.; USS Pennsylvania (SSBN 735), Submarine Squadron 17; and USS Nevada (SSBN 733), Submarine Squadron 19 were also awarded the Battle "E."

Submarine Squadron 11's attack submarine, USS Topeka (SSN 754), homeported at San Diego, was also selected for the award.

The Battle "E" award recognizes sustained superior performance in all areas of combat readiness. As part of the competition, ships compete for command excellence in four combat areas: maritime warfare, engineering/survivability, command and control, and logistics management. To receive the nod for battle efficiency, a ship must excel in all four areas.

Hawai'i Navy News Editorial

High five: Sailor appreciation for 2005

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FLTCM(SS/SW) Rick West

Hoo-Yah, Warriors! This is my first article for 2006, so I would like to take this opportunity to say BZ to you all and thanks for all your hard work last year. The year 2005 was a heck of a year for the Navy/Marine Corps team - the war on terror, tsunami relief, hurricane relief efforts, deployments, executing the assigned mission and I could go on and on for hours.

What you need to know is you performed superbly and should be proud of everything our Navy accomplished - you made a difference! As we say back in Georgia, "You were on it like a chicken on a June bug."

This got me thinking that we all need to make a New Year's resolution for 2006 to make sure we remember to say, "thanks," to our Sailors and work harder to show them the appreciation they've earned and deserve.

It's a fact of life that we all get

wrapped up in our own responsibilities and sometimes pay less attention to the tasks we delegate to our junior Sailors.

We often assign work and then focus all our attention on our own workloads or the jobs we receive from those above us. All we seem to care about is whether the other jobs simply "got done right."

But is putting our own schedules and workloads ahead of appreciating our Sailors' hard work a good leadership quality?

No, it's not.

Something as simple as a pat on the back or a handshake or even a high five goes a long way. We have thousands of Sailors carrying this Navy by their daily tasks - doing the work that we were so happy to

be relieved of when our rank got us out of it.

It seems trivial, but something as simple as making it routine to show an interest in the workload of your Sailors and thanking them for their work really can change the mentality of a Sailor who thinks his or her presence is unappreciated and unnoticed.

I wonder, how many Sailors get out of the Navy because they felt underappreciated? Certainly job fulfillment is a part of job satisfaction and fulfillment comes from having someone other than you recognize your effort.

There are many steps we can take to recognize our Sailors' efforts, programs such as Sailor of the Quarters, Food Service Attendant of the Month, Command Advancement, and I could go on and on, but I think you get the idea.

But beyond those opportunities briefly mentioned above, we must take a more creative approach to acknowledge those Sailors who

also work hard, but get lost in the shadow of the superstars.

Perhaps the most effective way to show our Sailors they're appreciated is by recognizing each Sailor by name, remembering personal information and by being sincerely interested in them.

I have seen many a good leader in my day and some of the best stand out because their leadership style was so honest and organic - they were the type of leaders who would walk through the passageways, stop the Sailors and talk to them, or stop by on the mid-watch to see how things were going.

No one taught them to take the time out of their day to casually recognize the Sailors individually, but that's what they were doing. And they did it because they genuinely were concerned about the workers. And the Sailors appreciated them for it.

I've never met a Sailor who didn't like a boss who knew them by name, would stop them and talk to them about their lives. Because

Sailors, and people in general, want to be recognized for their work and contributions and when a boss takes the time to show them that appreciation, it is always a benefit.

Bottom line: When we lose one great Sailor, it is a loss for our whole Navy. And maybe if we took the time to just show a little more appreciation, there would be one more reason for them to stay Navy.

We've got a challenging 2006 ahead of us and between Fleet Thompson and myself, we will try to cover the challenges over the next few weeks. But if there is a particular subject you would like for us to comment on, just let us know. Keep up the great work and continue to share your "best practices" with the force master chiefs, so we can get them out fleetwide. We are doing lots of great things and it's a shame to keep those great things only within your command. Keep working hard! Hoo-yah!

Commentary

Fireside Chat

Navy Region Federal Fire Dept.

Keep a lid on cooking fires

Victor Flint

Fire Inspector, Federal Fire Department

The Federal Fire Department responded to more than 27 cooking fires and related burns last year. Many of these fires and burns could have been prevented if people were more cautious.

Most cooking fires involve cooking oil, fat or lard. Whatever the grease is, when heated, this grease becomes easy to ignite. Once this grease ignites, it burns hot and fast. What a scary and dangerous mess. What would you do?

If you are involved with a grease type of fire, know what to do. If the pan gets smoky or if there are flames, simply smother the fire by sliding a lid over the pan, then turn off the heat. If there is fire coming from your oven, then leave the oven door closed.

You can also use a fire extinguisher to put the fire out. Use an ABC type. They are easy to use and work very well. Never attempt to carry a burning pan, pot or tray out of the kitchen. You're only asking for trouble. And never throw water on a grease fire. The fire will explode and you could get seriously burned.

If the fire is big, then don't waste time trying to fight it. Get yourself and your family out of the house right away and call the fire department from a neighbor's phone. Big or

small, the fire department should always be called if there's a fire. But one thing is for sure - never, ever leave cooking unattended, not even for a minute.

Just as important, do not leave combustibles like paper towels, dish towels, cardboard boxes, cooking oils and the like close to the stove. The radiated heat from the stove will heat these items and then - boom.

Remember that fire is not the only thing that can burn you in the kitchen. Hot water, steam and the microwave are all ways that we could suffer from a burn. Federal Fire Department paramedics recommend that you cool the burn right away. The best way to do that is with water. Do not apply butter, oil, lotion or rub the burn. You will just make the burn worse.

The best way to fight a fire is to prevent it. The emergency number for fire, medical and HAZMAT is 911 (include the base you're calling from). This emergency number is the same on all military bases except for Hickam. That emergency number will save the day. For more information on how to prevent cooking fires, call Inspector Victor M. Flint of the Federal Fire Department's prevention division at 474-7785.

Remember, keep a lid on cooking fires and help us help you when we all learn not to burn.



U.S. Navy photo by Victor Flint

A Morale, Welfare and Recreation employee displays a pan destroyed by a cooking fire.

Blue on blue crime is completely unacceptable

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As I look back on 2005, I see our Navy accomplished great things around the world. I often marvel at the awesome power of our combat capabilities we bring to the global war on terrorism that is being waged in Iraq and Afghanistan and the compassion of our people that continues to show through in many areas around the world, including our own Gulf Coast last year following the deadly hurricanes. I'm most impressed with almost everything our Navy accomplishes. However, there is one thing that seems to detract from our long list of accomplishments. It's called "blue on blue" crime.

Throughout the year, I saw too many cases of Sailors attacking Sailors. Whether on liberty, underway, in or out of uniform, I can't help but wonder why some would turn on our own? Whether it's intentional violence or acts of hazing, it's completely unacceptable and we need to do better in 2006.

I was raised to respect those I work with and have done my level best to live up to the term shipmate. When I read about a Sailor who lost his or her cool and attacked another Sailor, I always wonder what could have been done to prevent the situation from escalating. For example, why were the two Sailors together in the first place?

It's no secret none of us get along with everyone at work. However, disliking a co-worker is not a green light to attack them. My gut tells me that if I don't particularly care for someone, I try to avoid situations that pits us head to head. I certainly wouldn't go on liberty with someone I felt was rude, disrespectful, careless, etc. Each of us has the power to choose our own friends in life and if you are hanging out with the wrong people

because you feel you don't have a choice, I'd challenge you to re-think that feeling.

While it's true there are instances of Sailors attacking Sailors at work, it's more common on liberty. In the workplace, the attacks are more psychological than physical. Demeaning someone because they are different from you is offensive and each of us should try to live to a higher standard. The golden rule applies: Treat others as you would be treated!

Shipmates, our actions carry consequences. When we choose to engage another person in a negative way, others often witness our behavior and start to make character judgments. How do you think others see you? Would they consider you rude? Pompous? Aggressive? Angry? Now and then I believe it's healthy for all of us to stop for a moment and think about this. If you think others see you in a less-than-favorable way, the good news is we all have the ability to change. Granted, it isn't always easy, but it is often necessary.

Because we all work together, I truly believe most issues arise from work. If you don't get along on the job, it's tough for me to think you'll get along with those people who upset you while on liberty. Here are a few tips that I recommend you practice at work...tips that might make you a better Sailor and lower the chance of your behavior upsetting those around you:

- Don't have loud telephone conversations.
- Clean up after yourself - don't make others clean up after you.
- Don't show up late for muster or meetings.

- Don't steal from your co-workers.
- Try to always say please and thank you.
- Don't talk behind someone's back.
- Don't ask someone to lie for you.
- Don't blame someone else when you are at fault.
- Don't take credit for someone else's work.
- Don't try to impose your opinion on others.
- Don't tell offensive jokes.
- Pull your own weight.
- Don't complain about the Navy, your supervisor, or co-workers.
- Don't have a condescending attitude toward others.

In a perfect world, everyone would get along and respect each other, on and off duty. Unfortunately, we don't live in a perfect world. Each of us will encounter people who annoy us, upset us, disrespect us and challenge us throughout our lives. When we come in contact with these people, we have options. The option that should never be chosen is to resort to physical violence. I've never read a report where I truly believed a Sailor was in the right by attacking another - no matter what the other Sailor said or did.

Choose your friends wisely and do your level best to avoid offensive behavior at work. If you do those things, and try to distance yourself from those people you don't get along with, I think you'll find you like the Navy better and you'll have fewer confrontations that at least open the possibility of violence. I expect each and every one of you to live up to our core values of honor, courage and commitment. Keep in mind the golden rule and always think before you act. With all of your help, we can completely eliminate "blue on blue" crime and that would be a great thing for our Navy. Happy New Year, shipmates!

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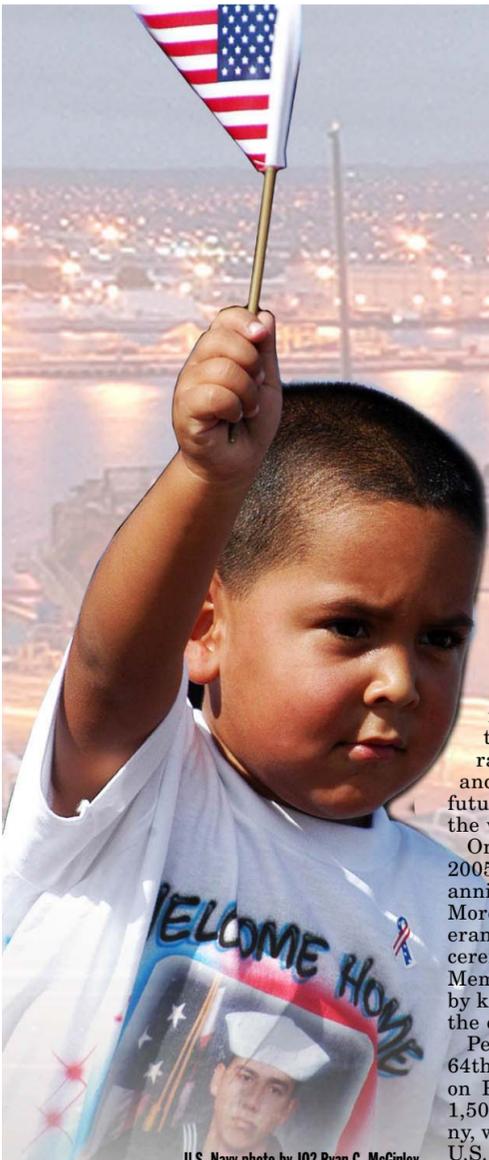
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The year 2005 brought a variety of achievements, accolades and tragic events that will forever be etched in the minds of Sailors and their family members. As service members continue to fight for freedom and democracy, we look back at the previous year and how it has helped to shape the future of the Navy in Hawai'i and around the world.

One of the most significant events of 2005 was the commemoration of the 60th anniversary of the end of World War II. More than 2,000 military personnel, veterans and invited guests attended the ceremony aboard the Battleship Missouri Memorial on Sept. 2, featuring remarks by keynote speaker Adm. Gary Roughead, the commander of the U.S. Pacific Fleet.

Pearl Harbor also commemorated the 64th anniversary of the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor on Dec. 7. More than 1,500 people attended the solemn ceremony, which featured a 21-gun salute by the U.S. Marine Corps 3rd Marine Regiment, an F-15 Eagle missing man flyover by the Hawai'i Air National Guard, and morning colors and the National Anthem performed by a Naval Station ceremonial guard and the U.S. Pacific Fleet Band. Chief of Naval Operations Adm. Mike Mullen served as the keynote speaker for the event.

Many ships, submarines and Sailors completed successful deployments during the year. USS Chafee (DDG 90) completed a successful maiden voyage as part of Carrier Strike Group 11 in support of the global war on terrorism. USS O'Kane (DDG 77) deployed as part of USS Carl Vinson (CVN 70) Carrier Strike Group and USS Paul Hamilton (DDG 60) completed a Cooperation Afloat Readiness and Training (CARAT) deployment.

Various submarines also completed successful deployments including USS Olympia (SSN 717), USS Los Angeles (SSN 688), USS Pasadena (SSN 752), USS Columbia (SSN 771), USS Key West (SSN 722), USS Louisville (SSN 724) and USS Chicago (SSN 721).

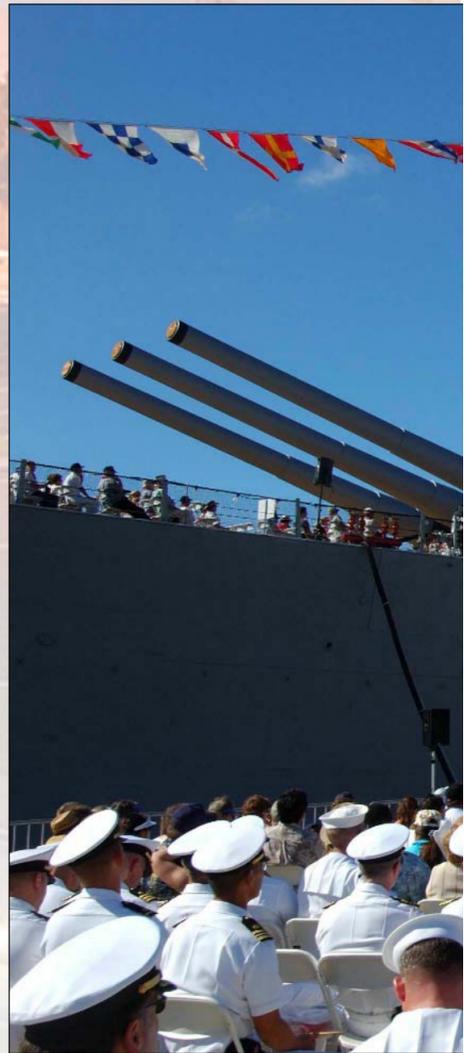
Seabees from the Pearl Harbor-based Commander, 30th Naval Construction Battalion Maintenance Unit (CBMU) 303, Detachment, Hawai'i deployed in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom and 35 Sailors from Naval Station Pearl Harbor security deployed to Iraq, Bahrain, Cuba and Afghanistan.

Navy Region Hawai'i won a variety of awards this past year as a result of their environmental dedication and initiatives. Navy Region Hawai'i and Pacific Missile Range Facility (PMRF) on Kauai were Gold Energy Award winners, for the second consecutive year, at the Secretary of the Navy (SECNAV) Energy Awards ceremony held Oct. 26 at the Navy Memorial in Washington, D.C. Naval Facilities Engineering Command (NAVFAC) HI PW652, Water Division, was also a Water Conservation Award winner at the Federal Energy and Water Management (FEMP) Awards, presented Oct. 27 at the State Department building in Washington, D.C.



U.S. Navy photo by JO2 Ryan C. McGinley

Chief Gunner's Mate (sel) (SW) Chris Jusino, stationed aboard the guided missile destroyer USS Paul Hamilton (DDG 60), hugs his daughter after returning to Pearl Harbor from a four and a half month deployment in support of Cooperation Afloat Readiness and Training (CARAT) 2005. Paul Hamilton trained with numerous Southeast Asian Navies to foster relations and support of the global war on terrorism.



Over 2,500 people including hundreds of World War II commemorated Japan's formal surrender and included Fleet Commander, Adm. Gary Roughead.

second consecutive Bingham Award in the superstore category on July 22.

With a new year came renovations, rebuilding and rebirth for Naval Station Pearl Harbor. Pearl Harbor received a brand new uniform shop and construction at Moanalua Shopping Center began, which will provide three new buildings for the Personnel Support Detachment and Fleet and Family Support Center.

Sailors and family members also said goodbye to Capt. Ronald R. Cox, who retired as chief of staff, Navy Region Hawai'i and commanding officer, Naval Station Pearl Harbor. On Aug. 26, region Sailors welcomed Capt. Taylor Skardon, a former commanding officer aboard USS O'Kane (DDG 77), to the Navy Region Hawai'i family.

Sailors also participated in the Hula Bowl and Pro Bowl held on Maui and Oahu, providing ship tours, music and military support for the events.

Other notable events during the year included successful Navy Marine Corps Relief Society and Combined Federal Campaign drives, the celebration of the Navy's 230th birthday, visits from Mexican, Peruvian and Japanese navies, successful efforts to curb driving accidents and a winning Navy football team to cheer for.

The Navy in Hawai'i and around the world also said tearful goodbyes to Sailors who gave their lives in support of



U.S. Navy photo by PH2 Justin P. Nesbitt

National Basketball Association (NBA) star Kobe Bryant and U.S. Navy Chief Yeoman Lawrence A. Sivils answer questions from local media after Sivils' reenlistment at the University of Hawai'i, Manoa's Stan Sheriff Center.



U.S. Navy photo

A Standard Missile - 3 (SM-3) is launched from the USS Lake Erie (CG 70) in the Missile Defense Agency's latest test of its sea-based midcourse ballistic missile defense capability. The SM-3 intercepted a short range ballistic missile target, launched minutes earlier from the Pacific Missile Range Facility, Kauai, Hawai'i. The test marked the fifth intercept in six attempts.



U.S. Navy photo by JO2 Devin Wright

Cmdr. Logan Jones, commander USS Reuben James (FFG 57), waves to the crowd during the 42nd annual Merrie Monarch Festival parade. Reuben James is the 42nd ship to be invited to the festivities.



Donated medical supplies, coordinated by the Nati Command (MSC) hospital ship USNS Mercy (T-A Hawai'i), before deploying to support Operation Unif in the wake of the tsunami that struck Southeast rooms, a 1,000-bed hospital facility, digital radiology, a pharmacy, an optometry lab, a cat scanner and is a converted San Clemente-class super tanker.

Looking back at the year in



U.S. Navy photo by PH2 Dennis C. Cantrell

War II veterans gathered for the 60th anniversary of the end of World War II ceremony aboard the Missouri Memorial. The event included a missing man fly-over of F-16s by the Hawai'i National Guard, a U.S. Marine Corps rifle salute and remarks by U.S. Pacific



U.S. Navy photo by PHAN John T. Jackson

United States Navy (Ret.), Yeoman 1st Class Al Shoehigh places a lei in memory for each submarine lost during World War II at the Submarine Base Memorial. Shoehigh is one of many submarine veterans who participated in this year's Memorial Day ceremony held for the submarine veterans at the Submarine Base Memorial Pearl Harbor, Hawai'i.

the war on terrorism. A memorial service was held July 11 at the National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific (Punchbowl), Honolulu, Hawai'i for five Sailors assigned to SEAL Delivery Vehicle Team 1, Pearl Harbor, who were killed while conducting combat and counter-terrorism operations in Afghanistan. More than 1,000 people attended the memorial service, which was the worst loss for the SEAL community in more than 60 years.

A memorial service was also held to honor Petty Officer 3rd Class John D. House on Feb. 3 at the Pearl Harbor Memorial Chapel at Naval Station Pearl Harbor. House was assigned to the Naval Health Clinic Hawai'i, Branch Medical Annex at Camp Smith. He deployed Aug. 30, 2004 with the 1st Battalion, 3rd Marine Regiment and died in a helicopter crash in Iraq on Jan. 26.

The year 2005 also saw the devastating effects of Mother Nature with a trio of hurricanes in the southern region of the United States and a tsunami in Southeast Asia. Service members from around the globe answered the call with humanitarian assistance. Locally, Sailors also stepped up efforts by raising money for victims and volunteering to travel and help with the clean-up efforts.

It's now time to welcome 2006. As Adm. Gary Roughead, the commander of the U.S. Pacific Fleet, said in his address dur-

ing the commemoration of the 60th anniversary of the end of World War II, despite the tragedies and loss, Sailors and service members will continue to serve their country and defend freedom around the world in the years to come.

"Our gratitude for this past example and sacrifice is best reflected in the deeds and devotion of those who now wear our nation's cloth," he said. "The service of this current band of patriotic warriors is as exemplary as this country has ever seen in its distinguished past. Freedom and its universal applicability has always been and will remain our national cause, and we will continue to fight so that freedom may ring the world over, just as we did more than 60 years ago."



U.S. Navy photo by PH1 William R. Goodwin

Master Chief Petty Officer of the Navy (MCPON) Terry Scott speaks to several Task Force Uniform volunteers at the Personnel Support Detachment on board Naval Station Pearl Harbor, Hawai'i to find out what they think about the new test uniforms. Approximately 120 Sailors at Pearl Harbor, Hawai'i evaluated the new uniforms for a six-month test period.



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ional Guard, are craned aboard the Military Sealift (MH 19) during a brief port visit to Pearl Harbor, fied Assistance, the humanitarian operation effort Asia. Mercy contains 12 fully equipped operating ological services, a diagnostic and clinical laborato and two oxygen-producing plants. The hospital ship

U.S. Navy photo by JO2 Ryan C. McGinley
(Right) Chief of Naval Operations Adm. Mike Mullen prepares to toss a flower into the well aboard the USS Arizona Memorial after the 64th commemoration of the Dec. 7, 1941 attack on Pearl Harbor, Hawai'i.



The million dollar \$ailor

JO2 Corwin M. Colbert

Staff Writer

Ensign Santino Sgambelluri, a native of Guam, is \$1 million richer after enduring nine and a half hours of intense Texas Hold'em poker during the Paradise Poker Million Dollar Free Roll tournament on Dec. 3, 2005.

Sgambelluri is stationed at the Marine Corps Base Hawai'i - Kaneohe and is assigned to Patrol Squadron Four. His road to riches started 10 years ago when his love of poker began.

"I've been playing for a decade, but I've only been playing hold'em for two years," he said. "Hold'em is a different form of poker. I bought a book to learn to play it better."

The money spent on the book and years of fine-tuning his skill paid off. Sgambelluri signed up for a qualifying round on Nov. 30, 2005.



Photo courtesy of ParadisePoker.com (left) Ensign Santino Sgambelluri stationed at Marine Corps Base Hawai'i Kaneohe, assigned to Patrol Squadron Four, plays a hand of Texas Hold'em poker during the Paradise Poker Million Dollar Free Roll tournament on Dec. 3, 2005.

"I competed with 1,400 people during the qualifying round. Everything was online. I spent hours at the computer playing because I had to get

into the top 20 and I finished fourth," he said. "It was great. Many professionals and tournament champs play in these games so just getting in the top 20 was a feat."

Three days later Sgambelluri was in the finals and up against 4,871 other competitors. "It started at 9 a.m. and it lasted until 6:30 p.m.," he said. "By that time, we were down to 29 people and I was in second place."

Play continued the following day when Sgambelluri took the lead and never relinquished it.

"Right away I got the chip lead," he said. With 11 people remaining, Sgambelluri made the crucial move to send the final participants to the Bahamas.

"The final hand I had pocket aces and another person called all in. Soon I learned that he had pocket queens and I took him out."

The final players were flown to the Bahamas where they spent a little recreation time enjoying their trip

before the final showdown began.

"At the end of the finals, we were moved to a new table that said, 'Congratulations, you made it to the next round. You and a guest will be flown to an exotic destination,'" said Sgambelluri.

Of course, being from Guam and stationed in Hawai'i, the Bahamas was not that spectacular to the naval officer.

"It was a nice trip, but I am sure everyone else enjoyed it more," he said.

Soon the showdown began.

"We finally got to play live. I played with six U.S., two U.K. and two Canadian guys," he said. "I went with the chip lead. My online screen name was Green Dolphin and the other players were eager to find out who Green Dolphin was. I was a little nervous in the beginning, but in the end it paid off."

Sgambelluri continued his flawless championship run, being set back

once when he lost two million chips.

"It was a little scary, but I stayed calm," he said.

Slowly but surely, Sgambelluri knocked off five of the 10 competitors singlehandedly with his final victim, a utility company worker from Atlanta. Sgambelluri was sitting with an ace and an eight in his hand when his opponent wagered his entire holdings on an ace and a deuce. In the end, his opponent had a pair of deuces and Sgambelluri won with a pair of eights.

"I couldn't believe it," he said. "It took some time for it to sink in. I think everyone else was more excited than me."

"Now that I won, I am going to invest the money for my family's future," he said.

Sgambelluri said he has made up his mind about his naval career. "I don't plan on getting out any time soon. The money I won may be my alternate retirement fund."

Naval Health Clinic improving service, benefits to patients

Naval Health Clinic Hawai'i

Naval Health Clinic Hawai'i (NHCLH) has started a new way of accessing health care that is designed to optimize the availability of appointments to a beneficiary's provider, make the appointment booking process more user-friendly, and further enhance beneficiaries' total health and well-being.

NHCLH is moving to an all appointment-based system and taking a provider team approach to health care. This initiative will enable patients to see their provider at almost every visit and, in turn, the provider can provide better, more consistent health care. When a beneficiary is unable to see his or her assigned provider, they will be scheduled to see one of the provider's team members.

An appointment is preferred and non-emergent beneficiaries will be seen as usual. For an appointment, patients should call the following numbers:

Makalapa Branch Health Clinic Central Appointments: 473-0247

Kaneohe Bay Branch Health Clinic Central Appointments: 257-2131

As a new service, NHCLH will answer questions regarding health care access that have been submitted by beneficiaries. The

answers will be published regularly in Hawai'i Navy News.

Q. What is the time protocol for routine appointments (well-visits, women's yearly) sick appointments, and minor injury appointments (sprained ankles)?

A. The policy for access standards for TRICARE appointments for Prime enrollees is: urgent care within 24 hours, routine appointments within seven days, routine specialty care within 28 days and wellness, health promotion within 28 days.

Q. Are eye exams a covered benefit under TRICARE Prime?

A. Yes, eye examinations are authorized every two years as a clinical preventive service for all TRICARE Prime beneficiaries. (If you are a family member of an active duty member, you are authorized one screening eye examination per 12-month period.)

TRICARE Prime enrollees who are diabetic are allowed an annual comprehensive eye examination. Contact your regional contractor for more specific information.

The optometry departments at Makalapa and Kaneohe Bay branch health clinics (BHCs) are now seeing beneficiaries for eye examinations. Call central appointments to schedule an eye exam at: Makalapa BHC: 473-0247, Kaneohe Bay BHC: 257-2131.

From enlisted to officer



U.S. Navy photo

Chief Gas Turbine System Technician - Mechanical (SW) Jason W. Holmes poses for a photograph with his wife and co-workers and friends. Holmes was commissioned as an ensign in the U.S. Navy on Jan. 3 on board USS Chafee (DDG 90). He joined the Navy in June 1993 and reported to his first ship, USS Russell (DDG 59). His next duty station was teaching GSM "A" School in Great Lakes before reporting to Chafee's precommissioning unit. Holmes' next assignment is aboard USS Crommelin (FFG 37) as the main propulsion assistant.

SPOTLIGHT ON

Name of command: CBMU 303 - Naval Construction Battalion Maintenance Unit 303 Detachment Pearl Harbor (formerly CBU 413)

Commanding officer/director: Lt. Cmdr. Scott A. Anderson

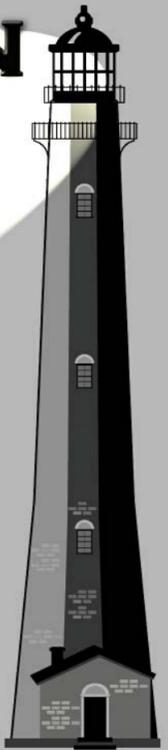
Number of personnel assigned: 41 military, 0 civilian

Construction Battalion Maintenance Unit 303

Duties/responsibilities: Trained to forward deploy and provide construction and maintenance of advanced bases and fleet hospitals to combatant commanders in support of worldwide operational plans. Provides construction support and disaster recovery operations for Commander, Navy Region Hawai'i.

Command accomplishments/awards: Rapidly deployed 20 command personnel in support of Joint Task Force Katrina recovery operations. Deployed 14 command personnel in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom. Partnership with Lanakilo Elementary School, providing assistance with various school activities and fund raisers, and established an outstanding rapport between the military and the local community. Currently working on building 417 to convert spaces into a new operating facility for U.S. Navy divers.

Sailor of the Year, CY 05: Construction Electrician 1st class (SCW) Russell J. Green
Senior Sailor of the Quarter, 4th Quarter CY 05: Storekeeper 2nd class (SW) Ace B. Pestanas
Junior Sailor of the Quarter, 4th Quarter CY 05: Builder 3rd class Adam L. Nutter



Port Royal earns Golden Anchor

Ensign Rachael Pitchford

USS Port Royal Public Affairs

In the early morning of Aug. 19, 2005, Engineman 2nd Class Scott Darnell raised his right hand and agreed to "protect and defend the Constitution of the United States against all enemies, foreign and domestic." Cash, Darnell's faithful Great Dane, proudly sat by his owner's side on the forecastle of USS Port Royal (CG 73) and gave a slobbery smile for pictures as Darnell took the re-enlistment oath. Capt. David Matawitz, commanding officer of Port Royal, presented Darnell with his re-enlistment papers, which had Cash's own paw print on the signature line.

Darnell was just one of 37 Port Royal Sailors to re-enlist throughout the last year. For fiscal year 2005, Port Royal exceeded the re-enlistment and attrition goals set forth by the Navy. The Pearl Harbor-based ship surpassed the Navy's goal of 53 percent retention.

In order for Sailors to understand the bene-

fits and opportunities associated with re-enlisting, a command career counselor advises those who face the decision of whether or not to stay in the Navy. The high number of re-enlistments reflects the dedication and effort of Port Royal's retention team, including Command Career Counselor 1st Class (NC) Cristy Silver and 19 divisional career counselors. Due to their hard work, Port Royal earned the right to paint her anchor gold and will receive a plaque for the achievement.

When asked why he chose to re-enlist, Darnell referred to the travel, excitement and opportunities associated with being in the Navy.

"I want to spend the next five years of my life in the Navy to gain more experience," said Darnell.

He is entertaining the possibility of re-enlisting again in 2010, but wants to keep his options open. Perhaps five years down the road, Darnell will be raising his right hand to re-enlist and once again, good ol' Cash will be there by his side giving his slobbery smile.

Update on construction projects at Pearl Harbor

Lt. Cmdr. Joe Simpkins

Naval Station Pearl Harbor
Public Works Officer

My staff and I work hard to ensure that all of our facilities are repaired and maintained for those who work at Naval Station Pearl Harbor. The following information is intended to give you some insight into what we do and to also inform you of any upcoming construction or repair projects that might impact you as you travel to and from your place of work.

This week, I want to explain what we consider a Navy facility and how you can help us keep them in top shape. A real property facility is defined as a separate and individual building, structure or other real property improvement. What does that mean? For the most part, a facility is any structure that is permanently built on Navy property. This includes buildings, piers, wharves, streets, parking lots, grounds, utility systems and swimming pools. More importantly, what is not a facility? This is all of the "stuff" that goes into a building or is not permanently built in. The reason I bring this up is because we at Public Works take care of facilities and the user is responsible for the non-facility items within a building or structure.

Time for a test:

Q: If your lights are burned out, who repairs them?

A: Public Works Office (PWO)

Q: If you need new modular furniture for your workspace, who buys/install?

A: User through supply contract.

Q: Your roof leaked on your computer and now you need a new central processing unit (CPU). Who pays?

A: Your PWO will repair the roof; you will have to work with IT for a new CPU.

If you have a facility problem, please contact your building manager. He or she will know how to get it repaired.

For general Public Works questions, concerns, or if you see something not operating properly on the base, please call me at 471-9700. I'll be sure to get you an answer or take care of the problem.

Project of the week

Water line replacement, North Road:

If you have been through Makalapa Gate recently, you probably noticed a small construction project on the left hand side of the road at the traffic light. This project, being performed by Naval Facilities Command (NAVFAC) Hawai'i, replaces and upgrades 15,850 linear feet of water pipe that was constructed in 1943.

The project began near the Pacific Fleet boathouse on Halawa Landing in 2002 and is now about 65 percent complete. The remaining route will take it down North Road, cross just past building 150, and then continue down Paul Hamilton Road where it will terminate in the shipyard area. The estimated completion is September 2007.

Other than trenching along the path area, those working on Pearl Harbor will probably be most affected when we have to cross North

Road in the June '06 time-frame. We will take whatever steps are necessary to lessen the inconvenience, especially during the peak traffic times of the day. The good news is that upon completion, we will have a much more reliable water distribution system that will last for many years to come.

Other projects of interest

•Scott Pool parking lot repair:

The parking lot for Scott Pool is closed until Jan. 17 for construction. The purpose of this project is to rebuild the parking lot from the submarine base up. The parking layout has been re-designed in order to provide convenient parking and safer travel lanes. The project will also include drainage improvements, landscape islands and new signage. Until this job is complete, alternate parking for Scott Pool is available in the Banyans parking lot.

•Parking lot "C" repair:

Parking lot "C," on the corner of Lake Erie Street and Central Avenue, will be closed until March 3 for construction. This project greatly improves the parking area and will provide much needed parking for Pearl Harbor Shipyard personnel. Alternate parking for lot "C" will be in the surrounding authorized parking areas. Parking lot "C" annex (off South Avenue near buildings 1674/1675 and 393) will not be closed for construction and will remain open for parking.

(Editor's Note: The update on construction projects on Naval Station Pearl Harbor will be an ongoing feature of Hawai'i Navy News.)

Navy community urged to conserve energy

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It's time for employees and housing residents who are part of the Navy community in Hawai'i to take a more proactive role in conserving energy. That's the message from Rear Adm. Michael C. Vitale, commander, Navy Region Hawai'i, and commander, Naval Surface Group Middle Pacific.

The Navy has always taken an active role in energy conservation efforts and has won awards at the federal level for its contributions. But those efforts must be increased in order to comply with President George W. Bush's new energy conservation directive dated Nov. 15, 2005. It's also necessary in order to meet the monetary shortfalls which have resulted from budget cuts. Not only that, but Navy leadership emphasized that saving energy is the right thing to do.

As the nation rushed to come to the aid of the victims of Hurricane Katrina, President Bush implemented a new policy designed to ensure that sufficient supplies of natural gas, gasoline and diesel fuel are available – not only for the hurricane-ravaged areas, but for the rest of the country. He directed that federal agencies “take appropriate actions to conserve natural gas, electricity, gasoline and diesel fuel to the maximum extent consistent with the effective discharge of public responsibilities.” The president also advised agencies to “review their existing operating and administrative processes and conservation programs and identify and implement ways to reduce overall fuel use.”

That was followed by a mandate from the office of the Secretary of the Navy to Navy and Marine commanders to immediately take steps to reduce energy consumption. On Nov. 21, Vitale issued guidelines for energy and water conservation for Navy Region Hawai'i and began to take steps to ensure compliance.

Vitale explained that energy conservation isn't a temporary, short-

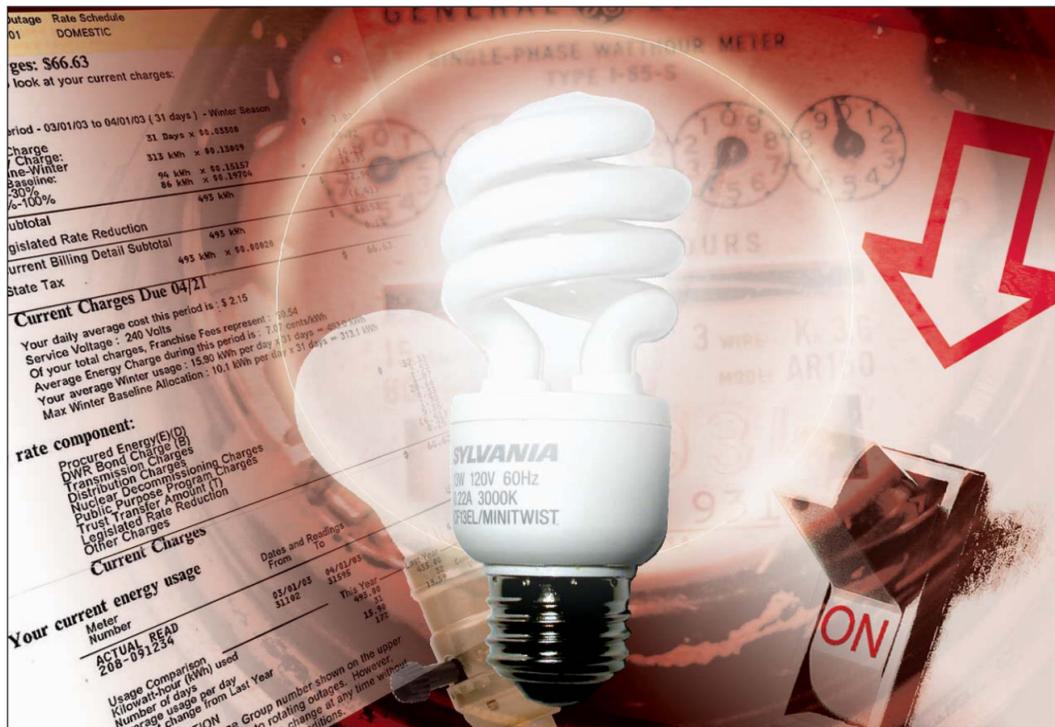


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term situation and that requirements to save energy aren't going to go away. “Energy conservation is a serious and long-term problem for Hawai'i and the Navy,” he noted.

An Energy Conservation Board, comprised of region program managers and major tenants, was established in November. The board meets monthly to decide energy policies and goals and to establish specific directives to meet the goals.

According to Kevin Saito, region energy manager, the goal for all federal agencies is to achieve energy savings of two percent per year, using fiscal year '03 as a baseline, through fiscal year 2015. But with drastic budget cuts for utilities, it's also necessary for Navy Region Hawai'i to save approximately \$3 million this year, equating to about 20,000 mega watt hours. Some of that savings can be derived

through small energy saving projects, but that still leaves about 13,000 mega watts that needs to be derived through energy conservation.

So far, the region has achieved only a small fraction of energy savings toward that goal and the admiral has directed that “we need to take an aggressive approach,” explained Saito.

The energy board is focusing on two primary facets of energy savings: energy conservation and energy awareness.

“We're trying to get everybody on board with changing their behavior,” said Capt. Richard D. Roth,

regional engineer for Navy Region Hawai'i. “We should be looking at every opportunity to save money,” he added.

“For the good of the country, we need to conserve. We want the federal government to take the lead,” emphasized Roth. “It's not really that complicated,” he said.

Another reason to help conserve energy is to help Hawaiian Electric Company (HECO) in its efforts to provide energy for all of its customers. The Navy, as the largest consumer of electrical power on the island, needs to help HECO, said Roth, explaining that the demand on HECO's energy resources is

beginning to restrict its capacity. “We need to contribute [to energy savings] in that regard,” said Roth.

Steve Luckett, DoD account manager for HECO, discussed consumer energy usage and its impact. “Right now, the big pinch is that the energy use index (EUI) due to the digital revolution and growth of economy and other factors in Hawai'i has increased. People are using more electricity per square foot,” he explained. “Because of that growth, it's exceeding system generation. Our power plants are aging. There is always a margin of load reserve, but it's shrinking,” he continued.

There are various ways that HECO customers can help. One of these is by load deferral or load management. HECO asks customers to set back air conditioning or turn off hot water heaters for a particular building or housing area for a couple hours – usually at peak times – to reduce consumption.

“The Navy is doing their own load management and it's helping HECO. HECO will credit their electric bill for businesses that participate in the load deferral program,” explained Luckett. “The Navy is very aggressively coming on board with that,” he said.

“All of the things [ways to save energy] make a difference. If everyone followed energy-saving guidelines in their homes, it could save 30 percent [of energy]. For example, when you leave your house, turn your air conditioning off,” contributed Saito.

According to Luckett, about 40 to 60 percent of energy use on military facilities is often attributed to usage in housing areas. “Every little bit [of energy savings] from offices and tenants, down to housing, helps,” he offered.

The region is working on a number of ongoing projects that will help in the effort to save energy. But especially in the short term, more needs to be done. “We've been doing a lot of projects, but we've got an immediate need [to save energy]. Everything is factored into the usage. We've got to do better,” emphasized Roth.

Energy tip

- A typical household spends about \$110 annually on lighting and most of this is wasted on inefficient light bulbs.—EPA

USS Chosin: Home from the fight

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stability in the maritime environment as well as complement the counter-terrorism and security efforts of regional nations. MSO deny international terrorists the use of the maritime environment as a venue for attack or to transport personnel, weapons or other material.

"Being able to take part in the war on terrorism is what I signed up for," said Personnel Specialist Seaman Robert Mack of Wapakoneta, Ohio.

Over the course of two months in the northern Persian Gulf, Chosin and HSL-37 worked alongside Iraqi and coalition forces to provide security for two Iraqi oil terminals, Al Basrah Oil Terminal and Khawr Al Amaya Oil Terminal. At the same time, Chosin's crew conducted a full range of activities ranging from assisting mariners in distress to visit, board, search and seizure (VBSS) operations.

HSL-37's primary mission was to perform armed helicopter reconnaissance patrols around the oil platforms, anchorages and supporting waterways with primary focus of protecting the terminals from international terrorist organizations attacks.

"Plus, we had some really cool port visits where I learned about different cultures. It's good to be home, but I really had a good time," said Mack.

During the deployment, Chosin made port calls to Singapore, Thailand, Bahrain, Dubai, Australia and American Samoa. Chosin Sailors participated in community relations projects in Thailand and Australia.

"I'm proud and humbled to have served with this great crew and being able to support our fellow armed forces and coalition partners in the global fight against terrorism. We now look forward to spending some well-earned time with our families," said Venlet.

Spill recovery: Planning key to success

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work among the Navy, the U.S. Coast Guard and DOH, which is maintained through frequent and open communication.

"I can depend on the Navy to provide us [DOH] early notification and continuous updates in case of a spill," said Terry Corpus, who is with the DOH's

hazard evaluation and emergency response office.

"We've developed a sound working relationship with the Navy during exercises and drills that simulate a unified command response," added Corpus, who was the DOH on-scene representative.

"When you have multiple

entities converging in an emergent situation, the ability to coordinate field activities can oftentimes present the greatest challenge," said Pang. "We value the working relationship we have with the U.S. Coast Guard and DOH."

The region's response coordinator extended high praise for the cleanup support provided by all commands.

"Military, civilian and contractor workers from Naval Station Pearl Harbor, FISC and Naval Facilities Engineering Command, Hawai'i came together in an emergent situation and performed their duties in a manner that protected the ship, port and environment," said Pang.



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USS Hopper (DDG 70) sits moored in Pearl Harbor with containment booms surrounding it.