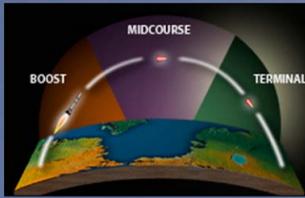


# Missiles Away

## USS Lake Erie intercepts short-range target missile launched from PMRF, Kauai

Missile Defense Agency

The U.S. Navy, in cooperation with the Missile Defense Agency (MDA), successfully conducted a ballistic missile defense demonstration involving the intercept of a target missile in the terminal phase (the last few seconds) of flight on May 24. The test involved an Aegis cruiser modified to detect, control and engage a ballistic missile target with a modified Standard Missile - 2 (SM-2) Block IV.



Missile Defense Agency  
The Terminal Phase is when the warhead reenters the atmosphere and falls towards its intended target.

The Pearl Harbor-based Aegis cruiser USS Lake Erie (CG 70) conducted the mission against a short-range target missile launched from the Pacific Missile Range Facility, Barking Sands, Kauai, Hawaii. It was the first sea-based intercept of a ballistic missile in its terminal phase.

The modified Aegis Weapon System and the modified SM-2 Block IV provided the firing ship with the capability to guide the missile to achieve either a direct body-to-body hit between the interceptor and the threat and/or a near-direct hit where the high pressure, heat and fragments are placed on the threat by a blast fragmentation warhead. This warhead is similar in concept to that used in the deployed Israeli Arrow system. In last week's test, the threat missile was completely destroyed by the combined effects of these two mechanisms.

"This is another example of the ongoing cooperative spirit between the Navy and the Missile Defense Agency," said Rear Adm. Barry McCullough, director, surface warfare, on the staff of the Chief of Naval Operations.

"We believe it is an important step towards the desired end-state of a robust, sea-based terminal ballistic missile defense capability and it begins to meet an immediate near-term concern of our combatant commanders," McCullough said.

"The only terminal phase program we currently have that is operational is the Patriot Advanced Capability 3 (PAC-3) and considerations to put those aboard ships are still under review," he added.

There is currently no sea-based terminal ballistic missile defense capability. The Navy Area Theater Ballistic Missile Defense (TBMD) Program had been under development, but was terminated in December 2001. In ballistic missile defense, the modified Aegis Weapon System with a modified SM-2 Block IV missile provides a near term, limited emergency capability against a very specific segment of the ballistic missile threat. The Navy and MDA consider it vital to develop a more robust capability for terminal ballistic missile defense of the joint sea base and friendly force embarkation points ashore.

"There is a significant number of SM-2 Block IV missiles available, which may be modified and deployed on Navy ships modified to perform a Ballistic Missile Defense mission," said Air Force Lt. Gen. Henry "Trey" Obering, Missile Defense Agency director. "While talking with the Navy and the combatant commanders, on how and when we might be able to make that happen, MDA will continue to improve its development of the mid-course, Aegis sea-based ballistic missile defense capability, which utilizes the Standard Missile - 3 (SM-3), and has successfully achieved six intercepts in seven flight tests," added Obering.

Both the SM-2 Block IV and the SM-3 were developed by the Raytheon Missile Systems of Tucson, Ariz. The Aegis Weapon System, the basis of the weapon system used today and in Aegis BMD ships, was developed by Lockheed Martin of Moorestown, N.J.

"The destruction of the LANCE Target was the first time a ballistic missile was engaged in the terminal phase from a ship. The Lake Erie crew executed magnificently and I am very proud of their performance."



Capt. Joseph Horn  
Commanding Officer, USS Lake Erie (CG 70)

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**U.S. Navy photo**  
A standard missile - 2 (SM-2) is launched from the Pearl Harbor-based Aegis cruiser USS Lake Erie (CG 70) as part of a U.S. Navy missile defense demonstration May 24. The demonstration, in cooperation with the Missile Defense Agency (MDA), was the first sea-based intercept of a ballistic missile in its terminal phase. A short-range target was launched from the Pacific Missile Range Facility in Hawaii. Shortly thereafter, it was intercepted by the SM-2. Previous MDA / U.S. Navy ballistic missile tests have used the Standard Missile-3 (SM-3) to intercept threats in the midcourse phase of flight, outside the Earth's atmosphere.



# Port Royal Sailors save Iraqi contractor

JO2 Cassandra Thompson

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

**KHAWR AL AMAYA OIL TERMINAL, Iraq (NNS)** — The quick response of two USS Port Royal (CG 73) crew members saved the life of an Iraqi contract worker overcome by smoke inhalation while fighting a fire on Khawr Al Amaya oil terminal (KAAOT) May 26.

As part of the Commander, Task Group (CTG) 158.1 emergency response team, Chief Hospital Corpsman Doreen Lehner and Hospital Corpsman 3rd Class Heather Watts were the only medical personnel on the scene when an Iraqi Southern Oil Company worker collapsed due to smoke inhalation.

Injuries from smoke inhalation and the toxic by-products of combustion in fires account for 75 percent of fire-related deaths in the United States. Typically, the victim's lungs fill up with mucus and fluid, making it difficult to breathe. Oxygen deficiency leads to further complications, including tissue hypoxia (stiffening of the extremities) and finally, loss of consciousness.

Lehner and Watts were on Port Royal's rigid-hull inflatable boat (RHIB) when Cmdr. Eric Phipps, CTG 158.1 deputy commander, received word that the Iraqi had collapsed on the north side of the platform. He immediately dispatched the two corpsmen to the scene.

"He was breathing, but struggling when we got there," explained Lehner. "Then he slipped out of consciousness. He had a very weak pulse, and he was posturing (the stiffening of the extremities associated with hypoxia). I knew we needed to give him an IV (intravenous feed)."

Lehner and Watts had to overcome the language barrier between them and the victim's co-workers to convince them that he needed an IV.

"I knew he was probably dehydrated, but when I gave



U.S. Navy photo

A fire aboard the Iraqi Khawr Al Amaya oil terminal (KAAOT) burns in the North Persian Gulf on May 26. Initial reports indicate that the fire was caused by contract work being performed on the terminal's pumping system. Personnel aboard the terminal were evacuated, with a small number remaining aboard to continue firefighting efforts.

him the IV, he stopped breathing for two to three minutes," Lehner said.

The independent duty trained corpsman then attempted to insert a breathing tube down his throat.

"He was unconsciously fighting the tube, but he hadn't breathed in about two minutes," she said. "I knew we were losing him."

"His jaw was clenched tight and his tongue was blocking his airway," related Watts, a native of Pharr, Texas. "It was pretty scary. I was just trying to stay focused and grab everything chief was asking for. His friends were on either side of him helping us, rubbing his arms and legs to help with circulation, and praying and encouraging him to breathe."

Lehner said she was afraid to move the Iraqi in his weakened condition even though the platform was being evacuated. Phipps, who was torn between concern for the safety of his Sailors and the well-being of the victim, stayed with Lehner and Watts throughout the ordeal.

"There was still a certain amount of risk on the platform, but it was obvious that he was badly injured," Phipps said. "We had to make the decision to do whatever we could to help him and the other terminal workers."

Lehner said in desperation she tried to insert the oral

airway again. This time, it provoked his gag reflex and stimulated him to gasp for air.

"It was like he came back to life," said Lehner. "He quickly sat up and he gasped for air, then started coughing, and coughed out a lot of that fluid. I cleared his airway, got all the fluid out and utilized the bag-valve-mask to provide rescue breathing. Then we hurried him out of there."

The Iraqi was transported via RHIB to nearby USS Ogden (LPD 5). He stopped breathing three times before they got to their destination and had to have the oral airway reinserted to prompt his reflexes again. The team then evacuated him via helicopter to USS Peleliu (LHA 5), which has a medical facility aboard. He is currently in Basra and in good condition.

"This is the first time that I've saved somebody's life," said Watts. "And it's a reward in itself, like you're walking on air. It's amazing."

Pearl Harbor based Port Royal, as part of Expeditionary Strike Group 3, is deployed in support of maritime security operations (MSO) in the North Persian Gulf. MSO help set the conditions for security and stability in the North Persian Gulf and protect Iraq's sea-based infrastructure to help provide the Iraqi people the opportunity for self-determination.

# Newest Federal Fire Department firefighters graduate

Karen S. Spangler

Editor

After 18 weeks of intensive, grueling training, it was time for graduation for 24 of Federal Fire Department's (FFD) newest firefighters at a ceremony held May 26 at the Hawai'i Okinawan Center at Waipio Gentry.

During the rigorous physical and classroom training, the recruits completed courses in firefighting, hazardous materials, aircraft rescue and emergency medical training. Immediately after graduation, they will be assigned to FFD fire stations across Oahu.

The class included one woman among its 24 graduates and two brothers who decided to enroll in the class together.

The ceremony began with a color guard comprised of members of the class. A salute to the fallen firefighter was given by Hillary Broad as the class of firefighter graduates paid tribute. Victor Flint, fire inspector for FFD's fire prevention division, explained the significance of the fallen firefighter ceremony. "It's a tribute to the brave men and women who paid the ultimate sacrifice, who willingly put themselves in harms way, who gave their lives to protect lives and property of others," Flint offered. "It is through their efforts that make our Navy, our Hawai'i, our country, a better place to live and grow," he said.

Capt. Taylor Skardon, chief of staff for Navy Region Hawai'i and commander, Naval Station Pearl Harbor, spoke about the dreams and achievements of the graduates. "We honor those who have taken their dreams and made them a reality," he said.

Those who answer the call to become firefighters have a strong desire for service, Skardon noted. "You have become part of that legacy, that brotherhood," he told the members of the Federal Firefighters Class of 2006.



U.S. Navy photo by Karen S. Spangler

Hillary Broad, the only female firefighter in the Federal Fire Department Firefighters Class of 2006, receives congratulatory wishes after the graduation ceremony held May 26.

"We're all counting on you so that we may do our jobs. Without you, our nation is defenseless and weakened. Without you, we all become vulnerable," he said.

The program for the event included the firefighters' creed by R. Dixon, partially excerpted here:

"When there's an emergency,  
No matter big or small,  
We'll respond to the alarm,  
And take the call..."

We won't back down,  
Run away or hide.  
For we do our jobs well,  
With honor and pride...

Strength and courage,  
The nature of our hearts.  
Federal firefighters,  
A team that never parts....

At the conclusion of the graduation ceremony, the graduates took the stage to

perform Polynesian dances. Two of the graduates also did a fire knife dance as other firefighters stood nearby with fire hoses, just in case it became necessary to douse the flames.

The Federal Fire Department was established in 1980 and is currently the second largest fire department in the Department of Defense (DoD). FFD provides fire protection and emergency medical services to DoD installations on Oahu, with the exception of Hickam Air Force Base and the Pacific Missile Range Facility on Kauai. It also provides mutual aid to the City and County of Honolulu. The department includes 242 trained civilian personnel, 13 stations, 28 firefighting apparatuses and 13 specialized response vehicles.

# Hawai'i Navy News Editorial

## Navy families; keeping them informed!

**Pacific Fleet  
Master Chief (SS/SW)  
Rick West**

Warriors, in May Hawai'i celebrated its annual Military Appreciation Month. As part of this observance, a local radio station interviewed me about our Navy's mission. Unfortunately, I didn't have a long enough time slot to discuss one of our biggest assets - our families.

So to make up for that - and hit a much larger audience - I'd like to talk about the importance of our Navy families.

The Navy's credo is "mission first, Sailors always." Many see this as a careful balance between the needs of the service and the needs of Sailors. Others interpret it as taking care of our people ensures the success of the Navy mission.

I subscribe to the philosophy that leaders (at all levels) will ensure mission success by leading and communicating with their people. Few organizations demand as much from its employees' families as the military. We work demanding hours, move and travel constantly, and endure separations reaching or exceeding 12 months at a time - not always an ideal lifestyle.

But service-over-self is never an easy lifestyle. It explains why the families who accept this life are such honorable people.

Families take it in stride. They understand sacrifice and why it must be done. They endure the long, lone-

ly nights during deployments and they accept the missed family special events because they know how important the job is.



FTTCM (SS/SW)  
Rick West

Without their support, our Sailors can't effectively do their jobs.

So what do we do to support those who support us? Are you familiar with everything the Navy has set up to give back to the families who give so much to the Navy?

If you're not, let me give you a short primer to Navy family support. All Navy leaders need to be well versed in where to go to obtain assistance and required information.

First and foremost, we have the Navy Fleet and Family Support Centers (FFSC). Around each fleet concentration area, FFSC is chock-full of programs, classes and counselors whose sole purpose in life is to help make things easier for Sailors and their families.

They help us make the move from the military to civilian life with transition assistance, or the move from one duty station to the next with relocation assistance. Money issues are always a challenge so the personal finance pro-

grams can help families deal with money management for debt reduction, budgeting and financial planning.

Case in point - did you know financial issues are the number one reason our Sailors lose their security clearance and, most of the time, lose the ability to do their jobs? It's a sad, preventable reality.

Few families can experience a challenge the trained professionals at FFSC cannot assist them with so please take advantage of their services. You can check out everything FFSC has to offer by visiting their Web site at <http://www.ffsp.navy.mil/>.

Last September, I devoted an entire article to one of our greatest resources for Navy families, Navy ombudsmen.

Our Navy ombudsmen provide a wealth of information, knowledge and experience whose main mission is providing a direct link between the commanding officer and the families of the command.

If you don't know who your command's ombudsman is, then that's a problem. Ombudsmen are typically very visible, easily accessible and have the CO's ear to provide information flow both ways. Here's the job description straight from the book:

"... a command-operated program intended to improve communication between the command and a Sailor's family members. Most importantly, it keeps members informed about command policy and the

command aware of family concerns. A major function of the ombudsman is providing information and referral services to the families..."

So my advice to you is simple: Get in contact with your ombudsman, get on the command phone tree and update your address for the command familygram/newsletter. Ensure you and your family members are in the loop so you know what's going on, your voice can be heard and you can get help when needed.

More information regarding the Navy ombudsman program is available at [www.ffsp.navy.mil/ffsp/ombudsman1/index.htm](http://www.ffsp.navy.mil/ffsp/ombudsman1/index.htm).

I understand that some problems or issues do not have cut and dried solutions. Some can be painful and personal. And while I encourage getting information, I strongly urge you to seek out the help and assistance the Navy offers when you need it. By being proactive with your issues, you are more in control. If you become reactive, then it's more difficult to recover.

I would like to close this week by expressing my deepest thanks to all Navy families supporting Sailors day in and day out.

I know firsthand that we cannot do the jobs we do without your support and I want you to know how deeply appreciated it is. And to my fellow Warriors, take the first chance you get to tell your families "thanks" and, more importantly, keep them informed.

From the fleet: I'm writing this article from Mobile, Ala. while visiting Pascagoula shipbuilding, PCUs and our Navy Seabees in Gulfport, Miss. I want to thank all of those Sailors and their families along the Gulf Coast who assisted in

the hurricane cleanup and humanitarian assistance.

Our Sailors were outstanding in "taking care of business," not only on our bases, but also in the surrounding community. BZ and hoo yah to you, you made a difference!

### Helpful links to assist you

**Deployment Readiness:**

[www.ffsp.navy.mil/ffsp/deployment.htm](http://www.ffsp.navy.mil/ffsp/deployment.htm)

**Family Member Program:**

[www.npc.navy.mil/CommandSupport/ExceptionalFamilyMember/](http://www.npc.navy.mil/CommandSupport/ExceptionalFamilyMember/)

**Sexual Assault Victim:**

[www.ffsp.navy.mil/savi/html/savi.html](http://www.ffsp.navy.mil/savi/html/savi.html)

**Repatriation and Contingency Planning:**

[www.ffsp.navy.mil/ffsp/contingency.htm](http://www.ffsp.navy.mil/ffsp/contingency.htm)

**Military One Source:**

[www.militaryonesource.com/skins/MOS/home.aspx](http://www.militaryonesource.com/skins/MOS/home.aspx)

**For families with Sailors in the Individual Augmentee (IA) program, you can find a lot of useful information at the BUPERS Web site:**

[www.npc.navy.mil](http://www.npc.navy.mil)

or

**Navy Knowledge Online:**

[www.nko.navy.mil/](http://www.nko.navy.mil/)

Remember every Sailor is a potential individual augmentee so they, along with their families, need to be ready to support. I wrote an IA column a few weeks back full of good info. You can find an archived copy on my page of the Pacific Fleet Web site, [www.cpf.navy.mil/bios/flt\\_articles.htm](http://www.cpf.navy.mil/bios/flt_articles.htm).

And finally there's the 1-866-U-ASK-NPC phone number to the Naval Personnel Command's customer service center that's manned 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

Commentary

## Fireside Chat

Navy Region Federal Fire Dept.

### Smoke is no joke

**Victor M. Flint**

*Inspector, Federal Fire Department*

Most people have a natural fear of fire. Statistics show more than 5,000 Americans die every year because of fire. But we are under a misconception that fire is the big killer. Rather, it's the by-products of fire that are the big killers - by-products such as choking thick smoke, deadly poison gases and super heated air. We do not have to be victims of fire. Although you can't see it, the smoke is the medium that carries the deadly poison gases and the super heated air. Where the smoke goes, death and destruction follow. Since the smoke is lighter than air, it rises. Even if you are on upper floors, the smoke will rise and find you.

We do have a way to protect ourselves. Before there's fire, there's smoke. That's why the Federal Fire Department recommends that every home have a smoke detector installed. It's the sound of the smoke detector that's our first line of defense against fire. But half of our smoke detectors don't work. That's why it's important to test the smoke detectors once a month. Simply

push the button or turn the knob on your detector. When you hear the beeping sound, you know that your smoke detector is up and good to go. If you don't have a smoke detector in your home ..... then get one. You can find smoke detectors at any hardware store. Smoke detectors are not expensive and they're easy to install. An installed, operational smoke detector in your home can actually lower your home owners/renters insurance. Call your insurance agent for more details.

If you find yourself in a situation where there is smoke, stay cool and stay low. Stay as low as you can go and get out. You will not have much time, so crouch or crawl and just get out. It's also good to know more than one way out of your home, building or facility. It's not only good to know, but it's also the law.

So please make sure that you have smoke detectors installed in your home or apartment and that they work properly. Because when it comes to smoke, it ain't no joke. For more information, call Victor Flint of the Federal Fire Department's prevention division at 474-7783 or 474-7785.

## USS Yorktown hit by bombs, burns at Midway



Scene on board USS Yorktown (CV-5), shortly after she was hit by three Japanese bombs on June 4, 1942 during the Battle of Midway. Dense smoke is from fires in her uptakes, caused by a bomb that punctured them and knocked out her boilers. Taken by Photographer 2nd Class William G. Roy from the starboard side of the flight deck, just in front of the forward five-inch/38-gun gallery. Man with hammer at right is probably covering a bomb entry hole in the forward elevator. Note arresting gear cables and forward palisade elements on the flight deck; CXAM radar antenna, large national ensign and YE homing beacon antenna atop the foremast; five-inch/38, .50 caliber and 1.1-inch guns manned and ready at left.

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Three Naval Reserve personnel who returned following deployment to Kuwait were (left to right): SK1 Roman Amores, CS1 Allan Jensen, and OS2 David Bigelow.

## Navy Reservists return from OIF deployment

Jim Murray

*Fleet Industrial Supply Center, Pearl Harbor*

Despite all the quotes and statistics you may have read about the summer heat in the Middle East, perhaps no one has summed it up better than Storekeeper 1st Class Roman Amores, who returned to Hawai'i in May after a nine-month deployment, most of which took place in Kuwait.

Amores arrived in Kuwait on a sweltering day last August, and when he stepped off the plane, he compared the feeling to Thanksgiving morning "when you open the oven to check on the turkey, and a wave of heat hits you in the face."

Amores, a member of Naval Reserve Unit 220,

Fleet Industrial Supply Center (FISC), Pearl Harbor, was one of three Naval Reservists who were welcomed home at a brunch held May 21 at the Ford Island Navy Lodge. The two others were Culinary Specialist 1st Class Allan Jensen (Naval Submarine Support Command, Detachment C, Pearl Harbor) and Operations Specialist 2nd Class David Bigelow (Commander, Pacific Fleet 120). (The ceremony was also intended to recognize three other returnees from FISC PH 220, but illness and a family emergency kept them from attending. They were: SK2 Ronel Catbagan, SK2 David Comeau and SK2 Alvin Villegas.)

The six were among 400 Sailors who were mobilized nationwide by the Navy Expeditionary Logistics

Support Force in August 2005. After a few weeks of training in Virginia, they were deployed to Kuwait and Iraq.

The Hawai'i Reservists were assigned as customs inspectors in Kuwait and were assigned to ensure that all pieces of returning military equipment did not harbor pests or diseases and conformed to strict United States Department of Agriculture standards. In addition, through their vigilant inspection of baggage, vehicles, equipment and even of personnel, they ensured all gear returning from Operation Iraqi Freedom complied with U.S. customs regulations.

FISC Pearl 220 now has one member in Kuwait. CS1 Dye Johnson is deployed to the Kuwait Detention Center.

# USS Port Royal celebrates mid-point of deployment to Northern Persian Gulf

JO2 Cassandra Thompson

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**NORTH PERSIAN GULF (NNS)** — While conducting maritime security operations (MSO), USS Port Royal (CG 73) crew members celebrated the mid-point of deployment on May 17 with a week packed with morale-boosting activities.

Despite long watches and infrequent port calls, the crew of the Aegis-class, guided-missile cruiser has consistently come up with innovative ways to boost spirits and keep entertained.

"We have a Morale, Welfare and Recreation (MWR) team that goes out to each division and asks them what they want to do," explained Yeoman 3rd Class Javier Solis, the ship's MWR coordinator and a native of Aurora, Colo. "Once we get all of our ideas together, we submit them to the captain. He'll look at it and figure out what we can do."

Departmental input was responsible for the fifth installment of "Port Royal Idol" on May 14. The program, broadcast internally through all the ship's televisions, gave shipmates the opportunity to fill the roles of Randy, Simon and Paula Abdul from the popular television series "American Idol." More than two dozen Port Royal Sailors performed that day for a receptive audience.

Additionally on May 17, department-driven teams competed against each other in Port Royal's version of the game show, "Family Feud," and members of the first class petty officers' association hosted an ice cream social to show their appreciation for the hard work and dedication of their shipmates.

Steel beach picnics and the monthly Port Royal Press, which gives department heads the opportunity to publicly commend their most dedicated Sailors, also play a part in maintaining crew morale.

Port Royal has conducted MSO in the Horn of Africa and in the Persian Gulf. The ship also won the prestigious Battle "E" award for the second year in a row. Port Royal's leadership is quick to recognize the contributions of the crew.

"In warfighting, engineering, seamanship

and in every area imaginable, our ship and its crew consistently ranked at the top of its game," said Capt. David Matawitz, Port Royal's commanding officer. "I am extremely proud of every Sailor who stands watch, from the bottom of the engineering plant to the top of the bridge. It's my distinct pleasure to sail with such a seasoned and well-qualified crew," he said.

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**Capt. David Matawitz**  
*Port Royal's commanding officer*

"Despite the exceptionally high tempo of operations, the crew manages to maintain high morale and continues to perform with extreme pride and professionalism," added Lt. Cmdr. Kevin Hanson, Port Royal's executive officer. "I can't express to you how honored I am to work with them."

After nearly six weeks in theater and a month in the Persian Gulf, the crew's pride and professionalism has led to an improved quality of life, even at the junior level.

"Everyone's staying healthy, no one's getting injured and everything we've taken for action has pretty much been a success," said Gas Turbine Mechanic 2nd Class Avery Chester. "As the deployment progresses, the crew is getting stronger. The work ethic has picked up; we have people putting forth everything they've got."

Port Royal, as part of Expeditionary Strike Group (ESG) 3, departed Pearl Harbor, Hawai'i on Feb. 28 to begin a scheduled six-month deployment in support of MSO in the North Persian Gulf.

MSO helps establish the conditions for security and stability in the North Persian Gulf and protects Iraq's sea-based infrastructure which provides the Iraqi people the opportunity for self-determination.



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

Aviation Structural Mechanic 3rd Class Brandon Haag hands Aviation Machinist's Mate 2nd Class Nicolas Gardner a wing panel while conducting repairs on a P-3C Orion. Both Sailors are attached to Patrol Squadron Four Seven at Kaneohe. Sailors attached to Patrol Squadron Four Seven are currently deployed in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom and Operation Enduring Freedom.



U.S. Navy photo by Agnes Tauyan

Electrician's Mate 2nd Class David Deer, of the Pacific Fleet Boathouse, points out a photo of USS Nevada to his guests, Pearl Harbor Survivor, Claude Robert Chamberlain and son, Bill. The Chamberlains participated in a VIP harbor tour May 24. The elder Chamberlain was a gunner's mate aboard Nevada during the Dec. 7, 1941 attack on Pearl Harbor. Chamberlain plans to return to Pearl Harbor later this year for the 65th anniversary.



U.S. Navy photo

Hawai'i Governor Linda Lingle joined retired Marine Corps Maj. Gen. Matthew P. Caulfield, executive director of the national Helmets to Hardhats program, in a proclamation signing aboard the Battleship Missouri Memorial on May 30. The Helmets to Hardhats program links former and active military personnel with civilian employment opportunities.



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

Family members and friends wave and shout as USS Chung-Hoon (DDG 93) returns to Pearl Harbor after a four-month maiden deployment May 25.



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

Aviation Machinist's Mate 2nd Class Kiana Mira - assigned to Patrol Squadron Four Seven - assists in the removal and replacement of a turboprop jet engine on a P-3C Orion. Sailors attached to Patrol Squadron Four Seven are currently deployed in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom and Operation Enduring Freedom.



U.S. Navy photo by Lt. Juan Cometa

Volunteers clean up the Navy plot at the Oahu Cemetery on May 26 as part of a project coordinated by the Pearl Harbor Surface Navy Association. Approximately 40 volunteers from USS Chosin (CG 65), USS O'Kane (DDG 77) and a local church group washed off and straightened headstones, pulled some weeds, and put an American flag over each grave in preparation for Memorial Day.



U.S. Navy photo by JO2 Corwin Colbert

Yeoman 1st Class John Cahill receives a lei from his wife and four-month-old daughter following his return from deployment. The nuclear-powered attack submarine USS Chicago (SSN 721) returned to its homeport of Pearl Harbor on May 30.



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

Senior Chief Woodrow Purkey meets his seven-day-old son for the first time as USS Chung-Hoon (DDG 93) returns to Pearl Harbor after a four-month maiden deployment May 25. Commanded by Cmdr. David Welch, Chung-Hoon departed for the Western Pacific in January as part of U.S. Pacific Command Joint Task Force.

# Cracking down on GOV misuse

*Navy Region Hawai'i Office of the Inspector General*

We've all seen it: government vehicles (GOV) in the drive-through lane at McDonald's, a government vehicle pulls up at the steak plate lunch tent and out pile 10 Sailors in coveralls to get lunch, a government vehicle takes the parking spot you were eyeing at the Navy Exchange (NEX) and out pops a Department of Defense (DoD) civilian heading toward the NEX with return items.

There was a time when those things didn't happen - a time when government vehicles (you know, the ones with the blue numbered license plates on a white background) were used to simply travel from one Navy function to the next, with no pit stops in between.

There's a new sheriff in town. Michael O'Shea, inspector general for Navy Region Hawai'i, is on the rampage, and is set on putting the record straight regarding appropriate use of government vehicles, also referred to as GOVs.

According to O'Shea, Navy Region Hawai'i personnel should be on the lookout and report individuals who abuse the privilege of operating a GOV. Abuse of this policy includes stopping for personal reasons at the mini-mart, NEX, barbershop, restaurants and other such

establishments, even if doing so while enroute to an official function.

"Military and DoD civilian personnel who are authorized to use government vehicles may do so to conduct official government business only," O'Shea said.

Permissible official uses of GOVs include travel to official meetings, site visits, conferences or to transport personnel who are carrying out their duties according to the Uniform Code of Military Justice. Some examples of impermissible uses, according to O'Shea, include running personal errands, taking children to and from school, or picking up supplies or personnel for unofficial office functions like an office luncheon or birthday celebration. O'Shea explained, "Recently there has been an increase in GOV incidents on Naval Station Pearl Harbor and it's time to remind everyone of what is allowed and what is not."

But don't take his word for it. You can look it up yourself in federal law. Title 31, Section 1344 of United States Code states, "Funds available to [the U.S. Navy] ... may be expended by the [U.S. Navy] for the maintenance, operation or repair of any [GOV] only to the extent that such [vehicle] is used to provide transportation for official purposes." (Emphasis added) But what is an official purpose? That's covered in DoD

4500.36-R, Management, Acquisition and Use of Motor Vehicles, and states simply that an official purpose "further[s] the mission of the [Navy]." But more specifically, it explains that official purposes are (1) "Essential to the successful completion of a DoD function, activity or operation," and (2) "Consistent with the purpose for which the motor vehicle was acquired."

Put simply, picking up a large fries and McFlurry in the drive-through is not essential to the successful completion of the mission of the Navy. Likewise, making "pit stops" at places like the NEX, barbershop, Navy Federal, your mother's house, et cetera, ad nauseum, is also not essential to completing the mission for which the vehicle is being used.

The consequences of misusing a government vehicle can be severe. "The misuse of government vehicles by Sailors or DoD civilians is considered a serious violation of federal law and can result in non-judicial punishment for military personnel, and a suspension or removal for DoD civilians. In short, it can cost people their careers," explained O'Shea.

He concluded, "When someone does their personal business on government time while using government property, it raises the cost of doing business. When the cost goes up, it is you and me as taxpayers who will be paying for it."

## *Mercy gives hope*



U.S. Navy photo by Chief Photographer's Mate Don Bray

Hospital Corpsman Vincent Mendas, left, of Brooklyn, NY, helps Project Hope volunteer Diane Speranza of Claremont Fla. draw blood in the casualty receiving (CASREC) ward aboard the Military Sealift Command (MSC) hospital ship USNS Mercy (T-AH 19) while anchored off the Philippine coast. For the next several days, the ship will be conducting humanitarian and civic assistance in the local area. Mercy is on a five-month deployment to Southeast Asia and the Pacific Islands. Mercy is uniquely capable of supporting medical and humanitarian assistance needs and is configured with special medical equipment and a robust, multi-specialized medical team.



Photo by JOC (SW) Joe Kane

Brian Bracy, Montez Cornelius and Terrance Burrell show off the championship trophy for the Aloha Classic Basketball Tournament, which their team won in May by beating out all other services in a five-day competition.

## Navy beats odds, wins Aloha Classic

The Pearl Harbor Navy Basketball team received a trophy Tuesday for their participation in the Aloha Classic Basketball Tournament at Hickam Air Force Base. The tournament, which is held every year, includes teams from all the service branches from as far away as Japan, Guam, California and Arizona.

This year the tournament consisted of 12 teams. Montez Cornelius of Naval Health Clinic Hawai'i entered a team at the last minute to represent the Navy even though he did not have a full roster.

In spite of the late start, the Pearl Harbor team was ready for the challenge. The teams played all day, every day starting on May 10 and running through May 15

with single game eliminations. Team Navy went undefeated all the way to the final game on Saturday against Army (Schofield).

Pearl Harbor (Navy) got off to a slow start in the championship game. The half-time score was 58-28 Army. With 10 minutes remaining in the game Navy was still down by 20 points. Two minutes left in regulation and Navy still trailed by 13 points.

At that point, some observers claim they "witnessed the best come back ever seen." The Navy battled back to take the championship honors from Army (Schofield) 120-114. As player-coach Cornelius said, "We displayed pride, heart, determination and the will to never give up on ourselves."

### Navy Team Members

- Montez Cornelius** – Naval Health Clinic Hawai'i
- James Jackson** – USS Chung-Hoon (CG 65)
- Brian Bracy** – Naval Station Pearl Harbor
- Tyrone Moore** – Navy Information Operations Command (NIOC) Hawai'i
- Terrance Burrell** – NIOC
- Germe Robinson** – Civilian
- Sean Caddell** – USS Paul Hamilton (DDG 60)
- Tellis Barber** – Naval Health Clinic Hawai'i (Dental)
- Brandon Jackson** – USS Reuben James (FFG 57)
- Donte East** – Paul Hamilton

## Going the distance

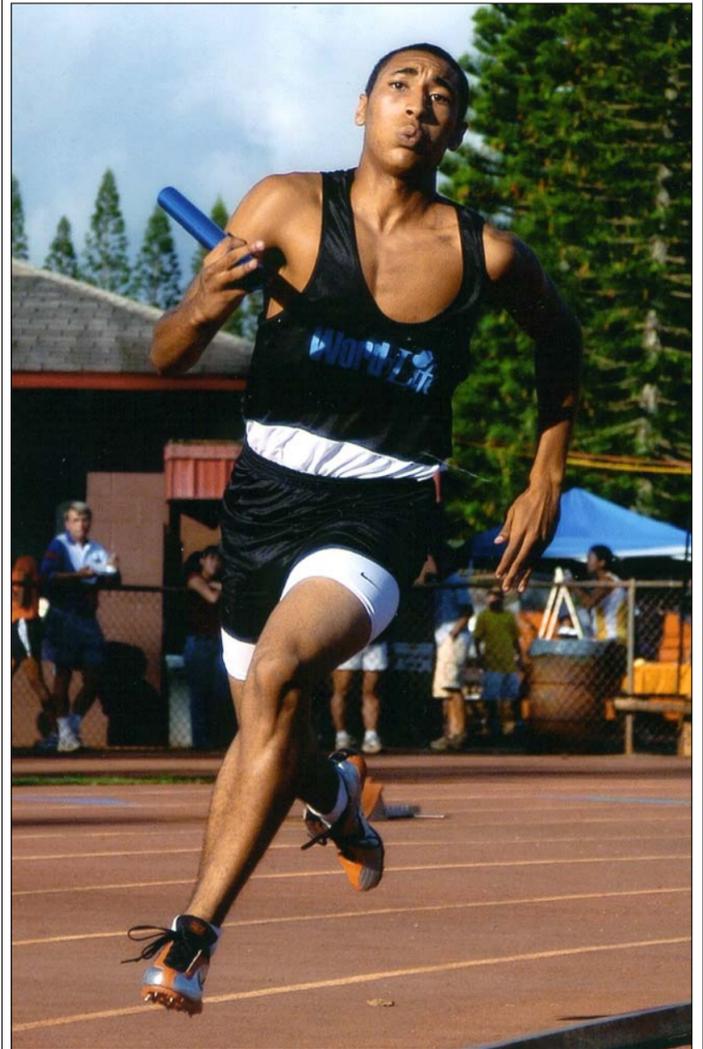


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G. Christopher Cutkelvin, a senior at Word of Life Academy, recently qualified for four final events in the 2006 Hawai'i State Track and Field Championship. He is the son of OSC (SW) Kurt Cutkelvin. OSC Cutkelvin is assigned to the staff of Command Naval Surface Group Middle Pacific.