

“Protecting America against threats will remain our primary mission, a task that will require the service of warfighters who will never lose focus on the drive to victory.”

- Dr. Donald C. Winter, Secretary of the Navy

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Secretary of the Navy visits Hawai'i

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Naval Media Center Pearl Harbor

The Honorable Dr. Donald C. Winter, Secretary of the Navy (SECNAV), visited the Hawai'i operating area this week to meet with Sailors, Marines and local elected officials to get a better understanding of the island.

"I've been to Hawai'i before, but never in this capacity," said Winter. "I wanted to see what was going on out here. We've got a huge effort planned for the next several years in terms of positioning the Navy and Marine Corps for the future in the Pacific," Winter added.

The SECNAV said Hawai'i would

play a large role in that future.

"I'm getting a better perspective of some of the challenges we have with land use, from the availability here within Hawai'i, and it's part of what I will use for future deliberations for deployment of forces throughout the Pacific," said Winter.

After arriving late Saturday night, Winter began his visit early Sunday morning with a trip to the USS Arizona Memorial to honor the Sailors and Marines who lost their lives in the attack on Pearl Harbor.

He said it gave him a perspective of the role Hawai'i continues to play on a world stage.

"I'd heard the stories and learned

so much about Pearl Harbor growing up, about what happened on that fateful morning, and quite frankly the comparison between 9/11 and Dec. 7 are important lessons to continue to remember," said Winter. "It was really an honor to be able to do that."

Winter's eventful schedule continued Monday when he met with Governor Linda Lingle, Senator Daniel Akaka, Congressman Neil Abercrombie and Honolulu Mayor Mufi Hannemann.

Winter said as secretary, it's important to maintain relationships between the community and the Navy and Marine Corps team. Elected representatives are an

important part of that relationship, and he tries to speak with local leaders as a part of each visit.

He also likes to meet as many Sailors and Marines as possible. In addition to touring the Pearl Harbor Naval Shipyard and traveling to Pacific Missile Range Facility in Kauai, Winter met with nearly 1,000 Sailors and Marines in two all-hands calls in Pearl Harbor and Kaneohe Bay.

Winter answered a variety of questions about augmentees, rating mergers, shipyard availabilities, and the possibility of a carrier based in Hawai'i.

His answers were straightforward. Individual augmentees are here to stay, the Navy is still

consolidating skill sets to meet the future needs of the Navy, especially with the new littoral combat ships, and Hawai'i is still a possible home for a carrier, although he was also very clear that it's merely a possibility.

"The Pacific region is an extremely important area," said Winter. "When you look at future adversaries and the types of issues we worry about, things we need to properly position for, and when you look at the range of distance in the Pacific, it's an extremely important area."

From Hawai'i, Winter will continue to tour the Pacific with visits to Guam, Okinawa and mainland Japan.

Online chat slated to link subject matter experts, Sailors on ratings alignment

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Members of the Supply Enlisted Community Board of Advisors (SECBOA) will host a two-hour online chat to answer questions Sailors may have regarding plans to implement new ratings for enlisted supply community Sailors. The event will be held Aug. 30, starting at 10 p.m. on Navy Knowledge Online (NKO).

The live chat will help SECBOA members understand Sailors' concerns about the new ratings alignment and will contribute to the development and decisions that go into the ratings refinement. At the same time, Sailors will have the opportunity to ask questions unique to their personal situations or to their rating.

"We held an online chat in May that turned out to be a great success," CMDCM (SW/AW) Dan Warner, command master chief of the supply community, said. "The SECBOA members learned a lot from the Sailors who participated. Knowing what Sailors are thinking is critical to the success of this ratings alignment. Understanding their concerns and learning from two-way communication among Navy personnel at all levels will ensure our supply personnel maintain readiness now and in the future."

The planned ratings alignment will create two new ratings in the categories of "Services" and "Logistics" from four existing ratings -- Storekeeper (SK), Postal Clerk (PC), Ship's Serviceman (SH), and Culinary Specialist (CS). Implementation of the new ratings is anticipated to begin in fiscal year 2008 with the recruitment and training of new enlisted Sailors.

"The new ratings are being designed to provide more opportunities for Sailors, improve their career development, and support manpower flexibility across the Navy to meet new demands and challenges brought

about by distance support and the implementation of Sea Warrior," Warner added.

To access the chat room on NKO, log onto NKO at <https://www.nko.navy.mil> and select "NKO IM" from top right corner. This will open a new window. Answer YES/OK to all questions. Wait for all actions to complete before proceeding. When the user name appears with a green circle at the bottom of the window, setup is ready.

Next, select the "Group Conference" tab on the top of the new window (fourth button on top). Select "Supply Ratings Alignment" from the list and start chatting.

Questions and answers from the first online chat are posted on NKO. Visit <https://www.nko.navy.mil/portal/splash/index.jsp> (Organization & Communities dropdown menu / Learning Centers / NPDC Service Support / Select SK Rating at left / Rating Alignment sub-selection). This NKO site includes two ways to ask questions--a bulletin board titled "Rating Alignment Discussion Group" and a feedback mechanism.

In addition to NKO communication vehicles, questions can be sent via e-mail to SupplyEnlistedRating@navy.mil or directed to Supply Enlisted Community Management Staff at 901-874-2825/DSN 882-2825.

Naval Supply Systems Command's (NAVSUP) primary mission is to provide U.S. naval forces with quality supplies and services. With headquarters in Mechanicsburg, Pa., and employing a worldwide workforce of more than 24,000 military and civilian personnel, NAVSUP oversees logistics programs in the areas of supply operations, conventional ordnance, contracting, resale, fuel, transportation, and security assistance. In addition, NAVSUP is responsible for quality of life issues for our naval forces, including food service, postal services, Navy Exchanges, and movement of household goods.



U.S. Navy photo

Hawai'i's public school students will bring home federal census survey cards Sept. 5, to be filled out by parents and returned to school the following day. Data collected from these forms, and turned into the Federal Department of Education, determines the funding received by the Hawai'i Department of Education.

Federal impact aid for Hawai'i public schools

Kathy Woolridge

Navy Region Hawai'i School Liaison Officer

On Tuesday Sept. 5, Hawai'i's public school students will bring home federal census survey cards to be filled out by parents and returned to school the following day. It is extremely important to complete the federal survey cards and return them promptly to your child's school. The data collected from these forms, and turned into the Federal Department of Education, determines the funding received by the Hawai'i Department of Education (DOE).

Impact aid partially reimburses the state Department of Education for educating federally connected students. It is intended to replace the tax revenues lost to a community by the double impact of having non-taxable federal property.

Impact aid is the only federal education program where the funds are sent directly to the

school district. Hawai'i is a one-district school system, so the funds go directly into the school district's general fund for operations such as purchase of textbooks, computers, utilities, and payment of staff salaries.

Why fill out the card?

- Every card not returned means funds lost to Hawai'i classrooms statewide.
- Federal Impact Aid is a partial reimbursement to the school district for educating federally connected students attending public schools.
- Families of federally connected students pay less in taxes into the school district than local residents; taxes that fund education.
- Federal Impact Aid funds pay for teacher salaries and school programs, materials, equipment and supplies.
- Hawai'i has the highest number of military children per capita in the nation (greatest impact on local schools).

Federal Survey Card results are the only official, current method to determine the number of military children in a school. Aside from determining the amount of impact aid a school district will receive, military children population statistics also determine school eligibility for Joint Venture Education Forum funds, in particular textbook, technology, and repair and maintenance funds.

The larger the military dependent population, the higher the school ranking on the fund eligibility list. These funds will go directly to the students' schools. For more information about Joint Venture Education Forum funding please visit: www.pacom.mil/jvef/funding.shtm.

Not responding could result in the loss of millions of dollars in federal funds that benefit both our military and local communities.

For more information, call Kathy Woolridge at 473-4222 ext. 277.

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Secretary of the Navy committed to maintaining Pearl Harbor Naval Shipyard

Marshall Fukuki

Pearl Harbor Naval Shipyard Public Affairs

Secretary of the Navy (SECNAV) Dr. Donald C. Winter visited Pearl Harbor Naval Shipyard (PHNSY) Aug. 21 to discuss shipyard operations with senior leadership and tour the historic facility. It was part of Winter's first Pacific visit since he took office in January. The Assistant Secretary of the Navy for Installations and Environment, Mr. B.J. Penn, joined Winter and others during the visit.

Following his shipyard visit, Winter told media representatives the Navy is "committed" to maintaining Pearl Harbor Naval Shipyard. The shipyard was considered for inclusion in the July 2005 Base Realignment and Closure (BRAC) process, but Winter stated that, "BRAC is history as far as I am concerned."

In his meetings with managers and waterfront workers, Winter praised the shipyard on its ability to support the Fleet and the ongoing initiatives to improve performance. He also emphasized the need for Pearl Harbor to further leverage



U.S. Navy photo by Michael Laley

Pearl Harbor Naval Shipyard supervisor Renny Akina briefs Secretary of the Navy Dr. Donald C. Winter on an improvement project during a waterfront tour of shipyard facilities Aug. 21. Akina explained how shop workers streamlined the application of hull tiles on ships, generating potential first-year savings of \$415,000. Assistant Secretary of the Navy, Mr. B.J. Penn, is behind and to the left of Winter.

the best practices of other shipyards.

"What you are all about is readiness," said Winter, during the roundtable discussion with shipyard leaders. "I wish we could predict who we're going to fight, when and where. But we can't, so we need to reduce the amount of time our ships are in shipyards for long-term

availabilities."

Winter acknowledged a current, "very intense" work period now with jobs such as submarine overhauls, and predicted, "a lot of good work planned in the out years" for the shipyard.

"Secretary Winter showed great interest in our shipyard and our workers during his visit," said shipyard

Commander Capt. Frank Camelio. "He was well aware that we have a steady and challenging workload in the coming years, so his direction to us was clear: we have to improve our efficiency and revitalize our workforce to meet that challenge."

Shipyard leaders discussed other command issues and challenges with

Winter, as well as actions being taken to address them.

Following the leadership discussion and shipyard tour, Winter commented, "The shipyard is largely a World War II-era facility supporting a 21st century Fleet." He noted that the Navy must be mindful of the historic legacy of the shipyard, but can not allow historic preservation concerns to impede efforts to modernize this strategically important facility. Some of the shipyard's most valuable waterfront maintenance real estate includes unusable—but historic—buildings.

Following the leadership discussion, Winter presented a graduation diploma to engineer Eugene Young for recently earning Navy/American Society for Quality Certification (Black Belt) in "Lean Six Sigma" process improvement. Young is one of the first in the Navy to pass this rigorous certification test.

During the shipyard tour, Winter stopped at Dry Dock 1 to meet waterfront workers who were instrumental in streamlining the installation of hull tiles during a recent Lean event. Shipyard Wood and Plastics Shop supervisor Renny Akina explained how

the improved process generated potential first-year savings of \$415,000, with \$215,000 a year in labor saved every year thereafter.

During the leadership discussion, Matt Hamilton, Metal Trades Council president, discussed the shipyard's successful "Moonshine" initiative as another approach to process improvement, sponsored by the labor organization. Hamilton noted that the SECNAV is a strong advocate of Lean, process improvement, and personnel safety.

Winter stopped in Hawai'i on his way to Guam, Japan and Okinawa.

In addition to the shipyard, he visited other Navy and joint commands, as well as Hawai'i Governor Linda Lingle and congressional staff offices on Oahu.

Pearl Harbor Naval Shipyard is the largest industrial employer in the state of Hawai'i, with more than 5,000 employees and, in fiscal year 2005, a more than \$550 million impact on the state economy. Strategically located in the mid-Pacific Ocean, PHNSY is a full-service naval shipyard and regional maintenance center for the U.S. Navy's surface ships and submarines.

Dual black belt certification to shipyard worker



U.S. Navy photo by Michael Laley

Secretary of the Navy (SECNAV) Dr. Donald C. Winter presents Pearl Harbor Naval Shipyard engineer Eugene Young with a Lean Six Sigma Black Belt certification from the American Society of Quality (ASQ) and the Department of the Navy (DoN). Young is the first and only shipyard worker to earn this dual certification. In April, he was one of 29 Naval Sea System Command (NAVSEA) employees in the first class to take and pass the joint ASQ and DoN exam. The SECNAV recognized the graduates in June at the Pentagon. Since Young was unable to attend that ceremony, Winter presented the certificate during the Aug. 21 visit to the shipyard.

Hawai'i Navy News Editorial

Six hours could get you six to 15 years!

Pacific Fleet Master Chief (SS/SW) R. D. West

Hoo-yah, warriors! Just back from a short leave period to recharge the ol' batteries and already back on the road visiting the world's greatest Navy.

While I was on leave, I ran across something that really struck me as amazingly simple yet profound. I want to share that with you today.

Awhile back I wrote a column about DUIs, and I talked on just about every topic you'd expect a fleet master chief to address. I went on about how it could be avoided by having a plan, how it can ruin your career and your life. I talked 'em all up.

But the other day, I ran across something that I think hits home for everyone of us when it comes to drinking and driving, and that's what I want to share with you now.

How much money do you make? How much can you afford to lose? And I'm not necessarily talking mast here, although that will figure in later.

Okay, let's say we have a Sailor who foregoes better judgment and decides to drive home after a night of partying with friends. He or she gets into an alcohol-related accident. What is the actual cost?

Let's start doing some math. First off, there's the towing fee for your car whether it's in one piece or not. That averages about \$150.



FLTCM(SS/SW) Rick West

Next, you're going to need a lawyer since the cops wrote you up for DUI. The Navy's not giving you one, so that's about \$3,500 for a decent lawyer.

Since most states administer field breathalyzer tests, if you were DUI, they're pretty much going to be able to prove it. So despite your \$3,500 lawyer, you get convicted. The fine averages about \$400.

Now your insurance company gets a hold of this info, and they are none too pleased. You get hit with a surcharge for about three years (assuming you stay out of trouble that long) and that adds up to about \$1,500 bucks.

Lemme see now ... carry the one, add the four ... we're at \$5,550 right now for just a couple of rounds.

But wait, there's more. Part of the conviction means you have to pay the court costs. There's another \$450, thank you very much.

As part of the sentence, you have to attend alcohol education - which costs you money - for about \$150. And you have to have an alcohol and drug evaluation test - \$75.

Hey, did they mention that as

part of the course and evaluation, they decide you need alcohol dependency treatment? Yep, they did, you do, and it costs \$400 to complete.

So where are we at now? Adding everything up, I have about \$6,625 in fines, fees, and other mandatory costs.

I'd like to say that's it, but it's not. Most states charge you money to get your license reinstated. Are you ready? It averages to about \$1,000. Add to that about another \$400 in lost work and other costs, your total cost for that final drink was about ... \$8,025!

Now I realize that different places have different costs and rates. Some might be a little cheaper. Others will not. But shipmates, I cannot imagine any of us paying \$8,000 for a beer. You can get a really decent car for that kind of money.

And of course, you know that once you get back to the command, the skipper's going to be looking for his or her cut too. Let's say you're an E-5 with over six years, so that's about \$2,200 you can possibly kiss goodbye.

Grand total: \$10,225.

Now I've shown you cold hard dollars. But what's the law here? Pretty simple, folks. While the laws also vary from place to place, generally you can expect:

- Legal drinking age - 21 years old
- Blood alcohol level of .08 - DUI and automatic six-month suspension of driver's license... did you know even lower BAC levels significantly degrade reaction times?
- Blood alcohol level above .20 - increased DUI penalties and automatic six-month suspension of driver's license
- Refusing to submit to a breathalyzer request by law enforcement - 1 year automatic driver's license suspension for the first refusal and 18 months for the second or subsequent refusals
- Underage drinking - arrestable second-degree misdemeanor with up to a \$500 fine, and if you refuse the breath test, 1 year automatic license suspension

I'm not trying to preach, folks. Those are the simple, hard facts. If you drive under the influence, you might as well get out your check-book.

Not a single one of us would pay this much money for "just a few beers." If the barkeep gave you this kind of tab, you'd go through the roof. So why is it that our fellow warriors are willing to pay this kind of "bar tab"? If you know, you're smarter than me because I can't figure it out.

Well I should also say that after a DUI you're lucky if you only have to pay dollars... how about time? That's where the title comes in. Vehicular manslaughter is ugly, and if convicted, you can find your-

self locked up for years. Ask yourself is it worth all this? Should I have called a shipmate, my chief or my COB or CMC?

Let's all finish out the summer the right way. We have fun, we work hard, we all look out for each other, and if we drink, we do it responsibly.

Chiefs, LPOs, get out there with those younger folks of yours and walk some talk. Senior folks have to not only tell them the facts, but lead by example. Our chiefs, first class messes and second classes should ensure we're doing everything possible to get everyone back in one piece and ready to keep fighting the good fight.

Let me close by saying thanks to the Naval Safety Center for providing all this great information. I strongly urge you to use their materials in your training plans whenever possible. A wealth of information is just a mouse click away at www.safety-center.navy.mil, so be sure to look them up.

And you can always get in touch with me as well at cpf.fleetfeedback@navy.mil to give me your thoughts and ideas. I hit the road again soon, and I look forward to seeing you on the deckplates. Hoo-yah!

FLEET TIP: Have you seen the booklet "Traffic 5100?" It's a Naval Safety Center publication ... every wardroom and CPO mess should have one!

Commentary

Fireside Chat

Navy Region Federal Fire Dept.

Fire exits

More than just a way out!

Victor M. Flint
Federal Fire Inspector

The fire exit is much more than a way out of your building. The fire exit is a lifesaver in more ways than one.

First of all, there should be more than one fire exit. There should be at least two or more for all buildings. Unfortunately, there have been a few tragic fires where people were trapped inside because the fire exits were locked and/or blocked.

It's human nature; we go out the way we come in. But if that way out is blocked by heat, smoke, flames and fumes, we would have to know another way out or we would get trapped. That is the purpose of more than one fire exit.

Take a minute to look for the illuminated fire exit sign in your building. You will find these fire exit signs above and close to fire exit doors. It's through these fire exit doors that will lead you safely out of your building.

The fire exit is much more than a door; it's a system. First, it's a door

that usually swings out and closes automatically. By the door swinging out, it prevents people from piling up behind the door. With the door automatically closing, it minimizes fresh air from feeding the fire and heat, and smoke and fumes from following you out the door.

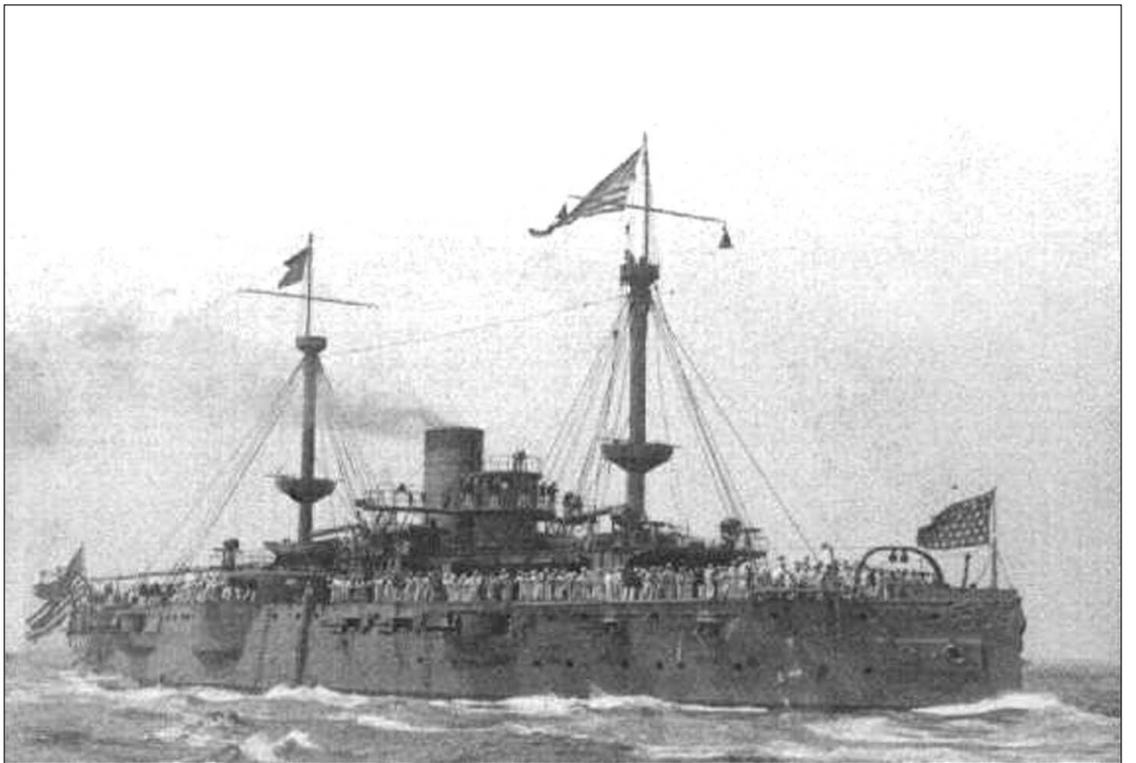
Secondly, a fire alarm pull station should be close to the door. In the event of a fire, you can pull the handle and activate the fire alarm as you exit the building. Remember to muster at your outside meeting place.

Third, a fire extinguisher should be near the door. Then you do not have to look around for the fire extinguisher. It should be near the fire exit.

The Federal Fire Department recommends that you take a minute and get familiar with your fire exit. Remember, the fire exit is more than a way out - it's a system of safety ... for you!

For more information about fire exits and other fire-related questions, call Inspector Victor M. Flint at 474-7785.

USS Texas, Navy's first steel-hulled battleship



U.S. Navy photo

The first Battleship Texas was christened on Aug. 15, 1895, becoming the first American steel-hulled battleship. The 309-foot vessel was soon called into action. It was used to bring home the bodies of those that died in the sinking of USS Maine in Havana harbor on Feb. 15, 1898. In the Spanish-American War that followed, the Texas participated in the defeat of a Spanish squadron during the Battle of Santiago, fought July 3, 1898. After the war, the Texas served in various peacetime activities until 1911. At that time, its name was changed to USS San Marcos so that the name Texas could be reassigned to a new, more modern battleship. After being brought in and out of service for several years, the first USS Texas became a gunnery target for newer ships in the U. S. Navy. She now lies at the bottom of the Chesapeake Bay, about seven miles southeast of Tangier Island.

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Patrol Squadron 4 Sailor reenlists in shark cage

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Some service members hold their reenlistment ceremonies in front of a memorial to honor the history and tradition of their branch of service. Some hold their ceremony at a particular location that holds a meaning for that person. For one petty officer, holding a reenlistment ceremony the traditional way was not enough.

On Aug. 5, Yeoman 2nd Class Cathryn J. Martens, administration clerk, Patrol Squadron 4, chose to hold her reenlistment ceremony in the waters of North Shore surrounded by sharks.

"Someone recently chose to hold their ceremony while skydiving, I chose the water," said Martens, a Rossford, Ohio native. "It's our decision to hold the ceremony however we please. Some choose to have them simple and others have them extreme. I had to be different from everybody else and make it fun and memorable. Might as well



U.S. Navy photo

Yeoman 2nd Class Cathryn J. Martens, Patrol Squadron 4, reenlists as sharks swim around. Martens, a 21-year-old Rossford, Ohio native, chose to reenlist within a shark cage in order to make her ceremony memorable.

make reenlisting worthwhile."

As the shark cage was set, Martens and three other Sailors lowered themselves into the cage ready to com-

mence her reenlistment.

With snorkeling gear on and a high level of excitement as sharks swam around the cage, eating any little piece of food that is thrown out to

attract them closer, Martens raised her right hand and repeated the mumbled words of Lt. Robert Ward, the observing officer, whom Martens said seemed a little terrified

to enter the water as six-foot sharks circled the boat.

After repeating the oath, Martens signed a laminated contract with an oil pen to close the ceremony, ending what Martens said was a very memorable moment.

"When I called my dad and told him what I did, he said I was crazy," said the 21-year-old. "He also said it was good going on my part to make things a little bit different though. He also said that was one way for me not to run away from reenlistment."

After graduating high school, Martens decided to join the military in order to get a chance to travel around the world.

She chose the Navy due to the high number of technical jobs that the Navy offers, which she said would give her the basics of a variety of civilian jobs for when she decides to depart from her military service.

Since joining the Navy, Martens has been to Misawa, Japan and Bahrain, which Martens said was a complete culture shock to her.

"Bahrain has so many different types of cultures," she

said. "Over there you get to work with the British and the Australians. For me, I gained a lot from working with different types of people. It was a good experience."

When first joining the Navy, her father and stepmother were completely supportive in her decision. Both of whom have seen a change for the better in their daughter.

"One of the first things they have noticed was that I have more respect for authority," said Martens, the youngest of six siblings. "I now have a different insight on the world rather than the little home town feeling, which I came from."

Martens is currently working on achieving her bachelor's degree in business, which she feels is no different from her current job.

"My job is basically a lot of paperwork," said Martens. "I figured I should major in something that I know and do everyday. All I do everyday is work and homework, and that is what is going to get me ahead." concluded Martens.

State of Hawai'i presents \$500,000 grant-in-aid to the Pearl Harbor Memorial Fund

Pearl Harbor Memorial Fund Organization

On August 16, Major Gen. Robert G. F. Lee, Adjutant General of the Hawai'i State Department of Defense, on behalf of the State of Hawai'i, presented the Pearl Harbor Memorial Fund with a check for \$500,000 as part of the current \$1,000,000 grant-in-aid appropriation approved by the Hawai'i State Legislature during their 2005 session.

The grant-in-aid will contribute to the funding of a new Pearl Harbor Memorial Museum and Visitor Center to replace the existing visitor center.

Since its dedication in 1980, the current visitor center has experienced tremendous usage and demand. Higher than expected visitation, structural deterioration due

to water intrusion, inadequate climatic controls for museum artifacts, and insufficient educational and curatorial space all contribute to the urgent need to replace and expand the current museum and visitor center. Engineers have estimated the current facility must be replaced within the next three to eight years.

"It is an honor to have here in Hawai'i one of the greatest monuments in American history, the USS Arizona Memorial and its shore side gateway, the Memorial Museum and Visitor Center," said Lee.

"The State of Hawai'i takes pride in its responsibility to do our part to preserve for our nation and the world a symbol of the many military and civilian sacrifices that were made in the name of freedom and democracy," Lee added.

Accepting the check on behalf of the Pearl Harbor Memorial Fund were George Sullivan, chairman of the board, Arizona Memorial Museum Association; Mathew Sgan, senior vice president, Arizona Memorial Museum Association and the Pearl Harbor Memorial Fund; and Everett Hyland, a Pearl Harbor survivor and USS Arizona Memorial Visitor Center volunteer.

"The Arizona Memorial Museum Association, Pearl Harbor Memorial Fund and our many Pearl Harbor survivors and families are extremely grateful to the Hawai'i State Legislature and the people of Hawai'i for their very generous donation and support," said George Sullivan.

"It is here that each year, more than one and half mil-

lion people from our own islands and throughout the world come to visit to gain an understanding of the events and significance of Pearl Harbor and carry away with them a deeper appreciation for the many heroes of that day and era. The new Pearl Harbor Memorial Museum and Visitor Center will allow us to continue to preserve and honor their memory not only for our generation, but for the many generations to come."

"The National Park Service is very pleased and grateful to be in partnership with the Arizona Memorial Museum Association, Pearl Harbor Memorial Fund and the people of Hawai'i -- to work

together to make the vision of a new Pearl Harbor Memorial Museum and Visitor Center a reality," said Douglas Lentz, superintendent, USS Arizona Memorial, National Park Service. "At the National Park Service, we have the honor of maintaining and interpreting this very important national monument each day and know first hand the tremendous impact a visit to the memorial has on every one of the millions of visitors we receive each year."

The Arizona Memorial Museum Association (AMMA), established the Pearl Harbor Memorial Fund at the request of the National Park Service to raise funds

needed to build a new Pearl Harbor Memorial Museum and Visitor Center at Pearl Harbor. The national campaign is actively soliciting donations from major corporations, foundations and the general public from around the nation. To date, more than \$25 million has been raised and appropriated. To become a charter sponsor, be added to the honor roll of donors and enter a name in the memorial registry or for more information about the Pearl Harbor Memorial Fund, go to www.pearlharbormemorialfund.com or call toll free: 1-866-332-1941.

Pearl Harbor Highlights



U.S. Navy photo by MC1 Dennis C. Cantrell

Chief petty officer (CPO) selectees stationed in Pearl Harbor run in formation during the initial phase of CPO training. The newly selected, but not yet promoted CPO selects, will endure six weeks of arduous physical fitness and team building exercises as they begin their transition from first class petty officers to Navy chiefs.



U.S. Navy photo by MC1 (AW/SW) James E. Foehl

Capt. Jim Donovan, commanding officer, Naval Computer and Telecommunications Area Master Station, Pacific (NCTAMPAC), escorts Secretary of the Navy (SECNAV), the Honorable Dr. Donald C. Winter, across the landing zone onboard NCTAMPAC. The SECNAV visited military installations and commands in the Hawai'i region. NCTAMPAC manages, operates, and maintains Defense Communication System and Naval Telecommunication System assets by offering a full range of automated data processing and information resource services.



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The Japanese Maritime Self Defense Force (JMSDF) training ships, JDS Kashima (TV 3508), JDS Amagiri (DD 154) and JDS Yamagiri (TV 3515) moor pier side in Pearl Harbor for a port visit as part of a world-wide training and international relations cruise. More on page A-6.



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Naval Station Pearl Harbor military police patrol boats are used around the clock to patrol the waterways and harbor to protect U.S. Navy ships and foreign ships that visit Pearl Harbor.



U.S. Navy photo courtesy of ATG MIDPAC

Operations Specialist 2nd Class (SW/AW) Steven Fields from the Center for Naval Security Forces gives blood during Afloat Training Group Middle Pacific's (ATG MIDPAC) second blood drive this year on Ford Island, July 26. Blood bank personnel from Tripler Army Medical Center reported they again exceeded their goals, with more than 37 units collected in a few hours. ATG MIDPAC personnel received a briefing from Tripler representatives earlier this year on the ongoing need for blood and the difficulties encountered in identifying donors due to immunizations and overseas deployments. Since then, ATG MIDPAC has made the commitment to host the blood drive as often as possible.

Three Japanese naval ships visit Pearl Harbor



Navy Region Hawai'i Public Affairs Office

More than 1,000 sailors of the Japan Training Squadron arrived at Naval Station Pearl Harbor Aug. 18 for a brief port visit. Members of the local Japanese community greeted them at the pier.

The participating ships were the training ship, JDS Kashima (TV 3508), and destroyers JDS Amagiri (DD 154) and JDS Yamagiri (TV 3515). Rear Adm. Takanobu Sasaki, Commander, Japan Training Squadron, was the senior representative of the Japan Maritime Self Defense Force, accompanied by 200 newly commissioned officers of Kashima.

While in Hawai'i, the squadron placed wreaths at the USS Arizona Memorial, the Makiki Japanese Naval Graveyard, and the National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific. The Japan Training Squadron Band held a special performance at the Ala Moana Shopping Center.

The purpose of the training cruise is to develop the seamanship and leadership skills of Japan's future leaders, as well as broadening the mutual understanding and friendship between the United States and Japan.

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

Midshipmen from the Japanese Maritime Self Defense Force (JMSDF) tour the Arleigh Burke-class guided missile destroyer USS O'Kane (DDG 77). The JMSDF training ships, JDS Kashima (TV 3508), JDS Amagiri (DD 154) and JDS Yamagiri (TV 3515) pulled into Pearl Harbor on Aug. 18, for a port visit as part of a world-wide training and international relations cruise.

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Hawai'i Navy News

Arleigh Burke trophy presented to USS Columbia

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Pacific Fleet commander Adm. Gary Roughead presented the Arleigh Burke Fleet Trophy to USS Columbia (SSN 771) on Aug. 15, formally recognizing the Pearl Harbor-based submarine for being the most improved operational unit in the Pacific Fleet.

Roughead credited the submarine's crew for their hard work and dedication to continuous improvement.

"It was just the way the crew came together and committed itself to doing the right things, a commitment to one another; and all of that is based on a foundation of character and on always being true to your job, to your shipmates and to yourself," he said.

The trophy is presented each

year to the ship or aviation squadron in both the Atlantic and Pacific fleets that has achieved the greatest improvement during the preceding year.

Among the factors considered are operational accomplishments, performance in inspections, awards and retention.

After completing a shipyard maintenance availability early last year, Columbia completed its Fleet Response Plan requirements – normally an 18-month process – in just eight months.

During that time the submarine trained prospective commanding officers as part of the Submarine Command Course, shot numerous exercise weapons, and conducted sound trial operations at the Southeast Alaska Acoustic Measurement Facility.

The ship deployed from Pearl Harbor in September 2005, 45 days earlier than originally planned. During its six months in

the Western Pacific, Columbia participated in multinational exercises with the Royal Australian navy, made visits to Singapore, Guam, Australia, Japan and Korea.

The ship was awarded the Meritorious Unit Commendation for that deployment.

"This shows their dedication, expertise and their commitment to meeting the operational schedule," said Cmdr. Gene Sievers, Columbia's commanding officer.

"I'm extremely proud of those guys. They've done everything we've asked of them."

The Arleigh Burke Fleet Trophy is named in honor of Adm. Arleigh Burke, who served 42 years in the U.S. Navy, including six years as Chief of Naval Operations, making him the longest serving CNO in American history.



U.S. Navy photo by MC1 (SW) Cynthia Clark

Commander, U.S. Pacific Fleet, Adm. Gary Roughead, (left,) and Commander, Submarine Force U.S. Pacific Fleet, Rear Adm. Joseph Walsh, (center,) present the Arleigh Burke Fleet Trophy to the crew of the Los Angeles-class submarine USS Columbia (SSN 771) in a ceremony on board Naval Station Pearl Harbor. The trophies are presented annually to the ship or squadron of the Atlantic and Pacific fleet that is considered the most improved.



MWR Families First program helps deployed Sailors connect with family members abroad

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Navy Region Hawai'i, Morale Welfare and Recreation Child and Youth Programs present MWR Families First, a way for military families to reconnect and stay connected. A variety of programs will be offered from August through September, giving military families opportunities to learn, create, play and celebrate.

In this modern world, technology allows people to be just a click away. Get Connected with Cyber Camp for Adults is a program designed to teach those at home how to stay connected with their loved-ones who are overseas or close to home. From Aug. 28 – Sept. 15, three classes will be provided at Richardson Pool classroom. The Computer Essentials Class will teach students how to set up and manage their own email accounts and send and

receive photos. The Digital Photography and Web Design Class, will teach students how to create and design their own personal Web site, and even put together a movie with their edited pictures. For students seeking personal instruction or practice, a drop-in class will be provided. This program is open to all military affiliated and DoD personnel, families (i.e. spouses, parents, grandparents), and retirees.

Communication can become a powerful tool in strengthening the bonds within a family. MWR Families First will provide two free Family Related Seminars centered on communication. Today, from 6:30–8:30 p.m., Pamela Chambers, author of “Speak for Yourself” and “Stand & Deliver” will teach people how to hold a winning attitude and learn interpersonal communication skills in her Family Communication Seminar. On Sept. 30, from 8 a.m. – noon, Dr. Linda Wheeler, co-owner of Successories of Hawai'i,

Inc. and author of “Ain't Life a Beach” and “Lessons in Love” will explore and discuss important communication issues in Effective Communications for Families. Both seminars are free and will be held at Catlin Clubhouse.

In Parent's Night Out, School Age Care and Child Development Centers (CDC) will open on certain nights to provide that rare opportunity for parents or guardians to have some time off. The following places will provide free quality child care from 6 – 11 p.m. at Catlin Clubhouse (421-1556): Aug. 25, Sept. 8, 22, 29 (for ages 6 – 12); Barbers Point CDC (682-0013): Aug. 25, Sept. 8, 22, (for ages 2 – 5); Bougainville CDC (422-7133): Aug. 25, Sept. 8, 22, (for ages 2 – 5); NCTAMS CDC (653-5305): Sept. 1, 15, 29, (for ages 2 – 5); NAVSTA CDC (473-2669): Sept. 1, 15, 29, (for ages 2 – 5). Parents or guardians interested in using this service can reserve their child's space by calling the program directly.

Family Camp Experience is offering two different camps for families and individuals looking for an outdoor adventure. On Sept. 2–4, Camp Erdman will offer facilitated activities such as

archery, swimming, crafts and campfires. On Sept. 22–24, Camp Mokuleia will provide the perfect setting near the beach, for games and camping activities. With all of the meals and accommodations provided, these camps will offer a relaxing experience for all family members. Lodging will be in cabins and done dormitory style. Space is limited, so reservations need to be made quickly. Cost is \$50 per family for each camp.

Families with piles of pictures can now learn the joy of creating a scrapbook. Free Creative Memories Scrapbooking Classes will be offered Aug. 26, Sept. 9, 23 and 30 from 9:30 a.m. to noon. Participants will learn how to design and assemble their photographs in a creative display. Classes will be held at Catlin Clubhouse. All participants will receive a free scrapbooking kit. Register no later than the Friday before the class, but space is limited to 18 people per class, so register today.

On Saturday, Sept. 16 families can celebrate the Boys and Girls Clubs Day for Kids at Ford Island (across from the Navy Lodge). From 4 p.m., free pony rides, a petting zoo, bounce houses, raku,

and ceramic painting will create fun and joy for the little ones. Mojo Gymnastics All Stars and Cheer Eruption All Stars will provide entertainment at the event. The Family Fun Run, and the Family Stars On Stage will also be featured. Families interested in these two special events can register at Catlin Clubhouse by Sept. 8. First place winner for the Family Stars On Stage will receive a free family vacation to Kauai. A Day for Kids presentation will be shown, as well as Garfield: Tail of Two Kitties (Rated PG). This event is open to all military affiliated and DoD personnel, family members and sponsored guests. Admission is free.

Registration for programs (excluding Parent's Night Out) must be done in person at Catlin Clubhouse at 4655 Catlin Drive, Honolulu. All programs except Get Connected Cyber Camp for Adults and Boys and Girls Day for Kids are open to all military families who have had a family member deploy between May 2005 and Sept. 2007. Proof of deployment is required when registering. For more information, call 421-1556 or visit www.greatlifehawaii.com.

USS Russell changes command 'down under'

Ensign Theresa Donnelly

USS Russell (DDG 59) Public Affairs

Cmdr. Charles B. Cooper II relieved Cmdr. James W. Kilby as commanding officer of USS Russell (DDG 59) on August 19 during a change of command ceremony held on the ship's flight deck while moored in Darwin, Australia.

Russell moored in Darwin before her transit home to Pearl Harbor, after a six-month deployment to the Western Pacific.

The beautiful weather set the stage for the ceremony, executed flawlessly as Kilby took a moment to reflect on his tenure as Russell's commanding officer. "It has been the greatest privilege to command USS Russell and to lead you these past 24 months. Nothing in my life prepared me for the feeling I have today or the feeling of pride I have in USS Russell Sailors," said Kilby, who then recognized some of the crewmembers that made significant contributions while onboard.

After the change of command, the crew gathered on the mess decks for a reception.

Cooper joins a highly successful



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crew that has recently served with both USS Abraham Lincoln and USS Kitty Hawk Strike Groups. While serving in this capacity, Russell was praised for its Ballistic Missile Defense (BMD) capabilities and achieved much tactical success

as the Alternate Air Defense Commander.

Under Kilby's stewardship since August of 2004, Russell has participated in several Joint Forces Exercises including Northern Edge 2005, a homeland defense exercise,

Foal Eagle in March, 2006, a Japanese Maritime Self Defense exercise and Valiant Shield, a multi-carrier exercise in the waters near Guam in June of 2006.

During Kilby's tenure, Russell was awarded several honors including the Battle Efficiency 'E' Award, Maritime Warfare Excellence Award, Logistics Management Excellence Award, Engineering/Survivability Excellence Award, Ship's Safety Excellence Award, and the Command, Control, Communication and Information Warfare Award.

The ship also holds the distinction as being one of the first DDGs in Pearl Harbor to obtain BMD certification in May of 2005. This milestone greatly increased mission readiness by giving Russell the additional capability to track and detect ballistic missiles. Russell exercised this capability as a key participant in numerous national ballistic missile defense events.

Cooper is originally from Montgomery, Alabama. He graduated from the United States Naval Academy in 1989 with a B.S. in economics. His afloat tours include Executive Officer on USS Vicksburg (CG 69), Operations Officer onboard

both USS Anzio (CG 68) and USS Fitzgerald (DDG 62), and Flag Lieutenant to Commander, Cruiser-Destroyer Group EIGHT/Eisenhower Battle Group.

Most recently, Cooper served as U.S. Executive Assistant to the Afghan Minister of the Interior and Division Chief for Strategic Reform at the Combined Security Transition Command in Kabul, Afghanistan.

While embarked onboard Russell, Kilby was the 2005 Pacific Fleet recipient of the Stockdale Leadership Award, a distinction given by the Chief of Naval Operations for inspirational leadership. Additionally, he led Russell through a challenging 11.5 million dollar selective restrictive availability (Dry-dock) period during his tour.

Kilby's next assignment will be as Director, Navy Missions at the Aegis BMD Office in Arlington, Virginia.

Cooper assumed command during Russell's 11th year of service as the seventh Commanding Officer.

"I look forward to building on all that has been achieved here under Cmdr. Kilby's leadership. It is the honor of a lifetime to serve as commanding officer," Cooper said.

Bodenstedt relieves Donch as commanding officer of Navy Munitions Command

Navy Munitions Command

Capt. Debra A. Bodenstedt relieved Capt. Michael J. Donch III as commanding officer of Navy Munitions Command, East Asia Division in a ceremony at West Loch, Pearl Harbor on Aug. 16.

The Navy Munitions Command was established to implement the Chief of Naval Operations direction to Fleet Headquarters to realign ordnance operations under a Navy Munitions Command (NMC) Enterprise.

NMC Headquarters was established to develop requirements, policies, business practices, and metrics for Fleet Ordnance Operations. The new NMC command brings together all ashore ordnance support operations in the United States and Asia. It consolidates 2,100 personnel into

three divisions: CONUS (Continental United States) East based at Yorktown, Va; CONUS West at Seal Beach, Calif.; and East Asia at Pearl Harbor, Hawaii.

In October 2006, the Mobile Mine Assembly Group (MOMAG) Command with its six units will become a fourth division, and a fifth division based in Europe is also planned.

"It is exciting to be taking command of a division of the newly established Navy Munitions Command with its extensive operations and far-reaching worldwide support. Our mission is to provide ordnance to our customers in the Pacific Fleet -- the ships, submarines and aircraft squadrons that call at our piers and runways," Bodenstedt remarked.

Her division includes detachments in Hawaii at Pearl Harbor, in Japan at Yokosuka, (with Annexes at Atsugi and Misawa), Sasebo, and Okinawa (with an Annex at Diego Garcia), and a detachment at Guam, totaling 610 Sailors, civilians, and contractors. Her focus will be to foster and grow the talents and expertise of her detachments and supporting staff so that they aspire to take on leadership roles in meeting the warfighting challenges of the future Navy.

NMC East Asia Division, along with its respective detachments manages large-scale, multi-customer ordnance operations in support of Fleet warfighting and training requirements.

The mission includes providing ordnance management for fleet units and shore activities, exercis-

ing command and control responsibility over detachment operations in the Pacific and Indian Oceans, ensuring optimal stock levels, operating ordnance loading and transshipment facilities, ensuring that explosive safety policies are followed and providing oversight of explosive safety programs at detachments, providing explosives safety oversight for regional shore activities, coordinating program resource requirements for detachments, and monitoring ordnance program budget execution.

"We are absolutely essential to the warfighting readiness of our Navy -- far out of proportion to our size and resources. World situations are unstable, crises can occur anytime; missions can change with little or no notice. We remain flexible and respon-

sive to changing situations and missions and must be willing to change sensibly. Navy Munitions Command, East Asia Division remains committed to providing efficiencies and savings to the taxpayer in execution of our mission," said Bodenstedt.

Bodenstedt's most recent tour was as Deputy Logistics Support Division and Munitions Branch Chief, J4 Directorate, U.S. Pacific Command. Previous tours include: command of the Consolidated Divers Unit in San Diego, executive officer of USS Safeguard (ARS 50); executive officer of the Atlantic Ordnance Command, Yorktown, VA; and officer in charge of the Naval Ordnance Center Detachment, Rock Island, Ill..

Donch is retiring and will make his home in Hawaii.