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### USS Columbia surges to Western Pacific, receives Meritorious Unit Commendation

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USS Columbia (SSN 771) received the Meritorious Unit Commendation on Sept 5, for its last deployment - just minutes before setting the maneuvering detail and departing for another.

Submarine Squadron Three commander Capt. Joseph Tofalo presented the Meritorious Unit Commendation to Columbia's crew as they said their good-byes to their loved ones at Pearl Harbor and prepared to leave for a surge deployment to the Western Pacific.

In the award citation, Chief of Naval Operations, Adm. Mike Mullen, praised Columbia for conducting an operation "of great importance to national security" and for providing "invaluable lessons for future operations and directly (enhancing) fleet, theater and national objectives."

Cmdr. Gene Sievers, Columbia's commanding officer, said his crew did an "extraordinary" job keeping the submarine in a ready status, despite returning from the deployment only six months ago.

"Normally after you return, you stand down and move into

maintenance period," said Sievers. "But the crew has maintained the ship in top shape, immediately going through the certification process."

During that time, Columbia was called upon at the last minute to participate in Rim of the Pacific 2006 exercises, where his crew spent three weeks in July operating as part of the bi-national force with the Japan Maritime Self Defense Force.

Sievers gave particular credit to the Pearl Harbor Naval Shipyard for helping Columbia to meet its deployment schedule. He said an emergent maintenance issue just one month before Columbia was due to deploy was fixed by shipyard divers rather than by putting the submarine into dry dock.

"They turned what otherwise would have been an emergent docking into a minor four-day pier side repair," he said.

Columbia's award comes on the heels of another significant recognition. Just two weeks ago, Adm. Gary Roughead, U.S. Pacific Fleet commander, presented Columbia's crew with the Arleigh Burke Fleet Trophy, presented annually to the most improved operational unit in the fleet.

Machinist Mate 1st Class (SS/DS) Gawain Brown, an

auxiliaryman from St. Louis, Mo., said he is looking forward to this deployment. "It's a great feeling keeping family, friends and loved ones safe," he said.

Even family members who were sad to see their loved ones leave recognized that deployments are the most important part of their job.

"You never want to see them leave," said Columbia's ombudsman. "But we know the importance of their job out there."

Commissioned Oct. 9, 1995, USS Columbia is the 60th submarine of the Los Angeles-class. Columbia displaces more than 6,900 tons, is 360 feet long and can reach speeds in excess of 25 knots and attain depths of more than 800 feet.

Columbia's shorter surge deployment is a part of the Fleet Response Plan (FRP), a program developed to change the way ships deploy and to provide the United States with a greater range of naval options, adding the element of flexibility to naval efficiency.

The idea behind FRP is to keep the Navy ready to surge and to vary the lengths of deployments, meaning the Navy will be more flexible, ready to deploy whenever, wherever.



U.S. Navy photo by MC 2 John L. Beeman

### Welcome back USS Hopper, USS Crommelin

Fire Controlman 1st Class Anthony Rosa assigned to the guided missile destroyer USS Hopper (DDG 70) visit, board, search and seizure team holds a position during a non-compliant boarding exercise aboard the Military Sealift Command underway replenishment ship USNS John Ericsson (TAO-194). Hopper and USS Crommelin (FFG 37) returned today from a scheduled deployment supporting Maritime Security Operations (MSO) and the global war on terrorism.



### Surface Navy Association presents Surface Warfare Leadership Awards

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*Commander, Navy Region Hawai'i Public Affairs*

The Surface Navy Association (SNA), Pearl Harbor Chapter, held

its annual Surface Warfare Leadership Awards luncheon Sept. 8 at Rainbow Bay Marina, Pearl Harbor.

The purpose of the luncheon was to recognize two outstanding Sailors homeported at Pearl Harbor for their

leadership excellence.

Vice Adm. Robert K. U. Kihune (U.S. Navy ret.), guest speaker for the event, commented on leadership in the Navy today, "It's not about you; it's about the people that work for you. Leadership is trying to instill in

your people that extra effort to do a great job."

The first award given was the

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### Battle of Lake Erie commemoration

USS Lake Erie (CG 70) Public Affairs

The Pearl Harbor-based guided missile cruiser USS Lake Erie (CG 70) sent its honor guard to Put-in-Bay, Ohio on Sept. 9-10 to participate

in the town's annual Historical Weekend. The celebration commemorates the 193rd anniversary of the War of 1812's Battle of Lake Erie, in which Commodore Oliver Hazard Perry's nine-ship flotilla defeated Commodore Robert Barclay's British

naval forces, securing this strategic body of water for freedom of movement for American forces.

"It means a great deal to the Sailors of USS Lake Erie today to maintain this historical connection."

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### A freedom walk to remember Sept. 11, 2001

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Five years after the tragic events of Sept. 11, 2001, Americans across the country stand united to fulfill their commitment to "Never forget."

Although few of us were at the World Trade Center, Pentagon or on Flight 93 that day, an entire nation stood shocked at what would trigger a global war on terrorism and a promise to the fallen from

America and other nations.

Sunday, on Ford Island, more than 200 civilian and military personnel came together to carry out that promise...

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## Chinese ships depart Pearl Harbor

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*Managing Editor*

Two ships representing China's navy, the destroyer Qingdao (DDG 113) and oiler Hongzhehu (AOR 881), departed from Pearl Harbor on Sept. 10 following a routine port visit.

The ships arrived on Sept. 6. During their visit, China's sailors had the opportunity to interact with their U.S. counterparts and experience the unique culture of Hawai'i.

Among the highlights of the visit, the sailors toured the Arizona Memorial and the guided missile destroyer USS Chung-Hoon (DDG 93). During their visit, they also had the chance to play basketball with Sailors of Chung-Hoon at Bloch Arena.

In addition to Pearl Harbor, they visited Waikiki, Hanama Bay and the Polynesian Cultural Center.

According to Rear Adm. T. G. Alexander, commander, Navy Region Hawai'i, the two countries share a common goal. "China and the United States have an important and continuing shared interest in maintaining peace and stability in the region and around the world. We are proud that our navies play such an important role in this process."

Rear Adm. Wang Fushan, deputy commander, North Sea Fleet, said before the ships departed that, "your generosity and hospitality will not be forgotten. Although all good things must come to an end...we look forward to returning to Hawai'i."

The Pearl Harbor port visit is only one part of a series of scheduled exercises and events. The scheduled exercises are the first phase in a two-phased approach as agreed upon by both countries in the Military Maritime Consultative Agreement (MMCA), and are not complete until

the second phase occurs off the coast of China. The first exercise scheduled is a bilateral communications exercise (COMMEX).

COMMEX activities build proficiency in the use of internationally accepted communications protocols that are key to how Sailors communicate with one another on the high seas. Building upon the COMMEX, the ships are scheduled to conduct a passing exercise (PASSEX) with USS Chung-Hoon (DDG 93).

The PASSEX is a routine exercise that focuses on basic safety of navigation at sea. U.S. Navy ships regularly participate in passing exercises with foreign navies around the world. These scheduled exer-

cises directly contribute to MMCA objectives of improved air and mar-

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MC1 (AW/SW) James E. Foehl

A Polynesian dancer performs a traditional hula dance for Chinese navy ships, destroyer Qingdao (DDG 113) and oiler Hongzhehu (AOR 881), as they depart Naval Station Pearl Harbor Sunday.

## Surface Navy Association presents Surface Warfare Leadership Awards

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BMC Harold Estes Leadership Award, presented for superior leadership demonstrated by a surface warfare qualified chief petty officer while assigned to a surface ship.

"I challenge every chief petty officer to try his or her best to win this [award]. Leadership is what you are, whether you like it or not," said retired Chief Boatswains Mate Harold Estes.

A total of 10 nominees were considered for the award, nine of whom received a certificate of recognition and a one-year free membership to the SNA.

The 2006 winner of the BMC Harold Estes Leadership Award, Chief Cryptologic Technician (Technical), Gary E. Davis, operations leading chief petty officer assigned to USS Port Royal (CG 73), received a symbolic statue of the Navy chief petty officer and a three-year free membership to the SNA.

The Vice Admiral Robert K. U. Kihune Leadership Award, presented for superior leadership demonstrated by a surface warfare-qualified junior officer while assigned to a surface ship, was awarded to Lt. Cmdr. Daniel W. Valascho from USS Lake Erie (CG 70). Valascho received a large symbolic painting of the Battleship Missouri and a three-year free membership to the SNA.

According to Capt. Dell Epperson, president of the SNA, Pearl Harbor Chapter, both names of the 2006 Surface Warfare Leadership Award winners will be inscribed on a plaque that resides in the offices of the Naval Surface Group, Middle Pacific.

In addition to the Surface Warfare Leadership Awards, the SNA also formally recognized Hawai'i based Sailors recently or currently deployed as individual augmentees in support of the global war on terrorism.



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

Retired Chief Boatswains Mate Harold Estes (right) took part in the annual Surface Warfare Leadership Awards luncheon Sept. 8 at the Rainbow Bay Marina, Pearl Harbor. Estes presented the BMC Harold Estes Leadership Award for superior leadership demonstrated by a surface warfare qualified chief petty officer while assigned to a surface ship. The purpose of the luncheon was to recognize two outstanding Sailors homeported at Pearl Harbor for their leadership excellence.

# Hawaii Navy News Editorial

## Thrift Savings Plan - It's there for you

Atlantic Fleet Master Chief  
Jackie DiRosa



Atlantic FLTCM  
Jackie DiRosa

When you're young, it's easy to put off thinking about the future. You don't know if you're going to make the Navy a career, the newest electronic gadget on the market is calling your name, or your young and growing family is already strapped for cash.

How can anyone reasonably expect you to take a portion of your small paycheck and put it into something you won't see until you're in your 60s? But what if you cut back on your monthly grocery bill by merely \$40? Or, make the commitment to smoke one less carton of cigarettes a month (five cigarettes a day) which could be a savings of \$30 to \$40 a month, not to mention the residual health benefits. These small sacrifices today could pay off sooner than you think.

With only a small contribution to the Thrift Savings Plan (TSP) each month, you could start a nest egg that benefits you long before retirement age. And, with compound interest, youth is on your side.

Albert Einstein has been quoted

as saying that "compound interest is the most powerful force in the universe." As a young investor, you have the most years ahead of you before your retirement; therefore, you have the opportunity to make the most money.

Through the miracle of compound interest, your contributions will earn additional money for you. There's no need to make a large contribution to make a sizeable difference either. If you contribute only \$40 per month, in 20 years you would have saved \$9,600 in contributions and (assuming seven percent interest a year) your earnings would be \$11,359 - leaving you with a total of nearly \$21,000. Your earnings would be more than the total of your contributions. That is why starting early is so important. If you delay just one year under the same circumstances, your loss in compound interest

is more than \$500.

Your savings start the moment you enroll. The money allotted from your check to go to your TSP account is taken out before it is taxed. Once it is in TSP, it's not taxed until you take it out, and - depending on your tax bracket when you retire - that could be considerably less tax than now. For instance, contributing \$125 monthly would provide a savings of more than \$1,500 the first year. Assuming a 15 percent tax bracket, the tax deferred from \$1,500 would be \$225. (Deferred means money you don't have to pay now.) The same amount of money saved in the bank would equate to owing \$225 in taxes. Later, after retirement, the contributions may fall under a lower tax bracket and could save even more in taxes when the money is taken out of the TSP account.

Like the TV salesman says, "But wait! That's not all!"

TSP offers a variety of investment funds to increase your earnings. You also have the choice of how much time you want to spend on growing your money. There are pre-fabricated, low-maintenance

funds that allow you to invest depending on the time you have left before retirement. Called lifecycle plans, these investment funds distribute your contributions for you. The most aggressive plan is for those who aren't retiring soon and can weather the ups and downs of the market. The least risky plans are for those retiring soon and want to keep their savings safe in the short term. If you want to manage your own investments, you can do that, too. See your financial counselor for details first, and arm yourself with all the knowledge you need so that you don't get any surprises.

I know that watching a chunk of your paycheck, no matter how small, go somewhere unreachable doesn't sound very appealing, but it is possible to use your TSP in an emergency situation - however you define an emergency. TSP offers low interest loans on the money you already have in your account and allows you to choose a repayment plan to fit your budget. TSP offers a better value for your money than any credit card. And, since it's your money, the motivation would be

even stronger to put it back. There are also hardship withdrawals that have more specific guidelines. The TSP Web site ([www.tsp.gov](http://www.tsp.gov)) explains everything you need or want to know.

Some good general information to know includes:

- If you have already started a retirement fund elsewhere, you can rollover the traditional IRA or 401(k) into your existing TSP account.

- Pay earned in a combat zone is tax-exempt and tax-exempt contributions to your TSP (in 2006) are limited to \$44,000 per year.

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TSP offers you the opportunity to enrich you and your family's future quality of life. When it comes to life and the choices you make, this is a good way to make the most of what you have today.

Commentary

## Chapel Pennant

### The power of humility

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The Harlem Globe Trotters came to Pearl Harbor in July. As always, the Globe Trotters provided some exciting entertainment. Nonetheless, the focus of this article is not on the team, but on the interaction of their mascot with the crowd.

Before the Globe Trotters entered the arena the team mascot, who was called Globie, took center court to get the crowd warmed up. He started out by doing some dance moves that made the crowd laugh. Next, he picked volunteers, both young and old, from the crowd to show off their dancing skills at center court. This was even more entertaining than watching Globie. Some of these folks were good and some were bad. Whether they were good or bad, these folks received a free Globe Trotters T-shirt.

Knowing about the possibility of receiving a free Globe Trotters T-shirt was too irresistible for some kids. These kids were compelled to join Globie at center court without being picked by him. Then, Globie would have to signal for these kids to go back to the edge of the court. Globie needs to be commended for handling the situation with gentleness and tact. However, I'm sure it was not his first encounter with a situation like this.

In this situation, there is a principle of life that needs to be examined. This principle has to do with

humility - humility, in the sense that those who put themselves first often end up last. To illustrate it, those kids who put themselves first by trying to join Globie virtually eliminated their chance of being picked by him. In the same way, when people try to get ahead by exalting themselves, they often end up last. Granted there may be some short term exceptions where people do get ahead, but in the long run those who exalt themselves tend to only cheat themselves.

In this present day, culture teaches us to exalt ourselves in order to get ahead. Just watch a few reality television shows and you quickly catch on to this idea. However, this idea rarely works and when it does, it often comes at the expense of hurting those around us.

Blaise Pascal said, "Do you wish people to think well of you? Don't speak well of yourself," and Ronald Reagan said, "There is no limit to what you can accomplish if you don't care who gets the credit." From the book of Matthew, Jesus said it this way, "Whoever exalts himself shall be humbled and whoever humbles himself shall be exalted." In these words, we find that the true path to success is the attitude of humility.

Humility is the idea of holding others in higher esteem than we hold ourselves. People who are humble will put others first out of respect and honor. When this happens, honor comes back to those who give it. If you put the other guy ahead of

yourself, you will get ahead. In your

humility, you will be honored.

Therefore, have the courage to be patient and to put the other guy first - and then you will find both honor and success.

## WAVES visit USS Missouri



Official U.S. Navy photograph now in the collections of the National Archives

Women Accepted for Volunteer Emergency Service (WAVES) visiting the USS Missouri (BB 63) during an East Coast port visit, during her shakedown period, circa August 1944. They are on the main deck at the bow with the Navy Jack flying behind them.

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Photo illustration

(Right) Illustration composite of USS Lake Erie (CG 70) moored at Pearl Harbor. On left is painting by William H. Powell, depicting Commodore Oliver Hazard Perry transferring his flag from the disabled U.S. Brig Lawrence to the U.S. Brig Niagara, at the height of the action at the Battle of Lake Erie on Sept. 10, 1813. The original painting is in the United States Capitol Building, Washington, D.C.

## USS Lake Erie Sailors participate in Battle of Lake Erie commemoration

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tion," said Capt. Randy Hendrickson, Lake Erie commanding officer, who joined the honor guard on its journey to Put-in-Bay. "The words of Perry's battle flag, 'Don't give up the ship!' rallied his Sailors to victory then and continue to inspire us now."

Besides marching in the city's annual parade, Lake

Erie Sailors participated in various volunteer and civic activities, including a breakfast with local boy scouts and a day of service at the local senior center. This is the sixth time in the last seven years that Lake Erie has detached a contingent of Sailors to Put-in-Bay to support the event.

Lake Erie is the 24th guided missile cruiser equipped with the Aegis

weapons system and the eighth Ticonderoga class cruiser built by Bath Iron Works in Maine. It is the third ship to bear the name, following the sloop-of-war USS Erie, which served from 1813 to 1850, and the USS Erie gunboat, which was sunk by a U-boat in 1942.

Lake Erie continues in its role as the Navy's ballistic missile defense test ship,

with a mission of testing and developing ballistic missile defense (BMD) capabilities from the sea. Over the past three years, the ship has achieved success in six BMD flight test missions, which included intercepts of progressively more challenging ballistic missile targets.

With the completion of Flight Test Mission 04-2 in 2005, Lake Erie successfully distinguished between a tar-

get warhead and booster, an event that culminated in the interception of a separating target in space. In March 2006, Lake Erie served as a firing test platform for a U.S.-Japanese developed Standard Missile 3. In June 2006, Lake Erie served as the surface action group commander for a five-ship missile defense surface action group testing operational concepts in BMD.

In 2004 and 2005, Lake Erie was honored to be the recipient of both the Capt. Edward F. Ney Award for Food Service Excellence and the Battle Efficiency Award. The ship also received the coveted Spokane Trophy for war fighting excellence in 2005.

For more information about USS Lake Erie, visit the ship's Web site at [www.lake-erie.navy.mil](http://www.lake-erie.navy.mil).

# Pearl Harbor Highlights



**U.S. Navy photo by MCC (SW/AW) David Rush**  
Rear Adm. Gary A. Engle, Commander, Naval Facilities Engineering Command Pacific, shakes hands with the People's Liberation Army Navy (PLAN) Deputy Commander, North Sea Fleet, Rear Adm. Wang Fushan, prior to the departure of two ships representing China's navy, the destroyer Qingdao (DDG 113) and the oiler Hongzhehu (AOR 881) on Sept. 10. The ships arrived in Pearl Harbor for a routine port visit on Sept. 6.



**U.S. Navy photo by MCC (SW/AW) David Rush**  
Hula dancers perform as the Chinese Navy destroyer Qingdao (DDG 113) and the oiler Hongzhehu (AOR 881) depart Pearl Harbor on Sept. 10 following a routine port visit.



**MCI (AW/SW) James E. Foehl**  
A Sailor from the Chinese navy views the shrine area of USS Arizona Memorial during a white boat tour of Pearl Harbor. More than 150 sailors representing the Chinese navy from destroyer Qingdao (DDG 113) and oiler Hongzhehu (AOR 881) accompanied U.S. Navy Sailors assigned to USS Arizona Memorial Detachment to learn about the history of the U.S. Navy in Pearl Harbor.



**U.S. Navy photo by MC2 John L. Beeman**  
The Arleigh Burke-class guided missile destroyer USS Hopper (DDG 70) receives stores from the Military Sealift Command undermanned replenishment ship USNS John Ericsson (TAO-194) during a connected replenishment. Hopper is homeported at Pearl Harbor, Hawai'i, and was on a scheduled deployment supporting maritime security operations (MSO) and the global war on terrorism.



**U.S. Navy photo by MC3 Ben Gonzales**  
Chinese Navy personnel bid farewell to the Sailors of USS Chung-Hoon as they participate in a personnel transfer to the Chinese naval destroyer Qingdao (DDG 113). The Chung-Hoon conducted a communications and passing exercise with the Chinese navy oiler Hongzhehu (AOR 881) and destroyer Qingdao (DDG 113).

# Elementary students commemorate 9/11 with good deeds



Pearl Harbor Kai Elementary School remembered the events of September 11, 2001 by participating in the national initiative One Day's Pay program. The students are encouraged to perform one good deed to help others in need from September 7-11. For every good deed the children received a color ribbon to tie to the fence in front of the school making a rainbow and a pot of gold.

Story and photo by  
JO2 Corwin Colbert

Commander, Submarine  
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Pearl Harbor Kai Elementary School students lined up in front of their school for their chance to tie ribbons onto a ribbon rainbow commemorating their support for the victims of Sept. 11, 2001.

The display was a visual acknowledgment of their participation in the One Day's Pay program, a non-profit organization leading the effort to establish Sept. 11 as a national day of voluntary service, charity and good deeds. The goal of the organization is to get one million good deeds each year.

Patricia Doty, Pearl Harbor Kai Elementary Parent Community Network Center coordinator, said the school wanted to do something for the fifth anniversary of the attacks, but they weren't quite sure what to do - until she was

planning a meeting and came upon the One Day's Pay Web site.

"I liked the organization's idea to bring people together and help others out as a way to pay tribute to those who we lost five years ago and their families," said Doty.

According to Doty, she thought it was a good idea and the children would like it. When the school approved, the children were encouraged to do a good deed and write it down.

For each good deed, the children received a ribbon. The children planned to make a rainbow and a pot of gold from the ribbons on the fence in front of the school.

"A week later, 498 students and 66 teachers and staff turned in more than 675 good deeds," said Doty. "The children are proud of their accomplishment."

Some of the good deeds included a fifth grader helping his sister with a broken arm, a sixth grader helping his sister with potty training, a second

grader helping her brother tie his shoe and a third grader helping take out the neighbor's trash.

The sixth-grade class president believes what she and her classmates are doing is important.

"We are thanking all the men and women who gave their lives to save others. It has been five years since the accident and people are still healing."

As one first grade class was tying ribbons to the fence, they all yelled, "Good deeds are things we do for someone else."

The school now known as Pearl Harbor Kai Elementary School was first opened in 1943 and was then known as the Naval Housing School.

It has a predominantly military student population, with 95 percent of the students' parents active duty with the Navy, Marine Corp or the Army.

The school's motto is "Continuing the Quest for Learning."

## Through experience, 13 Sailors tell America "Why We Serve"

MCSN Dustin Kelling

Fleet Public Affairs Center,  
Pacific

Thirteen selected service members embarked Aug. 21 on a 90-day speaking tour sponsored by the Department of Defense, entitled the "Why We Serve" program.

The purpose of the new program is for service members to share their personal experiences directly with the American public at venues such as schools, businesses and community forums across the coun-

try.

"Members of the U.S. Armed Forces are dedicating themselves and sacrificing for their country on a daily basis; yet, many Americans don't begin to understand why they do it," said Marine Corps Maj. Matt Morgan, program director at the Office of the Secretary of Defense (OSD).

To be chosen for the "Why We Serve" speaking tour, candidates must be veterans on deployment, pay grades E-4 through O-4, have superior communication skills, distinguished service and be excel-

lent representatives of their branch of service.

Aviation Administrationman 2nd Class (AW) Lisa R. Dougherty, assigned to Helicopter Maritime Strike Squadron (HSM) 41 at Naval Air Station North Island, was selected for the pilot program.

"It's a great opportunity to give them a different aspect of what we do," said Dougherty. "It's not always the guy that carries the gun that gets to go out and do something."

Depending on its success, the "Why We Serve" tour may become a quarterly or even a

monthly event.

"There is true nobility in the everyday sacrifices of even the most [unnoticed] service member," said Morgan. "Who can better explain that than those who are currently serving? There aren't any Navy Crosses here. They are just hardworking and courageous, Soldiers, Sailors, Airman and Marines."

The "Why We Serve" speaking tour is scheduled until Oct. 8. For more information about the tour or to inquire about guest speakers, visit [www.whywe-serve.dod.mil](http://www.whywe-serve.dod.mil).

## Chinese navy: Bidding farewell

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itime safety and underscore the Pacific Fleet's commitment to supporting ongoing cooperative efforts in the Pacific region.

Such exercises help establish long-term working relationships and act as foundations for increasing disaster responsiveness and promoting regional security.

This is the first time Third Fleet has scheduled a PASSEX with China's navy. USS Chung-Hoon is commanded by Cmdr. David A. Welch and is homeported at Pearl Harbor.

USS Chung-Hoon was selected to participate in the exercises off Oahu because its namesake, Honolulu-born Rear Adm. Gordon Pai'ea Chung-Hoon who died in 1979, was part Chinese, British and Hawaiian.

# 2006 CFC Campaign – Your gift changes lives

Cmdr. Steven P. Unger

CFC Agency Project Officer,  
Navy Region Hawai'i



The 2006 Combined Federal Campaign (CFC) will kick-off this year on Sept. 19 and will run until Oct. 31.

This year's theme is "Your Gift Changes Lives!" This is more than just a slogan; it is really true.

For a charity to be included in CFC, it has to demonstrate both high standards of financial accountability and proof of making a difference in people's lives. Not every organization that wants a donation is allowed to take part in CFC.

By the kick-off date, unit project officers will have CFC materials to educate and help Sailors and Department of Defense (DoD) civilians make informed choices about which charities to donate to. Every command will have its own unit project officer. The unit project officer guides and assists key people. Key people manage the donation process for approximately 25 donors. Every donor is free to pick which charity to support from the CFC booklet they are given.

Another important date is the Navy Kick-Off event on Sept. 22, from 10:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Pearl Harbor Navy Exchange. It will feature up to 18 local and national charities that will provide education and information. From 11:30-11:50

a.m., there will be performances by Polynesian dancers and a fire dancer. From noon to 12:30 p.m., there will be a visit from the cast of the TV series 'Lost' who will sign autographs and pose for photos.

Please don't allow an opportunity to change lives pass you by. If you don't know who your Navy unit's CFC project officer is, contact Cmdr. Steve Unger at [steven.unger@navy.mil](mailto:steven.unger@navy.mil), and he will put you in contact with the right person.

The following are some frequently asked questions about CFC:

Q. Who determines where my contributions go?

A. You do! When you designate, your gift must go to that charity.

Q. What if I do not designate?

A. Undesignated donations will be distributed among the charities in the same proportion that the charities receive designated contributions.

Q. Why should I support a campaign that includes organizations I disapprove of?

A. The CFC currently includes more than 1,400 organizations from which to choose. For some, it will be difficult to select from the many worthy charities. Conversely,

the odds are that with such a large number, there will be some organizations which you personally would not support.

Q. Does the CFC set limits on how much money an organization can receive?

A. Not at all. The amount of money each organization receives is determined by donor designations.

Q. If I designate, how can I be sure my money goes to the charity I have directed it to?

A. When you submit your pledge card, be sure to fill out the "release of name," section. Your name and home address will then be forwarded to the charities you have designated along with their first pledge payment. They will usually write to you and acknowledge your gift.

Additionally, whether or not you "release your name", the appropriate handling of your pledge and payment to the correct charity is audited in many ways. There is an internal audit and certified auditors perform external audits annually.

There are many checks and balances to make sure your money is going where you designate. Audit reports, computer reports, and other documents are available for your review at the CFC office.

Ninety-six percent of the dollars given in last year's campaign were designated. We encourage you to designate.

Q. Why are contributors

urged to give through payroll deduction?

A. Payroll deduction is the easiest way to give. You are able to spread your gift out over the entire year. In 2004, 73 percent of the contributors used payroll deduction and these payroll deduction gifts accounted for 90 percent of the total money raised.

Q. What is the duration of my payroll deduction and when does it begin?

A. Payroll deductions are for the calendar year, so deductions begin in January and continue through December.

Q. Aren't CFC administration costs too high?

A. Actually, CFC costs are lower than almost any charity's. It costs six cents to raise a dollar the CFC way. CFC is a broad-based campaign directed to the entire federal workforce and is the most efficient way to raise large amounts of money at low cost.

Q. Why is there a "suggested giving guide"?

A. In almost any group, anytime someone is asked to give money ... a farewell gift for a retiring worker or a wedding gift for a fellow office mate ... the automatic response is "How much?" The one hour's pay per month per year standard was set many years ago by workplace employees in an effort to answer "How much?"

## DoD announces comprehensive review of military awards

Special release from the U.S. Department of Defense

The Department of Defense has begun a comprehensive review of military awards and decorations in order to ensure policies are consistent with the evolving nature of warfare. This comprehensive review will lead to an administrative revision of the Department of Defense Instruction 1348.33-M, the Manual of Military Decorations and Awards.

A working group consisting of representatives from each service, the Joint Staff and the Institute of Heraldry will form the core of the comprehensive review effort. This comprehensive review of military awards is expected to continue over the next six to eight months and will involve, but not be limited to, the following:

- Honor and valor awards with particular focus on clarity of criteria and processes.

- The "V" device and the Purple Heart medals in eliminating disparate qualification criteria among the military services.

- Expeditionary medals in regard to how the theater of operations is defined.

- Iraqi and Afghanistan campaign medals with regard to subsequent awards of these campaign medals, with a goal of appropriately recognizing service over multiple tours in those theatres of operations.

"The evolving nature of warfare demands that we review policies; for example, in the case of expeditionary medals, we must review how we define the operating 'box' - whether it is the theater of direct action, or whether it might extend far beyond," said David Chu, under secretary of defense for personnel and readiness. "For example, we must consider whether air support originating at great distances or different continents indeed represents expeditionary service for purposes of those awards.

"When it comes to valor awards, we must clarify criteria, including a review of boundaries that increasingly extend far beyond a particular combat zone, yet involve direct threats to American lives," said Chu.

## Bushnell relieves Jurinka as commanding officer, USS Paul Hamilton (DDG 60)

**Lt. Robert Brooker**

*USS Paul Hamilton (DDG 60)*

In a time-honored tradition, Cmdr. Christopher J. Bushnell formally relieved Cmdr. Werner H. Jurinka as commanding officer of USS Paul Hamilton (DDG 60) in a ceremony at Naval Station Pearl Harbor, Hawai'i with the warship in the background.

Capt. Frederick W. Pfirrmann, commander, Destroyer Squadron 31, was the guest speaker.

Paul Hamilton was commissioned on May 27, 1995 in Charleston, S.C. and is the 10th Arleigh Burke-class guided missile destroyer. Jurinka assumed command in March 2005 and led the ship through a deployment to Southeast Asia in support of Exercise Cooperation Afloat Readiness and Training (CARAT) 2005.

While on deployment,

Paul Hamilton trained with numerous Southeast Asian navies to foster relations in support of the war on terrorism. Paul Hamilton visited Japan, Singapore, Thailand, Brunei, Guam and the Philippine Islands. In each country, the multi-national forces sailed together - conducting seamanship events, helicopter operations and various maritime exercises. Paul Hamilton was most recently involved in ballistic missile testing operations and exercise Rim of the Pacific 2006.

Jurinka leaves Paul Hamilton after 18 months in command and will report to Commander, Carrier Strike Group Five in Yokosuka, Japan for his next assignment.

Bushnell is a 1988 graduate of the United States Naval Academy. His most recent assignment was as a congressional liaison for the director of surface warfare (OPNAV N76).

## *USS Hopper crew honors Sept. 11 victims*



**U.S. Navy photo by MC2 John L. Beeman**

The crew of Arleigh Burke-class guided missile destroyer USS Hopper (DDG 70) gathers on the flight deck for a memorial service in honor of those who died during the attacks on Sept. 11, 2001. Hopper is homeported at Pearl Harbor, Hawai'i and was on a scheduled deployment supporting maritime security operations (MSO) and the global war on terrorism.

# Hawai'i Navy News Sports

## Chung-Hoon Sailors 'hoop it up' with Chinese Sailors



Sailors from USS Chung-Hoon (DDG 93) and the Chinese destroyer Qingdao (DDG 113) and oiler Hongzehu (AOR 881) participate in a friendly game of basketball at Bloch Arena. The Chinese sailors visited Pearl Harbor on Sept. 6-10. The visiting sailors interacted with U.S. Navy Sailors and experienced the unique Hawaiian culture. While here on O'ahu the Chinese sailors visited the USS Arizona Memorial, Waikiki, Hanauma Bay and the Polynesian Cultural Center.

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