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## USS Lake Erie succeeds with 'hit to kill' intercept

### Missile Defense Agency

Air Force Lt. Gen. Henry "Trey" Obering, Missile Defense Agency (MDA) director, announced the successful completion April 26 of the latest Aegis ballistic missile defense "hit to kill" intercept flight test.

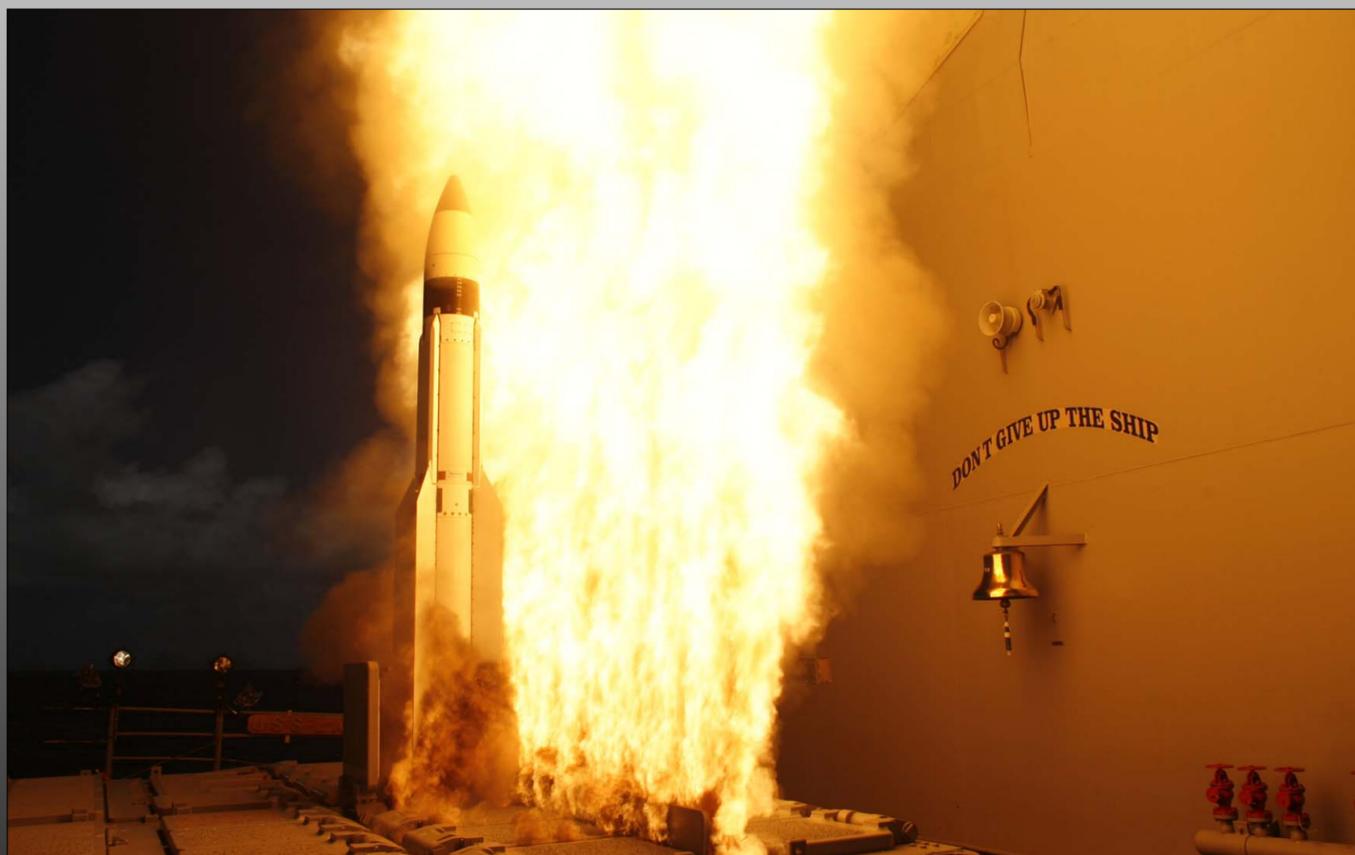
Conducted jointly with the U.S. Navy, the test involved the simultaneous engagements of a ballistic missile "unitary" target (meaning that the target warhead and booster remain attached) and a surrogate hostile air target. This marked the eighth successful intercept in 10 flight tests for the Aegis ballistic missile defense (BMD) program.

The Aegis BMD system is the maritime component of the MDA's ballistic missile defense system and is designed to intercept and destroy short to intermediate-range ballistic missiles. This test also marked the 27th successful "hit-to-kill" intercept in tests since 2001.

The mission was completed by the Aegis BMD cruiser USS Lake Erie (CG 70) using the Aegis BMD's shipboard weapon system, the Standard Missile-3 (SM-3) Block IA against the ballistic missile target and the Standard Missile-2 (SM-2) Block IIIA against the surrogate hostile air target.

The test demonstrated the USS Lake Erie's ability to engage a ballistic missile threat and defend itself from attack at the same time. The test also demonstrated the effectiveness of engineering, manufacturing and mission assurance changes in the solid divert and attitude control system (SDACS) in the kinetic kill weapon. This was the first flight test of all the SM-3 Block IA's upgrades, previously demonstrated in ground tests.

At approximately 11:31 a.m. Hawai'i time, a short-range ballistic missile target was launched from the Pacific Missile Range Facility (PMRF), Barking Sands, Kauai, Hawai'i. At the same time, a target with characteristics similar to a hostile high performance air-



U.S. Navy photo

A Standard Missile - 3 (SM-3) is launched from the Aegis cruiser USS Lake Erie (CG 70) during a joint Missile Defense Agency, U.S. Navy ballistic missile flight test April 26. Approximately three minutes later, the SM-3 intercepted a unitary (non-separating) ballistic missile threat target, launched from the Pacific Missile Range Facility, Barking Sands, Kauai, Hawai'i. Within moments of this launch, the USS Lake Erie also launched a Standard Missile - 2 (SM-2) against a hostile air target in order to defend itself.

craft was launched from a Navy aircraft.

The Lake Erie's Aegis ballistic missile defense 3.6 weapon system detected and tracked both targets and developed fire control solutions. Approximately one minute later, the Lake Erie's crew fired the SM-3 and SM-2 missiles and two

minutes later both missiles successfully intercepted their respective targets. The SM-3 intercept occurred approximately 100 miles above the Pacific Ocean and 250 miles northwest of Kauai, once again successfully demonstrating "hit to kill" technology, which means that the target missile was

destroyed when the interceptor missile collided directly with the target.

MDA and the U.S. Navy cooperatively manage the Aegis BMD program. The SM-2 program is managed by the Naval Sea Systems Command. Lockheed Martin Maritime Systems and Sensors of

Moorestown, N.J. is the combat system engineering agent and prime contractor for the Aegis BMD weapon system and vertical launch system installed in Aegis-equipped cruisers and destroyers. Raytheon Missile Systems of Tucson, Ariz. is the prime contractor for all variants of the standard missile.

## Navy responding to fuel release at Pearl Harbor

### Navy Region Hawai'i Public Affairs

Navy spill responders, in coordination with the state Department of Health, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and U.S. Coast Guard, are working together to execute a plan to mitigate an underground release of 359,000 gallons of marine diesel fuel (F-76) at Naval Station Pearl Harbor. Marine diesel fuel is normally used to power naval vessels.

Authorities reported there are no immediate hazards to the public and there are no drinking water wells or springs in the area. The air quality has not been affected by the spill and it is being monitored on a regular basis.

The Navy is taking this matter very seriously and immediately began removing fuel from existing monitoring wells in the area using vacuum trucks. The Navy will continue to constantly monitor the wells until it is certain no fuel is moving toward the waters of Pearl Harbor. The Navy also has a preventive booming strategy in place at Pearl Harbor. Booms are a proven



U.S. Navy photo by MCC (SW/AW) David Rush

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technique frequently used to prevent fuel from spreading further.

On the afternoon of April 26, gauges indicated a decline in the level of fuel in the tank. However, an inspection produced no visible leak from the tank exterior or from surrounding piping and valves nor was there any presence of fuel odor or indication of release of fuel into the harbor.

Work began immediately to drain the tank, remove existing sludge in the tank's bottom and disperse fumes inside the tank so personnel could enter the tank to perform a visual inspection. The rapid response resulted in saving more than 890,000 gallons of

fuel, which was transferred into surge tanks.

Proper notification of the release has been made to required federal and state agencies, including the National Response Center, Hawai'i State Department of Health, Hazard Evaluation and Emergency Response Office, U.S. Coast Guard and U.S. Environmental Protection Agency. The Navy will continue to work with federal and state agency emergency response personnel to do everything possible to protect people's health and the environment.

A thorough investigation is being conducted into the release.

## Holocaust Remembrance Day at Pearl Harbor



U.S. Navy photo by MC1 James E. Foehl

Chief Culinary Specialist Michael May, assigned to combined bachelor housing at Naval Station (NAVSTA) Pearl Harbor, lights a candle during a Holocaust Remembrance Day ceremony April 26 at Sharkey Theater on board NAVSTA Pearl Harbor. Six candles were lit during the opening remarks of the remembrance observation to commemorate the lives of more than six million Jews that were lost during the Holocaust. (See story on page A-4)



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MDSU 1 hosts alcohol awareness and fitness fair

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USS Hopper Sailors underway

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## Opening ceremony launches Military Appreciation Month

Story and photo by  
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An opening ceremony held at the Pacific Aviation Museum on Ford Island on April 26 kicked off the 22nd annual Hawai'i Military Appreciation Month.

The ceremony officially marked the start of a month-long celebration to honor U.S. service members serving in Hawai'i and abroad.

Adm. Timothy Keating, Commander, U.S. Pacific Command, spoke on behalf of the thousands of service members serving in the Pacific. "A lot of cities have military appreciation day, military appreciation week. Here it's not lost on us that it's military appreciation month," said Keating.

Keating asked the audience to picture the men and women out on deployment right now.

"There's a young Marine somewhere in Afghanistan on patrol; there's an Army sergeant who has a platoon for which he or she is directly responsible on patrol in Anbar Province," said Keating.

"Military Appreciation Month comes once a year and as far as we're concerned in the City and County of Honolulu, it should be every day," said Honolulu Mayor Mufi Hannemann. He explained how the military is part of the state's 'ohana,' the Hawaiian word for family.

"Should we ever face national emergencies that should come to our fair islands, I know that we'll be protected and defended because the U.S. military knows what it takes to keep our city and our state safe and secure," added Hannemann.

Numerous Pearl Harbor-based ships and submarines are currently deployed with carrier groups and expeditionary groups in the Pacific and in the Persian Gulf.

Approximately 5,500 Soldiers from the 25th Infantry Division and 1,000 Marines from the 3rd Marine Regiment are currently deployed to Iraq and Afghanistan. Thousands more are scheduled to deploy



Adm. Timothy Keating, Commander, U.S. Pacific Command, speaks to military and civilian personnel about the importance of the military presence in Hawai'i and the sacrifices made by American service members every day at the opening ceremony of the 22nd Annual Hawai'i Military Appreciation Month on April 26. The ceremony marked the beginning of a month-long celebration for American service members serving in Hawai'i and abroad.

later this year.

"The whole time I was at this ceremony listening to all the good words people were saying, all I could think about was the men and women that aren't here," said Construction Electrician Chief (SCW) Christopher Gwin, assigned to Commander, U.S. Pacific Fleet (COMPACFLT) headquarters.

Several events have been planned throughout May to honor military personnel.

The Hawai'i Army Museum Society will conduct Living History Day at Kuroda Field on Fort DeRussy from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. May 19.

The Combined Military Band will perform from 7 to 8:30 p.m. May 19 at the Hawai'i Theater in downtown

Honolulu.

Hawai'i's business leaders will present outstanding community service awards to service members from all the military branches at the annual Military Appreciation Luncheon scheduled for noon to 1:30 p.m. May 24 at the Hilton Hawaiian Village.

USO Hawai'i will host Military Day at the Honolulu Zoo from 9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. June 2.

"It really makes me feel fantastic knowing that the state that I grew up in continues to appreciate the military that's such a big part of the state," said Rear Adm. Jim Beebe, a Hawai'i native who is deputy commander, Submarine Force U.S. Pacific Fleet, and deputy commander, Navy Region Hawai'i.

## Sailors make waves on air



U.S. Navy photo by MCC (SW/AW) David Rush

Ship's Serviceman 1st Class Warren Brown, along with other Sailors from various commands at Naval Station Pearl Harbor, paid a visit to Honolulu radio station KHVH on April 25 to record spots that will air during the month of May in observance of Military Appreciation Month.

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# FFSC Pearl Harbor provides regional SAVI training

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Fleet and Family Support Center, Pearl Harbor provided training for command sexual assault victim intervention (SAVI) representatives at various regional locations throughout the month of April.

The training was given to ensure command awareness of new reporting procedures, understanding the differences between restricted and unrestricted reporting, and informing personnel of services available for victims.

"The classes we provide help by educating and training people to know how to be aware of sexual assault," said Louella Cazimero-Bactad, sexual assault response coordinator (SARC) for Commander, Navy Region Hawai'i. "Learning, understanding and educating can not only help people from becoming victims, it can help people not become offenders," explained Cazimero-Bactad.

The sexual assault response coordinator (SARC) or victim advocate is responsible for advising the victim of the reporting options available to him or her, explaining the benefits and limitations of each and the exceptions that can apply to restricted reporting, and documenting the reporting option the victim selects.

"When a sexual assault occurs, the victim needs someone there with them who knows the process and procedures. Victims want to know, 'Now that I have reported this assault,



Louella Cazimero-Bactad, sexual assault response coordinator (SARC) for the Navy in Hawai'i, briefs a class on the signs of sexual assault. Nationally, April was observed as Sexual Assault Awareness Month (SAAM) as a way to raise awareness about sexual assault and to promote prevention of sexual violence through special events and public education.

what's going to happen next?" said Cazimero-Bactad. "So we are the advocates that sit them down and explain what's going to happen."

Many victims are not emotionally prepared for a criminal investigation due to fear, embarrassment, shame and sense of violation that follows an assault so they are offered a choice between two ways to report the incident, she said.

Restricted reporting provides a viable reporting option to those who in the past have foregone medical care to avoid being involved in a

criminal investigation and also allows victims to confidentially receive medical treatment and support.

"Most cases of sexual assault aren't the man in the ski mask who pulls you into a van. It's someone you know, that can create a problem for someone who doesn't want it to become a public problem. They need to know they can still get help confidentially," said Cazimero-Bactad.

This reporting option provides victims with more control over the release of their personal information

and affords them additional time to weigh their options and seek guidance about whether or not to participate in a criminal investigation.

Victims who desire treatment and support with no criminal investigation can select unrestricted reporting, which also gives service members the option for medical treatment and counseling.

"Active duty survivors now have the option of making a confidential (restricted) report and receiving information, advocacy, support and care while deciding whether or not to report the assault to law enforcement or the command. This is the most significant, positive change that has occurred in the military's response to sexual assault since the SAVI program was established," said Dr. Terri Rau, Navy SAVI program manager.

The Department of Defense (DoD) definition of sexual assault for training and education is: Sexual assault is a crime and sexual assault is defined as intentional sexual contact, characterized by use of force, physical threat or abuse of authority or when the victim does not or cannot consent.

Sexual assault includes rape, non-consensual sodomy (oral or anal sex), indecent assault (unwanted, inappropriate contact or fondling), or attempts to commit these acts. Sexual assault can occur without regard to gender, spousal relationship, or age of victim.

Since 2001, April has been observed nationally as Sexual Assault Awareness Month (SAAM) and is used to raise awareness about sexual assault, promote prevention of sexual violence through special

events and public education, and increase the public's understanding about sexual violence in our society.

The 2007 DoD SAAM theme, 'Stand Up Against Sexual Assault...Make a Difference,' provides focus on the ability of every service member, especially leaders, to prevent sexual assault by building a climate of respect in which sexual assault is not tolerated, according to Cazimero-Bactad.

The DoD has continued its commitment to prevention of sexual assault by utilizing a standardized reporting of sexual assaults. Increasing a victim's reporting options and improving a victim's access to services facilitates a 'climate of confidence' in which service members can trust the system will respond appropriately when reporting a sexual assault and support their recovery, she noted.

As part of SAAM, Fleet and Family Support Center, Pearl Harbor provided a two-day training course for regional command SARCs, as well as additional courses and briefs to update security and medical personnel on the new reporting procedures.

Sexual assaults are detrimental to Navy mission readiness and conflict with Navy Core Values. By raising awareness of sexual assault and promoting the prevention of sexual violence, individuals can become more educated and have a better chance of never becoming a victim of sexual assault.

For more information, contact your command SAVI representative, SARC or visit the SAVI program Web page at [www.ffsp.navy.mil](http://www.ffsp.navy.mil).

## Asian/Pacific American Heritage Month, 2007

### White House News

During Asian/Pacific American Heritage Month, we honor the many contributions citizens of Asian and Pacific Island ancestry have made to our great land.

The millions of Americans who trace their origins to nations in the Asian/Pacific region have enriched America. The entrepreneurship and innovation of Asian/Pacific Americans have strengthened our economy.

Asian/Pacific Americans enrich our nation with their strong values of love of family and community. Many Asian/Pacific Americans are serving the cause of freedom and peace around the world, and our nation is grateful for their service.

These good men and women defend our safety and contribute to the character and greatness of America.

To honor the achieve-

ments and contributions of Asian/Pacific Americans, the Congress, by Public Law 102-450, as amended, has designated the month of May each year as "Asian/Pacific American Heritage Month."

Now, therefore, I, George W. Bush, President of the United States of America, do hereby proclaim May 2007 as Asian/Pacific American Heritage Month. I call upon the people of the United States to learn more about the history of Asian/Pacific Americans and their many contributions to our nation and to observe this month with appropriate programs and activities.

In witness thereof, I have hereunto set my hand this twenty-sixth day of April, in the year of our Lord two thousand seven, and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and thirty-first.

- George W. Bush

## OPERATION PREPARE

BE INFORMED > HAVE A PLAN > MAKE A KIT

## Emergency preparedness materials available online

Commander, Navy Installations Command Emergency Management Office

Individuals and families can now go online to get simple, ready-to-use fact sheets, checklists and forms on how to prepare for a variety of natural and man-made disasters - part of Operation Prepare.

Operation Prepare is a public awareness program initiated by Commander, Navy Installations Command (CNIC) for community members of Navy ashore installations.

"Staying informed, developing a plan, and making an emergency kit is the theme of this initiative so that every member of the Navy community can learn to prepare and respond in the event of an emergency," said Owen McIntyre, CNIC emergency management program director

While Sailors, their families and base personnel may still contact their local emergency manager or ombudsman, they can now go online to <http://www.cnic.navy.mil>

and click on the "Operation Prepare" link to get vital emergency preparedness information.

Nearly 40 separate fact sheets are available on a variety of hazards and emergency preparedness tips. The information has been derived from several reputable sources such as the Department of Homeland Security and the Centers for Disease Control and has been tailored especially for the Navy community. Topic areas cover disease outbreak, natural and man-made hazards, and terrorism.

McIntyre said that preparedness is the individual's responsibility and accessing CNIC's Web site is a great way for personnel to be ready for any situation.

Region-specific emergency preparedness information on potential threats likely to occur at an installation or in a region, along with resources for response activities such as evacuation routes, safe haven and shelter locations, can also be found on CNIC's Web site.

## Battle of the Coral Sea, May 1942



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

USS Lexington (CV 2) burning during the afternoon of May 8, 1942 at the time she was abandoned. Several destroyers are standing by to assist in removing the carrier's crew and a whaleboat full of men is in the center of the view, headed toward the camera.

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# Joint coordination between Navy and Coast Guard results in rescue at sea

Lt. Melanie Miller

Patrol Squadron Four

Thanks to a flawless and successful partnership between the U.S. Navy and U.S. Coast Guard, six Sailors stranded on an outrigger canoe will live to sail another day.

On April 6, based on a Coast Guard request, Patrol Squadron Four dispatched a P-3 Orion flown by Combat Aircrew One from Kadena Air Base, Japan to assist in search and rescue (SAR) efforts 300 miles south of Guam.

A 25-foot outrigger canoe supplied with enough food and water to make the two-day transit from Woleai Atoll to Ifalik Atoll became lost while attempting to complete the 40-mile journey. At sea for six days, the distressed crew unsuccessfully struggled to find help using a CB radio.

The P-3C Orion crew departed Kadena, refueled in Guam and then proceeded south commencing the SAR evolution. Within 20 minutes of arriving at the initial search area, the aircrew located the missing outrigger canoe.

The survivors lost at sea conveyed the seriousness of their predicament by identifying themselves using signal mirrors and flags. The P-3 crew then circled the survivors' position and prepared to deploy a SAR kit consisting of two life rafts, water, emergency beacon, first aid kit, radios and a pump for converting sea water to fresh water.

Following a successful SAR kit delivery, the aircrew located a suitable surface vessel and



U.S. Navy photo

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requested the vessel to proceed to the survivors' location for recovery.

Located 90 miles from the survivors, the cargo ship "New Fantasy" on course to New Zealand, readily accepted the request to render aid. Upon coordinating the recovery efforts with the "New Fantasy," the P-3C crew proceeded to Guam for additional fuel and then returned to the SAR location.

Now in communication with the recovery ship and the Micronesian authorities, the operation came to a close with safe recovery of all six survivors and VP-4's Skinny Dragon Combat Aircrew One returning to its deployed home base in Kadena.

Based at Marine Corps Base Hawai'i - Kaneohe Bay, Patrol Squadron Four is currently forward deployed in support of Seventh Fleet.

## Sailors lend Mother Nature a hand



Storekeeper Seaman Recruit Anthony Saliz of Naval Compute and Telecommunications Area Master Station, Pacific stuffs a garbage bag with junk and debris from Kapakahi Stream at the Pouhala Marsh/Kapakahi Stream Restoration Project on April 28. Twenty Navy volunteers from various Hawaii commands joined more than 150 other volunteers in partnership with the City and County of Honolulu, Hawai'i Nature Center, and Department of Land and Natural Resources to clean up these areas as part of Earth Day events.

U.S. Navy photo by William R. Goodwin

# Navy Region Hawai'i hosts Holocaust Remembrance Day

MC1 James E. Foehl

Navy Region Hawai'i Public Affairs

Commander, Navy Region Hawaii (CNRH) hosted a Holocaust Day of Remembrance ceremony on April 26 at Sharkey Theater on board Naval Station (NAVSTA) Pearl Harbor.

The remembrance theme, "Children in Crisis: Voices from the Holocaust," was a reflection of the tragic events from a perspective of the children who endured the Holocaust.

"It's necessary to keep this in our minds at all times so that we can prevent it from happening again," said Master Chief

Aircraft Maintenceman Michael Cook, CNRH Equal Opportunity Advisor and diversity council advisor.

Appearances from the Jewish children and survivors of the Holocaust are continually decreasing as they grow older and become less capable of getting around. "We don't want to lose the memories and eyewitness accounts of what happened," said Cook.

The observance opened with a reading of a Holocaust Remembrance Day message and the lighting of six candles to commemorate the lives of more than six million Jews lost during the Holocaust.

Of the six million Jews murdered under Nazi rule in

Germany and occupied Europe during the Holocaust, more than one million were children.

Excerpts from Anne Frank's diary, a German-born Jewish girl who along with her family was able to hide from the Nazis for some time, were read by Airman Jenna Garrison, assigned to CNRH administrative department.

"I tried to find excerpts that would show exactly what [Frank] was going through and what she felt," said Garrison.

At the conclusion of the reading of Frank's diary, a presentation was shown that reflected images of Jewish children who endured pain and suffering during the Holocaust.

"Every year on the anniver-

sary of the Warsaw ghetto uprising, Jews commemorate the Day of Remembrance so that this terrible tragedy should never again happen to anyone," said guest speaker Daniel Bender from Honolulu, a reform Jewish educator and lay leader for the Aloha Jewish Chapel on board NAVSTA Pearl Harbor.

Bender, a graduate of the Hebrew Union College, has voluntarily filled the role as lay leader for the Aloha Jewish Chapel for the past five years.

"[As a child], my rabbi was Rear Adm. Bertram W. Korn. I grew up seeing him as an example, not only as a rabbi, but also as a member of the military," said Bender.

In 1975, Korn was promoted to rear admiral in the Chaplains Corps, U.S. Naval Reserve, and became the first Jewish chaplain to achieve flag rank in any of the U.S. armed forces.

"When I came to Hawai'i, [I noticed] his picture is on our chapel which he helped to dedicate 31 years ago. We are profoundly thankful to the American military. The Nazis couldn't have been driven out of Germany without the American military," said Bender.

The observance and presentation also served as a chance for service members to learn about the diversity of the Navy.

"It's a very moving presentation. By watching that presentation and being a part of the

Navy region diversity council. I'm learning a lot more," said Senior Chief Navy Counselor Gillian Guy, command career counselor for CNRH.

Navy diversity is defined as all the different characteristics and attributes of individual Sailors and civilians which enhance the mission readiness of the Navy.

By allowing Sailors an opportunity to learn from their diversity, the Navy continues to harvest and represent the strength of our nation's diversity, provide a culture which promotes the treatment of people with dignity and respect, and allows its people to lead and feel empowered to reach their full potential.

# Pearl Harbor Highlights



A unitary (non-separating) ballistic missile threat target, launches from the Pacific Missile Range Facility, Barking Sands, Kauai, Hawai'i on April 26. Within moments of this launch, the USS Lake Erie also launched a Standard Missile - 2 (SM-2) against a hostile air target in order to defend itself.

U.S. Navy photo

(Below) A rock climbing tower was part of the Anti-Drug, Alcohol and Fitness Fair at Ward Field on April 27, hosted by Mobile Diving and Salvage Unit One (MDSU-1). The annual event educates military members on alcohol awareness and health fitness.

U.S. Navy photo by MC2 (SW) Ben A. Gonzales



(Right and below) As part of Earth Day events, 20 Navy volunteers from various Hawai'i commands joined more than 150 other volunteers in partnership with the City and County of Honolulu, Hawai'i Nature Center and Department of Land and Natural Resources to clean up areas at the Pouhala Marsh/Kapakahi Stream Restoration Project on April 28.

U.S. Navy photo by William R. Goodwin



(Below) Aviation Electronics Technician 3rd Class (NAC) Derek Fay of Patrol Squadron 47 (VP-47) checks his weapon to safe during a 9mm pistol qualification aboard Marine Corps Base Hawai'i, Kaneohe gun range. The 9mm pistol qualification is a requirement of all personnel attached to VP-47 as part of their interdeployment readiness cycle, which prepares them for deployment overseas.

U.S. Navy photo by MC3 (AW/NAC) Kevin S. Beauchamp



# Paul Hamilton Sailors plant 'aloha cherry trees' in Japan

Ensign Chris White

USS Paul Hamilton (DDG 60)

More than 50 Sailors from the Pearl Harbor-based destroyer USS Paul Hamilton (DDG 60) and sailors from the Japanese Maritime Self Defense Force (JMSDF) united in a landscaping and beautification project at the historic Kyoraku Park in Maizuru, Japan on April 21.

The park, a famous landmark representing both American and Japanese desires for peace in Japan following World War II, brought two cultures even closer together. The Sailors planted cherry trees throughout the park and, as a result, the trees became known as 'aloha cherry trees.' These trees demonstrated the ambition of both countries to build peace and unite together and help avert future conflicts.

This common goal was not lost

among the Sailors as they worked elbow to elbow, preserving the beauty of the park that is a symbol of peace between the two great nations. The Sailors spent over two hours weeding around trees and bushes, picking up garbage, sweeping the walkways, and admiring the view and the cherry blossoms. Along the way, groups of Sailors stopped to take pictures of the various memorial sites.

The community relations project came together perfectly. While the Paul Hamilton was in port for rest and recreation, the time spent landscaping allowed the crew to continue their diplomatic mission by doing something rewarding and relaxing. The effort not only improved a beautiful location, but assisted in the bonding of two great allies.

After the work was done, both sides had bonded and recognized that they are brothers at sea in the Pacific realm.



US Navy photo by STG2 Michael T. McLarty

Sailors from USS Paul Hamilton and Japanese sailors set out to begin a beautification project at Kyorauk Park in Maizuru, Japan on April 21.

## Benefits of solar window film

Krista Stehn

Energy Awareness Manager,  
NAVFAC Hawai'i Energy Team

Conserving energy and saving money is crucial for the Navy community in Hawai'i. One of the key components to saving energy is education.

The Naval Facilities Engineering Command (NAVFAC) Hawai'i energy team has responded to this need by hosting trainings for various Navy military and civilian personnel.

"Educating Navy personnel to be better energy stewards not only assists the local command in meeting energy goals, but it also saves money by reducing utility costs which ultimately increases the availability of scarce resources for military missions," said Greg Gebhardt, energy and utilities services manager, NAVFAC Hawai'i.

Recently, the energy team expanded its education efforts with the creation of quarterly energy efficiency seminars. The seminars are designed for facility managers, building energy monitors, engineers, designers, planners, and maintenance shop personnel. Seminar topics include information on the latest energy efficiency technology from field experts.

The next energy efficiency seminar will be from 8:30-9:30 a.m. May 16 at building 166 (second floor conference room) at Naval Station Pearl Harbor. The presenter, Tommy Silva, is the founder and president of T&T Tinting Specialists, Inc. He will discuss and demonstrate the features, benefits and applications of solar window film.

This presentation is timely since the energy team is currently working on a region energy project to install solar window film at Pearl Harbor. The project will include the installation of solar window film on approximately 82,000 square feet of window space in 45 buildings throughout the region.

Solar window film has been used for decades to provide solutions to energy efficiency problems associated with glass. Advantages of solar window film range from controlling solar heat gain and glare to minimizing explosive impacts that may result in shattering or flying glass.

For more information or to register for the upcoming seminar, contact Krista Stehn, energy awareness manager, at 474-7666 or krista.stehn.ctr@navy.mil.

# MDSU 1 divers hosts alcohol awareness and fitness fair

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Mobile Diving and Salvage Unit One (MDSU-1) held its annual Anti-Drug, Alcohol and Fitness Fair at Ward Field on April 27 to educate military members on alcohol awareness and health fitness.

"Our command holds functions like this one every year and wanted to do it on a larger scale. We briefed the region on this matter and they were very supportive of it. So what we did here today is to put focus on alcohol awareness since this is, in fact, Alcohol Awareness Month," said Lt. Cmdr. Keith Dowling, executive officer of MDSU-1.

"Alcohol-related incidents are one of the largest disciplinary problems that [the Navy has]. It ends careers, hurts our Sailors, hurts innocent civilians, and it's a major problem in society," said Dowling. "This is a chance to put deliberate focus on what we feel is one of the major problems of today."

MDSU-1 holds the fair every year in hopes of motivating more Sailors and service men to come out and learn [about alcohol awareness] in a friendly environment.

"This is our second alcohol awareness fair. We did one last year at our command. This year we wanted to open it up to all the people on Naval Station Pearl Harbor," said Hospital Corpsman 1st Class Sara Gourley of MDSU-1.

"We think that it has a good impact on the people who attend. We want the people to be able to come out, get information on alcohol, drugs, and



Lt. (Dr.) Andrew Baldwin of Lancaster, Pa., stationed at Mobile Diving and Salvage Unit (MDSU) 1, prepares to be dunked as Sailors and military family members at Pearl Harbor play a game called "Sink the Sailor." It was a feature of the MDSU 1 Alcohol Awareness and Fitness Fair held April 27, designed to educate military members on alcohol awareness and health fitness.

health beneficial material, but we want them to be able to receive the information in a fun, entertaining way," she added.

Military members were not alone participating in the fun activities. Many families enjoyed the activities as the Sailors of MDSU-1 covered the field, answering any questions that their guests had.

"It feels great to bring awareness to health and fitness, especially during Alcohol Awareness Month, to put on an event like this to educate military servicemen and their families. I am real glad the Pearl Harbor [Naval Station] allowed us to put on this event. It just keeps getting bigger and better," said Lt. Andrew Baldwin, M.D., sta-

tioned at MDSU-1.

The executive officer of MDSU-1 shared his feeling on the event and how it plays a part in the recruiting efforts for future divers. "I'm ecstatic about it and I can tell you that my whole command put on two different events - one is this alcohol awareness fair and the other is a strongman compe-

tion," said Dowling.

"We look at it as an opportunity to recruit through our diving community, which is significantly undermanned, as well as to educate and inform," he explained.

The main focus for all military and civilian members in attendance was drug and alcohol awareness and how the training benefits the

Sailors of today.

"This benefits the Navy in showing that we are taking interest in our Sailors. There are support systems that military members can go to and learn of resources that they might not have known were available to them, but we are showing it to them in a friendly, fun atmosphere," said Gourley.

# Marquee is visible 'sign' of Pearl Harbor Shipyard community service

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Picking up trash along Nimitz Highway, collecting 6,000 leis to honor deceased veterans, donating nearly \$700,000 to charities - at Pearl Harbor Naval Shipyard, community service takes many forms, most of it low-key and without much notice.

However, one project in Ewa Beach keeps drawing a lot of attention. Then again, that's what an electronic marquee sign is supposed to do.

The brand-new, eye-catching marquee was erected in October at the entrance to James Campbell High School. It informs students, parents and the general public about what is going on at the school and recognizes student achievements.

Senior Chief Machinist's Mate Frederick Gholson transformed the sign from a wish into reality. He oversees the shipyard's educational partnerships with four public schools - August Ahrens, Manana, Aliamanu and Campbell High. As the senior school liaison officer, he coordinates the efforts of about 120 shipyard military



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Representatives from Pearl Harbor Naval Shipyard and the Seabees receive 'mahalos' from officials at James Campbell High School for their new marquee.

and civilian volunteers.

He and three other liaison officers meet with the school principals to plan and carry

out projects to benefit the students and staff.

"It's just like being an active parent within the

school," Gholson said of his role. "I've been doing this for three years. It's been fun. I've had a blast."

The electronic sign project took Gholson 13 months and \$15,000. He obtained money to buy the sign and other materials from the Joint Venture Education Forum, a program funded by the Department of Defense. He enlisted the construction skills of Seabees from a Navy engineering command to install the sign and power lines.

The sign was an unusual project, explained Gholson. Volunteers usually devote much of their time to tutoring and mentoring students. For example, at Manana Elementary, this effort totaled over 700 hours.

Volunteers also coach and officiate at sports events and work on grounds beautification, building repairs and maintenance. For instance, at August Ahrens, this included installing air conditioners to reduce heat in classrooms and planting trees to provide shade.

Assistance isn't limited to partnership schools. Radford High School, after finding out shipyard Navy divers had taught Campbell High ROTC cadets how to swim, asked for similar help.

When Waipahu Intermediate School lost its

sponsor, over 50 shipyarders helped pour concrete for sidewalks, install padding, build benches with shades, and lay 400-plus grass blocks of sod.

Kristin Ching, shipyard community relations manager, noted nearly 100 community organizations are supported by the naval shipyard, its officially sponsored or approved associations, and individual employees.

In recognition of these and other outreach efforts, the commander of Navy Region Hawai'i announced that he had selected the shipyard as a triple winner of statewide awards for exemplary voluntary community service projects.

Just 10 days later, the Chief of Naval Operations (CNO) named the shipyard as a Navy-wide honorable mention awardee for community service.

"We're committed to being a good neighbor and giving back to the community that supports us in our mission of keeping the Pacific Fleet 'fit to fight,'" said Capt. Frank Camelio, shipyard commander. Gholson said, "It's just the satisfaction of going out and accomplishing something for the community."



## Second time's a charm for Pearl Harbor Sailor

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The second time was a charm for Master Chief Machinist's Mate (SS) William Roberts. The Pearl Harbor Naval Shipyard Sailor and resident of Radford Terrace was selected in February for the chief warrant officer commissioning program.

Many apply three to five times before being accepted into the program. Roberts was selected on his second try.

A senior chief he used to work with called to tell him that he saw Roberts' name on the selection list for chief warrant officer (CWO) in an e-mail. Roberts said he didn't know if his former shipmate was serious or just joking.

About an hour later, Capt. James Stone, deputy shipyard commander, called to congratulate him. That's when Roberts knew for sure that the news was real.

"I screamed like my 16-year-old daughter," said Roberts. "Woohoo!"

Lt. Cmdr. Robert Stevens, executive officer, said the selection is made through an in-service process, meaning only those within the Navy's enlisted ranks are considered.

"Sustained superior performance, experience, diverse assignments and future potential to serve in greater capacities all have a role to play in the selection," said Stevens.

In the summer of 1982, Roberts, a native of Independence, Kansas, followed in his father's footsteps and joined the Navy.

He said he loves challenges and learning new things. "I don't like to be in a comfortable zone professionally," said Roberts, explaining why he applied for the CWO program.

Once he learns something and is able to do it well, Roberts feels he is ready to move on to the next challenge.

As a chief warrant officer, Roberts' role will be to support the unrestricted line officers as a technical advisor in repairs on submarines. He becomes a CWO3 in January 2008, at which time he will attend Officer Indoctrination School and then report to USS Frank Cable (AS 40) in Guam.