

## O'Kane holds change of command at sea



U.S. Navy photo by MC2 Joseph R. Vincent

Sailors stand in formation during a change of command ceremony on the flight deck aboard the Arleigh Burke-class destroyer USS O'Kane (DDG 77). O'Kane is part of the John C. Stennis Carrier Strike Group on a regularly scheduled deployment in support of maritime security operations (MSO). MSO help set the conditions for security and stability, as well as aid counter-terrorism and security efforts to the regional nations.

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USS O'Kane (SSG 77)

The crew of USS O'Kane (DDG 77) held a change of command ceremony while underway in the Arabian Gulf on May 10.

The ceremony, held on O'Kane's fantail, was a formal recognition of the transfer of command from Cmdr. James Duke to Cmdr. Tom Druggan.

"Cmdr. Duke is one of the finest naval officers I've

worked with," said Capt. Michael Salvato, commander, Destroyer Squadron 21. "I don't say that lightly; he makes command look easy and that is not an easy task."

Duke was awarded the Meritorious Service Medal for superior performance as the O'Kane's commanding officer. He assumed command in October 2005. While aboard O'Kane, Duke successfully led the destroyer across more than 60,000 nautical miles, conducted 39 underway replenishments

taking aboard more than 5.1 million gallons of fuel; and ensured O'Kane's dry-dock availability was completed on time and a half million dollars under budget.

"To live up to the legacy of Duke, which is the legacy of the ship, is a tall order," said Druggan. "He is one of the finest officers this country has produced and has left a great ship and a great crew."

O'Kane will be Druggan's first command at sea. He has served on five destroyers during his naval career and was previously the com-

bat systems officer on the pre-commissioning unit O'Kane.

"It's an honor and a special privilege to command this ship because of the great crew and also because I was a plank owner," said Druggan. "The at-sea change of command ceremony was great. There are echos of it that go deep into U.S. naval history."

As a tribute to the history and to the ship's namesake, the crew wore 'Dixie cups' with their utilities during the ceremony.

"The ship and the crew looked magnificent," said Duke. "It was a wonderful experience and I couldn't be happier with the ship and its performance over the last 19 months."

Duke will report next to Commander, Carrier Strike Group 10 as the surface operations officer.

"I'm the new guy," said Druggan. "The other 300 crew members, who have provided operational excellence, are still here. There are many great Sailors who will help me do my job."

O'Kane continues its mission in support of maritime security operations (MSO) in the U.S. 5th Fleet area of operations.

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

## USS Los Angeles embarks with a piece of submarine history

Commander Submarine Force Pacific Public Affairs

The U.S. Navy is steeped in customs, courtesies and rituals. There's the Navy Birthday Ball, the newly commissioned officers' wetting down and the referral to a ship as "she." But there is also a U.S. submarine tradition that few, other than submariners, knew about until now...it's the guardian of the cribbage board.

The nuclear-powered, attack submarine USS Los Angeles (SSN 688) departed its homeport of Pearl Harbor on May 7 for a Western Pacific deployment. This time the submarine deployed with a cribbage board that belonged to Medal of Honor recipient and World War II prisoner of war, Rear Adm. Richard H. "Dick" O'Kane.

O'Kane was awarded the Medal of Honor for his daring attacks on two Japanese convoys while in command of the World War II submarine USS Tang (SS 306) during its fifth and final patrol in 1944. His citation states, "With ships bearing down from all sides, he charged the enemy at high speed, exploding the tanker in



U.S. Navy photo by MC2 Michael Perez

Master Chief Petty Officer of the Navy (MCPON) Joe R. Campa Jr. talks to Sailors from USS Los Angeles (SSN 688) during a visit to Pearl Harbor on May 7.

a burst of flame, smashing the transport dead in the water, and blasting the destroyer with a mighty roar which rocked the Tang from stem to stern, expending his last two torpedoes into the remnants of a once powerful convoy before his own ship went down." After his submarine was sunk, the Japanese captured then-Cmdr. O'Kane who spent the rest of the war in secret captivity.

After it was cleaned and restored, the more than 60-year-old cribbage board came into the possession of the

Pacific Submarine Force and the tradition of passing the cribbage board from the oldest submarine to the next was started. O'Kane's wife Ernestine was the sponsor of the second submarine named USS Tang (SS 563), the original keeper of the board. Tang was stricken from the Navy Vessel Register in 1987.

USS Kamehameha (SSN 642) was the longest commissioned of the oldest submarines to safeguard the board. Kamehameha was

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## U.S. Army makes 'stryking' entrance

Thirteen Stryker vehicles from 1st Battalion, 14th Infantry Regiment, 2nd Stryker Brigade Combat Team from Schofield Barracks, Oahu, returned from Pohakuloa Training Area (PTA) on Wednesday from the Big Island to Waipio Peninsula located in the West Loch of Pearl Harbor. The Strykers belong to the last rotation of Soldiers training at PTA in preparation for the brigade's deployment to Iraq in December.

The Strykers, along with other various support vehicles, were transported onboard the U.S. Army Low Speed Vessel (LSV-2) Clinger, an Army supply ship assigned to carry cargo between Pearl Harbor on Oahu and the Pohakuloa Training Facility on the Big Island of Hawai'i, among many other locations.

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## Port Royal officer returns from IA duty in Iraq

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USS Port Royal (CG 73)

Lt. j.g. Mark Radlinski returned home to Pearl Harbor and to USS Port Royal (CG 73) on April 2 after spending the last year and a half in Iraq. Radlinski, a 2003 graduate of the United States Naval Academy, first came to Hawai'i in January 2006 when he reported aboard Port Royal as the training officer.

After only one month on

board, Radlinski was selected to participate in the Navy's individual augmentee (IA) program. He received several weeks of training in electronic warfare and IA indoctrination before being sent to Kuwait and later on to Iraq where he was embedded with the Army's First Infantry Division as part of the counter improvised explosive devices (IED) task force.

While in Iraq, Radlinski managed and developed tactics, techniques and procedures for electronic warfare systems. He trained military transition teams and often

accompanied Soldiers on patrols and raids to disable explosive devices. "My experience in Iraq was both personally and professionally rewarding," said Radlinski. By preventing IED explosions, he helped save the lives of countless civilians and American and allied Soldiers.

Upon his return to Hawai'i, Radlinski received a hero's welcome at Honolulu International Airport from his shipmates and family members of the Port Royal wardroom. Rear Adm. T.G. Alexander, Commander, Navy Region Hawai'i and Commander, Naval Surface Group Middle Pacific, was on hand to welcome him home and congratulate him on a job well done.

Radlinski reported aboard Port Royal for the second time on April 2. He said that he was grateful for the opportunity to serve in a different facet than most naval officers and remarked, "It's important for us [the Navy] to keep in our perspective that as we go through our day-to-day routine, there are over 140,000 Marines, Soldiers, Airmen and Sailors fighting in Iraq."

After some leave and standdown, Radlinski will serve as weapons officer, filling a gap left by another departing IA, Lt. Jennifer Blakeslee, Port Royal's combat systems officer. She will soon depart for an IA in support of the global war on terrorism.



Lt. j.g. Mark Radlinski, who returned home to Pearl Harbor and to USS Port Royal (CG 73) on April 2 after spending the last year and a half as an individual augmentee in Iraq, goes over paperwork with Lt. j.g. Chloe Mailer, the new training officer.

## Pearl Harbor Sailors host Japanese Training Squadron

Lt. j.g. Paige Sellers

USS Russell (DDG 59)  
Public Affairs

Over 700 Japanese Sailors, including 200 newly-commissioned ensigns, visited Naval Station Pearl Harbor for a brief port visit from May 2-5 as part of a training deployment.

The Japanese Training Squadron (JTS) focused on developing the leadership and seamanship of the new ensigns and was comprised of three ships, including two training vessels, JS Kashima (TV 3508) and JS Shimayuki (TV 3513), and one Asagiri-class destroyer, JS Sawagiri (DD 157).

"The JTS visit went very well and was a great opportunity to foster international relations," said Lt. Alex Torres, the visiting ship liaison officer for Navy Region Hawai'i. "The JTS professionalism was impressive."

The senior visiting member from the Japanese Maritime Self Defense Force, Rear Adm. Yasushi Matsushita, along with the three ship's commanding officers, met with then Adm Gary Roughhead, Commander, Pacific Fleet; Rear Adm. T. G. Alexander, Commander Navy Region Hawai'i and Commander, Naval Surface Group Middle Pacific; and Capt. Taylor Skardon, commanding officer, Naval Station Pearl Harbor, as well as Hawai'i Lt. Gov. Duke Aiona and Honolulu Mayor



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

Japanese Sailors from the Japanese Training Squadron attended a reception hosted by Rear Adm. T. G. Alexander, Commander Navy Region Hawai'i and Commander, Naval Surface Group Middle Pacific, and his wife at their on-base residence in May.

Mufi Hanneman. These various office calls emphasize the strong relationship between both navies and their respective countries.

Also in the spirit of continuing relationships, many of the Japanese Sailors attended a reception hosted by Alexander and his wife at their on-base residence. The Kashima, in turn, held a reception for approximately 100 U.S. Sailors and members from the community.

"I had a good time at the reception. It was interesting meeting my counterparts in

the Japanese navy," said Ensign Steven Collins from USS Russell (DDG 59) about meeting the new ensigns on Kashima.

Russell was the host ship for the visit, aided by USS Hopper (DDG 70), USS Crommelin (FFG 37) and USS Reuben James (FFG 57). Russell's commanding officer, Cmdr. Brad Cooper, participated in a luncheon onboard Kashima and a traditional wreath-laying ceremony on the USS Arizona Memorial in addition to the reception on Kashima.

## CNO enjoys 'steel beach picnic' with Sailors aboard Russell

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Public Affairs

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After enjoying a 'steel beach picnic' on the ship's flight deck, the CNO and MCPON answered questions about the plan for the Five-Vector Model, as well as the new and future platforms such as the littoral combat ship (LCS) and the San Antonio-class landing platform dock (LPD).

The CNO's comments were positive enforcements that although these programs have some changes to be made, they are moving the Navy in the right direction.

Sonar Technician (surface) 2nd Class (SW) Ross Higginbotham asked about the future of rate mergers and said he felt reassured with the CNO's answer. "I feel good because he said rate mergers that wouldn't be beneficial to the Navy won't happen and that rates will keep their specialties," Higginbotham said he was specifically concerned about a potential sonar technician and operations specialist merger on the horizon, but is now less worried from the CNO's comments.

"I thought the CNO was



U.S. Navy photo

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interesting and I'm glad he thanked the culinary specialists for preparing the food," said Culinary Specialist Seaman (SW) Ben Gregoire. "I wished that he had a little more

time so that we could have asked more questions."

In the chief's mess, the MCPON's conversation was largely focused on senior enlisted leadership and a shift back to leading from

the "deck-plate" level.

"I can already see the changes he is making," said Chief Hull Maintenance Technician (SW) Jeff Laughlin, who knew the MCPON from a previous

tour together on the USS Frank Cable (AS 40). "He is someone we can relate to and he is implementing changes for the betterment of the Sailors and the Navy."

The questions posed to

the MCPON by Russell's chiefs' mess focused on education topics such as making satellite branches of the Senior Enlisted Academy for more available space and convenience, as well as the movement for chiefs to obtain an associate's degree prior to advancement to senior chief.

The MCPON emphasized the importance of education, but is concerned that a large percentage of excellent chiefs without a degree will be "left behind" if the requirement is implemented. As far as satellite academy locations, MCPON explained the funding issues are generally the reason this has not been done.

Russell's Command Master Chief (SW/AW) Julio Diaz echoed Laughlin's opinion of the positive impact of the MCPON, stating the direction of his guiding principles are "spot-on" for the future of the Navy and naval leadership.

While the MCPON entertained questions in the mess, the CNO met each of the officers in the wardroom where he answered a few questions about computer-based training and education opportunities for the enlisted Sailors.

Some of the officers also attended a base-wide khaki call with the CNO later that afternoon and were able to hear him speak on many more issues.

"This visit was great for the crew," Diaz said. "[The steel beach picnic] was a relaxed way for many of the Sailors to talk one-on-one with both the CNO and MCPON."

# Hawai'i Navy News Editorial

## Mentoring: Making a difference in someone's career

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Throughout our careers, each of us has had someone that's made a difference in our careers or personal lives. He or she might have been a chief, LPO [leading petty officer] another more experienced Sailor in our command, or someone we simply referred to as our 'sea daddy.' This person provided good advice, guidance or some well-placed calibration and, ultimately, had a positive impact on us

and our career. The idea of mentoring is nothing new. Each of us, at some point in our careers, has been mentored, or mentored someone else. The Navy's mentor program provides a formal process to foster a mentoring culture throughout the Navy in order to develop and retain talented 21st century leaders. Mentoring is an extremely pow-

erful tool for professional and personal development. It's a process that deliberately pairs a person who is more skilled or experienced (the mentor), with one who is less so (the protégée). Through this process, the experienced person transfers skills and experiences in a focused, effective and efficient manner. Simply put, a mentor is a person who helps someone else learn something that the learner would otherwise have learned less well, more slowly or not at all. Mentors help protégées set personal and professional goals and then, working together, helps the

protégée develop a mentoring plan to achieve those goals while providing consistent feedback along the way. The mentor may play a variety of roles – resource, advisor, coach or consultant – all with the goal of developing that protégée into a future Navy leader. Mentors, by being a positive influence, help instill self-confidence into our Sailors, improve morale and increase team building. Ultimately, this gives Sailors greater job satisfaction and career success. Protégées should provide their mentors with honest and accurate information and work toward

those goals agreed upon in the mentoring plan. Protégées need to use their mentors properly and not circumvent their chain of command. As I mentioned earlier, mentoring is nothing new, but it is critical to the professional growth of outstanding leaders. Shipmates, take advantage of the opportunity to have a mentor and benefit from the wealth of experience and knowledge he or she has to offer. If you have the opportunity to be a mentor to someone, do it. There's no greater reward than developing today's young Sailors into tomorrow's leaders.

## '101 Critical Days of Summer' raises seasonal awareness



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The Naval Safety Center is kicking off this year's '101 Critical Days of Summer' campaign on May 28. The campaign, which runs until Labor Day, helps raise awareness about the possible mishaps that can happen to off-duty service members during the summer months. The Naval Safety Center has taken many steps to get information out to service members worldwide. "We have several links on our Web site, a

'Critical Days of Summer' program [in] which we address the critical issues that we think are awareness factors, and a safety toolbox on our Web site that commands can use to assist them with their own programs," said John Williams, Naval Safety Center traffic and recreational off-duty specialist. There are many things service members can do to prepare themselves before participating in summer activities. "Some of the steps that service members can take are to use proper personal protective equipment, be well rested, and use alcohol in a responsible manner," said Master

Chief Machinist's Mate (SW/AW) James Cooke, Naval Safety Center traffic and recreational off-duty specialist. "These steps can ensure that they have a good time and that they can get back to their families and their units safely." This campaign exists to let service members know that it is fine to have a good time, but to take precautionary steps to stay safe. "While summer is a time where service members are supposed to relax and have fun, one mishap can turn that time into a tragedy," said April Phillips, Naval Safety Center campaign coordinator.



Commentary

### Chapel Pennant

#### Christians and Jews have a common promise: Liberation

**Cmdr. Bernard J. Pecaro, USNR**

*Navy Region Hawai'i Chapels*

Christians and Jews celebrated their most holy of seasons this past April. What are they? They are Easter and Passover. Each occasion reminds the faithful of two crowning events accomplished by God. Each demonstrate God's power and care for God's children. God specifically intervened for His chosen people at the first Passover. He liberated them from the oppressive yoke of slavery in a foreign land. Giving freedom to His people, God was fulfilling His promise to Abraham. God's promise centuries before was to make a great nation who would live in a cherished land, rich with natural resources and free from foreign tyranny. The Easter event builds upon God's first act of liberation. It also gives a more inclusive understanding of God's promise. For the Christian, Jesus Christ came into the world, was killed, buried and rose again. Through Jesus' resurrection, God has defeated humanity's

slavery to sin. His promise of freedom is fulfilled. Our liberty and everlasting life are won. There is more... Christians will soon celebrate Pentecost. At the first Pentecost, God gave the gift of the Holy Spirit to His church. Keep in mind, God's spirit has worked through the patriarchs, the kings, the prophets and finally Jesus of Nazareth. After Jesus' ascension, God sent this same Holy Spirit to live with us so that we may live free from sin's power. But... We are not to be mere observers in God's promise. God requires us to be players. We must choose either God's will, or our own will. How do we know if we have chosen God and not self? Ask, "Am I living the great commandment?" "Do I truly love the unique person I am?" "Do I love my neighbor?" We express our love for God and live in His promise by loving ourselves and one another. Are you tired of crime, murder and war? Then ask not, "What would Jesus do?" But rather ask, "What did Jesus do?" He loved. What do we do? Remember, God's love is our common liberation. All we have to do is live it.

### West Loch: The day after disaster



Photograph from the Army Signal Corps Collection in the U.S. National Archives  
USS LST 39, afire in Pearl Harbor after the May 21, 1944 explosion that destroyed several LSTs in the West Loch. Men are visible on her bow ramp, probably removing cargo. Other vessels are alongside and nearby, engaged in firefighting. Photograph is dated May 22, 1944, the day after the explosion.

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# DACOWITS meets with Pearl Harbor Sailors

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The Department Advisory Committee on Women in the Services (DACOWITS) visited Naval Station Pearl Harbor on April 25 to discuss important matters that affect recruiting and retaining women in the Navy.

"The Navy needs to use any means possible to improve retention of women in the military," said Capt. Cindy Talbert, director of women's policy and also the first female limited duty officer captain in the Navy.

"We've historically seen higher attrition in women officers and enlisted because they are society's primary caregivers. They will ultimately get out of the Navy even though they want to make the Navy a career," said Talbert.

Female Sailors make up only 15 percent of the Navy which creates reason to research the specific issues for women to separate from the Navy. Focus groups in 2003 and 2004 identified the difficulty of balancing work and family as the number one reason for women leaving the military.

The main topics discussed this year were health care during and after deployment and spouse employment. DACOWITS meets with women from all branches of service.

Hawai'i was picked this year because of the number of military members in such a dense area.



U.S. Navy photo by MCSN John W Ciccarelli Jr.

Fire Controlman 3rd Class Hannah Allaire onboard USS Hopper (DDG 70) runs a routine check on the ship's intranet. The intranet performs communication between every department throughout the ship.

The information gathered through installation visits will be reported to the Department of Defense at the end of the year. Recommendations are made by the

combination of research and first-hand experiences that are shared with the advisory committee.

"DACOWITS was created to be the voice of women. It provides

unfiltered feedback to the Office of the Secretary of Defense who wanted to be sure that issues that are unique to women were being properly addressed," said Talbert.

"It is also another way to get information outside the military lifelines that women might have felt a little reluctant to discuss for fear of reprisal or any sort of negative impact it could have on themselves or women in general," Talbert added.

Members of DACOWITS who visited Pearl Harbor included J.P. Duniphan, who served as a state senator for South Dakota, chairman of the State Corrections Commission and chairman of the Interstate Compact of Prisoners Commission.

Denise Balzano served as executive director of the Republican Women's Federal Forum and as assistant to the vice president and chief of staff for Marilyn Quayle.

Kerry Lassus has been an Army wife for more than 22 years and involved in volunteer work for both the civilian and military communities.

DACOWITS was established in 1951 by then Secretary of Defense George C. Marshall. The committee is composed of civilian women and men who are appointed by the Secretary of Defense to provide advice and recommendations on matters and policies relating to the recruitment, retention, treatment, employment, integration and well being of highly-qualified professional women in the armed forces.

In 2002, the committee began providing advice and recommendations on family issues related to the recruitment and retention of these female service members.

# NAVFAC provides pest control services at Pearl Harbor

Naval Facilities  
Engineering Command  
Hawai'i

Pest control is an ongoing effort throughout Navy Region Hawai'i. Navy and civilian personnel throughout the region may notice as members from Naval Facilities Engineering



Command (NAVFAC) Hawai'i's environmental division pest management section provide pest control services in industrial areas, office spaces, warehouses, Army Navy child development centers, galleys, barracks, improved and unimproved

grounds, etc.

Pest management personnel receive formal training and are Department of Defense-certified in all areas of pest control. NAVFAC Hawai'i provides the following pest control services:

- Pest control for ants, roaches, fleas, centipedes, wasp, bees, etc.
- Rodent surveillance, trap-

- ping, baiting, exclusion
- Termite inspection reports, damage assessment, recommendations
- Termite soil treatment
- Herbicide, weed treatment
- Feral cat, live animal trapping
- Bird exclusion, nest removal
- Mosquito surveillance, assessment, recommenda-

- tion, abatement
- Sanitation inspection, recommendations
- Insect identification, assessment, treatment options
- Pest control recurring maintenance
- Sanitizing, deodorizing treatment
- Commands with pest control issues should contact

their facility/building managers so that NAVFAC Hawai'i pest control services are scheduled and the problem is taken care of before it gets out of hand.



# Pearl Harbor Highlights



U.S. Navy photo by MC2 Joseph R. Vincent

The color guard bears the ensign, the Department of the Navy flag and the USS O'Kane (DDG 77) command flag during a change of command rehearsal aboard the Arleigh Burke-class destroyer while at sea in the Persian Gulf on May 9. O'Kane, as part of John C. Stennis Carrier Strike Group, is on a scheduled deployment in support of maritime security operations (MSO).



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Two Sailors hone their soccer skills on the flight deck aboard the Arleigh Burke-class destroyer USS O'Kane (DDG 77) during their off-time while at sea in the Persian Gulf on May 10. O'Kane is part of the John C. Stennis Carrier Strike Group and is on a regularly scheduled deployment in support of maritime security operations (MSO). MSO help set the conditions for security and stability, as well as aid counter-terrorism and security efforts to the regional nations.



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Ensign Sarah Watson stands conning officer watch on the bridge of the Arleigh Burke-class destroyer USS O'Kane (DDG 77) while at sea in the Persian Gulf on May 12. Conning officers provide course and speed changes for seaward navigation while the ship is underway. O'Kane is part of the John C. Stennis Carrier Strike Group on a regularly scheduled deployment in support of maritime security operations (MSO).

# FISC receives Navy Region Hawai'i Flagship Awards

Story and photo by  
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Fleet and Industrial Supply  
Center Public Affairs

Fleet and Industrial Supply Center (FISC), Pearl Harbor, was presented with four Navy Region Hawai'i Community Service Flagship Awards for 2006 during a ceremony held April 25. FISC was the winner in the "medium command" category for all four awards. The four were: Personal Excellence Partnership; Health, Safety and Fitness; Campaign Drug Free; and Project Good Neighbor.

FISC's awards stem from its rewarding eight-year educational partnership with Momilani Elementary School, which is located in the Pearl City uplands overlooking Pearl Harbor. For the past eight years, FISC military and civilian personnel have volunteered their time to serve as "reading buddies" for Momilani's youngest students. In addition, they have constructed a Hawaiian garden, painted, weed whacked, donated



Senior Chief Ship's Serviceman (SW) Michael Gladden displays one of the new math books that were donated to Momilani Elementary School earlier this school year by Fleet and Industrial Supply Center (FISC) (with funding from Navy Region Hawai'i). FISC, which has donated books to Momilani for the past eight years, handled the ordering, delivery and all other arrangements. Gladden is a member of FISC's fleet assist team.

books, air conditioners and benches, and tackled an array of beautification and school improvement projects. Some of the Sailors also join the sixth graders in

their physical education classes, leading them in exercises or participating in sports programs.

On May 25, Momilani's entire student body, staff

and faculty will be FISC's guests for a day at Pearl Harbor. The students will be divided into groups and will visit the Arizona Memorial, the Utah Memorial, and the

new Pacific Aviation Museum on Ford Island. This will be the second year FISC has invited the entire school to visit Pearl Harbor.

"I always use FISC as the perfect example of a great school partnership program," said Kathy Wooldridge, Navy Region Hawai'i school liaison officer. "The command interest and involvement from the top down makes a huge difference in the success of the partnership. The CO, XO and CMC interest and involvement is unusual and I'm convinced it is the key to making this partnership work."

"The FISC command and the Momilani leadership and faculty appear to be equal partners in this exemplary program. The school administration and FISC leaders seem to truly respect each other," she continued.

Wooldridge's sentiments were echoed by Doreen Higa, Momilani principal, "When active duty personnel show up in their uniforms, the message, 'I am proud to be an American,' sings loud and clear. The students, faculty and staff are gently remind-

ed of the service these proud people provide to keep the country free. We could not teach this concept any better. FISC Pearl Harbor is an important part of Momilani's successes."

The "successes" mentioned by Higa are considerable. Momilani has won two national Blue Ribbon School awards and it is admired across the state for the quality of its academic program as well as for its strong emphasis on character education. The May 2006 issue of Honolulu Magazine ranks Momilani as number one in its "Grading of Public Schools" article. In addition, Momilani has the highest grades in math and reading of any public school in the state.

"This is a long proven partnership that our school and community have been fortunate to experience," said Higa.

As an indication of the character of the Momilani students, last year they saved their empty soda bottles and cans and raised \$400 for the Navy-Marine Corps Relief Society fund drive.

# USS Paul Hamilton Sailors sow seeds of goodwill

Chief Engineman Jack D.  
Johnson

USS Paul Hamilton (DDG 60)

The crew of USS Paul Hamilton (DDG 60) reached out to the children at Hee Rak Orphanage in Busan, Korea on April 29, planting seeds of good will and kindness. This latest community relations (COMREL) project was the crews' favorite at this point of their seven-month deployment.

In 1953 the Korean War was winding down and there were children throughout the streets of Pusan, Korea orphaned in the aftermath of the war. American Soldiers decided to give the orphaned children somewhere to sleep other than the streets. Hee Rak Orphanage started out with a few tents erected by American Soldiers. From that gesture of American compassion, Hee Rak Orphanage was born and because of the continued kindness through dona-

tions and volunteers it continues to this day.

Paul Hamilton's crew left the ship on a short bus ride to the Hee Rak Orphanage with project expectations of cleaning and maintaining the grounds of an orphanage. When the crew arrived, they were greeted by smiling children from ages five to 18 - waving and welcoming them. As the crew disembarked, they were greeted with hugs and handshakes.

After the director of the orphanage gave the crew a brief tour of the facility, he asked for a volunteer to assist a young girl with her English and Fire Control Technician 3rd Class John Bridgeman offered to help. The 35 remaining volunteers removed weeds from the school's garden and cleaned the fencing area around the playground for an hour. Then the crew conducted the Navy's traditional foreign object debris (FOD) walk down, as the crew lined up and searched for any objects that could

cause damage, removing glass and nails from the children's play area.

All of this manual labor was very rewarding, but what made this everyone's favorite COMREL came after the work. The great fulfillment came from the interaction with the children and the staff. It involved reading books, drawing pictures, playing games and numerous other activities with the young orphans.

Whether it was a not so awesome display of basketball prowess by Lt. j.g. Sterling Washington, Chief Damage Controlman Steven Dean's magical feats that wowed the crowd, or Information Systems Technician 2nd Class Freddie Archie sharing the drawing pad and crayons with the children, these acts displayed true compassion and citizenship and were very gratifying. Chief Culinary Specialist Florian Florece said, "It's about sharing what we have every day with those



Fire Control Technician 3rd Class John Bridgeman reads to orphans at Hee Rak Orphanage as part of a community relations project by USS Paul Hamilton Sailors on April 29.

who have so little," as he dispensed fresh chocolate chip cookies to the children. The crew was so

enamored with the children that they donated their own box lunches to the children and staff...and

agreed that the smiles that were produced from the small children made it all worthwhile.

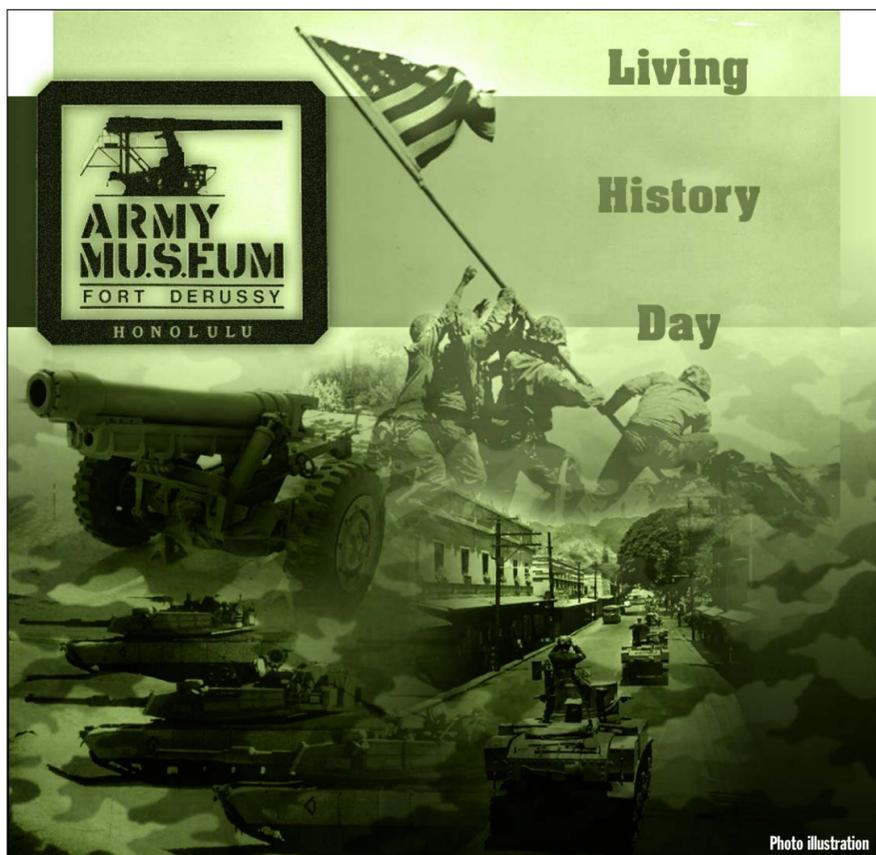
# Army Museum to present 'Living History Day'

Special to Hawai'i Navy  
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The U.S. Army Museum of Hawaii will host 232 years of military history when it presents "Living History Day" from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturday, which is also Armed Forces Day. The event is free and presented for the education and enjoyment of the general public.

Various groups will gather at Historic Battery Randolph on the grounds of Fort DeRussy in Waikiki to commemorate, educate, entertain and present hands-on exhibits of weapons, equipment and insignia from ancient Hawai'i to the present day. Participating organizations will include: 25th Infantry Division, Hawai'i Historic Arms Association, Hawai'i Military Vehicle Preservation Association, Celtic Pipes and Drums of Hawai'i, the Civil War Roundtable, Ka Pa Lua Hawai'i, and Birds of Paradise (aircraft modelers). Special arrangements have been made for the unique performance of the "Old Guard" Fife and Drum Corps, one of the U.S. Army's premier musical organizations, at 11 a.m. that morning. (This group performed for the queen of England at the recent 400th anniversary of the first European settlement in America at Jamestown, Va.).

Historic military vehicles and current U.S. Army equipment will complement the museum's tanks and monarchy-era cannon. Various re-



enactors will share the history behind their uniforms, equipment and weapons. Musical groups will serenade visitors with traditional music and dances and Ka Pa Lua Hawai'i will demonstrate ancient Hawaiian fighting arts. Large-scale, working, vintage-aircraft models will also be on display.

A special showing of classic films will be featured in the newly-renovated U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Pacific Regional Visitor Center on the second floor of the museum. The visitor center highlights the work of the Army Corps of Engineers in Hawai'i and the entire Pacific region. Both static and interactive

displays tells the engineers' story.

The public is welcome to tour the museum, visit an author's book-signing table, browse in the museum shop, and enjoy all the living history displays on the lawn.

Validated parking is available in the lot across from the museum.



## Military Appreciation Month events

The Chamber of Commerce of Hawai'i and AT&T Hawai'i will host the Combined Military Band Concert from 7 to 8:30 p.m. Saturday at the historic Hawai'i Theatre in downtown Honolulu. Musicians from military bands, including the Navy, Marine Corps, Army, Air Force, Coast Guard and Hawai'i National Guard will combine their talents. The concert will feature a variety of music ranging from popular military marches to traditional American favorites. The concert is open to the public and free tickets are available at the Hawai'i Theatre box office and the Chamber of Commerce of Hawai'i office.

The annual Military Recognition Luncheon will be held from noon to 1:30 p.m. May 24 at the Hilton Hawaiian Village. Outstanding community service awards will be presented to members of the Navy, Marine Corps, Army, Air Force, Coast Guard and Hawai'i National Guard. Tables and tickets may be purchased online at [www.cochawaii.org](http://www.cochawaii.org) or call Kyle Okamura at 545-4300, ext. 317.

USO (United Service Organizations) Hawai'i, in partnership with Mayor Mufi Hannemann and the City and County of Honolulu and the Honolulu Zoo, will host Military Day at the Honolulu Zoo from 9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. on June 2. The military will enjoy free admission with food, beverages and entertainment. Bus transportation will be available from Bloch Arena at Naval Station Pearl Harbor to the event. For more information, visit the Navy Region Hawai'i Morale, Welfare and Recreation Web site at [www.greatlifehawaii.com](http://www.greatlifehawaii.com).

## Navy divers clean up at Waipahu Elementary School

Lt. Cmdr. Keith Dowling

MDSU One Executive Officer

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Senior Chief Navy Diver (NDCS) Cesar Torres,



U.S. Navy photo by NDCS Cesar Torres

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an artist by trade, assisted by Hospital Corpsman 1st Class Sara Gourley, Navy Diver 3rd Class Joseph Brown, Construction Mechanic 2nd Class Paterno Degracia, Machinery Repairman Fireman Travis Canipe, Engineman Fireman Christopher Holder and Engineman Fireman Edward Martin sketched a New School Logo, a variety of cartoon character scenes, and games including hopscotch and tic-tac-toe.

The 'Heavy Lifters' used 12 gallons of paint over a three-day period to develop the new courtyard. "The vivid colors did a lot to spruce up the overall appearance of the grounds," said Rochelle Kalili, the parent and community network coordinator (PCNC) for Waipahu Elementary.

Brown said he was elated with the outcome. "I was concerned when we first started, but once we were finished I was really proud of the results," said Brown.

MDSU 1 is a proud sponsor of the Navy's adopt-a-school program and has supported Waipahu Elementary for the past six years, helping with beautification projects and participation in the reading aloud, keiki fitness, drug prevention and other special programs.

MDSU 1 is an expeditionary diving and salvage unit assigned to Explosive Ordnance Disposal Group One and part of Commander, Naval Expeditionary Combat Command which focuses on manning, training and equipment issues for expeditionary forces.

For more information about a career as a U.S. Navy diver, contact the MDSU 1 dive motivator/recruiter, NDC William Phillips at 471-9292, ext. 310.

## Los Angeles: Becomes guardian of Cribbage Board

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decommissioned in 2002 after nearly 37 years of service. The game board then went to USS Parche (SSN 683). Parche was the namesake of one of the most highly-decorated subs to serve in the Pacific Fleet during WWII. Although Parche decommissioned in July 2005, the cribbage board was finally sent to USS Los Angeles this year.

"It's an honor to deploy with O'Kane's cribbage board," said Cmdr. Erik Burian, Los Angeles commanding officer.

"Embarking with a piece of submarine history is a constant reminder of the legacy that we will continue. My crew and I enjoy passing time playing cribbage while not on duty and we are proud that we can carry on the tradition."

Card games were a favorite form of entertainment for submariners while on deployment during World War II and cribbage was a popular game on USS Wahoo (SS-238) with execu-

tive officer O'Kane and his commanding officer, World War II legend Dudley "Mush" Morton.

Cribbage lore among submariners is that while patrolling in the shallow waters of the Yellow Sea during its fourth war patrol, Morton dealt O'Kane a perfect 29, the highest possible score for combinations in a single cribbage deal. The crew felt that it was a lucky omen and Wahoo sank two Japanese freighters that night.

Three days later, while patrolling off the Korean coast south of Chinnampo, Morton dealt a 28-point hand to O'Kane. They sank two freighters that day and another one the following day.

Although Los Angeles has no plans to torpedo any freighters while deployed, it will be maintaining its presence in the Western Pacific.

"We have the newest technology on the oldest U.S. submarine," said Burian. "I have complete confidence in my crew to get

the job done."

Every time a Sailor is qualified, Burian reads a different passage from Theodore Roscoe's "United States Submarine Operations in World War II."

"It helps to keep the crew grounded and to stay focused on the big picture," said Burian.

Los Angeles, the fourth naval ship to be named after the city of Los Angeles, is the lead ship of her class. Designed as a followon to the Sturgeon-class submarines built during the 1960s, the Los Angeles-class incorporated improved sound quieting and a larger propulsion plant than previous classes.

Its many capabilities include wartime functions of undersea warfare, surface warfare, strike warfare, mining operations, special forces delivery, reconnaissance, carrier battle group support and escort, and intelligence collection. Her missiles can reach targets on 75 percent of the earth's land surface.

# 'Coming home' from Vietnam War...OIF vet escorts father's remains

## Joint POW/MIA Accounting Command

Army Sgt. 1st Class Lewis Clark Walton Jr., an active duty National Guard and Reserve Soldier with the 115th Military Police Company, East Greenwich, R.I., is a veteran of two combat tours in Iraq. His father, Special Forces Sgt. 1st Class Lewis Clark Walton Sr., didn't make it home from his second tour in Vietnam.

On May 1, Walton Jr. escorted his father's remains from the Joint POW/MIA Accounting Command (JPAC) at Hickam Air Force Base, Hawai'i to his hometown of East Greenwich for burial on May 5. "This is very rare, that we have a son escort remains," said Steve Thompson, JPAC external relations officer.

Walton Jr.'s decision to join the Army was inspired by his father, by a deep sense of patriotism, and in part by a family tradition of service to the country. In addition to his father, Walton Jr.'s two uncles and a cousin have all served in the military.

"I knew I was going in the military," Walton Jr., 40, and a 21-year Army veteran, said. "I come from a very patriotic family. The last time I remember him I was two, other than pictures and videos. One picture I vividly remember was from Vietnam after his first tour, gear in one hand and me being held by the other. To come full circle, obviously you feel a sense of relief or some closure. The main thing is you are bringing them home," he said.

The mission of JPAC is to achieve the fullest possible accounting of all Americans missing as a result of the nation's past conflicts. Over 88,000 service members are still missing from previous wars. Of that total, over 1,780 are still unaccounted for from the Vietnam War.

On May 3, 1971, then Staff Sgt. Lewis C. Walton Sr. with two other fellow Green Beret Soldiers and five Vietnamese were inserted into a remote area of South Vietnam near Da Nang to conduct a long-range



U.S. Army photo

Army Special Forces Staff Sgt. Lewis Clark Walton Sr., who was posthumously promoted to Sergeant 1st Class, in a photo taken of him in his Vietnam War era uniform during his time in the Green Berets.

reconnaissance patrol.

Two decades later, JPAC investigators discovered what happened on that fateful day. After interviewing several witnesses in Vietnam, they confirmed that the patrol members were ambushed, had died in the ensuing firefight, and were not buried.

JPAC teams surveyed and excavated the site five more times from 1993 to 2006. Not only did they find material evidence at the site that was consistent with U.S. Army infantry equipment, they discovered a set of airborne "jump wings" and a St.



U.S. Army photo by Army Staff Sgt. Matthew Chlosta

Left, Army Soldier Sgt. 1st Class Lewis Clark Jr., Active Guard and Reserve, 115th Military Police, Rhode Island National Guard, listens to Dr. Laura Miller, anthropologist, Joint POW/MIA Accounting Command, during his visit to the JPAC, Hickam AFB, Hawai'i on May 1. He escorted the remains of his father, Army Special Forces Sgt. 1st Class Lewis Clark Walton Sr., to Rhode Island for burial. Miller was on one of the missions to Vietnam to excavate the remains and material evidence related to Walton Sr.'s case.

Christopher medallion. Both Bingham and Walton Sr. were airborne-qualified and Roman Catholics, according to U.S. records. Walton Jr. said that his father had soldered a set of airborne wings and a St. Christopher medal together and carried them for good luck.

JPAC researchers found historical records to indicate that these three servicemen were the only unaccounted-for U.S. ground losses in the vicinity of the recovery site. "You're very, very lucky that we found remains," Thompson told Walton Jr. "Ground losses are very, very tough. I was on

the very first investigation team on this site in 1992. [It was] pretty tough terrain, very, very remote."

Walton Sr. was identified using mitochondrial DNA by scientists at JPAC's Central Identification Lab. This was the final piece of evidence that led to the conclusion by JPAC that the only human remains found belonged to him.

Walton Jr. wanted to make sure he was able to escort his dad's remains and bring them home after his latest deployment to Iraq. "This [the identification process] has been going on two years," explained Walton Jr. "I

was deployed last time [we heard from JPAC]. If anything substantial happened, I didn't want to leave the-ater."

Walton Jr. said he was very impressed with JPAC and expressed his heartfelt appreciation for their recovery and identification of his father's remains. "How do you put into words, thank you," Walton Jr. said. "To say thank you is an understatement."

"We've always had the hope that he'd be found somewhere, someday and in good enough condition to bring home," Walton Jr. said.

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