

## Peleliu arrives on Pacific Partnership Mission

### USS Peleliu Public Affairs

Multi-purpose amphibious ship USS Peleliu (LHA 5) visited Pearl Harbor on May 29 - June 1 enroute to the Humanitarian mission Pacific Partnership. It departed San Diego on May 23.

Pacific Partnership brings together host nation medical personnel, partner nation military medical personnel and non-governmental organizations (NGOs) to provide medical, dental, construction and other humanitarian-assistance programs ashore and afloat in Southeast Asia and Oceania.

The four-month deployment continues the long tradition of U.S. Navy support of humanitarian

assistance operations throughout the world and reflects American compassion for the people of the Western Pacific region with whom Americans share common bonds.

Prior to the ship's departure, Vice Adm. Samuel

Locklear, Commander, U.S. 3rd Fleet, addressed the crew in the ship's hangar about the significance of the deployment. He also talked about the pride he felt in sending Peleliu on such an important mission - a mission to ensure improvement of both America's and the host nation partners' quality of life and relationships.

"We and our families see what goes on around the world on TV every night, and this is our chance to make a positive impact on the long struggle currently going on (in the world)," Locklear said. "I am very proud of what you're about to do. I wish I could go with you."

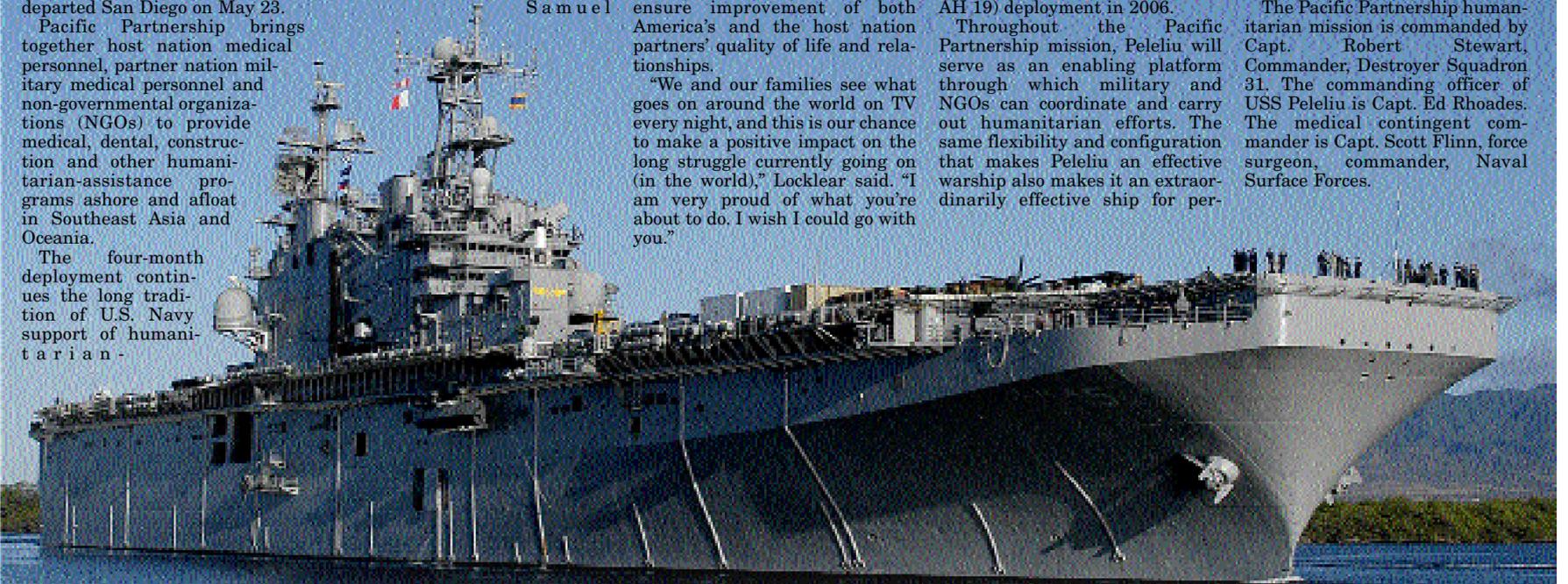
The deployment will strengthen the good will forged between the host nation partners, American forces and NGOs during previous assistance missions, such as the 2004 tsunami, earthquake relief efforts and the USNS Mercy (T-AH 19) deployment in 2006.

Throughout the Pacific Partnership mission, Peleliu will serve as an enabling platform through which military and NGOs can coordinate and carry out humanitarian efforts. The same flexibility and configuration that makes Peleliu an effective warship also makes it an extraordinarily effective ship for per-

forming humanitarian assistance missions.

Peleliu will visit areas based on host-nation agreements, medical and engineering priorities and where port or anchorage facilities can support the mission.

The Pacific Partnership humanitarian mission is commanded by Capt. Robert Stewart, Commander, Destroyer Squadron 31. The commanding officer of USS Peleliu is Capt. Ed Rhoades. The medical contingent commander is Capt. Scott Flinn, force surgeon, commander, Naval Surface Forces.



U.S. Navy photo by MC2 (AW) Lindsay Switzer

USS Peleliu (LHA 5) makes a port visit to Pearl Harbor on May 29 on her way to assist in a humanitarian and civic-action mission to several nations in Southeast Asia and Oceania called "Pacific Partnership". The deployment is being coordinated with several nations and, like the recent ship USNS Mercy (T-AH 19) deployment, will carry out in cooperation with several non-government relief organizations.



U.S. Navy photo by MC2 (AW) Lindsay Switzer

Cmdr. Alan D. Dorrbecker, departs through sideboys after assuming command of USS Greenville (SSN 772) at Naval Station Pearl Harbor Hawai'i on May 22. He relieved Cmdr. Lorin C. Selby as Greenville's commanding officer.

## USS Greenville changes command

### Navy Region Hawai'i Public Affairs

Cmdr. Alan D. Dorrbecker relieved Cmdr. Lorin C. Selby as commanding officer of USS Greenville (SSN 772) on May 22 at Naval Station Pearl Harbor submarine piers.

Dorrbecker is the ninth commanding officer of the Greenville which has a crew of 21 officers and 127 enlisted Sailors.

From July 2001 until August 2003, Selby served as the deputy director of the Navy's liaison office to the U.S. House of Representatives where he was directly involved in crafting the Navy's legislative strategy for 2002 and 2003. During his

tour, the House liaison office established close working relationships with members of Congress, their staffs, and professional staff members from various Congressional committees.

After serving on the commandant of midshipmen's staff at the U.S. Naval Academy from July 1997 until June 1999, Selby was the executive officer on USS Connecticut (SSN 22). During this period, Connecticut completed the first ever deployment to the North Pole by a Seawolf class submarine.

He previously was assigned as the navigator and operations officer onboard USS

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## A salute to submariners on 'eternal patrol'

Kenneth R. Joyner USN (ret), of Hawai'i Chapter, U.S. Submarine Veterans of World War II, salutes a wreath given in memory of the submariners lost during World War II. The event provided an opportunity for submariners, past and present, to pause and recognize the sacrifices made by the Sailors who died in the line of duty. A tolling of the bell and announcement of the names of each of the 52 U.S. submarines lost during World War II in the Pacific was conducted in memory of the 374 officers and 3,131 enlisted men who are on "eternal patrol." American submariners, who comprised only 1.6 percent of the Navy, suffered the highest loss rate in the U.S. Armed Forces, with 22 percent killed.



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## Pearl Harbor Sailors, civilians learn from the leaders

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Commander, Navy Region Hawai'i's (CNRH) workforce development office sponsored the third in a series of "Learn from the Leaders" events May 23 at The Banyans Conference Center at Naval Station Pearl Harbor.

The featured speaker Dee Jay Mailer, chief executive officer of Kamehameha Schools, spoke to approximately 100 Sailors and civilians to help educate individuals on the importance of leadership in the workplace.

"This event is called "Learn from the Leaders." We do this quarterly and bring in a noted community leader to speak about what inspired them to become a leader and the experiences in their lives that helped them to become a great leader," said Diane Wolfe, workforce development administrator for CNRH. "This event is for anyone that is a leader or an aspiring leader."

The main focus for the leadership training seminar is to motivate and educate military personnel in leadership roles and direction.

"I have been asked to talk to both military and civilian armed forces leadership and share my experiences that I have obtained throughout my lifetime. I am native, born here in the islands. I've also been away to the mainland and to Europe so I suspect that people are interested in what I have learned as a leader throughout all those environments," said Mailer.

"I think that all human beings, whether in the Navy or whatever job they happen to have, they're always looking to learn," continued Mailer. "People learn best when they go through personal experiences themselves and through listening to the experiences of others."



U.S. Navy photo by William R. Goodwin  
Dee Jay Mailer, chief executive officer of Kamehameha Schools, was the featured speaker for the third in a series of "Learn from the Leaders" events May 23 at The Banyans Conference Center at Naval Station Pearl Harbor. The events are sponsored by Commander, Navy Region Hawai'i's (CNRH) workforce development office to help educate individuals on the importance of leadership in the workplace.

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**Hawaii Navy News**

## Buck interviews Alexander for Military Appreciation Month



Rear Adm. T. G. Alexander, Commander, Navy Region Hawai'i, is interviewed by radio personality Mike Buck of KHVH Radio in Honolulu. The interview was conducted on May 24 as part of numerous shows and service member testimonials aired throughout the month of May by the radio station as part of Military Appreciation Month.

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



A visit, board, search and seizure (VBSS) team member lowers himself into a rigid-hulled inflatable boat from the guided-missile destroyer USS O'Kane (DDG 77) on May 18 prior to conducting interaction patrols (IPATS) in the Persian Gulf. IPATS is an element of maritime operations and are conducted in Iraqi territorial waters so that commercial shipping and fishing can occur safely in the region. IPATS aim to generate support and awareness among vessels sailing in the region of the coalition's efforts to ensure a safe and secure maritime environment. O'Kane is part of John C. Stennis Carrier Strike Group on deployment in support of maritime operations.

## USS O'Kane completes VBSS missions

Story and photo by MC2 (SW/AW) Joseph R. Vincent

USS John C. Stennis (CVN 74) Public Affairs

Visit, board, search and seizure (VBSS) team members aboard USS O'Kane (DDG 77), homeported at Naval Station Pearl Harbor, completed interaction patrols (IPATS) using a rigid-hull inflatable boat (RHIB) on May 18.

O'Kane has been conducting IPATS since the ship's arrival to the U.S. 5th Fleet's area of operations (AOO) on Feb. 19.

"Each time we get in the RHIB, it's different," said Gunner's Mate 1st Class (SW) Stephen Robinson, a VBSS

team member. "We do what we can to support maritime operations and keep the people safe. Hopefully, we'll make a few friends along the way."

Maritime security operations help set the conditions for security and stability in the maritime environment and complement the counter-terrorism and security efforts in regional nations' littoral waters. Coalition forces also conduct maritime security operations under international maritime conventions to ensure security and safety in international waters so that commercial shipping and fishing can occur safely in the region.

"During IPATS we go up to the dhows (small fishing boats) and ask if they need any assistance," said Ensign Thomas Scazzafavo, a VBSS boarding

officer. "We also let them know there are coalition forces in the region and we are all here to help."

While alongside the dhows, VBSS members give fruit, water and coalition contact information in the event the dhows' crew members need assistance.

"We gave them our contact information in case they need to get a hold of us," said Damage Controlman 3rd Class Brain Adkins, a VBSS team member. "They really appreciated the information and also gave us a lot of compliments about how they like the coalition forces operating in the area."

O'Kane left its homeport of Pearl Harbor, Hawai'i on Jan. 26 on a regularly scheduled deployment to the U.S. 5th Fleet's AOO as part of the John C. Stennis (CVN 74) Strike Group.

## Navy Secretary names new ship USNS Amelia Earhart

From the United States Department of Defense

Secretary of the Navy Donald Winter announced on May 29 his decision to name the Navy's newest underway replenishment vessel, USNS Amelia Earhart (TAKE 6).

The name honors Amelia Mary Earhart for her courage, vision and groundbreaking achievements, both in aviation and for women.

Amelia Earhart's name became a household word in 1932 when she became the first woman – and second person – to fly solo across the Atlantic, on the fifth anniversary of Charles Lindbergh's feat, flying a Lockheed Vega from Harbor Grace, Newfoundland to Londonderry, Ireland.

That year, she received the Distinguished Flying Cross from the Congress, the Cross of Knight of the Legion of Honor from the French government, and the Gold Medal of the National Geographic Society from President Herbert Hoover.

In January 1935, Earhart became the first person to fly solo across the Pacific Ocean from Honolulu to Oakland, Calif. Later that year she soloed from Los Angeles to Mexico City and back to Newark, N.J. In July 1936, she took delivery of a Lockheed 10E

"Electra," financed by Purdue University, and started planning her round-the-world flight.

The primary goal of the TAKE program is to provide effective fleet underway replenishment capability at the lowest life cycle cost. To meet that goal, the ship will be designed and constructed to commercial specifications and standards and certified/classed by the American Bureau of Shipping, U.S. Coast Guard and other regulatory bodies.

All of the new ships will be operated by the Military Sealift Command. They are being built in San Diego by General Dynamics NASSCO.

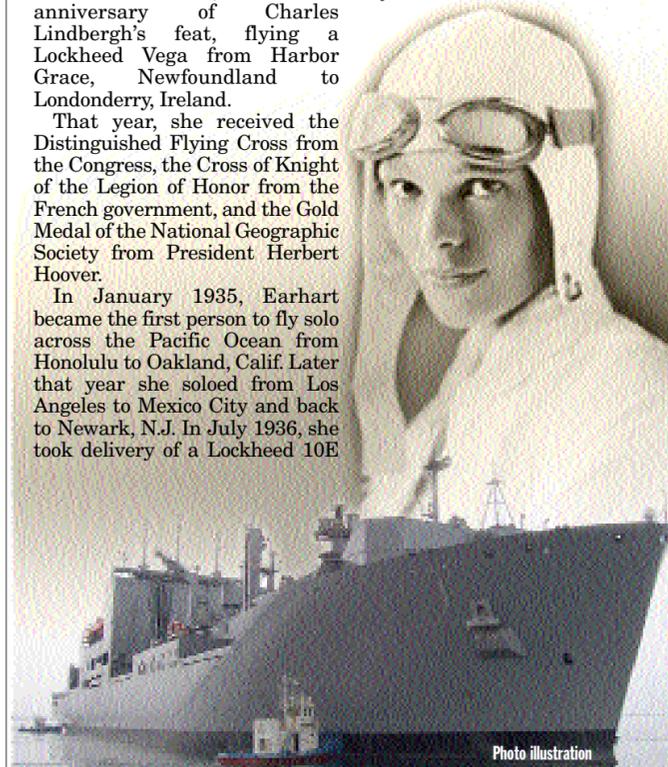


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## Incentives for IAs improve

MCSN Ken Ingram

Navy Personnel Command Communications Office

The Task Force Individual Augmentation update announced in NAVADMIN 136/07, released May 29, contains the Navy's latest improvements to incentives for Sailors who serve as IAs.

NAVADMIN 136/07 modifies incentives previously listed in NAVADMIN 273/06 and NAVADMIN 280/06.

"These initiatives will help to better recognize our Sailors serving in assignments that support GWOT (global war on terrorism)," said Lt. Cmdr. Juliet Cook, head enlisted advancement planner, OPN132C in Washington. "It gives them credit for their willingness to take the hard road and complete a job that not everyone is able to do."

The Navy currently has more than 10,000 Sailors in IA duty assignments all over the world. As the need for additional Sailors to serve in the GWOT increases, the Navy will continue to improve IA incentives.

The modifications include:  
•Tours over 270 (vice 365) days will be considered equivalent to forward-deployed

naval forces tours. These Sailors will be given the same benefits, including coast selection preference and priority choice of follow-on duty assignments and locations.

•Sailors who have completed an IA tour greater than 90 consecutive days of service in Iraq, Afghanistan, the Horn Of Africa, Kuwait, Cuba, Joint Task Force 515 or the Joint Force-Philippines and have parent command endorsement, are now authorized two award points toward advancement. Additional flexibility will also be given to operational commanders to administer advancement exams in those locations.

•IA detailing: Within the next several months, the Navy will begin assigning Sailors to Joint Manning Document (JMD)-validated missions through normal detailing channels (using PCS orders). This was designed to allow people an opportunity to normalize a GWOT tour with other career assignments, provide increased stability, and deliver more notification time before a GWOT deployment.

•Streamline the awards process for GWOT Sailors to make sure they are properly recognized for their service.

## Sky's the limit



File photo

Pictured here with her custom Lockheed 10E Electra, Amelia Earhart's name became a household word for her aviation accomplishments. She was the first woman to fly solo across the Atlantic and in January 1935, Earhart was the first person to fly solo across the Pacific Ocean from Honolulu to Oakland, Calif. In 1937, Earhart set a final course to be the first person to fly around the world. Somewhere within the 29,000 mile journey near Howland Island, Earhart missed a scheduled report. Nothing further was heard from her.

## USS Greenville CoC

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Pogy (SSN 647) as Pogy deployed to the Western Pacific with the USS Constellation Battle Group. He assumed duties as the engineer officer on Pogy in May 1995. During this tour, the ship completed a three-month science mission to the North Pole and earned a Battle Efficiency Award and a Meritorious Unit Commendation.

Selby was awarded the Meritorious Service Medal,

the Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal (five awards) and the Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal (three awards) in addition to various unit awards.

Dorrbecker comes to the Greenville from his duties as deputy commander, Submarine Squadron Four at New London Submarine Base, the last stop of his road to taking command of his first boat.

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Chief Damage Controlman Steven Dean of USS Paul Hamilton opens a bag of Legos for children to play with during a visit to Sacred Heart Angels Children's Home Nagoya, Japan on May 21.

## Paul Hamilton Sailors give keiki 'Christmas in May'

ENSC Jack Johnson

USS Paul Hamilton (DDG 60)

During a recent port visit to Nagoya, Japan on May 21, the crew of USS Paul Hamilton (DDG 60) brought joy to 70 orphaned and disadvantaged children ranging in ages from two to 18 years old.

The children reside at the Sacred Heart Angels Children's Home which provides foster care for children with troubled family backgrounds. The foster home was established by the Catholic church on Aug. 1, 1938.

While the Paul Hamilton was sailing to Nagoya, Chief Gas Turbine System Technician (mechanical) Carl Broussard and Senior Chief

Engineman Jack Johnson had the idea for a ship-wide fund raiser. The purpose of the fund raiser was to purchase gifts for the neglected and needy children in the foster home. They appealed to the generosity of the crew and their efforts yielded \$894.

Master Chief Fire Controlman Timothy Gilmore and Chief Damage Controlman Steven Dean, along with Broussard and Johnson, sought out and found a Toys R Us upon arrival in Nagoya. They purchased a variety of toys for boys and girls of all ages, including soccer balls, footballs, coloring books, baseballs, baseball bats and gloves, construction toys and dolls to give to the foster children.

Two days later, 30 crew

members visited the children's home to complete various landscaping and trash removal projects throughout the facility. They played with the children and shared ice cream. However, the highlight of the community relations (COMREL) project came when the crew members passed out the toys. The children's joy was evident by their excitement and glee which transcended any language barriers. Even the saltiest Sailors were misty eyed knowing they personally made these kids so happy, according to Ensign Jonathon White, the ship's public affairs officer. "These kids in Nagoya made a strong impression on us and I think the effect was mutual," he said. "It was a heart-warming experience."

## Boxer Sailors save a life on O'ahu



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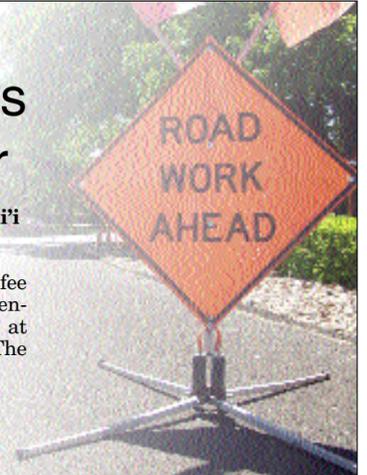
Religious Program Specialist 3rd Class (SW) Romulo Ancho explains how he injured his hand when he and Religious Program Specialist Seaman (SW) Victor Montoya helped save a burning man's life in Waikiki, Hawai'i on May 23. Ancho and Montoya, assigned to the USS Boxer (LHD 4), used their Navy firefighting training to help save the man's life during Boxer's visit to Pearl Harbor, the ship's last stop on its extended Western Pacific deployment.

## Construction projects around Pearl Harbor

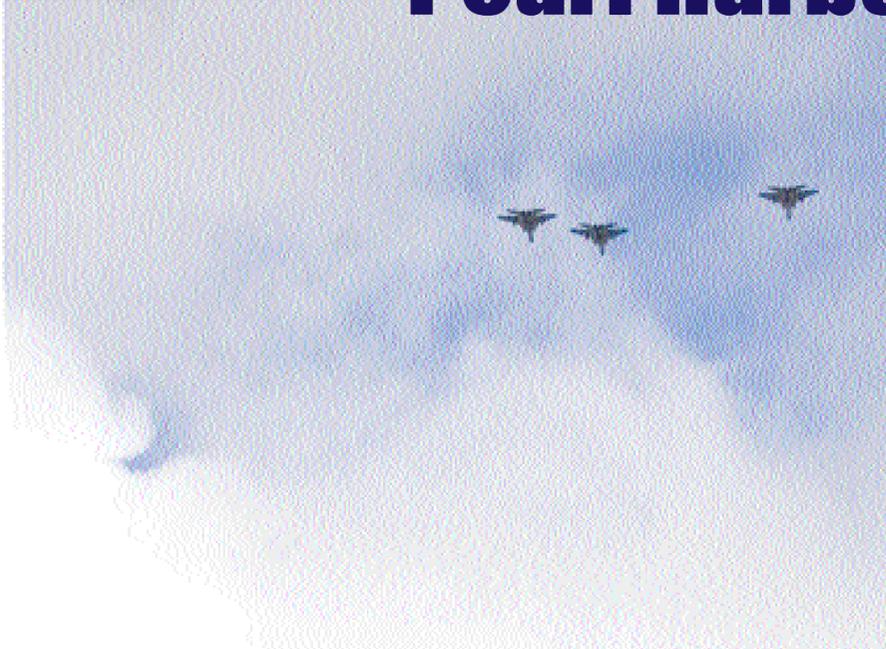
Naval Facilities Engineering Command Hawai'i

### Scheduled road closures:

•**Ford Island** - Wasp Boulevard north of Chafee intersection will be closed due to public-private venture housing work. A new temporary road is open at Chafee Boulevard to provide access to the area. The work is expected to continue through June 30.



# Pearl Harbor Highlights



**U.S. Navy photo by MC2 Justin P. Nesbit**  
 (Above) F-15 fighters from the 199th Fighter Squadron, Hawai'i Air National Guard fly over Puowaina Crater in the missing man formation during the Mayor's Memorial Day Ceremony. The annual ceremony takes place at the National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific (Punchbowl). Puowaina is the final resting place for veterans and their family members, and the hallowed grounds where those who gave their lives for our nation are memorialized.



(Top right) Members of the Combat Vets Association, Oahu chapter, bow their heads during the benediction at the Mayor's Memorial Day Ceremony.

**U.S. Navy photo by MC2 Justin P. Nesbit**

(Above) Members of the Joint Military Color Guard present the colors during the memorial 21-gun salute and missing man flyover at the Mayor's Memorial Day Ceremony.

**U.S. Navy photo by MC2 Justin P. Nesbit**

(Left) Navy JROTC Cadet Adam Burkett of Radford High School salutes the colors at a Memorial Day ceremony at the Pearl Harbor Submarine Park Memorial. The event provided an opportunity for all submariners, past and present, to pause and recognize the sacrifices made by the Sailors who died in the line of duty.

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**U.S. Navy photo by MC2 (AW) Lindsay Switzer**  
 USS Peleliu (LHA 5) passes the USS Missouri (BB 63) and USS Arizona (BB 39) memorials as she makes a port visit to Pearl Harbor. More than 3,000 Sailors and Marines from Peleliu will assist in a humanitarian and civic-action mission to several nations in Southeast Asia and Oceania called 'Pacific Partnership'. The deployment is being coordinated with several nations and, like the recent ship USNS Mercy (T-AH 19) deployment, will be held out in cooperation with several non-government relief organizations.

(Above right) A Japanese sailor assigned to Japan Maritime Self Defense Force (JMSDF) ship, JDS Chokai (DDG 176), watches as sailors perform line handlers while mooring pier side at Naval Station (NAVSTA) Pearl Harbor. JMSDF ships; JDS Chockai; JDS Inazuma (DD 105) and JDS Kurama (DDH 144), are currently in port at NAVSTA Pearl Harbor for a port visit while en-route to San Diego, Calif., to conduct training.

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



(Right) Sailors assigned to Japan Maritime Self Defense Force (JMSDF) ship, JDS Chokai (DDG 176), perform line handlers as they moor pier side at Naval Station (NAVSTA) Pearl Harbor.

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



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Francis Steele (far right), a facilities operations specialist for NAVFAC Hawai'i, along with the construction contractor and his team, discussed progress at a new Hillah Court House site.

## NAVFAC manager helps Army fight terrorism in Iraq

**Denise Emsley**

*Naval Facilities Engineering Command Hawai'i*

A civilian Navy facilities manager working for the Naval Facilities Engineering Command (NAVFAC) Hawai'i left the island in January to work for the U.S. Army Corps Engineers (USACE) in Iraq. Francis (Dutch) Steele, facilities operations specialist, volunteered for a 12-month tour in Iraq with the corps in support of the global war on terrorism.

"Everyone must search their own heart and mind for the reasons why to volunteer to go into harms way," said Steele. "For myself, I felt that it was the right thing to do in the current situation."

Past military experience also helped him with his decision. It gave him the insight on what he might be getting himself into and allowed him to recognize and respect the sacrifices military men and women are making every day in the current conflict. The change from Hawai'i to Iraq was not an easy decision, but Steele said that

he felt the need to do his part in the country's war on terror.

"The only other way to serve in any capacity that I knew of was to retire from civil service and hire on with a private contractor which I was pursuing until I found out about the USACE opportunity," said Steele. "I preferred to continue with the Department of Defense and be in direct support of its military programs."

Although Steele was hired as a project management specialist, he was immediately moved into a civil engineer position due to a shortage of qualified engineers. He currently works out of the regional embassy compound located just south of Baghdad in Hillah, Babil Province, where he is responsible for managing facilities construction projects.

"I am directly responsible for the construction of nine public health clinics in various locations, the renovation of the Hillah Maternity and Children's Hospital and 12 electrical distribution systems," said Steele. "And we have [a contract for] a new hospital being awarded in

the near future."

Currently, Steele's office is responsible for about \$110 million worth of projects, which include a new court house, roads, electrical distribution systems, and military garrison projects. He helps with these as needed and volunteers approximately twice a week to check on construction site progress.

Steele was awarded the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Gulf Region South GRD Pin for Civilian Service in a Combat Zone (Iraq) on Feb. 13 in the city of Tallil. The certificate states, "In recognition for your service in a combat zone during Operation Iraqi Freedom and for your dedicated service during the reconstruction of Iraq in the face of hostile enemy. This certificate attests to your association with the United States Army Corps of Engineers and the U.S. Army during this historic period of rebuilding a new Iraq."

When asked whether he is satisfied with his decision to spend a year in Iraq under difficult and dangerous living conditions, Steele's answer is a resounding "Yes!"

## Shipyard apprentices graduate with honors

**Marshall Fukuki**

*Pearl Harbor Naval Shipyard Public Affairs*

The number of Pearl Harbor Naval Shipyard (PHNSY) apprentices graduating with honors from Honolulu Community College (HCC) increased 27 percent this year.

Eighty-seven out of 132 apprentices, or 66 percent, earned cumulative grade point averages of 3.5 or above when they graduated May 11 at commencement exercises at the Waikiki Shell. Last year, a little more than half – 60 out of 116 apprentices – were honor graduates.

The shipyard's apprentice program is a paid four-year work/study program that prepares participants for various trade careers. As part of the curriculum, apprentices complete the requirements for an associate's degree in applied trades during the first two years.

Steven Watanabe, acting apprentice program administrator, noted that data was unavailable to determine if this year's rate of honor graduates set a benchmark. "We can't say it's a record, but it is substantial," said Watanabe.

For the fifth year in a row, a shipyard apprentice delivered the student address at the HCC graduation. Pipefitter apprentice Ashley Deguchi was selected as the student speaker by a panel of HCC instructors.

The Pearl City resident said he tried out for student speaker "to show my instructors, my family, everyone who supported me ... that I'm going all the way, I'm trying my best."

The shipyard contracted HCC to provide apprentices 20 hours of academic instruction every fourth week during their first two years. Deguchi compared the schedule to "one month of regular school compressed into one week."

In spite of previous college expe-

rience, he still found it challenging. "I've never taken some subjects, like physics and trigonometry," he said. "I found it difficult at times."

With the help of instructors and fellow classmates, "we pulled through somehow," he said.

Jeannie Shaw, HCC education coordinator, noted 45 of this year's shipyard graduates became members of Phi Theta Kappa (PTK), an international honor society for two-year colleges. Graduates must have a cumulative grade point average of 3.5 or above to qualify for membership.

Deguchi, a PTK member, earned two associate's degrees earlier, but without any honors. "This degree has more meaning," he said. "I tried harder for this than any other degree."

The difference was, "We need to pass to keep our job. ... If you don't do well, you can lose it. I need this job. It's for my family," he said.

"It's really satisfying," said Marchelle Rubio, metals inspector apprentice and honors graduate, referring to earning her associate's degree. "It was something I had to put a lot of effort into."

The pressure on Rubio increased during the weeks she had college-level classes. When she began her apprenticeship in January 2005, she had a daughter in first grade and a son in sixth grade. Although she was married, her husband's job at a hospital put a lot of family responsibility on her.

When they came home, she took care of her children's needs first. By the time she could start on her own schoolwork, it was already 9 or 10 p.m. She usually finished around 1 or 2 a.m. and woke up at 4 a.m. to start the next day.

"I got 15 to 16 hours of sleep the whole week," she said. "I had a full plate. I'm glad it's over."

Upon successful completion of the apprentice program, graduates are normally offered a permanent position in the shipyard.