

Looking back at a busy 2003



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A year's worth of momentous events, entertainment, leisure activities, celebrity visits and reflections back in time were featured in Hawai'i Navy News in 2003. The 12 months were solidly packed with notable achievements at Naval Station Pearl Harbor and numerous activities for Pearl Harbor Sailors and their families.

Early in 2003, Rear Adm. Robert T. Conway, Commander, Navy Region Hawaii and Commander, Naval Surface Group Middle Pacific, was selected to head an expeditionary strike group (ESG), as part of the Chief of Naval Operations' Sea Power 21 concept. At a change of command ceremony in late March, Rear Adm. Barry McCullough took over command at Pearl Harbor.

In a change of command at Pacific Missile Range Facility (PMRF), Barking Sands, Kauai, Capt. Robert J. Connelly became the 20th commander of PMRF. Rear Adm. Paul F. Sullivan relieved Rear Adm. John B. Padgett III as commander, Submarine Force (COMSUBPAC) and Anti-submarine Warfare Force, U.S. Pacific Fleet in a change of command



Aug. 7. Taking over for Rear Adm. Anthony L. Winn as Commander Patrol and Reconnaissance Force U.S. Pacific Fleet was Capt. William F. Moran at a Sept. 12 change of command.

In a step toward improving the quality of life for Navy families, Congress approved the Navy's

plan to privatize military housing in Hawai'i. The selection of the PPV contractor, Hawai'i Military Communities, LLC, was announced in October as the developer to participate in exclusive negotiations for the public-private venture. The Navy also dedicated new PMRF homes, part of

a \$10.2 million project.

In another quality of life issue important to Navy families, pets finally received a reprieve from the state's mandatory quarantine period when the state of Hawai'i approved new pet quarantine legislation. Under the new guidelines, dogs and cats would spend

five days instead of 120 days in quarantine, provided that all requirements are met.

The crew of the USS Fletcher (DD 992) returned home after Sea Swap, which rotates three crews through a single ship while it remains forward deployed.

Navy Seabee reservists from the First Naval Construction Regiment (1st NCR) returned to active duty in support of Operation Enduring Freedom, marking the first time that a reserve regiment had been "stood up" since Operation Desert Storm.

For the first time since World War II, a submarine commanding officer led his crew through two consecutive combat deployments. Cmdr. Chuck Merkel departed Pearl Harbor with his attack submarine, USS Key West (SSN 22), for a six-month deployment in support of the global war on terrorism. During his last six-month deployment, the crew was on their way to a liberty port in Bahrain when they were notified of the Sept. 11 attacks. The submarine was immediately diverted to the North Arabian Sea.

Hull Technician 2nd Class David DeArmond was sentenced to 22 and one-half years in prison and dishonorably discharged

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Pearl Harbor commander puts on star

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MWR/ITT offers whale watching tours this season

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CNO plots Navy's course for 2004



Photo by PHC Johnny Rivera.

Adm. Vern Clark, Chief of Naval Operations, (CNO) speaks to Sailors of USS Mobile Bay (CG 53), USS Benfold (DDG 65) and USS Shiloh (CG 67) during an "all hands" call at Naval Base San Diego. The CNO is in San Diego visiting with Sailors and meeting with the senior enlisted and officer leadership.

JOC Walter T. Ham IV

Chief of Naval Operations
Public Affairs

In the CNO's Guidance for 2004, Chief of Naval Operations (CNO) Adm. Vern Clark praises Sailors' performance and the progress they made last year, and calls on Navy leaders to "accelerate our advantages" this year.

"Our Navy's performance in Operations Enduring Freedom (OEF) and Iraqi Freedom (OIF) demonstrated more than just combat excellence. It proved the value of readiness. It highlighted our ability to exploit the vast maneuver space provided by the sea," Clark wrote. "It demonstrated the importance of the latest technology in surveillance and attack. Most importantly, it reaffirmed the single greatest advantage we hold over every potential adversary: the genius of our people contributing their utmost to mission accomplishment."

Among the many accomplishments of 2003, the CNO singled out the Navy's combat operations in OEF and OIF, improved surge capabilities, record recruiting and retention, alignment to Sea Power 21, savings harvested for recapitalization, and the additional ships and aircraft being built.

But the CNO said that successful institutions don't rest on their laurels.

"Winning organizations never rest - they are always on the move!" the CNO said. "At the top of our list is to ensure we are prepared to respond

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Pearl Harbor based Port Royal assists in international drug bust

Commander, Joint Forces Maritime Component, Commander, U.S. Naval Forces Central Command, Commander, U.S. 5th Fleet Public Affairs

Fifteen individuals were detained and an estimated 2,800 pounds of hashish (approximately \$11 million street value) were seized Jan. 2 by U.S. and coalition maritime forces following the interception of a dhow Jan. 1 in the North Arabian Sea.

Boarding teams from USS Port Royal (CG 73) and the 13th Marine Expeditionary Unit (special operations capable), with the assistance of USS Peleliu (LHA 5) and USS Germantown (LSD 42), conducted the interception. The teams discovered the hashish underneath blocks of ice and in hidden compartments.

These forces were operating in international waters in the Commander, U.S. Naval Forces Central Command/Commander, U.S. 5th Fleet area of re-



U.S. Navy photo

sponsibility in support of expanded maritime interception operations designed to deny use of the seas by terrorists under the auspices of the global war on terrorism.

This interception is the third in two weeks by coalition mar-

itime forces. USS Decatur (DDG 73) detained a dhow and its 12 crew members and seized upward of \$10 million in hashish Dec. 15; USS Philippine Sea (CG 58) detained two dhows and their 21 crew members and seized 95 pounds of heroin and

50-to-100 pounds of methamphetamines Dec. 20.

Of the total 33 crew members originally detained in those interceptions, 10 have been transferred to a secure, undisclosed facility for further questioning by U.S. officials. These 10 were transferred after initial interrogations revealed possible al Qaeda affiliations deemed noteworthy enough to pursue further. Intelligence gained from those interrogations and documents discovered on board the detained dhows led to this third operation.

The remaining 23 crew members have been turned over to officials of a country in the region. "Many terror organizations have been assessed to use drug money to fund their operations," said Vice Adm. David C. Nichols Jr., Commander, U.S. Naval Forces Central Command/Commander, U.S. 5th Fleet. "It is easy to see how al Qaeda could use this money-making network to fund their operations."

No one was injured in the boarding. Following indications that

the dhow was involved in smuggling activities, an Australian P-3 located and tracked the dhow as U.S. naval forces prepared for the interception.

The U.S. units involved are assigned to Expeditionary Strike Group (ESG) 1, a new U.S. Navy task force that integrates amphibious warships and Marines with a Tomahawk missile-capable cruiser and destroyer, a frigate and a fast-attack submarine.

The 15 detained crew members are currently aboard U.S. warships awaiting further screening by U.S. officials. Potential detainee connections to al Qaeda or other terrorist groups will be investigated.

"This mission was perfectly suited to our capabilities," said Rear Adm. Bob Conway Jr., ESG-1 commander. "We are designed to provide combatant commanders the flexibility to conduct operations across the spectrum of conflict. The immediate nature of this tasking challenged our ability to locate and intercept the dhow on short notice."

Armed Services YMCA presents awards to Hawai'i's outstanding servicemembers

JO2(SW) Alyssa Batarla
U.S. Pacific Fleet Public Affairs

Five servicemembers, representing each branch of the military, were taken on a nighttime tour of Pearl Harbor and the Arizona Memorial Dec. 23 by Adm. Walter Doran, commander, U.S. Pacific Fleet, as a reward for receiving the Armed Services YMCA's annual Five Star Salute award.

"(The barge tour) was awesome," said Intelligence Specialist 1st Class Lajuana Clemons, a naval analyst and leading petty officer (LPO) for Joint Intelligence Center Pacific. "The atmosphere was very nice. It was nice to talk to the admiral, and he kind of gave us a history of the area and that was cool. The food was really nice, and it was overall a really great night. It felt really nice that he was at his level, and he still seemed really nice and really approachable."

"(The Five Star Salute award) is a recognition of a Sailor, a Coast Guardsman, an Airman, a Marine and a Soldier E-6 and below for their contribution to their command and community," said David Gomez, executive director of the Armed Services YMCA of Honolulu. "Basically, it says that they are outstanding citizens and are the future leaders of our country."

The recipients were nominated for the statewide award through their commands, and a three-member panel from the Armed Services YMCA selected the winners. Selection was based on professional and personal performance and development.

"I'd had a conversation with my senior chief, and she briefly mentioned (the nomination)," said Clemons, a Pensacola, Fla. native. "I was real surprised, and when I actually won, I was even more surprised. It was really nice of her to do that, and she appreciates what I do here and that made it even better."

"In my position now, as an LPO, you want to set the example for your subordinates," said Clemons, who reports to Officer Candidate School in June. "So for me, if I can do it, you can do it, too. It makes me feel good overall that I'm appreciated for the job I do, and my subordinates see that and say 'cool, I can do that too.'"

Along with Clemons, Army Staff Sgt. Willie Sydnor of Alexandria, Va., Marine Corps Cpl. Michael McLain of Memphis, Tenn., Air Force Senior Airman Orlando Garofalo of San Juan, Puerto Rico, and Coast Guard Petty Officer 2nd Class Aaron Walker of Mogadore, Ohio, were selected for the award.

The award recipients each received a three-day, all-expense-paid trip to Las Vegas and a proclamation from Honolulu Mayor Jeremy Harris.

The winners were announced at a banquet Nov. 28, and the proclamation took place Dec. 19. The Las Vegas trip was provided courtesy of JN Automotive Group.



Photo by JO2 Alyssa Batarla

Winners of the Armed Services YMCA Five Star Salute awards pose with Commander, U.S. Pacific Fleet Adm. Walter F. Doran and members of the Armed Services YMCA.

Donors needed to sustain military blood supply

Margaret Tippy
Tripler Army Medical Center
Public Affairs

Tripler Army Medical Center staff is asking eligible family members and retirees remaining home to get into the habit of donating blood as Hawai'i's military blood donor pool keeps shrinking with deployments and blood donor deferrals.

Tripler's blood donor center supplies blood products for the Pacific Regional Medical Command (PRMC) and support units deploying from the Pacific to other areas of operation.

"You can do your part to defend our country by donating blood," said Navy Capt. (Dr.) Kevin Berry, Tripler's deputy commander for clinical services. "We need people to get into the habit of donating."

"This is an open-ended situation where we are going to need consistent donors for years to come," he said. "We want to reach out to family support groups and other organizations so they will consider blood donations on a routine basis."

Tripler's blood donor center may be reached at 433-6148. It is located in wing

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Commissary officials sensitive to beef concerns

Bonnie Powell
DeCA Public Affairs

Officials at the Defense Commissary Agency are closely monitoring the ever-changing situation involving a case of bovine spongiform encephalopathy (BSE), also known as "mad cow" disease, identified Dec. 23 in a single cow in Washington state.

Since Dec. 23, the U.S. Department of Agriculture has conducted a limited recall of 10,000 pounds of beef that may originate from the infected cow and from cows slaughtered at the same time and location.

"No beef in any of our 275 commissaries worldwide has been involved in a USDA recall," said Col. Mark Wolken, chief of public health, safety and security for DeCA. "The USDA has stated that the U.S. beef supply is safe and that the beef recall resulted from an abundance of caution, not fear that the meat is infected. Should the USDA make a determination that there is a danger, DeCA would be first to react to protect the health of our

customers," he said.

Since the first U.S. case of BSE was identified Dec. 23, commissary customers have raised questions about the safety of beef purchased at their local commissary. Questions range from "Should I return the ground beef I bought last week?" to "Has my commissary received meat from the infected cow?"

The answer to both questions is "no" said Wolken, an Army veterinarian. "As is always the case, customers who wish to return commissary products for a full refund may do so without question. The brain, spinal cord and lower intestine – where the protein or 'prion' that is believed to cause BSE is found – is not generally used in food consumed by Americans. Those parts were removed from the infected cow before any of it could enter the meat supply."

USDA investigators have determined that the recalled meat went to a few commercial markets in Alaska, Hawaii, Idaho, Montana and Guam as well

as Washington state, Oregon, California and Nevada. "No commissaries received any of those shipments," Wolken emphasized. "But I can certainly understand customers having concerns and questions. We're all affected by this – we're all concerned."

Mad cow is a fatal disease that destroys the brains of the infected animal. It is caused in cattle by misshapen proteins called prions and is thought to be spread from animal to animal through contaminated feed. A rare form of the disease in humans known as variant Creutzfeldt-Jakob Disease has been linked to the consumption of contaminated beef products. The approximately 140 deaths linked to "mad cow" since the mid-'90s have mainly been in Britain.

For the latest developments on the current situation as well as for links to the USDA and other information on recalls and food safety, commissary customers should check the food safety link at <http://www.commissaries.com>.

DONORS NEEDED: Tripler looking to have blood drives

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A, second floor, room 2A207 oceanside and normal hours are weekdays 8 a.m. – 2 p.m.

Currently, there are reasons for eligible donors to be deferred – one example would be living in Europe for more than six months between 1980 and 1995 because of mad cow disease, technically known as bovine spongiform encephalopathy or BSE.

Those who would like more information on deferrals or anyone interested in donating should contact Bernard Cockerham, blood donor recruiter for the armed services blood program at Tripler, at 433-6148.

"Blood donors are needed," said Maj. Sheryl L. Dunn, chief of the blood donor center. "When we don't have enough donations, we have to buy units from the National Blood Exchange on the mainland at a cost of up to \$380 per unit."

"We need up to 300 units per month to support local requirements as well as deploying units to areas such as Iraq, Thailand, Philippines, Korea and Japan," she said.

"We are the only military hospital that collects, processes, fully tests and releases blood products within 24 hours," Dunn said. "We are very proud of our program. There are only three labs in the Army that have this capability. Because of our critical location, it's imperative to our mission that we are involved in all areas of blood donation and processing."

Interested donors and groups may call Tripler's blood donor center to donate or discuss having blood drives. The donor center is currently providing donors with gifts of T-shirts to thank them for their contributions. Call 433-6148 for more information.

Commentary

Your Money Matters

Choosing and using credit cards

Accredited Financial Counselors
Pearl Harbor Fleet and Family Support Center

Credit is big business in America. Interest on consumer purchases brings over \$100 billion into the economy each year. With so much money to be made, it is no wonder that consumers have so many credit cards from which to choose. Choosing carefully among cards and using credit wisely can make a big difference in how much credit costs. Here are some tips on winning with credit:

- **Compare the advantages when choosing among credit card offers** Many credit cards have special features that may make them more desirable than others. Examples would include no annual fee, lower interest rates, a grace period, free air miles, cash back, or some other incentive.

- **Pay close attention to fees** Possible fees include charges for being late, over the limit, and taking cash advances. Avoid situations where fees are imposed to reduce your total credit cost.

- **Ask for better terms** Ask your credit card company to reduce your interest rate or drop the annual fee. Often they will oblige to keep your business.

- **Limit credit purchases** Credit should be used

carefully. Use it only for items that gain in value, such as a home purchase, or for convenience, such as an emergency airplane ticket.

- **Pay the balance in full** Credit cards can be useful tools but, if only the minimum payment is made, they can also be expensive ones. Paying the balance each month allows the user to take advantage of the convenience of credit cards without becoming mired in making minimum payments that do little to reduce debt.

- **Allow yourself only one credit card for the upcoming holiday shopping** Credit cards should be used only to improve cash flow and collect frequent flyer miles. Anyone using credit cards to pay for Christmas in December will probably start the New Year with a spending hangover. Decide how much you can afford to pay off in January and then charge that much and no more. Say it's \$500. Keep your receipts and subtract each one from the balance, as if you're using a checkbook. Better yet, use a debit card or checks. Some charges may squeak through. But you won't dread opening January bills.

For more information on credit cards or the many financial education programs offered at the Pearl Harbor Fleet and Family Support Center, call 473-4222, extension 1.

		
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Rear Adm. Bernard J. McCullough III, commander, Navy Region Hawai'i and Surface Group Middle Pacific and Capt. Kenneth D. Walker, commander, Naval Submarine Training Center Pacific and TSD Hawai'i opened the doors to the dedicated Safety and Health Training Center at Naval Submarine Training Center Pacific, Building 39 on Ford Island. The building will house several Navy Occupational Safety and Health (NAVOSH) classes.

CNO: Clark says people are Navy's most valued asset

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whenever the commander in chief sees a need for our military forces. Our task is to ensure that we give the president options. We created the Fleet Response Plan last year to maximize our operational availability and create those options."

Clark added that the flexibility of the Fleet Response Plan will keep our enemies guessing and will provide the president with a greater range of military options.

"We must continue to examine and refine the Fleet Response Plan's training and maintenance cycles to make our availability the best it should be," Clark continued. "Finally, we must get better at pushing the envelope of operational art in the development of future concepts of operation for our naval forces."

The CNO said that while people are the Navy's most valued asset, "manpower is never free." He said that he only wants Sailors filling jobs with real content.

"As our Navy becomes more high tech, our work force will get smaller and smarter. We will spend whatever it takes to equip and enable our Sailors, but we do not want to spend one extra penny for manpower we do not need."

This year, Clark said, the Navy will also focus on delivering the right readiness, expediting Sea Warrior, improving productivity in everything we do, streamlining and aligning total manpower structure, and accelerating Sea Power 21 capabilities. Clark said that Sea Power 21 is the roadmap for the capabilities the Navy will bring to the fight in the future, and the Top Five priorities are the Navy's "to do" list.

While change is hard, it is also necessary and the Navy's greatest legacy is its legacy of innovation, Clark said.

"From nuclear power to the then-unlikely prospect of flying aircraft from ships, our willingness to improve our position, to adopt transformational technologies, and to develop new operating concepts is at the very core of our combat success," Clark said. "To continue our legacy is to continue to re-evaluate our position and to challenge all of our assumptions. We will adapt to the changing world around us by getting out in front of it, by leading change, and embracing the innovations

and improvements needed to guarantee our future success."

In a media availability following the guidance's release, Clark emphasized that 'global war on terrorism' is more than a buzzword. The CNO also stressed the importance of preparing for tomorrow's threats while taking the fight to the enemy today.

"Our strategic objectives are straightforward. For us, winning the global war on terrorism is our number one objective. Victory is the only acceptable outcome and through our collective efforts, it will be achieved," Clark said. "The business of the Navy is combat. Our obligation to succeed in combat stretches beyond the here and now. We must help guarantee combat success to the Navy of the future. That's why the decisions we all make on a day-to-day basis are so important."

The CNO concluded his guidance by thanking Sailors for an outstanding year and calling on them to raise the bar even higher this year.

"We are a winning organization. We have instituted and paid for a great many improvements over the past three years, and you have embraced them and made them better. Because of you, talented American warriors are bringing combat power to bear on the enemies of our country, wherever they may be hiding," the CNO said. "We are winning the fight to remake our great institution, to innovate and improve for the dangerous decades ahead."

"I could not be more pleased with your effort and your accomplishments this past year. You have taken aboard the idea that warfighting effectiveness and resourcefulness is the key to mission accomplishment and have produced the finest Navy the nation has ever seen. It is our job as leaders to accelerate the advantages we bring this nation over the coming year."

The CNO's Guidance for 2004 is posted on the CNO Web page at www.chinfo.navy.mil/navpalib/cno/clark-guidance2004.html.

Pacific Division Commander receives his star

Naval Facilities Engineering Command Pacific Division (PACDIV) Public Affairs

Rear Adm. Gary A. Engle, Commander, Pacific Division, Naval Facilities Engineering Command was promoted to his current rank in a ceremony that took place at the U.S. Pacific Fleet headquarters at Pearl Harbor.

"Many construction projects will get underway in the Pacific during the next couple of years," remarked Adm. Walter Doran, U.S. Pacific Fleet commander, who promoted the new flag officer. "And we need a rear admiral to do it."

More than 100 people attended the ceremony. In his remarks, Engle quoted WWII Pacific Fleet Adm. Chester Nimitz. "My wife and children, my profession as a naval officer, and good health combine to make me a happy man."

Engle assumed responsibilities as commander, Pacific Division, Naval Facilities Engineering Command on Sept. 26, 2003. He previously served as chief of staff for the First Naval Construction Division (Seabees) in Virginia and before that, as commander, Southwest Division, Naval Facilities Engineering Command in San Diego, California.

Engle is a native of Painesville, Ohio. He is a 1978 graduate of Cleveland State University (civil engineering), a 1983 graduate of the University of Michigan's graduate school (civil engineering), and a graduate of Carnegie Mellon's advanced management program.

Engle is a registered professional civil engineer in Ohio and a member of Delta Sigma Phi Fraternity, the Chi Epsilon Civil Engineering National Honor Society, and the Society of American Military Engineers. He is a Seabee

combat warfare officer and a member of the Navy's acquisition professional community. His decorations include the Legion of Merit (three awards), Meritorious Service Medal (five awards), the Navy Commendation Medal, the Navy Achievement Medal and various service and campaign awards.

Pacific Division (PACDIV) provides planning, design, and construction of shore support facilities for all military departments, for other federal agencies on request, and for foreign governments. Headquartered at Pearl Harbor, PACDIV constructs in a typical year approximately \$300 to \$400 million of new facilities throughout the Pacific.



U.S. Navy photo

Wearing a traditional Hawaiian maile lei, newly promoted Rear Adm. Gary Engle receives warm wishes from U.S. Pacific Fleet Commander, Adm. Walter Doran.

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New Year brings new hope for families of POW/MIAs

K.L. Vantran

American Forces Press Service

The new year brings new hope for families of the more than 88,000 Americans who are still missing from World War II, the Korean War, the Cold War, the Vietnam War and the 1991 Gulf War.

More than 600 U.S. specialists work every day around the world to locate and identify these loved ones, said Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for Prisoner of War/Missing Personnel Affairs Jerry D. Jennings. During 2003, teams operated in Albania, Australia, Belgium, Burma, Cambodia, China, Germany, Hungary, Iraq, Laos, North Korea, Papua New Guinea, Palau, Republic of Korea, Russia and Vietnam.

Jennings said no parent, relative, or community wants to see the youth of the nation die in a war. The nation's heroes, he added, are the sons and daughters serving in Baghdad and every other place troops are in harm's way.

"Our government has a solemn promise, and it's a sacred trust," said the former Marine, who served as an intelligence officer with the CIA in Southeast Asia from 1965 to 1968. "This (accounting) mission will be accomplished. We will not forget our fallen heroes. We will recover them. We will bring them home."

In talking with the families of those who are missing, Jennings said he realizes that to the mother who lost a young man to combat, the son is still 18 years old. "A mother never forgets her

son," he added, striking the table with his hand. "The tears are as real today as they were 50 years ago. That was her son, and he was lost in combat, and she wants him home. She'll do anything in her power to get him home, and we're the tool to accomplish that."

Jennings recently led meetings in Bangkok, Thailand with North Korea representatives to discuss arrangements to conduct five joint operations to recover the remains of American service members still missing from the Korean War. The talks, according to a DoD news release, focused on enhancing safety of the U.S. recovery teams, improving the U.S. remains recovery process and establishing a process for resolving reports alleging that living Americans may have been held in North Korea.

"We're delighted with our last negotiations because we've succeeded in arranging access to one of the most difficult countries in the world to gain entry to," he said. "It's a government that is unfriendly to our government and our people. There are some very tough attitudes we have to get around on both sides. There are many very thoughtful, very serious officials on the American side who aren't sure we should be engaged in any kind of activity with these guys under the current circumstances and we have to get around that."

Negotiations with North Korea, he added, usually begin with opening statements from both sides. "Their opening statement is usually very tough language directed at the U.S. government," he said. "Sometimes it's hard to sit there and lis-

ten, but we have a finite time for negotiations. This is the way they think, the way they believe, and these are things they want on the table before they begin to negotiate the humanitarian issue, so we sit there and listen."

Jennings said the mission of accounting for the missing must be treated as a humanitarian issue and not be tied to any other issues between the United States and North Korea or with any other country. He cited a quote from a January 2003 speech by Deputy Defense Secretary Paul Wolfowitz: "When the accounting issue is treated as a separate humanitarian issue, we can continue to make progress not only without jeopardizing any of our other policy goals, but in the end perhaps even opening further avenues."

Jennings said the Koreans are "tough" negotiators. He said every aspect of the agreement has to be carefully planned, thought out and executed in terms of access, support and force protection.

Force protection issues are "critical everywhere we operate, but are especially important in North Korea," said Jennings. "We don't want to put troops in harm's way to recover our heroes from past wars," he said. "We know it can never be risk-free, but we want to reduce risks as much as possible. We want to ensure we have the communications and (medical evacuation) procedures we need and each year we try to improve."

"We don't get everything from the North Koreans we ask for," he added. "We want more information on 'live sightings' in the north. There have

been reports over the years of people seeing what they believe to be Americans up there. I'm on record as requesting to talk to deserters from the United States (who live in the north), but to this date (the North Koreans have) refused."

Every lead is followed, said Jennings. "Some take longer than others and some lead nowhere - that is the nature of this information," he added. "Everything is treated seriously. If there's one American out there, we want to find him."

Operations for 2004 in North Korea are scheduled to begin April 24 in Unsan County, about 60 miles north of Pyongyang, and near the Chosin Reservoir. Additional operations are slated to begin May 29, July 3, Aug. 7 and Sept. 11. Each will last about a month.

In 27 operations since 1996, American and North Korean teams working in North Korea have recovered the remains believed to be those of 186 American service members. Fourteen of these have been identified and returned to families for burial while the others continue to be analyzed. More than 8,100 Americans still are missing from the Korean War.

Over the years, Jennings said he believes the relationship has improved. There's a degree of "comfort" between the United States and North Korea in conducting recovery operations. "They realize we're not up there to embarrass them," he said. "We're not up there to do anything except recover our heroes from the Korean War."

Jennings said the deputy secretary of defense called the accounting mission "vital" during a ceremony commemorating the 50th anniversary of the Korean War in July. He quoted Wolfowitz again: "(The) Korean War will not really end for us until every American is brought home or accounted for. We owe them that. We owe it to their families. We owe it to the brave men and women who go into combat for us today and we will keep our promise."

Navy News asks: What was the highlight of 2003 for you?



Nicole Lau'Callaway
Navy family member

Catching Saddam Hussein.



RP2 Christopher Eddy
Naval Station Pearl Harbor

When my deployment to the Philippines was called off.



Jacque Wright
Navy family member

Moving from California to Hawai'i.



FC2 Arthur Martin
USS Chosin (CG 65)

Most of my year was spent on West Pac so I don't really have a highlight.



BU2(SCW) Kealoha Logan
CBU 43 Self Help Center

Setting up projects around the base with the people in this unit.

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from the Navy following a week long sentencing trial. DeArmond's trial stemmed from the murder of DeArmond's wife, Zahleha, 31, and his mother-in-law, Saniah Abdul Ghani, 66, in Hokulani housing.

The Missile Defense Agency (MDA) and the Navy conducted Aegis ballistic missile defense flight tests off the coast of Kauai. The test in June involved the launch of a standard missile-3 interceptor from the Aegis ballistic missile defense cruiser USS Lake Erie (CG 70) against an Aries target launched from Pacific Missile Range Facility on Kauai. In another test on Dec. 12, an SM-3 missile launched from the USS Lake Erie successfully tracked, engaged and destroyed an Aries ballistic missile launched at sea from PMRF. The intercept was Lake Erie's fourth successful engagement with the SM-3.

The USS Chafee (DDG 90), the Navy's newest and most sophisticated warship and the fortieth Arleigh Burke-class destroyer, arrived at her new port of Pearl Harbor on Dec. 19.

The Navy returned access to the island of Kahoolawe to the state of Hawaii, after an extended cleanup effort that took nearly a decade and cost in excess of \$450 million.

The Pro Bowl brought NFL officials and players to the islands in February to play the big game at Aloha Stadium. The players also toured Pearl Harbor ships and signed autographs for local Sailors.

The Mardi Gras Follies, a 48-year Pearl Harbor tradition, continued its annual Vegas-style performances back at the Banyans. The talented cast of the Follies sang and danced their way into the hearts of the audiences to raise money for local charities.

Celebrities from television and moviedom along with music stars also took some time for a stop in Hawaii and a visit

with Sailors at Pearl Harbor. Rob Lowe of "West Wing" fame and world-famous Elvis tribute artist, Elvis Wade, toured local ships and historic landmarks. Renowned marine artist Wyland, who painted the spectacular whale mural at the new Navy Exchange, signed autographs at the Mall for fans at various times throughout the year.

The Navy starred in a Hollywood movie with the premiere of the Bruce Willis' film, "Tears of the Sun," and the Hawai'i International Film Festival kicked off a special salute to the Navy with a premiere screening of the World War II film, "Saints and Soldiers," at Sharkey Theater.

High-ranking Navy officials, Chief of Naval Operations Adm. Vern Clark, Master Chief Petty Officer of the Navy Terry Scott and the Acting Secretary of the Navy Hansford T. Johnson, and Hawaii's governor, Gov. Linda Lingle, paid visits to Pearl Harbor during the year. The eyes of the nation and the world were on Pearl Harbor in late October when President George W. Bush stopped in the islands on his return trip to Washington, D.C. from an eight-day visit to Asia. Bush toured the USS Arizona Memorial and the Battleship Missouri Memorial prior to attending island political fund-raising events.

The year 2003 also found Pearl Harbor Sailors hard at work - involved in a variety of environmental and community service projects. They participated in Earth Day events, volunteered time to keep the "Mo" shipshape, helped with the Oahu-wide "get the drift and bag it" cleanup effort, and collected food for the Hawaii Food Bank. Expressions of harmony were heard through-

out the base and the community as the Pacific Fleet Band entertained audiences and performed for official occasions.

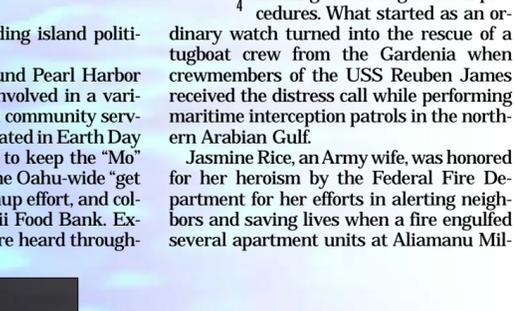
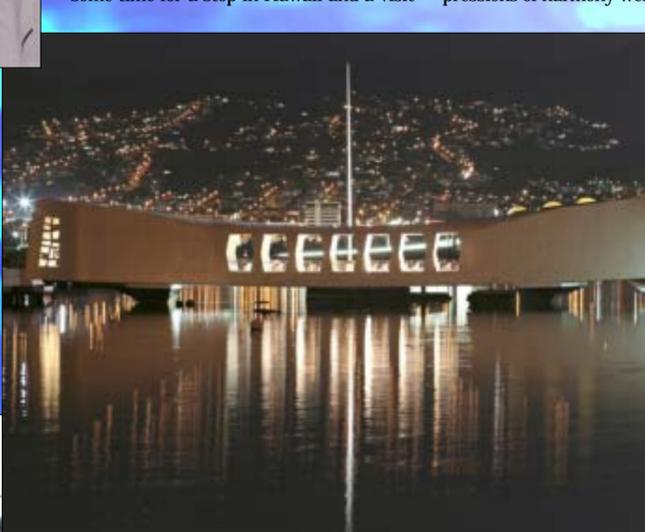
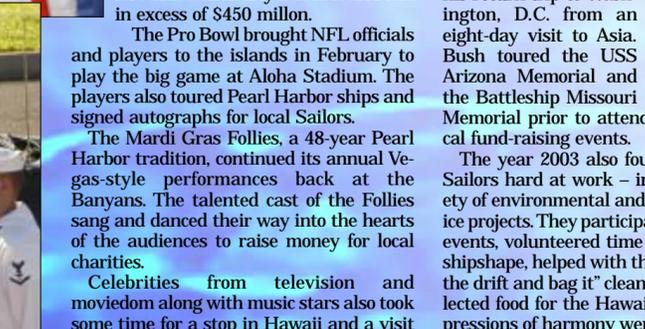
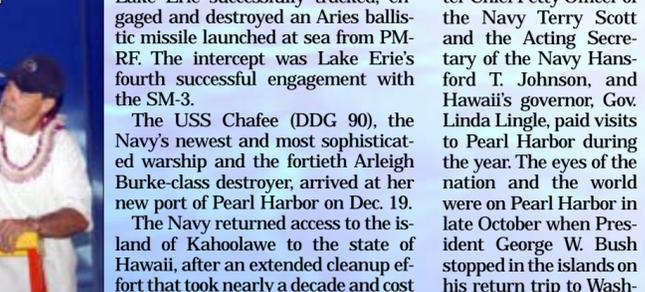
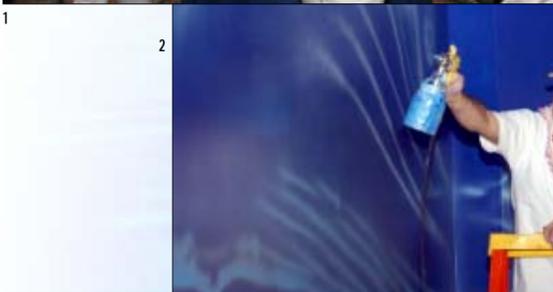
It was a year for heroes and heroic deeds. As the United States and coalition forces entered Operation Iraqi Freedom, Pearl Harbor Sailors were among the first to leave to fight the global war on terrorism. Sailors assigned to the 8,000-strong Pacific Fleet USS Nimitz Carrier Battle Group left in March. The Abraham Lincoln Battle Group, relieved by the Nimitz, returned home in April after one of the longest naval deployments since the Vietnam War, bringing Sailors aboard the USS Reuben James (FFG 57) and USS Paul Hamilton (DDG 60) back to Pearl Harbor. The Los Angeles-class attack submarine USS Cheyenne (SSN 773), the Navy's first shooter in Operation Iraqi Freedom, returned home in April after nine months at sea.

Yet other stories focused on more Navy heroes. USS Chosin (CG 65) Sailors played a key role in the recovery of a downed aircraft and its crew while conducting operations in the Southern California Operation Area. The Miramar-based jet plummeted into the ocean while conducting a routine training flight.

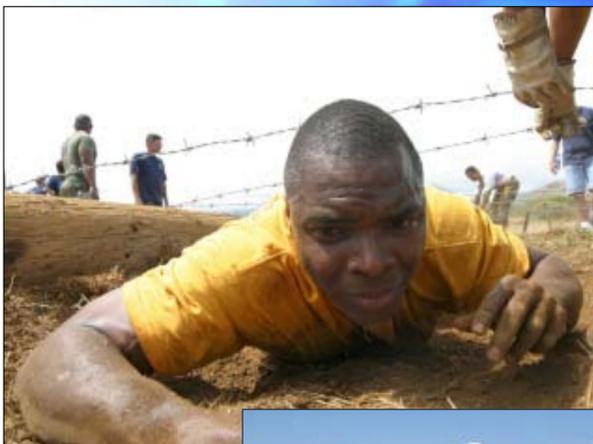
Navy SEALs came to the aid of a foreign mariner aboard the Cypress-ship Nordrhine, performing life-saving medical procedures. What started as an ordi-

nary watch turned into the rescue of a tugboat crew from the Gardena when crewmembers of the USS Reuben James received the distress call while performing maritime interception patrols in the northern Arabian Gulf.

Jasmine Rice, an Army wife, was honored for her heroism by the Federal Fire Department for her efforts in alerting neighbors and saving lives when a fire engulfed several apartment units at Aliamanu Mil-



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itary Housing, Reid Shimabukuro, a Federal Fire Department firefighter, was feted for his courage and heroism when he used his medical expertise to come to the aid of stabbing victims in Kalihi.

It was also a momentous year for grand openings of new facilities and renovations or changes at those not quite so new. Navy Region added new bachelor-enlisted quarters for single Sailors, the building 900 BEH at a cost of \$16.5 million. In June, Pearl Harbor's newest bachelor enlisted quarters, Oklahoma Hall, opened its doors to 208 Sailors. Sam Snead's Tavern at Navy-Marine Golf Course continued to offer its high standard of quality service and tasty food at competitive prices.

A first-of-its-kind lighting system - using light-emitting diodes instead of traditional incandescent or fluorescent lamps - was developed at Pearl Harbor Naval Shipyard. And Navy Branch Medical Clinics expanded its horizons, unveiling its new Wellness Vehicle and Wellness Center at Naval Medical Clinic Makalapa.

The Afloat Training Group-MID-PAC opened its Middle Pacific Integrated Battle Force Training Center (IBFTC) on Ford Island, answering the demand for increased state-of-the-art training for Sailors.

Accolades and awards for outstanding accomplishments at Pearl Harbor were many. Just to mention a few - Naval Station Pearl Harbor's Silver Dolphin Bistro and Brig Galley (a satellite branch of the Silver Dolphin) was named the first place winner of the 2003 Capt. Edward F. Ney Memorial Award for outstanding food service in the "overseas general mess" category. Other local Ney award winners were USS Los Angeles (SSN 688) which won first place in the "attack sub" category and USS Key West (SSN 722), runner-up in the same category. USS Salvor (ARS 52) also received the runner-up award in the "small afloat" category.

Commander, Pacific Fleet named Naval Station Pearl Harbor, called the best homeport in the Navy, as its 2003 Installation Excellence Award winner.

Activities for single Sailors at the Armed Services YMCA Single Sailor Center and Liberty in Paradise were also highlighted. For those who wanted to enjoy more adventure, MWR's outdoor recreation team kept them busy with hikes, scuba diving, kayaking, surfing and other activities guaranteed to provide that adrenalin rush.

MWR kept Navy patrons busy with its full schedule of activities throughout the year. It offered classes and events at eight community centers as part of Community Central. Yoga classes, martial arts instruction, massage therapy, exercise programs, belly dancing, aquatics program - just to mention a few of MWR's activities - provided Sailors and dependents with a variety of venues for fitness and fun.

MWR also hosted the July 4 Block Party bash - complete with food booths, entertainment, games and a fireworks spectacular. At Christmastime, the MWR staff sponsored the tree-lighting ceremony and Winterfest 2002 as well as the holiday boat lighting contest, intramural holiday tournaments, breakfast with Santa for keiki at the Banyans, a holiday food drive and a great holiday giveaway 2003 - all to make the season just a bit merrier.

HNN readers were also treated to information about a variety of off-base leisure activities. We learned about whale-watching cruises, romantic sunset dinner cruises offering sumptuous menus, and Pearl Harbor sightseeing cruises. With the addition of two new columns in HNN, readers were given the scoop on fun things to do and good eating. "Island Flavors" by Journalist 1st Class Jim Williams presented an insight and a critique of local eateries while Journalist 1st Class Dan Calderon embarked on fun-filled and sometimes thrilling activities - just for HNN readers.

Features on experiencing the Hawaiian luau, journeying into the depths of the blue Pacific on an Atlantis submarine, spending a fun-filled day at Hawaiian Adventures Water Park, and a visit to the awesome

beauty near the rim of the crater at Kilauea Military Camp on the Big Island invited readers to explore the beauty of Hawaii.

During 2003, we also paid tribute to our heroes at patriotic events in observance of Memorial Day, the Battle of Midway, Flag Day, July 4, Veterans' Day and the commemoration of the Dec. 7 attack.

Historical pieces offered an opportunity to learn about the Sharkey Theater, the Subase Chapel, and the flying Pan Am Clippers from aviation's "golden age" which once docked at Pearl City Peninsula.

A series of events held over several days in February marked the 30th anniversary of Operation Homecoming, bringing together former prisoners of war from throughout the country and honoring heroes of other wars.

And we remembered the events of the Dec. 7 attack with special HNN features, "A look at life across Oahu in aftermath of Dec. 7, 1941 attack," "December 7 commemorated," "Shipmates laid to rest at USS Utah," and "Baby entombed within USS Utah, funeral for twin girl held after 62 years."

Pearl Harbor survivors and dignitaries from around the world gathered aboard the USS Arizona Memorial for the 62nd annual ceremony paying tribute to those who were lost and the Pearl Harbor survivors of the Dec. 7, 1941 attack on Pearl Harbor.

Pearl Harbor survivors, heroes of another generation, also shared their stories with students around the nation during a videoconference format, "Witness to History."

All in all, it was a busy, eventful, sometimes fun and often reminiscent look at happenings, people and places in and around Pearl Harbor.

It's now time to welcome 2004 - with a look forward to the many interesting people and events that will shape our stories in the coming year.

PHOTOS: 1. Sailors from the Naval Station Pearl Harbor Honor Guard and CNOCM(AW/SW) Luis Cruz, Command Master Chief for Navy Region Hawai'i, carry in the birthday cake at the Navy Enlisted Birthday Ball. Photo by JO1 Jim Williams 2. Wyland begins putting the finishing touches on his 89th whaling wall at the Pearl Harbor Navy Exchange. Photo by JO1 Daniel J. Calderon 3. President George W. Bush passes through sideboys after being greeted by Capt. Ronald R. Cox at Merry Point Landing on Naval Station Pearl Harbor. Photo by PH2 Dennis Cantrell 4. USS Lake Erie (CG 70) launches a developmental Standard Missile-3 (SM-3) in a Missile Defense Agency test near Kauai. US Navy photo 5. Rear Adm. Barry McCullough (left) and Rear Adm. Robert T. Conway, Jr., render honors during the national anthem at Navy Region Hawai'i and Naval Surface Group Middle Pacific's change of command ceremony March 28. Photo by PH2(AW) Tracy Hull 6. The USS Arizona Memorial is bathed in light from a neighboring community the night before the 62nd Commemoration of the Dec. 7, 1941 attack on Pearl Harbor. Photo by PH1(AW) William R. Goodwin 7. A chief petty officer selectee crawls under barbed wire on the confidence course during the Fourth Annual Chief Selectee Fleet Marine Force Challenge. Photo by PH1(AW) William R. Goodwin 8. The PPV plan will greatly accelerate the timeframe for replacement of the Navy's older homes, providing Navy families with modern homes like these. Photo by PH1(AW) William R. Goodwin 9. USS Honolulu (SSN 718) returned from the high Arctic where the submarine collected scientific data and water samples for U.S. and Canadian universities. US Navy photo 10. Washington Redskins' (NFC) Champ Bailey stiff-arms opponent Dante' Hall (AFC) of the Kansas City Chiefs while returning a punt during the Pro Bowl at Aloha Stadium. Photo by PH1(AW) William R. Goodwin 11. A Sailor hurries down the brow of USS Reuben James (FFG 57) after pulling in from a nearly 10-month deployment. Photo by PH1(AW) William R. Goodwin.

Navy transfers chemical detection technology to American industry

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The non-exclusive license agreement signed by the U.S. Navy and Fredericksburg, Va.-based Science and Technology Research (STR) is expected to bolster homeland security by equipping American office buildings, factories, shopping malls and cruise liners with the same chemical detection technology currently used on Navy warships.

"Navy technology transfer programs encourage the private sector and government to creatively and effectively work together to increase the safety of our forward-deployed warfighters and protect Americans on the home front," said Capt. Lyal Davidson, Naval Surface Warfare Center Dahlgren Division (NSWCDD) commanding officer at the Dec. 23 signing ceremony held in Dahlgren, Va. "Today's technology transfer agreement with a local manufacturer of a portable chemical detection system created and developed at NSWCDD also demonstrates the capability of the warfare centers to partner with the commercial sector to fully leverage taxpayers' money."

With the non-exclusive license, STR, a wholly-owned subsidiary of Markland Technologies (OTCBB:MRKL), can now manufacture and sell a basic version of the patented shipboard automatic chemical agent detector and alarm (ship ACADA) to non-federal government and commercial entities.

"This business model demonstrates how NSWC Dahlgren, Department of Homeland Security, and other warfare centers can assist small companies to create solutions for homeland security almost cost-free, since the Navy will realize return on investment in the new and emerging technologies being

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NSWCDD Office of Research and Technology Assessment manager

introduced into the marketplace," said STR president and chief financial officer Ken Ducey Jr. "Markland Technologies will provide STR the infrastructure they need to bring ACADA to government, military and commercial customers nationwide."

Invented by NSWCDD engineers Mike Pompeii and Kevin Machlinski, the technology used in the ship ACADA - a portable chemical warfare (CW) agent detector used on U.S. Navy ships to immediately, accurately and reliably detect nerve and blister CW agents - prevents false detections and contains an easily reprogrammable computer chip to allow the detection of possible future threat agents.

"This technology can be used in many ways, including detection of chemical warfare agents, toxic industrial chemicals and other chemical agents that may be used by terrorists," said Pompeii, head of the NSWCDD chemical-biological defense division. "This is just another example of technology being transferred to industry and other government agencies to ultimately help and protect the American people. I'm very pleased that the technology we developed here at Dahlgren is not only helping our Sailors in harm's way, but will also help and protect people in a variety of homeland security efforts."

These ongoing efforts to provide protection against CW will potentially encompass the commercial ship-

ping and travel industries in the United States and overseas.

"The ship ACADA system has been proven to work very well in the shipboard environment," pointed out STR executive vice president and general manager, Edward Kessler. "We have the capability to expand its use to ferry boats, cruise ships and make the system available to other navies in the world."

Two versions of the devices will be built under the license, said Kessler. One version can be installed in the ventilation systems of office buildings and other structures to monitor circulating air for chemical agents. A smaller handheld portable device will be available for emergency response crews to check air quality in the event of a terrorist attack or accidental chemical release.

This example of U.S. industry's capability to expand NSWCDD-developed technology reflects the warfare center's technology transfer objective to actively share its dual-use technology, facilities and expertise with the U.S. public and private sector, and incorporate into the Navy commercially available technology that supports mission-related needs.

"As the civilian world becomes more susceptible to a warfare-type threat, the ability to transfer technology developed for the surface Navy that we develop at Dahlgren Lab will become more practical than it has in the past,"

said Lorraine Flanders, NSWCDD Office of Research and Technology Assessment manager. "The scientists and engineers at NSWCDD are encouraged to think 'out of the box' with regard to the application of their inventions and to actively seek civilian applications for their technology."

In addition to enhancing the safety of Americans, the business of transferring technology originally developed by the Navy to commercial enterprises is believed to strengthen the local economy and the U.S. industrial base. What's more, the per-unit cost to the Navy in any subsequent procurement of a Navy patented technological product, such as the shipboard ACADA unit, is expected to drop significantly.

"The non-exclusive license also ensures that other commercial sources are free to apply for and possibly use this Navy technology for similar purposes," Flanders pointed out. "This is an ideal situation where Navy technology and investment will be transferred and used by other government agencies and the commercial sector for the overall good of the United States and the American taxpayer."

Descriptive information about these promising NSWCDD technologies are prepared and distributed to the user community via various mechanisms such as websites, catalogs, displays and government-industry conferences. Specifically, the technology in ship ACADA to prevent false detections is protected under U.S. Patent 6,459,079 granted to NSWCDD in October 2002.

"The team of engineers and scientists at NSWC Dahlgren that worked tirelessly on all aspects of the ship ACADA deserve much of the credit," said Pompeii at the signing ceremony. "Many people spent countless hours designing, analyzing, testing, re-designing, re-testing and documenting. It was a total team effort."

NAVAIR to provide improved management structure for aviation students

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The lives of naval aviation students as well as those who manage their training are about to get easier.

Naval Air Systems Command's (NAVAIR) Naval Undergraduate Flight Training Systems Program expects to have a new, single software application that manages all data associated with aviation training up and running at Naval Air Station (NAS) Corpus Christi, Texas this spring, with the other naval aviation training commands to follow. The software, known as the Training Integration Management System (TIMS), will communicate with database servers on each base, and then communicate with servers at the Chief of Naval Air Training Command (CNATRA) and the Air Force's Air Education and Training Command (AETC).

"For the first time, Navy and Air Force training will be digitally integrated," said Capt. David Wooten of the Undergraduate Flight Training Systems Program. "TIMS is a centralized training system that will provide cradle-to-grave management of all training assets and student accomplishments."

The Air Force is the lead service for the TIMS effort with the Navy in a Joint Program Office based at Wright Patterson Air Force Base. TIMS was jointly developed by the Air Force and Navy, and was first implemented at Moody Air Force Base in May 2002. Since then, it has been deployed at three other Air Force sites. Several TIMS functions require modifications to meet Navy-specific applications before TIMS can be launched for the Navy.

TIMS will provide a single entry point for common information, like student biographical data. All of the training sites will be connected through TIMS so that students' records and data can be transferred electronically as they move through the aviation training pipeline.

It will also help squadron and

wing schedulers in building flight schedules by automatically tracking all syllabus events. When a student finishes a computer-based training lesson, TIMS will track completion of that event so a scheduler can tell from his workstation if a student is ready for the next event in the syllabus. After a flight or simulator event, an instructor will complete a student's gradesheet in TIMS, and those results will be automatically available to a squadron scheduler at another workstation. If a student is scheduled for an event before he or she is actually ready to proceed to that event, TIMS will alert the scheduler to the conflict.

TIMS will standardize CNATRA's information management systems throughout the undergraduate aviation training community. It will replace three different legacy data management systems currently in use, including the Training Management System used at NAS Corpus Christi and NAS Pensacola, Fla., the Training Integration System used at NAS Kingsville, Texas, and NAS Meridian, Miss., and the Standard Training and Support System Flight at NAS Whiting Field, Fla.

"This is becoming increasingly important as we transition to more frequent cross-training of our aviators," said Lt. Cmdr. Tom Cecil, a NAVAIR representative in the Joint Primary Aircraft Training Systems Program Office at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base. "This should make record keeping and record transfer simpler, since students and instructors will use the same system."

TIMS will give CNATRA more current information on the status of undergraduate aviation training. Data from each site will be transferred to NAS Corpus Christi every 24 hours. This will give CNATRA immediate access to the current status of students and resources at each base. Eventually, CNATRA and AETC will be connected through a virtual private network, allowing each service to monitor their own students being trained by the other service.