

Navy ships key to missile test success



A Standard Missile - 3 (SM-3) is launched from the Aegis destroyer USS Decatur (DDG 73) during a Missile Defense Agency ballistic missile flight test on June 22.

U.S. Navy photo

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Two U.S. Navy warships, a Spanish frigate and the Terminal High Altitude Area Defense (THAAD) mobile ground-based radar participated in a successful "hit to kill" intercept flight test conducted off the coast of Kauai on June 22.

This was the 28th successful intercept in 36 missile defense tests since 2001.

The Pearl Harbor-based Aegis cruiser, USS Port Royal (CG 73), used the flight test to support development of the new Aegis BMD SPY-1B radar signal processor, collecting performance data on its increased target detection and discrimination capabilities.

The San Diego-based Aegis destroyer, USS Decatur (DDG 73), using the operationally certified Aegis Ballistic Missile Defense Weapon System (BMD 3.6) and a Standard Missile - 3 (SM-3) Block IA missile successfully intercepted a "separating" target during its mid-course phase of flight.

The Spanish frigate, Mendez Nunez (F-104), stationed off Kauai, performed long-range surveillance and track operations as a training event to assess the future capabilities of the F-100 Class. The THAAD radar tracked the target and exchanged tracking data with the Aegis BMD cruiser.

The "separating" target intercept (meaning that the target warhead separated from its booster rocket) marked the ninth successful intercept in 11 flight tests for the Aegis Ballistic Missile Defense Program, the sea-based component of the Missile Defense Agency's ballistic

missile defense system (BMDS), designed to intercept and destroy short to medium-range ballistic missiles. All target launches managed by the Missile Defense Agency's target and countermeasures directorate to support the Aegis Ballistic Missile Defense System have been successful.

The event, designated as Flight Test Standard Missile -12 (FTM-12), was the third intercept involving a separating target and the first time an Aegis BMD-equipped destroyer was used to launch the interceptor missile.

At approximately 4:40 p.m. Hawai'i Standard Time, a medium-range ballistic missile with a separating target was launched from the Pacific Missile Range Facility (PMRF), Barking Sands, Kauai. Decatur detected and tracked the target and developed a fire control solution.

Approximately four minutes later, Decatur's crew launched the SM-3 and two minutes later, the missile successfully intercepted the target warhead outside the earth's atmosphere more than 100 miles above the Pacific Ocean and 250 miles northwest of Kauai. The intercept used "hit to kill" technology, meaning that the target warhead was destroyed when the missile collided directly with the target, using no explosives.

This event marked the third time that an allied military unit participated in a U.S. Aegis BMD test, with warships from Japan and the Netherlands participating in earlier tests. Japan has committed to deploying SM-3 interceptor missiles aboard its Aegis ships and is also working with the United States to develop a sea-based interceptor with more advanced capabilities.



Honor Side Boys render salutes to retiring Commanding Officer of Naval Shipyard Pearl Harbor Captain Frank J. Camelio, moments after he has turned over command of Naval Shipyard Pearl Harbor, June 22, 2007.

Thomas relieves Camelio as Pearl Harbor Naval Shipyard commander

Story and photo by MCSN (AW) Eric J. Cutright

Capt. Gregory R. Thomas relieved Capt. Frank J. Camelio as commanding officer of Pearl Harbor Naval Shipyard and Intermediate Maintenance Facility at a ceremony held on Naval Station Pearl Harbor June 22.

Hundreds of Sailors, family and friends showed up to bid a fond farewell to retiring commanding officer Camelio.

"It is an honor to relieve Captain Camelio and to be provided the opportunity to serve the men and women of Pearl Harbor Naval Shipyard," said Thomas.

Presiding over the ceremony was Rear. Adm. Mark Hugel, Deputy Commander of Logistics, Maintenance and Industrial Operations Naval Sea Systems Command, along with the Honorable Jay Cohen, Department of Homeland Security, Under Secretary for Science and Technology.

"We made it a particular

point to pick the very best that was available to come to this job, because we felt that Pearl Harbor Naval Shipyard deserves the very best leadership that the Navy can provide," said Hugel.

Thomas's last duty station was as an operations officer at Portsmouth Naval Shipyard from August 2005 to May of this year.

Thomas is a native of Portsmouth, Virginia and was commissioned as an

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Robinson family visits Ni'ihau exhibit at Pacific Aviation Museum

Story and photo by MC3 Michael A. Lantron

Navy Region Hawai'i Public Affairs

Members of the Robinson family, owners of the island of Ni'ihau in Hawai'i, participated in a private tour of the Pacific Aviation Museum on Ford Island at Pearl Harbor on June 19. The family viewed the exhibits, including a Battle of Ni'ihau exhibit featuring the remains of the Japanese Zero which crash-landed on the island immediately following the attack on Pearl Harbor.

The exhibit also includes a tractor that was used to dig two-foot-deep defensive furrows into the land at Ni'ihau in a hatched pattern. The trenches were laid out approximately every 100 yards after the family was warned that the Japanese were planning to use Ni'ihau as a forward air base.

"The exhibit was very well done," said Bruce Robinson, one of the two owners of the island, along with his brother Keith. "The detail was incredible and my family greatly appreciates the chance to see this."

The staff of the museum was excited to introduce the exhibit to the family and see their reaction. "It was an honor to show the Robinson family the exhibit," said Kathryn "KT" Budde-Jones, education director and volunteer coordinator for the



Luke, age 7, and his mother Leiana Robinson, view an exhibit of the Battle of Ni'ihau at the Pacific Aviation Museum on Ford Island at Pearl Harbor. The display was built to scale with pieces of the actual Japanese Zero fighter plane which crashed on the island of Ni'ihau and the actual tractor which was used to dig defensive furrows to prevent a landing zone for Japanese aircraft. The island of Ni'ihau, which is approximately 70 square miles and located 18 miles west of Kauai, is owned by the Robinson family and was the site of the first American victory of World War II.

Pacific Aviation Museum. "We were very careful to give an accurate replica of the area that the Zero crash landed on Ni'ihau," she explained.

On Dec. 7, 1941, a Japanese Zero, piloted by Airman 1st Class Shigenori Nishikaichi who attacked Pearl Harbor in the second of three scheduled waves, crash landed into the island of Ni'ihau.

Unfortunately, because of the island's lack of quick communication, news of the Pearl Harbor attack did not reach the island for days.

Along with another

Japanese resident of Hawai'i, Yoshio Harada, Nishikaichi began plotting against the island natives. The incident is referred to locally as the "Ni'ihau Incident" or the "Battle of Ni'ihau."

However, after getting word of the attack, the villagers, led by Benihakaka Kanahale and his wife, fought against Nishikaichi and Harada, killing Nishikaichi while Harada shot himself.

While it was seemingly a small skirmish, the Battle of

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Governor of Hawai'i receives honorary membership at Yokosuka/ NAVFAC Far East



Hawai'i Governor Linda Lingle receives honorary charter membership in the Hawaiian Outrigger Canoe and Cultural Club of Yokosuka during a luncheon held June 20 at Yokosuka Officer's Club in Japan. (Left to right:) Capt. Daniel L. Weed, Commander Fleet Activities Yokosuka; Toshiki Ishiguro, NAVFAC Far East transportation department shop foreman; Hawai'i Governor Linda Lingle; Valerie Chun, NAVFAC Far East utility and energy management planning coordinator; Rear Adm. James D. Kelly, Commander, U.S. Naval Forces Japan.

Story and photo by
Christine Lohr

Naval Facilities Engineering
Command Far East

Eight employees and their families from Hawai'i, working for Naval Facilities Engineering Command (NAVFAC) Far East, attended lunch with Hawai'i Governor Linda Lingle on June 20.

Lingle greeted Sailors and civilians during a 90-minute lunch at the Yokosuka Officer's Club in Japan. During the program, Hawai'i resident Valerie Chun, NAVFAC Far East utility and energy management planning coordinator, and Toshiki Ishiguro, NAVFAC Far East transportation department shop foreman, inducted Lingle as an honorary charter member of the Hawaiian Outrigger Canoe and Cultural Club of Yokosuka. The club, a private organization recognized by Commander Fleet Activities Yokosuka, per-

petuates and shares paddling with base employees, families and the Japanese community.

The governor, who had finished a trip to Indonesia, said that she found Japan to be delightful and a great place to be. "I feel a very close connection with the Navy at all times," Lingle said, when addressing the group. "We just want to thank you day in and day out for everything you do."

Rear Adm. James D. Kelly, Commander, U.S. Naval Forces Japan, introduced Lingle to the group. Accompanying Lingle were Hawai'i State Representative Gene Ward; Maj. Gen. Robert G.F. Lee, adjutant general for the state of Hawai'i; and Mr. and Mrs. Joe Napeahi, a musician and songwriter from Hawai'i.

Napeahi ended the program by singing one of his compositions, dedicating it especially to the governor. "If I could be a rainbow, I'd make a brighter day," he sang.



Photo by Joseph A. Mancini

USS Port Royal (CG 73), an Aegis cruiser homeported at Pearl Harbor, makes its way out of the channel enroute to Pacific Missile Range Facility (PMRF), Barking Sands, Kauai to participate in the Missile Defense Agency ballistic missile flight test on June 22. During the exercise, Port Royal sailed alongside USS Decatur (DDG 73) and Spanish Ship Mendez Nunez. Port Royal also shared a two-way link picture with the Army's theater high altitude area defense (THAAD) system. Port Royal's involvement played a key role in the technological advancement and development of joint inter-operability for missile defense.

Port Royal and Decatur execute BMD testing

Lt. j.g. Rachael Pitchford
USS Port Royal (CG 73)
Public Affairs

During the month of June, USS Port Royal (CG 73) participated in the latest ballistic missile defense (BMD) testing alongside USS Decatur (DDG 73) and the Spanish frigate, SPS Mendez Nunez (FF-104). The Stellar Athena Campaign demonstrated the necessity of teamwork in the latest developments in national ballistic missile defense.

Preparations for the June event began six weeks ago as Port Royal Aegis technicians worked alongside BMD contractors and scientists, training and ensuring that the Aegis weapons system was performing at its peak operational capability.

On June 22, the hard work and training came to fruition

as Port Royal detected and tracked a target ballistic missile launched from Pacific Missile Range Facility, Barking Sands, Kauai.

Decatur also detected the target and engaged it with an SM-3 missile to intercept and destroy the target more than 100 miles from the launch point. In doing so, Decatur became the first destroyer in naval history to shoot the SM-3.

The testing made history in other areas as well as it was the first time a ship simulated an engagement against two live ballistic missile targets, in preparation for a future event in which two targets will be engaged with live weapons.

During the exercise, Port Royal and Decatur sailed alongside Spanish ship Mendez Nunez, who observed the event using and evaluating her version of the Aegis system. This was the first time

the Spanish have participated in such an event. Additionally, for the first time, Port Royal shared a two-way link picture with the Army's theater high altitude area defense (THAAD) system. This event validated the Army's ability to cue an Aegis ship, further extending the range of the Missile Defense Agency's shield.

Port Royal's involvement played a key role in the technological advancement and development of joint inter-operability for missile defense. Lt. Jason Fox, combat systems officer on Port Royal, remarked, "FTM 12 demonstrated that we continue to significantly advance our capabilities in both the Navy and the joint community to protect our country and its allies against a complex ballistic missile threat. The crew was proud to take part in this historic event."

Pearl Harbor Shipyard changes command

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Ensign in 1982 in the United States Navy. Thomas has a bachelor's of science degree in mechanical engineering from the Naval Academy, a master's of science degree in mechanical engineering from Massachusetts Institute of Technology, the naval engineer's degree and a Ph.D. in hydrodynamics.

His personal awards include the Legion of Merit, the Meritorious Service Medal (3 awards), Navy Commendation Medal

(4 awards) and the Navy Achievement Medal.

Both Hugel and Cohen also commented on the hard work and dedication of the departing Captain Camelio.

"During [Camelio's] time here he spent many hours at his desk working on balancing the workforce and the workload," said Hugel. "He clarified the workload and focused on the processes the shipyard used, balancing the knowledge skills and abilities of workers to the workload that our customers intended for the shipyard to execute."

Camelio was awarded a Voluntary Protection Programs Star by the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) signifying that Pearl Harbor's Naval Shipyard had attained the highest rating attainable for safety and health in a workplace.

The shipyard is made up of nearly 5,000 military and Department of Defense employees, making it the largest integrated military-civilian workforce involved in full-service ship repair in the United States.

Robinson: Visit offers look at World War II History

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Ni'ihau was important in America's history of World War II. This was the first time in more than 150 years that an enemy took control of Americans on their own land. Also, it resulted in the decision to move more than 100,000 Japanese residents to the U.S. interior due to the possibility of other people of Japanese descent aiding Japan in the war. Most impor-

tantly, the Battle of Ni'ihau was the first American victory in World War II.

"The Ni'ihau Zero had repercussions that extended around the world and throughout the decades, affecting history and social change," said Budde-Jones. "It started in 1924 with Air Force Brig. Gen. William Mitchell's prediction that Japan would attack Hawai'i and continues today as we deal with the aftermath of

the internment camps." The Robinson family has owned the island of Ni'ihau since its purchase from King Kamehameha IV in 1864 and this visit to the museum was their first time viewing the exhibit. The island, which is approximately 70 square miles, is located 18 miles west of Kaua'i. For more information on the Pacific Aviation Museum, visit www.pacificaviationmuseum.org.

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Hawaii Navy News Editorial

Do you know who your ombudsman is?

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When disasters like 9/11 and Hurricane Katrina strike our nation, it affects hundreds of military families both at home and deployed around the world. It is at times like these that the value of the Navy ombudsmen is brought to the forefront of the minds of many. During the aftermath of Katrina, the Navy ombudsmen helped hundreds of people locate family members who were forced to evacuate their homes. They also helped to keep military men and women in touch with family members as they deployed to assist with disaster relief efforts.

The missions accomplished by

command ombudsmen cover a vast range of non-emergency duties as well. From providing a line of communication between family members and the commanding officer to providing you and your spouse with resources listing family-friendly entertainment and activities in your area, the ombudsmen are here to serve.

While every command in the Navy is required to have an ombudsman, it has been brought to my attention that many of you are still unaware of what the role of your ombudsman is. The official answer is that an ombudsman is a



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volunteer, appointed by the commanding officer, to serve as an information link between command leadership and Navy families. In short, he or she is there to make being a military family a little easier for your spouse and children and/or mothers and fathers.

The roles these men and women fill in the lives of military families around the world is invaluable to the Navy family, yet they are a completely voluntary force. They are married to men and women currently serving who understand what it's like to be a military spouse.

The primary resource referral points for information about the Navy's ombudsman program are the Navy Fleet and Family Support Centers (FFSC). These are located at every major Navy installation around the world and provide a

wealth of information about the program. It is through this organization that the ombudsmen receive their basic and advanced training.

They are trained in a variety of areas including; professionalism, command relationships, communication skills, information and referral, crisis calls, disasters and mission readiness. They also receive in-depth training about individual augmentee (IA) awareness and other situation-specific issues so they may better serve you and your family.

For those who are stationed on U.S. Marine Corps installations, there is a similar program the Navy ombudsmen are incorporated into called the key volunteers, which is the USMC's version of the ombudsman program. This enables them to maintain up-to-

date training and mission readiness even in areas that are not predominantly Navy.

Sept. 14 is Navy Ombudsman Appreciation Day, which is unofficially extended to the entire month as Ombudsman Appreciation Month. I encourage you to thank your ombudsmen as a command for all the work they do for you. They are the other half of every Navy unit and deserve our recognition and thanks.

You can find out who your ombudsman is and how to contact him or her by visiting the FFSC Web site at <https://www.nffsp.org>. The program is always looking for outgoing, energetic volunteers to fill these vital roles as Navy ombudsmen. Anyone interested in becoming an ombudsman should contact the FFSC nearest their command.

More Sailors eligible for sea duty incentive pay

MC2 Trevor Andersen

Navy Personnel Command Public Affairs

Navy Personnel Command announced expansion of the Sea Duty Incentive Pay (SDIP) program June 25 in NAVADMIN 162/07, making more Sailors eligible for the extra pay.

The Navy originally introduced SDIP in March, which pays up to \$750 per month extra, to give Sailors an incentive to extend their sea duty or shorten their shore tours and return to sea early.

"SDIP is a pilot program that incentivizes extensions and early return to sea, tar-

geting certain grades and rates. We have received good results thus far," said Capt. Jim Romano, director of enlisted distribution division, Navy Personnel Command. "In the process to improve this incentive, an SDIP NAVADMIN update will include additional rates and grades. Bottom line, we see it as a great tool."

The program originally included only six rates, among which only Sailors with certain Navy enlisted classifications (NECs) were eligible. NAVADMIN 162/07 adds four more rates.

The initial response from qualifying Sailors is good.

"I received the message while on recruiting duty,"

said Fire Controlman 1st Class (SW) Reginald J. Chambers, the first Sailor to receive SDIP who is now serving at sea aboard USS Ross (DDG 71). "When I saw how undermanned my NEC was at sea, I thought it would be a good chance for me to do my part for the Navy and help ease the burden for my fellow shipmates who were in need."

As the first SDIP recipient, Chambers' shipmates bring their SDIP questions to him.

"Most of them are amazed. It's like getting another enlistment bonus for a very short amount of time," he said. "Jump on it. It's a great incentive program."



Commentary

Chapel Pennant

Wish I was home...

Chaplain (Cmdr.) Steven P. Unger

Naval Station Pearl Harbor

A number of years ago I was sitting waist deep in frigid water in a duck blind at 5 a.m. My hunting buddies and I were in a soybean field just outside Cotton Plant, Ark. Cotton Plant, as most of you know, is a part of the Brinkley, Wheatley and Cotton Plant tri-city area.

My friends and I were on Christmas vacation from school. In the South, nothing beats regaling your friends with duck hunting stories when they are being recounted in a setting that is warm and dry. The problem is that to "earn" those stories involves getting up at an ungodly hour, enduring a bone-jarring ride down a rutted road, then a long walk across a frozen field, finally to settle into a water-filled hole called "the blind."

Sitting there, we reflected on our private misery and recalled the warm beds we had been in less than an hour before. Our waders, the rubber overalls with attached boots, were all old and were leaking. My buddy, who happened to be our host, was showing more discomfort than the rest of us wanted to let on. His waders were really leaking so he was soaked to the skin. If he had been a ship, he would have sunk. But he was going to tough it out. The sun would be up soon and we all were sure we would make a dent on our limit of ducks as soon as the sun peeked over the eastern sky.

The sun finally came up

and, to our dismay, there wasn't one stinking duck on the whole lousy pond! The reality of no ducks was harder to take than the cold and wet. As we climbed out of the blind, we had to help our friend out because the waders full of water about doubled his body weight. When we finally got him out, he looked at us and said, "I wish I was home wishing I was here."

In my past trials of growing up and my current trials where God is trying to make me smarter (they all feel the same), I have often thought, "I wish I were somewhere else, doing something else, or anything other than this."

Most Christians believe that things happen for a reason. One reason is that James 1:2-4 says, "Consider it pure joy, my brothers, whenever you face trials of many kinds, because you know that the testing of your faith develops perseverance. Perseverance must finish its work so that you may be mature and complete, not lacking in anything." Another reason is that when we get older and smarter, it is easier to see the hand of God in adverse circumstances than when we were young and dumb.

About the duck hunt, after a big breakfast and a few pots of coffee, we were ready to hunt again. We got some better waders and the next morning we were back in the same blind. On that morning, we got our limit early and the previous day's misadventure of freezing was already a funny story. Thirty years later, it gets better with each telling...while our wives all roll their eyes.

Normandy Invasion, June 1944



Photograph from the U.S. Coast Guard Collection in the U.S. National Archives
Army troops waded ashore on 'Omaha' Beach during the 'D-Day' landings, June 6, 1944. They were brought to the beach by a Coast Guard manned LCVP

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Russell Sailors complete security training

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USS Russell (DDG 59)
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In preparation for USS Russell's (DDG 59) upcoming Persian Gulf deployment with the USS Abraham Lincoln Strike Group, seven Sailors recently completed security reaction force (SRF) advanced school located at Ford Island.

The two-week course was designed to augment the training Sailors already received while onboard Russell. On the ship, Sailors were given three weeks of SRF basic training. During this phase of training, security force members were taught techniques that allowed them to defend the ship against intruders threatening the safety of the ship and crew. Basic weapon familiarization was covered along with non-lethal means of incapacitating terrorists or other personnel that attempt to infiltrate the ship.

The instruction continued at SRF advanced school, located at the Center for Security Forces (CSF) trainer. Inside hanger 39 on historic Ford Island CSF is a three story "ship in a box." Designed by Hollywood set designers, the trainer realistically gave team members the look, feel, sound and smell of a naval warship. Speakers located throughout the trainer blared music, an alarm and even the sound of a gas turbine engine. The instructors used popup targets and distractions designed to confuse the students as they worked to secure the ship.

The Sailors must work as a team, making quick decisions essential to the team's success. Cameras recorded the students' tactics for



Fire Controlman 1st Class Robert Reid and Information Systems Technician 2nd Class Bryan Kaley prepare to advance on intruders threatening the ship as part of USS Russell's security training.

defending the ship so that instructors can evaluate the students' performance and provide feedback. Upon completion of the course, students are ready to assume the role of a security reaction force team leader.

The students and enemy teams are both given rifles that contain simunition, small plastic pellets that contain a colored detergent. Although non-lethal, it does cause discomfort when a student is shot. This adds an element of realism to the scenarios.

"At first, I was really nervous because the weapons we used were very much like handling a real

weapon and the trainer can go pitch black to simulate a loss of power," said Gunner's Mate 3rd Class Kevin Weiss. "But the training that we had prior to coming to this school really prepared us for the situations that the instructors gave us."

The two-week class is broken into two parts. Sailors have classroom instruction for two days while the remainder of their time is spent on the mockup ship. The trainer is very similar to an actual ship. Inside there is a ship's bridge, crew galley with an "apple pie smell," a commanding officer's cabin, and crew berthing where an enemy

can hide and make a surprise attack.

"The trainer allowed us to use our skills and knowledge and make decisions as a team," said Fire Controlman 1st Class Robert Reid.

Master-at-Arms 1st Class Frank Liberty, the military lead instructor, was impressed with the team's performance. "The Russell team was extremely motivated," he said. "Normally, we take a crawl, walk, run approach to training, but this team picked up the tactics so fast that we were able to go into even more advanced techniques."

To give the Sailors regular feedback on their progression, each team was assigned an instructor that served as a mentor. Eric Torres was assigned to the Russell team and praised their performance.

"The team from Russell came up with solutions to problems we have never seen before," he said. One example of this was during a simulated pier entry when the team used a dumpster to distract an intruder threatening the ship. Torres emphasized that no other team tried this tactic previously and that the instructors did not think to use the prop as a defense mechanism.

The security team's training doesn't stop here. Next, the students will attend a course that will teach them techniques to board compliant and non-compliant vessels in search of illegal firearms, drugs and to infiltrate terrorist activities.

"I feel really prepared for our next deployment and the next level of training," said Torpedoman's Mate 2nd Class Danny Hinsz. "I am proud of our team for how well we did in the school."



Cryptologic Technician (collection) 3rd Class Josh Jordan aided in the construction of a new home for an Oahu family as a volunteer for "Extreme Makeover: Home Edition."

Port Royal Sailor gives back

Story and photo by
Lt. j.g. Rachael Pitchford

USS Port Royal (CG 73)
Public Affairs

While juggling the demands of a military lifestyle, Cryptologic Technician (collection) 3rd Class Josh Jordan found an additional way to give back to the community. Not only has Jordan served his nation as a Sailor aboard USS Port Royal (CG 73), but he has also dedicated his time to an Oahu family.

After hearing about the television show "Extreme Makeover Home Edition," Jordan did some research on the program that builds homes for families with special circumstances. He discovered the show would be building a home for an Oahu family and felt the need to contribute his experience. "I roofed houses and worked other construction jobs when I was younger, so they took my

name down and told me to show up," Jordan said.

For seven days in June, Jordan and other volunteers worked to construct a brand new home for an underprivileged and deserving family. "It was great to see so many people volunteering their time," stated Jordan. "So many people were working, but there wasn't any tension in the environment. I guess when you take money out of the equation, people are a lot more relaxed."

A native of New Orleans, La., Jordan witnessed the tragic effects of Hurricane Katrina in 2005. "After all the help my family received after Katrina, I figured this would be a good way to pay it back." Jordan's dedication to community impressed the producers of "Extreme Makeover Home Edition," who thanked him for his service and remarked that he was the first volunteer from the military that they had seen.

Pearl Harbor Highlights

(Right) Capt. Gene Theriot reads the invocation at the opening of the Navy Environmental and Preventive Medicine Unit Six (NEPMU 6) change of charge ceremony. Capt. William J. Upham relieved Capt. Gail L. Hathaway as officer in charge. NEPMU 6's mission is to provide specialized preventive medicine and public health services to the Pacific Fleet area of responsibility. The unit currently has an eight-person team deployed aboard USS Peleliu (LHA 5) in support of Pacific Partnership 2007, a four-month humanitarian assistance mission to nations in Southeast Asia and Oceania.

U.S. Navy photo by MC3 Paul D. Honnick

Alan Chun (left) and Jeff Brock (right) discuss the best method for launching a particular model rocket during a launch held at Pacific Missile Range Facility (PMRF), Barking Sands, Kaua'i on June 19. Chun, an engineer at PMRF, and Brock, a teacher at Island School, launched approximately 35 rockets with the students during the event. More than 40 students came to PMRF from the Island School Summer Science Camp and were treated to the launch in the morning as well as a base tour and lunch and swimming at the Major's Bay recreation area.

U.S. Navy photo by MC2 Johnny Michael



USPACOM photo by SSG Tim Meyer

Adm. Timothy J. Keating, commander of U.S. Pacific Command, gives blood with the help of Army Spc. Andrew Harris, a medical laboratory technician assigned to "A" Company, Tripler Army Medical Center, at the USPACOM battle blood drive. All branches of service on Camp Smith are "battling" to donate the most blood which will support the War on Terror.



U.S. Navy photo by MC3 Paul D. Honnick

Spanish Navy frigate Mendez Nunez (F-104) passes decommissioned battleship USS Missouri (BB 63) as it pulls into Pearl Harbor for a port visit on June 23. The frigate recently participated with Pearl Harbor-based Aegis cruiser USS Port Royal (CG 73) and San Diego-based Aegis destroyer USS Decatur (DDG 73) in a successful ballistic missile "hit to kill" intercept flight test off the coast of Kauai on June 22. Mendez Nunez performed long-range surveillance and track operations as a training event to assess the future capabilities of the F-100 class.



A medium range ballistic missile with a separating target is launched from the Pacific Missile Range Facility, Barking Sands, Kaua'i as part of a joint Missile Defense Agency, U.S. Navy ballistic missile flight test on June 22. Minutes later, a Standard Missile - 3 (SM-3) was launched from the Aegis destroyer USS Decatur (DDG 73), successfully intercepting the ballistic missile threat target. The test was the ninth intercept, in 11 program flight tests, by the Aegis Ballistic Missile Defense, the maritime component of the "hit-to-kill" ballistic missile defense system, being developed by the Missile Defense Agency.

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NMFC offers a helping hand

Aerographer's Mate Airman William Dearing and Lt. j.g. Catherine Alexander

Naval Maritime Forecast Center

The Naval Maritime Forecast Center/Joint Typhoon Warning Center (NMFC/JTWC) and Moanalua Middle School have formed a unique relationship over the past several years as part of the Personal Excellence Partnership (PEP) program. As a sponsor to Moanalua Middle School, NMFC/JTWC has been able to contribute a great deal by way of volunteer hours as well as tangible items. Most recently, a donation of computers from the weather center was given to the school to help improve its computer lab.

Throughout the school year, members from NMFC participated in numerous programs. In September, Cmdr. Pete Smith, NMFC executive officer, along with Lt. Patrick Havel and Lt. j.g. Catherine Alexander, attended the annual reading kickoff where the command presented more than \$1,000 worth of books to the school.

Later in the year, the command spent a week teaching the eighth grade science classes a "weather in the classroom" lesson. Here students learned about frontal systems and severe weather and even played a rousing game of "Weather Jeopardy." The students were excited to learn more about weather from actual forecasters.

This past month, volunteer work came in the form of six Sailors offering their free time to help lay and smooth concrete for two new sidewalks on the school's campus. As part of the PEP program, NMFC was able to



U.S. Navy photo by Lt. j.g. Kyle Franklin

Aerographer's Mate 2nd Class Jeff Davis gives a tour to students from Moanalua Middle School and demonstrates what it is like to be a weather forecaster for the Naval Maritime Forecasting Center.

fund the supplies, concrete and manpower needed to complete the day-long task.

Alexander, Lt. j.g. Felicia Vierra, Lt. j.g. Kyle Franklin, Aerographer's Mate 2nd Class (AG2) Donna Steinel, AG3 Daniel Parkerson, and AGAN William Dearing showed up bright and early on a Saturday morning ready to sweat. The Sailors, along with volunteers from the school, did everything from digging the foundation to pouring the concrete. The project proved to be a success and the students have shown their appreciation for NMFC's landscaping work.

Several days after the completion of the project, the principal of Moanalua Middle School, along with several faculty members and students, paid a visit to the weather center to show their appreciation for the command's hard work. The students were introduced to Capt. John O'Hara, the commanding officer, as well as Smith, and then escorted to the watch floor to see a demonstration of the daily operations at NMFC/JTWC.

AG2 Class Jeff Davis led the demonstration and showed the students a typi-

cal day in the life of a forecaster in the Navy. Davis also introduced the students to satellite imagery and many other tools used by the center when forecasting the weather. The students were enthusiastic and showed interest in weather forecasting by asking questions about clouds, thunderstorms and typhoons.

Before leaving, the principal presented the command with pictures from the landscaping project, as well as sweets and cookies that the students brought for the Sailors. The students also passed out miniature American flags, pins bearing the school's logo, and pens with the school's motto, "Discover the power of your own mind." The command was thrilled to see the effect of their time and effort. Though the children had to leave, the relationship between NMFC/JTWC will continue.

Both NMFC/JTWC and Moanalua Middle School have benefited from this relationship. It is a great way for the Sailors to give back to the community and for the students to learn about weather and the military.

NEPMU 6 holds change of command

MC3 Paul D. Honnick Fleet Public Affairs Center Detachment Hawai'i and MC3 Michael A. Lantron Navy Region Hawai'i Public Affairs

Capt. William J. Upham relieved Capt. Gail L. Hathaway as officer in charge of Navy Environmental and Preventive Medicine Unit Six (NEPMU 6) in a change of command ceremony held June 20 at Lockwood Hall at Naval Station Pearl Harbor.

Prior to turning over command to Upham, Hathaway commented on the time she spent at NEPMU 6, where she served as officer in charge for the first time in her naval career.

"It's been a really rewarding tour and it's a great unit," said Hathaway.

Hathaway assumed command of NEPMU 6 in August 2004. Under her leadership, NEPMU 6 participated in numerous multinational humanitarian operations, including support in both Operation Unified Assistance and Operation Iraqi Freedom.

NEPMU 6 currently has an eight-person team deployed aboard USS Peleliu (LHA 5) in support of Pacific Partnership 2007, a four-month humanitarian assistance mission to nations in Southeast Asia and Oceania.

"I don't get near the satisfaction that they do. I feel very proud that they're out there, but for the most part they come back energized and very professionally rewarded for being able to do what they were trained to do," said Hathaway of her team of medical professionals.

A native of Hutchinson, Minnesota, Hathaway graduated from the University of

Minnesota with a Bachelor of Arts degree in 1985 and Masters Degree in 1986 and was commissioned in May of 1986 as a Lt. j.g. in the Medical Service Corps.

Her previous assignments include industrial hygiene officer, Naval Medical Clinic, San Diego, Calif.; assistant department head, aviation physiology training unit, NAS Pensacola, Fla.; chief of industrial hygiene services and assistant chief of aviation physiology training, 55th Strategic Medical Group-SAC at Ehrling Bergquist Strategic Hospital in Offutt AFB; director of human factors/deputy command surgeon (J080), US Strategic Command; aeromedical safety officer, Marine Aircraft Group 31, Beaufort, S.C.; medical service corps assignment officer for operational specialties and physician assistants, Bureau of Naval Personnel; executive assistant to the assistant chief for operational medicine and fleet support at the Bureau of Medicine and Surgery (BUMED) and special assistant to the deputy chief, program manager and training agent for aerospace physiology programs and survival

training, BUMED.

Hathaway's professional affiliations include the Aerospace Medical Association, where she is an Associate Fellow, and the Aerospace Physiology Society, where she is the Society's President. She is Board Certified in Aerospace Physiology, a member of the Naval Helicopter Association, Tailhook Association, and an Associate Professor at both Embry Riddle Aeronautical University and the Uniformed Services University of Health Sciences.

Hathaway's personal awards include the Joint Meritorious Service Medal, the Meritorious Service Medal, the Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal with two gold stars and the Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal.

Hathaway's follow-on assignment is as deputy surgeon at Commander, U.S. Pacific Fleet.

Upham takes command of 40 Sailors and DoD employees whose mission is to provide specialized preventive medicine and public health services to the Pacific Fleet area of responsibility.



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Members of the official party salute the colors at the opening of the Navy Environmental and Preventive Medicine Unit Six (NEPMU 6) change of command ceremony on June 20. Capt. William J. Upham relieved Capt. Gail L. Hathaway as officer in charge. NEPMU 6's mission is to provide specialized preventive medicine and public health services to the Pacific Fleet area of responsibility.