

## USS Chafee departs for deployment

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The Arleigh Burke-class, guided-missile destroyer USS Chafee (DDG 90) departed Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam on April 5 for a scheduled six-month deployment.

Chafee returned from its last deployment Aug. 24, 2009 and has been diligently maintaining its battle-readiness, according to Cmdr. Heedong Choi, Chafee's commanding officer (CO).

"Ever since returning from our last deployment, the crew of Chafee has continuously been training and maintaining the ship. The officers and crew have worked incredibly hard to keep up our certifications and combat readiness in order to deploy again," said Choi.

The ship and its crew of more than 300 Sailors are expected to operate primarily in the U.S. 7th Fleet's area of responsibility (AOR), which is the largest in the Navy, spanning more than 48 million square miles of the Pacific and Indian Oceans.



Arleigh Burke-class, guided-missile destroyer USS Chafee (DDG 90) departs Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam on April 5 on its deployment to U.S. 7th Fleet's area of responsibility.

"As with all deploying ships in our Navy, the overarching mission is to provide presence in the 'global commons' and to execute the

maritime strategy as outlined by the CNO, MCPON and the Commandant of the Coast Guard," said Choi.

Currently, Chafee has not

been scheduled to join with any other strike group in the U.S. 7th Fleet AOR, but Choi explained that the ship and crew are prepared for any future joint effort.

"The men and women of Chafee are ready to meet all tasking through the spectrum of operations, from full-scale combat to humanitarian assistance/disaster response. We are always ready and capable to operate in any theater commensurate with the desires of our operational commanders," said Choi.

During last year's deployment, Chafee's crew performed multiple joint operations including Foal Eagle, Malabar and Cooperation and Readiness Afloat Training.

"My expectations have been consistent and persistent during my time as CO. First is to be combat ready at all times, second is to exercise stewardship and third is to take care of each other," said Choi.

Guided-missile destroyers provide multi-mission offensive and defensive capabilities and can operate independently or as part of carrier battle groups, amphibious ready groups and underway replenishment groups.

USS Chafee is scheduled to return in October.



Actress Jamie Lee Curtis autographs her published books for children at Building 150 on Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam (JBPHH).

## Actress Jamie Lee Curtis visits Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam

Story and photo by MC2 Robert Stirrup

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Actress Jamie Lee Curtis visited Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam (JBPHH) and the USS Arizona Memorial on April 1.

Capt. Richard Kitchens, commander of JBPHH, hosted Curtis and showed her the base, including a visit to the chief petty officer's club during their 117th birthday celebration.

Curtis also had an opportunity to see a mural painted by her father, actor and Navy veteran Tony Curtis, currently displayed in the JBPHH headquarters building 150.

"My father is a very talented artist and it is really great to see his work here at this historic base," said Curtis. "He takes great pride in his service and his family takes great pride in his service so it really moves me to see his painting as a permanent fixture in an important building of the Navy."

Even while on vacation, Curtis said she wanted to bring her family to Pearl Harbor so they could experience history and tradition of the military at historic Pearl Harbor.

"There is a lot of recreation to do in Hawaii, but there is nothing more important to me than to connect to the history of Hawaii and most importantly

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## Army Air Corps veteran's remains scattered at Pearl Harbor

Story and photo by Blair Martin

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For Edwina Shapienko Hutson, it has taken 22 years to fulfill her father's final wishes and scatter his ashes in the Pearl Harbor waters where he lost many of his fellow comrades during the surprise Japanese attacks on Pearl Harbor on Dec. 7, 1941.

In 1988, retired Air Force Master Sgt. Edward Shapienko died from a massive heart attack at 73 years old. However, before his death he told his daughter, Edwina, that one of his final wishes was to have his remains scattered at Pearl Harbor, the place where he survived one of the deadliest attacks on American soil.

"Dec. 7 was always a big deal at our house," she said. "The flag was hung and my dad

would comment how he had lived another year on borrowed time. Pearl Harbor always seemed to be the height of his military career, but that was probably because he always felt he should have died there with his fellow Soldiers."

On April 5, a scattering of ashes ceremony was held for Shapienko at the USS Utah Memorial on Ford Island. Members of Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam's honor guard conducted full military honors for the Pearl Harbor survivor and members of his family who were in attendance.

In 1941, Shapienko was a 26-year-old sergeant serving in the Army Air Corps and was with a couple buddies on their way to breakfast at the Hickam PX cafeteria when they heard the first wave of planes pass over them. In later years, Shapienko recalled his Pearl Harbor experience in a detailed 1983 jour-



A member of the Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam's honor guard presents a flag to Edwina Shapienko Hutson, daughter of Pearl Harbor survivor and retired Air Force Master Sgt. Edward Shapienko during an April 5 scattering of ashes ceremony held at the USS Utah Memorial on Ford Island.

nal entry.

"At first, we didn't pay any attention as this was going on for weeks because we were on the alert, practicing firing, and that is what we thought until somebody yelled that we were being bombed," he wrote. "We went outside and we could see about a thousand guys running

across the parade ground, with low flying Japanese aircraft heading for Pearl Harbor. If there were rocks, we could have hit the planes. That is how low they were flying in the initial attack. But there were no rocks," he added.

According to Shapienko, he and his buddies took cover dur-

ing the first initial 20-minute attack, followed by an eerie 10-minute window of silence before the second wave of attacks began to hit Hickam Air Field again.

"Hundreds of us [mouths] gaped skyward, were watching these bombs fall and the shrapnel hit the ground and fly in all directions," he wrote. "They were razor sharp, cutting Airman's arms and heads off. That is when fear struck us all."

At the time, Shapienko said he and other surviving Airmen were initially ordered to go fight fires on all of the planes on the airfield. But after Japanese planes began to circle back and bomb, Shapienko's staff sergeant ordered the remaining men to "run for the hangars" amidst a flurry of shrapnel raining down from the sky.

"That is when I saw three people in front of me get hit with shrapnel, red splashes on their backs," he wrote. "The day was beautiful and all this reminded me of a technicolor

movie as I ran for the hangar. There were about eight or nine of us that made it back to the hangar. I remember hugging the wall, when the hangar shook, and saying, 'God, what a frigging way to die.'"

But to his surprise, Shapienko, who enlisted as a 21-year old in 1936, survived that day and eventually went on to enjoy a lengthy 36-year Air Force career before retiring as a master sergeant at the Air National Guard at McGuire Air Force Base in 1972.

Hutson said after her father's death, his ashes were divided between the family home in New Jersey, his mother's grave in Long Island City, N.Y. and his wife's grave in New Jersey.

"I buried most of his remains with my mother, but I knew he wanted to be here and I didn't know if I could ever make it," she explained. "So I made sure that I saved some of his ashes in case I had that opportunity.

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## Holocaust Day of Remembrance held at Pearl Harbor

Story and photo by Randy Dela Cruz

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The quaint and intimate surrounding of the Aloha Jewish Chapel (AJC) became the setting for a capacity audience to honor and commemorate victims and survivors of the Holocaust during the Holocaust Days of Remembrance Observance at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam (JBPHH) on April 7.

Titled "Stories of Freedom," the event was presented by Commander, Navy Region Hawaii (CNRH) and Commander, Naval Surface Group Middle Pacific (CNSG MIDPAC) to coincide with the week of remembrance that runs from the Sunday before Holocaust Remembrance Day (Yom Hashoah) through the following Sunday.

According to the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum (USHMM) Web site, this year's official Holocaust Remembrance Day is on April



Daniel Bender, lay leader at Aloha Jewish Chapel, leads a reading from the Torah during Holocaust Days of Remembrance Observance at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam (JBPHH) on April 7. The event was presented by Commander, Navy Region Hawaii (CNRH) and Commander, Naval Surface Group Middle Pacific (CNSG MIDPAC) and coincided with the nationwide week of remembrance.

11. The museum's national Day of Remembrance ceremony from the U.S. Capitol Rotunda can be seen on its Web site at www.ushmm.org on April 15.

This year's program at AJC featured a special chant by Ken Aronowitz, who is the cantorial soloist at Temple Emanu-el in Honolulu; let-

ters of recognition from Rear Adm. Dixon Smith, commander of Navy Region Hawaii that were presented by Capt. Richard Kitchens, commanding officer, JBPHH; and a speech from guest speaker professor Roman Druker, whose mother Polina was a survivor of the Holocaust.

Daniel Bender, who serves as the

lay leader at AJC, also used the observance to incorporate a key element of the chapel's worship service.

During the event, several members of the congregation held a procession that included the chapel's two Torah scrolls, one of which is more than 100 years old and is a relic that was pieced together by Rabbi Manachem Youlus of Save A Torah.

"That ceremony is the centerpiece of our Saturday morning service," said Bender. "At our normal service, everybody comes to do a Torah reading. So it was kind of a mini Torah service."

While Kitchens said that it was an honor to be present at the observance, he noted that the event provided a good opportunity to reflect upon the estimated six million people who were killed during the Holocaust.

"It's hard to really understand and accept that number and appreciate the gravity of that," said Kitchens. "For those six million that died, how many peoples' lives were altered by each of those that perished in the Holocaust? The ripple effect from each

one of those (deaths) is a breathtaking, staggering concept to understand its impact."

Aronowitz, who along with Druker, Bender and Harriet Weissman, was commended by Smith for their contributions to the local Jewish community, added that the remembrance also served as admonition against intolerance towards any group of people.

"Even non-Jews were killed, not just for their religious faith, but also for their political views," explained Aronowitz. "It speaks to intolerance of the worst way. I can't comprehend that as an idea of a way to treat any population of people."

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# Lake Erie Sailors return from western Pacific deployment

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The Pearl Harbor-based, guided-missile cruiser USS Lake Erie (CG 70) returned to Pearl Harbor from a four-month deployment to the western Pacific on April 1.

Family members waited patiently as the ship and crew of approximately 340 officers and enlisted personnel, commanded by Capt. Ronald Boxall, arrived at the pier.

"It hasn't been extremely too long," said Ashleigh Whitecotton, wife of Ensign Robert Whitecotton and mother of a 17-month-old daughter. "It's just having a little one that's the hardest thing, just her not seeing her daddy."

Francie Sturgeon, a new mother and wife of Gas Turbine System Technician (Mechanical) 3rd Class David Sturgeon, also carried her three-month-old daughter during the homecoming while waiting for her Sailor. She said the deployment wasn't very hard on her because of email.



Sailors aboard the Pearl Harbor-based, guided-missile cruiser, USS Lake Erie (CG 70) make their way to the pier as the ship returns from a four-month western Pacific deployment. During the deployment, Lake Erie strengthened relations with partner nations as they conducted exercises and supported community relations with countries such as the Republic of the Philippines, Thailand and the Republic of Korea.

"We have been sending email and pictures to each other," said Francie. "David probably has more than 300 pictures of our daughter. We are excited. Our family is home now."

Lake Erie Command Master Chief (SW) Brian Ortega said that the main mission of the ship is to interact, train and build relations with several partner nations.

"It was a good experience,"

said Ortega. "The Sailors learned a lot when we engaged with the foreign countries, strengthening our partnerships throughout the world."

Lake Erie Sailors volun-

teered for a Habitat for Humanity community relations project in Thailand, where Sailors assisted in constructing new homes for families in need.

Continuing their volunteer efforts throughout the deployment, Lake Erie Sailors again helped bring vital supplies to the Banglamung Hospital in Thailand, unloading a pallet full of medical and hygiene supplies.

Ortega said his Sailors were able to interact and play with the children at the pediatric ward of the hospital.

"That was a good experience for our Sailors," said Ortega. He also said that the ship participated in several exercises involving Thai, Philippine, Korean and Malaysian militaries.

Later in the deployment, Lake Erie hosted senior enlisted military service members from the Republic of the Philippines navy, marines and the air force during a port visit to Manila, Philippines, on March 11.

"We were able to see a lot of ports, and that's good," said Ortega. "The Sailors joined

the Navy to see the world. We hosted a luncheon in Manila, where not many U.S. Navy ships go to anymore. We hosted a luncheon for the host nation's senior leadership. We had senior members from the Philippine air force, navy and marines aboard our ship for lunch," he explained.

U.S. Navy guided-missile cruisers perform primarily in a battle force role. These ships are multi-mission air warfare, undersea warfare, naval surface fire support and surface warfare surface combatants capable of supporting carrier strike groups, amphibious forces, or of operating independently and as flagships of surface action groups.

"The highlight of the deployment was getting our Sailors qualified, improving the professional development of all shipmates that were aboard," said Ortega. "We qualified over 70 enlisted warfare specialists and enlisted aviation warfare specialists."

(See additional photos of the USS Lake Erie's return from deployment in the April 2 edition of Hawaii Navy News.)

# Navy 'cup art' tradition boosts morale for Navy families and community

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Last week, family members from the Family Readiness Group (FRG) of USS Lake Erie (CG 70) continued the long-standing "cup art" tradition by decorating the fence fronting Kamehameha Highway in preparation for the ship's April 1 homecoming to Pearl Harbor.

Decorating the fence, which sits across from Pearl Harbor's Makalapa Gate entrance, has become an established tradition among the Navy community during many of the ships' deployments and homecomings.

Kristy Ortega, whose husband is a command master chief aboard Lake Erie, said she has been making signs and banners welcoming home Sailors for the past 20 years.

"It is a great feeling to know your Sailor will be home soon to you and your family," she said. "Planning the design and focusing on homecoming helps families get through the hard times of deployments. The families have something to plan for and get excited about while dealing with the hardships that come with a deployment," she added.



Family members from the USS Lake Erie (CG 70) Family Readiness Group (FRG) decorate the fence outside Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam's Makalapa Gate, on Kamehameha Highway, in preparation for the ship's April 1 homecoming to Pearl Harbor. Over the years, using "cup art" to decorate this fence has become an established tradition among the Navy community during many of the ships' deployments and homecomings.

Over the years, creating artwork for the fence has become the responsibility of each ship's FRG group, comprised of Navy spouses and family members.

Since being stationed at Pearl Harbor, Ortega said she has seen the evolution of the "cup art" tradition from using plastic solo cups, once prone to blowing out of the fence and littering the street. Now she and other FRG groups use more practical materials, called "Put In" cups, reusable plastic cups that are relatively unaffected by wind or weather.

Offered in a variety of different colors, these cups snap into each individual chain link, creating a seamless display of patriotic spirit as well as endless possibilities for custom designs.

Denise Ullery, FRG advisor for the USS Chosin (CG 65), designed the fence artwork in observance of the Chosin homecoming on March 18.

"It is another artistic way of expressing our pride for our Sailors," she said. "It is something everybody talks about it. We all look forward to it and it

is also something that absolutely bonds all of the spouses."

According to Ullery, the planning that goes into all of the artwork is more than what most people would think.

For example, for her design, Ullery used a printout of a master template passed down through the years that outlined the exact square count on each panel of the fence.

"Someone had to really do their homework because we have a [master] grid someone did about five or six years ago

where they counted the exact number of squares on each panel of the fence," she said. "We now use that as a template so we can get as creative as we want with our designs."

Her husband, Command Master Chief (SW) John Ullery, said the spouses' hard work does not go unnoticed by either his Sailors or the community.

"I think it is pretty neat because it allows spouses to enjoy the homecoming as much as the Sailors do," he said. "Just like Sailors take pride in their ship, this [cup art] tradition is also giving spouses an outlet to show their pride. And the great

thing is the Sailors will not only be the ones who benefit. Everyone who uses this street will see it, too," he added.

For Ortega, putting up the cup banner is just another step closer to reuniting Navy families with deployed Sailors.

"I feel it is important to keep the morale up for our Sailors because they are serving our country and while they do this, they are away from what is most important to them - families and friends," she said. "We want them to know we have missed them and we appreciate the sacrifices they have made for each and every one of us."

# USDA and DON host Hawaii Renewable Energy Forum

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The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) and the Department of the Navy (DON) co-hosted a renewable energy and bio-energy industry forum at the Kaneohe Bay Officers Club at Marine Corps Base Hawaii on April 6, to share information about a recently announced collaborative energy opportunity.

Earlier this year, Secretary of the Navy Ray Mabus and Secretary of Agriculture Tom Vilsack signed a memorandum of understanding to support President Barack Obama's initiative to reduce energy consumption derived from fossil fuels and to increase energy production from renewable sources.

Agriculture Deputy Secretary Kathleen A. Merrigan and Assistant Secretary of the Navy for Installations and Environment Jackalynne Pfannenstiel highlighted cross-departmental collaboration on renewable energy initiatives.

"The memorandum of understanding signed this past January



Kathleen A. Merrigan, the deputy secretary of the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA), and Jackalynne Pfannenstiel, the assistant secretary of the Navy for installations and environment, discuss renewable energy initiatives during a press conference held April 6 at the Kaneohe Bay Officers Club at Marine Corps Base Hawaii. The USDA and the Department of the Navy co-hosted a renewable energy and bio-energy industry forum to provide information to the public on the development of a bio-fuels industry in Hawaii.

by the Department of the Navy and the U.S. Department of Agriculture formed a partnership that builds on each of the two departments' independent strengths. Additionally, it brings together our mutual experiences in renewable energy and bio-fuels development,"

said Pfannenstiel.

Merrigan and Pfannenstiel explained that Hawaii can harvest certain types of crops, known as bio-crops, that can be processed into renewable fuels, known as bio-fuels, which can be used in Navy ships and aircraft as an al-

ternative to fossil fuels.

"The State of Hawaii is a partner with us and the Department of Agriculture and they're going to allow us to model what can be done, what crops can be grown in Hawaii and show how we can use them to help our nation get off of fossil fuels," said Pfannenstiel.

Three breakout sessions were held in the afternoon to provide information to the public on the development of a bio-fuels industry in Hawaii, which can potentially utilize the purchasing power of the Navy as a "pull" for production.

"The Department of the Navy consumes about three percent of Hawaii's petroleum and so when you think about it, Hawaii has the supply of bio-fuels that the Navy needs and the Navy has the demand for those bio-fuels to help give them a market," explained Pfannenstiel.

During the sessions, the participants discussed bio-fuels development for Hawaii, growing bio-crops and converting and developing a bio-fuel.

Merrigan said Hawaii has been selected as the location for the initial collaboration between USDA and the Navy because Hawaii's en-

ergy costs are among the highest in the nation and imported oil supplies 90 percent of the state's energy.

She also said a larger bio-fuel industry can help boost the economy of Hawaii.

"While this agreement will help meet the Navy's energy needs in Hawaii and move the nation toward a greener, more energy independent 21st century, its effects will also reach into communities, stimulating economies, reducing energy costs and creating jobs," explained Merrigan.

Hundreds of representatives from companies and organizations involved in Hawaii's energy industry attended the forum.

Also in attendance were Hawaii Lt. Gov. James R. "Duke" Aiona Jr.; Air Force Maj. Gen. Peter Pawling, chief of staff for U.S. Pacific Command; and Rear Adm. Dixon Smith, commander of Navy Region Hawaii and Naval Surface Group Middle Pacific.

"We're very grateful to the state of Hawaii for giving us the first opportunity to put this agreement on the ground and we know we'll be doing similar work in states across the country," said Merrigan.



## Diverse Views

What are your summer plans?



EOCR  
Danna Coleman-utu

"Work and spend time with family here at home."



CMCN  
Macaulay Cruickshank

"Go to the Big Island."



EOCN  
Devin Hall

"Travel to South Korea with my mother-in-law."



E03  
Demontrae Hilburn

"Spend time with family, work to earn my Seabee combat warfare qualification."

(from Sailors at Construction Battalion Maintenance Unit 303 Detachment Pearl Harbor)

## State taxes and the military spouse

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It is once again time for tax advice from your friendly neighborhood legal assistance office. In this edition, we will discuss the Military Spouses Residency Relief Act (MSRRA) and the importance of adjusting income withholdings.

The MSRRA was recently enacted to provide similar protections to spouses that the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act affords to service members. To be specific, the MSRRA allows spouses to keep their state of residence if both the spouse and the service member have the same residence (home state), and the spouse moves to a different state solely to be with the service member.

The practical effect of the law is that, like the service member, the spouse is not required to pay state taxes to the new state. As such, military spouses who fall under the requirements of the MSRRA have been directed to file a 2009 non-resident Hawaii tax return to recover the income withheld from their paychecks in 2009.

If you are a spouse who qualifies under the MSRRA, it is important to remember that it does not exempt you from paying state taxes at all. The MSRRA is simply a protection that allows you to keep your tax residence with your home state if you move away to be with your spouse (the service member). It is not meant to be a tax shelter. Remember, in order to qualify, both you and your spouse must be from the same state. In most cases, depending on state law, it will be necessary to file a state tax return with your

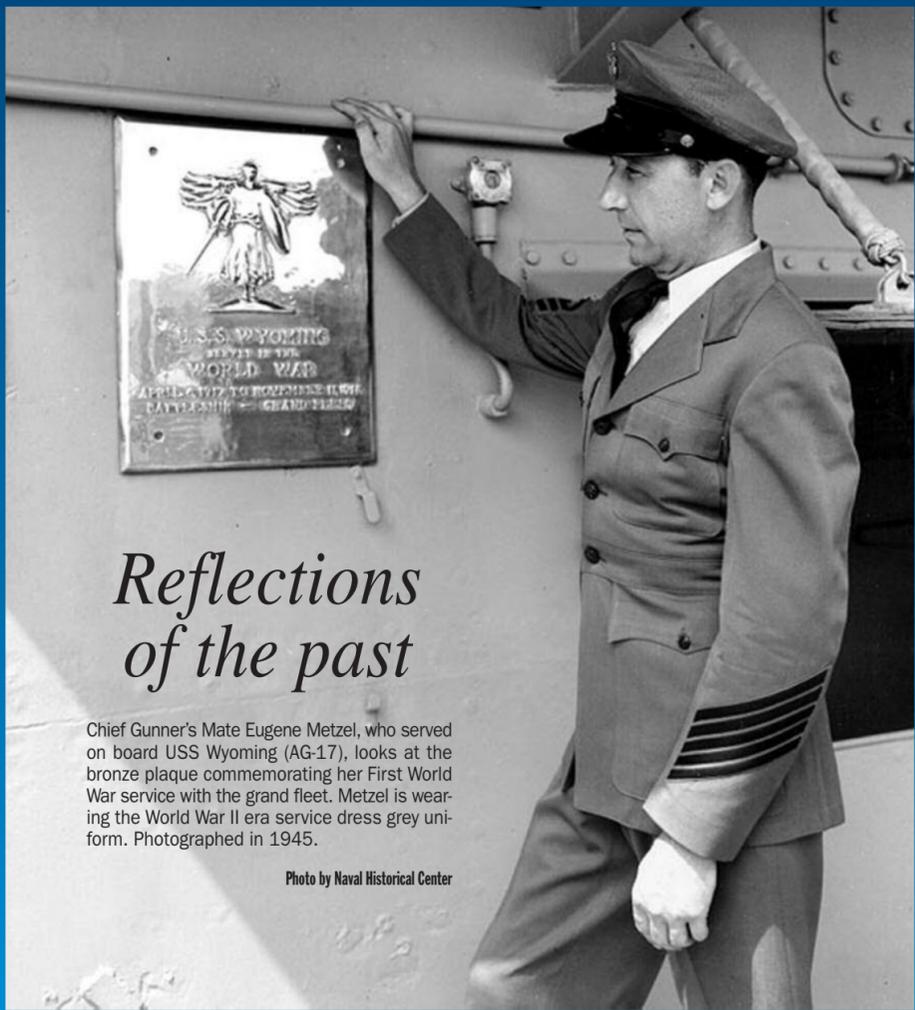
home state.

So what must you do if you are working in Hawaii? Your employer will continue to withhold income for purposes of Hawaii income taxation unless you take certain affirmative steps.

It is necessary to file form HW-4, Hawaii's version of the federal form W-4, to demonstrate to your employer you qualify for the MSRRA and, as such, are exempt from Hawaii income taxes. HW-4 is simply a form that is filled out and given to your employer telling them how much to withhold each paycheck. Form HW-4 can be found at <http://www.state.hi.us/tax/2009/hw4.pdf>. When filling out the form, it is important to check the "non-resident military spouse" box under paragraph three, marital status.

Although filing HW-4 demonstrates you are exempt from Hawaii withholdings, it does not solve the problem of how to pay taxes to your home state. Because most states require you to file a tax return with your home state, it will be necessary to work with your employer to designate the proper state to which withholdings should be sent.

If it is not possible for your employer to send withholdings to your home state, it may be necessary for you to make estimated quarterly tax payments. Making these payments will not only help avoid tax penalties, but avoid having a significant amount of tax due at the end of the year. Your employer may be able to assist you in this process. However, if any difficulties arise or you have any questions, you may contact Naval Legal Service Office Pacific, Det Pearl Harbor at 473-4717.



## Reflections of the past

Chief Gunner's Mate Eugene Metzel, who served on board USS Wyoming (AG-17), looks at the bronze plaque commemorating her First World War service with the grand fleet. Metzel is wearing the World War II era service dress grey uniform. Photographed in 1945.

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# USS Chung-Hoon Sailors host family day cruise

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The guided-missile destroyer USS Chung-Hoon (DDG 93) hosted a cruise for family members, 70 Honolulu Navy League members and seven local bloggers April 5.

During the cruise, guests had the opportunity to tour different areas of the ship, see various displays and eat lunch on the flight deck.

"It is my pleasure to welcome you all aboard the mighty warship Chung-Hoon for today's event," Cmdr. Michael McCartney, the ship's commanding officer, said to the guests. "Today you are our shipmates."

While underway, Chung-Hoon also held a promotion ceremony for a chief warrant officer and a re-enlistment ceremony for a chief petty



Sailors, family members and Honolulu Navy League members proceed through the food line during a family day cruise aboard the guided-missile destroyer USS Chung-Hoon (DDG 93). Chung-Hoon held the cruise for family members, 70 Honolulu Navy League members and seven local bloggers.

officer for the entire crew and the guests to see.

Carl Devoe, a retired Navy captain and current Honolulu Navy

League member, said he really enjoyed coming aboard the ship and appreciated the invitation by McCartney.

"It has been great being out here at sea aboard one of the Navy's newest destroyers," said Devoe. "I had a great time interacting with the crew and appreciate Cmdr. McCartney inviting the Navy League along for the cruise."

Seven local bloggers jumped at the chance to attend the cruise and 'tweeted' about their experience on Twitter while underway.

"I really enjoyed being aboard the ship while it was underway today," said Kaimana Pine, blogger for kanuhawaii.com. "I write a lot about events throughout the community and this was a good opportunity to show our readers what the military does for their local community."

Dallas Nagata, photographer, posted 72 images from the cruise at <http://bit.ly/ChungHoon100505>. Each blogger tweeted and created a Twitter hash tag of #808MilTweeps.

"This is the first time I have ever been on a Navy ship so it was defi-

nately exciting and I saw a lot of neat things," said Shauna Goya, blogger for the Honolulu Advertiser's "Odds and Ends" blog. "I was very impressed with everything I saw here today."

The Navy League Honolulu Council (NLHC) 'adopted' Chung-Hoon during a ceremony on Dec. 14, 2009 to formally recognize the partnership between Chung-Hoon and NLHC.

USS Chung-Hoon was named in honor of Rear Adm. Gordon Pai'ea Chung-Hoon. Chung-Hoon was a recipient of the Navy Cross and Silver Star for conspicuous gallantry and extraordinary heroism as commanding officer of USS Sigsbee (DD 502) from May 1944 to October 1945.

The mission of the Navy League is to educate American citizens and their elected officials about naval matters and the importance of sea power in keeping the seas free.

(Additional photo on page A-5)

# Pacific Missile Range Facility hosts Hawaiian cultural visit

Story and photo by  
MC2 Jay C. Pugh

Pacific Missile Range  
Facility, Kauai

The Pacific Missile Range Facility (PMRF), Barking Sands, Kauai hosted 25 members of the local native Hawaiian community on a cultural visit and oral history gathering on March 26.

Locations on PMRF included Nohili dune, Kawaiele (at the base of the runway), Kuaki'i (just north of the red label area,) and a leina, or "jumping off point" (near the Kamokala Cave ordnance storage area). Representatives from both continued their efforts to maintain a positive relationship and enhance PMRF's knowledge of its role as steward of the land it rests upon.

The oral histories were provided by Auntie Ulu Kilauano who shared her memories of the area prior to it being a military installation. Her oral history was considered invaluable to PMRF's Installation Cultural Resource Management Plan (ICRMP). The goal of the ICRMP is to preserve and protect significant archaeological, architectural and cultural resources at PMRF.

Days prior to the visit, Kilauano composed an "oli" specifically for the tour. PMRF's transportation coordinator and member of the Kauai Bur-

ial Council, Kunane Aipoalani, performed her chant at the base of Nohili dune.

"We continue striving to maintain and enhance our relationship with the local community and expand our own knowledge through cultural practice visitations and collecting oral histories. These visits emphasize the appropriate treatment, preservation and protection of the cultural resources," said John Burger, PMRF environmental sustainment coordinator.

"Being able to visit Nohili and its surrounding areas is always special when it can be shared and appreciated by those who visit. It is vital to know its history, legends and family stories so we don't lose the cultural significance of the legacy left by our kupuna (ancestors) of this wahi pana, or sacred place. I acknowledge PMRF and the responsibility they have taken to respect our culture and traditions by arranging these visits and tours," stated Aipoalani after the visit.

According to Burger, visiting cultural sites can enhance preservation



(Above) Auntie Ulu Kilauano shares history with members of the native Hawaiian community and Pacific Missile Range Facility (PMRF) employees on March 26 at Kawaiele, a location at PMRF that holds significance as a fishing spot and hatchery. (Left) Kunane Aipoalani, Pacific Missile Range Facility (PMRF's) transportation coordinator and member of the Kauai Burial Council, performs an "oli," or chant, written by Auntie Ulu Kilauano. Kilauano shared an oral history on March 26 with members of the native Hawaiian community and PMRF employees at several locations on PMRF that hold cultural significance.



through a combination of interpretation and education that instills a sense of stewardship toward cultural resources. However, public access in the absence of an educational com-

ponent opens up cultural resources to the possibilities of inadvertent damage through ignorance of the resource, intentional vandalism, and deterioration from increased contact.

According to PMRF's ICRMP, Barking Sands contains the remains of numerous traditional Hawaiian and plantation period burials. In addition, the Nohili dune is a prominent and traditionally important place. In the past, requests have been made to access the installation for cultural reasons. On matters of cultural import, PMRF consults with the local organization Na Ohana Papa O Mana, as well as Hawaiian organizations with a statewide base.

The ICRMP lays the foundation for a historic preservation program that achieves the priorities for cultural resources management, provides management procedures for the ongoing identification, maintenance and enhancement of cultural resources, and promotes the use of cultural resources in ways that are beneficial to the military mission, the resources and other public interests.

"I always look forward to visits from the families whose ancestors pre-date western contact in this area we now sometimes refer to as Barking Sands. The official reason for arranging these visits is the ICRMP, but I have to admit I personally enjoy the history and cultural lessons passed on to us," said Tom Clements, PMRF's public affairs officer. "Auntie Ulu, Kunane, Aletha Kaohi and others have shared invaluable insights into this area, providing the tools we need for consultation and preservation," he added.

# Pearl Harbor Highlights

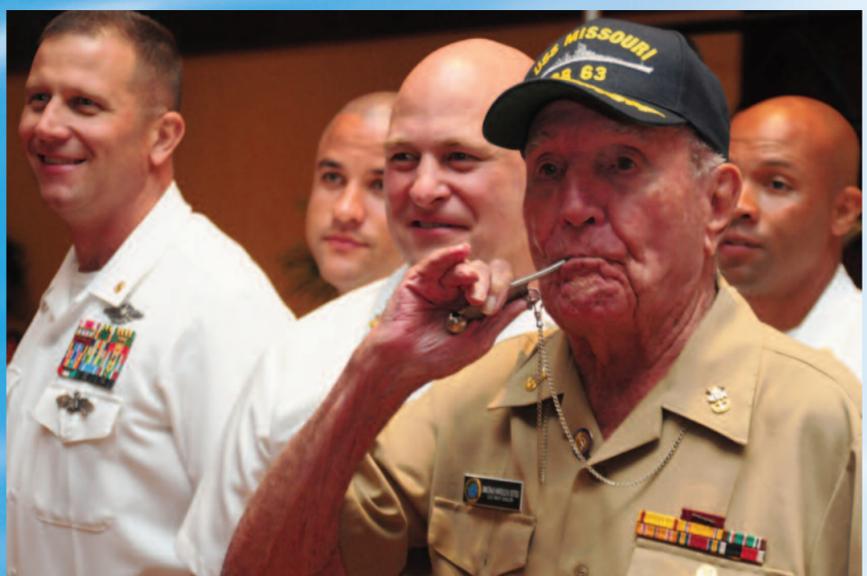
During Lake Erie's western Pacific deployment from Dec. 7, 2009 to April 10, 2010, 70 new enlisted surface warfare specialists, enlisted aviation warfare specialists and surface warfare officers were qualified. They all stand to make the ship's hull number and the number of newly-qualified on the flight deck on the last day before their return to home port in Pearl Harbor.

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CMDM(SW/AW) William Holz and GMC(SW) John Nichols cut the ceremonial cake during the 117th birthday celebration of the United States chief petty officer. Since 1893, chiefs have been charged with the duties and responsibilities of ensuring our Sailors are the best trained, ready to carry out our Navy's missions.

U.S. Navy photo by MCC (AW) Bart A. Bauer



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(Above) Harold Estes pipes his fellow Chiefs to attention during the 117th birthday celebration of the United States chief petty officer.



Cmdr. Kirk Lagerquist, public works officer for Naval Facilities Engineering Command Hawaii, digs in on the 50-yard HMMWV push as part of the annual Seabee Olympics, held recently at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam.

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U.S. Navy photo by Randy Dela Cruz

(Above) Lt. Cmdr. Rich Cochrane of Command, Patrol Wing Squadron-2 (CPRW-2) at Marine Corps Base Hawaii, Kaneohe checks his watch before becoming the first runner to cross the finish line at the 13th Annual Ford Island Bridge 10K run, Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, on April 3. Cochrane won the race with a time of 34:05. The yearly run drew its second largest crowd in its 13-year history with 3,196 runners signing up to participate in the event. (Story and additional photo on page B-3)



(Left) A Sailor shows a group of Hawaii bloggers the different equipment used for visit, board, search and seizure operations during a family day cruise aboard the guided-missile destroyer USS Chung-Hoon (DDG 93). Chung-Hoon held the cruise for family members, 70 Honolulu Navy League members and seven local bloggers.

U.S. Navy photo by MC2 Robert Stirrup

(Below) The amphibious assault ship USS Bonhomme Richard (LHD 6) and the amphibious dock landing ship USS Rushmore are docked at Mike Pier on Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam. The two ships are in Pearl Harbor for a scheduled port visit while transiting to their homeport following a scheduled deployment in the U.S. 5th Fleet area of responsibility.

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# Hawaii Seabees compete in annual Seabee Olympics

Lt. Steve Slaby

Officer in Charge, Construction Battalion Maintenance Unit 303, Det Pearl Harbor

Seabees from Construction Battalion Maintenance Unit 303 (CBMU 303) Det Pearl Harbor, Self Help Pearl Harbor Hawaii, Self Help Marine Corps Base Hawaii and the Naval Facilities Engineering Command (NAVFAC) Hawaii / Pacific / INCD Civil Engineer Corps (CEC) Wardroom competed in the Seabee Olympics held recently at Quick Field at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam.

Three teams (CBMU 303, Self Help and CEC Wardroom) competed in seven events: nail driving, ultimate Frisbee, dizzy bat relay, 50-yard HMMWV push, combat life saver stretcher relay, tug of war and a construction project event.

"As a whole, bringing every Seabee on the island together for a friendly competition and overall camaraderie is a special occasion that ties directly in with our significant month of March, which includes the Seabee birthday and the Seabee ball," said



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Ensign Ken Garcia, officer in charge of Naval Facilities Engineering Command Self Help, is carried by Self Help Hawaii Seabees in the combat life saver stretcher relay as part of the annual Seabee Olympics, held recently at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam.

Senior Chief Builder (SCW) Anthony Chance, the senior enlisted advisor for NAVFAC Hawaii. The Seabee Olympics is held annually in conjunction with the March Seabee Birthday Ball and is a way for the Hawaii area Seabees to network, interact and compete against each other for distinction as Hawaii's top

Seabees.

The nail driving competition kicked off the day and was won by CBMU 303 operations chief, Chief Builder (SCW) John Thomas, who successfully drove home three nails into a wooden four-by-four faster than any other competitor. "I was happy with my effort and proud to show that the

best rate in the Navy is still 'builder,'" said Thomas after winning.

In a highly-anticipated and close competition between the CEC Wardroom and CBMU 303, the ultimate Frisbee championship was taken home by the CEC Wardroom for the third consecutive year. "We have been unstoppable in the Frisbee event for years and plan to keep it that way," said Lt. Paul McCord, assistant public works officer south for NAVFAC Hawaii.

Winning each of the next events, the dizzy bat relay, HMMWV push, combat lifesaver stretcher relay and tug of war competition, CBMU 303 dominated the competition for the day and put the championship out of reach for the other teams.

In a new event to this year's competition, the construction project event provided each team with the same amount of materials and tools and told each team to "build anything." Judged on quality, creativity and overall presentation, the CEC Wardroom won top honors for their construction of a trebuchet (catapult). "A special thank you goes out to Ensign Lafferty who graciously hid behind a piece

of plywood while we launched projectiles at him using our all powerful Trebuchet," said Lt. Jake McIlvaine, team captain for the CEC Wardroom. Self Help was second in the event with a highly-crafted dog house and the CBMU 303 coffin was a close third place.

This year's Seabee Olympics also included a Seabee chief "pie in the face" fundraiser where unit Seabees had the opportunity to bid on putting a pie in their chiefs' faces. More than \$1,200 was raised to support Seabee events throughout the year. The day concluded with an unofficial chili cook off with CBMU 303 Construction Mechanic 1st Class (AW) Scott Veit's "psychedelic" chili winning the best chili award.

The final results for the event resulted in gold for CBMU 303, silver for the CEC Wardroom and bronze for Self Help. "It was great to win again this year, a big morale booster for CBMU 303," said Thomas. As the bronze medal team for this year's event, Self Help won the honor of organizing next year's event, which will be held in March in conjunction with the 2011 Seabee Ball.

## Navy, Army host Easter sunrise service aboard Battleship Missouri

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Navy Public Affairs Support Element West Detachment Hawaii

The Navy and the Army hosted their annual Easter sunrise service on April 4 aboard the historic Battleship Missouri Memorial on Ford Island.

More than 1,000 people attended the special service this year which celebrates christian's belief in the resurrection of Jesus Christ.

"It's a terrific time for us to celebrate our risen savior on this great warship. It's the

highlight of the Christian year because it is the resurrection of Jesus Christ," said Capt. Douglas Waite, command chaplain for Navy Region Hawaii and Naval Surface Group Middle Pacific.

The multi-denominational service was led by the Army this year, but reverts back to the Navy every other year.

"Each year the Army and the Navy co-sponsor the Easter sunrise service and this year it was the Army's turn to provide the predominance of support and I had the privilege to be the main speaker this morning," said Col. Jack Van Dyken, command chaplain for Fort Shafter, U.S. Army Pacific.

Waite talked about the collaboration between the Navy and the Army after the service. "It's a wonderful relation-

ship that we have. Typically, we handle the logistics because we have the warship and the Army brings the food, the coffee and donuts. We alternate the preaching every year and they did a terrific job this year," said Waite.

"I just wanted people to know that God loves you and showed it in a very special way by sending his son Jesus Christ into the world. That's really what this is all about - God's love for you," said Van Dyken.

The service ended with a benediction from Van Dyken. Attendees were able to congregate afterward and enjoy food and beverages along the pier.

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Col. Jack Van Dyken, command chaplain for Fort Shafter, U.S. Army Pacific, delivers his sermon at the annual Easter sunrise service held aboard the historic Battleship Missouri Memorial on Ford Island. The Navy and the Army host the event each year, alternating which branch delivers the sermon. More than 1,000 people attended the service this year.



## CNRH declares April as Month of the Military Child, Child Abuse Prevention Month

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Rear Adm. Dixon Smith, commander of Navy Region Hawaii and Naval Surface Group Middle Pacific, signed a letter proclaiming April as Month of the Military Child and Child Abuse Prevention Month at Fleet and Family Support Center (FFSC) on March 29.

The proclamation signing was part of a national movement to help stop child abuse and neglect before it occurs. Last year, according to Prevent Child Abuse Hawaii, more than 5,000 children in the state were reported abused or neglected with more than 50 percent of the cases confirmed.

"Signing the proclamation reaffirms our [Navy] Region

Hawaii's commitment toward the health and well being of children throughout the community," said Smith. "The event also recognizes the concerted efforts of FFSC and all the other community organizations, both military and civilian, that strive day in and day out to ensure that our children are taken care of and all of our families' needs are met."

FFSC, along with Prevent Child Abuse Hawaii, offers various programs designed to provide parents and caregivers with the support and skills necessary to perform as effectively as possible when taking care of children.

"Through programs and services, child abuse can be prevented and that's why I get together with a lot of the other agencies and organizations, because we all work hand-in-hand to prevent child abuse," said Chet Adessa, an educator for the

work and family life division at FFSC.

Child Abuse Prevention Month has been observed nationwide each April since its first presidential proclamation in 1983. Since that time, millions of Americans have participated each year in the public awareness campaign.

Smith spoke about how Sailors are involved and affected by the observance.

"Sailors are a part of this community and are affected by the same issues. Raising awareness on and off base will help us reach the day when child abuse is no longer present," explained Smith.

In accordance with the Month of the Military Child, a father-daughter dance took place on April 3 at Club Pearl.

(A photo related to this story was published on page A2 of the April 2 edition of Hawaii Navy News.)

## Jamie Lee Curtis connects with history

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to the catastrophic events of Dec. 7, 1941," Curtis said. "I wanted to make sure that my family also connected to the history and so we can show our gratitude to the men and women who served to protect our country during that time."

During the visit, Curtis autographed some of her pub-

lished books for children and talked about the importance of the military's "United Through Reading (UTR)" program.

"Reading for children is fundamental for all learning and the military's UTR program not only helps a child cope with the parent being away, but it also helps them

learn," noted Curtis.

Curtis also thanked all of the service members for their continued support and dedication to their country.

"I respect and admire all of the nation's military members for their service to our country and we would not be America without their service," said Curtis.

## Master Sgt. Edward Shapienko laid to rest

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Luckily, here we are and I am so happy this was the last gift I could give him."

Hutson said the ceremony was a fitting tribute for her father, who she called "a pa-

triot to the end."

"He was just a humble Soldier who loved his country and devoted his life to serving it," she said tearfully. "The biggest thing he ever did in his military career was surviving Pearl Harbor. He was

always my hero, but to see him honored in this way and called a military hero is something that is so touching. I just couldn't help but think throughout the whole ceremony, 'This is all for you, dad.'"

## Holocaust Day of Remembrance

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and Siberia, before finally coming back to Odessa.

Druker, who has lived in Hawaii since 1986 and taught 22 years in the University of

Hawaii system, Heald College and Chaminade University, said that he feels its important for people to understand the reality of what happened during the Holocaust. "I'm just here to tell the

story that this really happened," related Druker. "This is not something that people made up. There are people who are denying that it happened and they are spouting fiction."