

## VCNO 'listen and learn' tour visits Hawaii

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Adm. Jonathan W. Greenert, vice chief of naval operations (VCNO), made a stop on his family readiness "listen and learn" tour at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam on April 23.

In the midst of touring facilities at area bases, Greenert, along with his wife Darleen, hosted a roundtable discussion with regional command individual augmentee (IA) coordinators and staff at Navy Region Hawaii's Fleet and Family Support Center (FFSC). He discussed current family readiness issues and programs available to support Sailors and their families.

"We're looking at family readiness programs; we're looking at child care; we're looking at the family service centers to speak to those that work at these sites and their requisite fleet representation to see how things are going," said Greenert.

Greenert said that since the Navy's involvement with the global war on terrorism and with Operation Iraqi and Enduring Freedom, there has been an increased demand on the Sailors which has had an effect on family readiness.

"Over the last eight years, we've been in these campaigns, we've migrated toward increased deployments and the time between de-



Adm. Jonathan W. Greenert, vice chief of naval operations (VCNO) greets Sailors and staff at Navy Region Hawaii's Fleet and Family Support Center during a roundtable discussion. The group discussed current family readiness issues and programs available to Sailors and their families.

ployments is getting less. It's more stress on the force, and so we are reaching to the support of these programs for our families so they can become better informed, so that they can be better prepared and so that they can be more resilient," said Greenert.

A challenge that the Navy

faces today is the effects that an IA deployment has on family readiness. The group discussed what they are doing to assist Sailors with the process of going IA.

"We discussed the ability of our command IA coordinators to do their job. Do they have the right support,

processes in place, policy clear, tasking clear and do they have the right tools to do the job? I think overall they said, yes we do," said Greenert.

"There are tweaks here and there, there are some things that are a little more inefficient, but I'm pleased and I'm encouraged by how

our command IA coordinator program is moving."

Greenert dispelled a rumor that seeking out help is a sign of weakness.

"We discussed the stigma that regrettably exists in the fleet that coming over to use the programs at the family service centers indicates that

there is something wrong," explained Greenert. "In fact, what we have over here are not just programs to help somebody who may be in trouble but programs to help somebody become a better person overall - from financial management to job placement, to getting a spouse job placement and to transitioning, which is important for all of us."

Greenert stressed that there are many programs available to Navy families, and all they need to do is seek assistance from the FFSC.

"Avoid self denial. If something isn't going right, go look and see if there isn't some way to fix that, to change that course that you're on, no matter what it is," said Greenert.

As part of his tour, Greenert recently visited Navy installations in southern California including Naval Base San Diego and Naval Base Ventura County. Hawaii is his last stop on this trip, but he said he plans on visiting more regions in the future.

"I just want to thank the Sailors for the work that they do," said Greenert. "They're amazing folks that just take on the challenge and work on something that is bigger than themselves. But when you see the support element they have and how proud the folks that work at Fleet and Family Support Center are to support the Sailors, they're the wind under their wings, in a way, and they're proud to do that."

## USS Hopper returns from seven-month deployment

MC2 Robert Stirrup

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More than 250 Sailors aboard the Arleigh Burke-class, guided-missile destroyer USS Hopper (DDG 70) arrived at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam (JBPHH) on April 23 to a crowded pier of families and friends following a scheduled seven-month deployment.

Hopper departed JBPHH on Sept. 14, 2009 for an independent deployment to the U.S. 5th and U.S. 7th Fleet areas of responsibility (AOR).

Lt. Cmdr. Al Lopez, executive officer of Hopper, noted the great teamwork that the crew displayed throughout the deployment.

"Hopper's success during this last deployment belongs completely to the Sailors," said Lopez. "In all that they were called to do, the crew approached their missions with a professionalism and competence that cannot help but make America proud."

While on deployment, Hopper conducted baseline operations for Coalition Task Force 152 (CTF 152), including maritime patrols, bridge queries and visit, board, search and seizure approach operations while in the U.S. 5th Fleet AOR.

Hopper Sailors also volunteered their time during several community relations projects while in the U.S. 7th Fleet AOR.



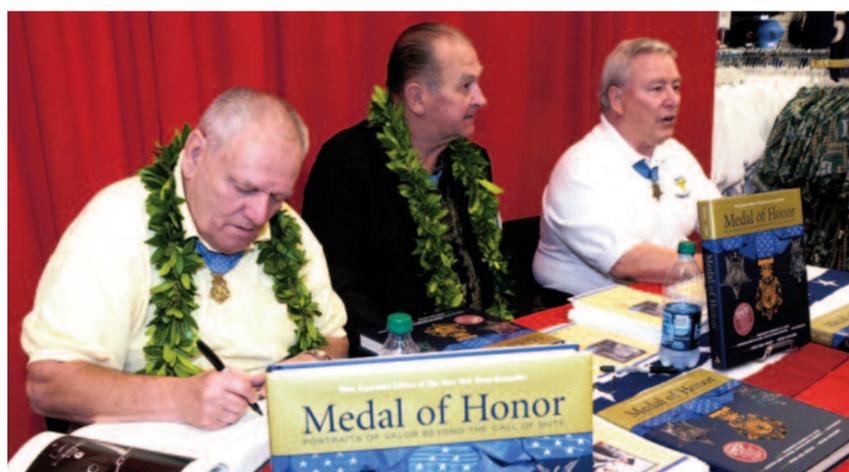
Sailors assigned to the guided-missile destroyer USS Hopper (DDG 70) disembark the ship to greet their families upon returning to Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam (JBPHH) after a scheduled seven-month deployment. Hopper departed JBPHH on Sep. 14, 2009, for an independent deployment to the 5th and 7th Fleet areas of responsibility.

successful deployment as Hopper supported the mission of the Navy and the United States," said Command Master Chief Jay Stuckey. "Hopper's performance was nothing short of outstanding."

Friends and families of Hopper Sailors were enthused to see the crew return home. "It has been a

long seven months and I'm very excited that he is coming back home today," said the wife of a Hopper Sailor.

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



Army Sgt. Maj. Kenneth E. Stumpf (left), Medal of Honor recipient retired signs the book "Medal of Honor: Portraits of Valor Beyond the Call of Duty" at the Pearl Harbor Navy Exchange.

## Medal of Honor recipients visit Hawaii

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Three Medal of Honor (MOH) recipients spent a three-day visit in Hawaii to speak to troops and promote a book about Medal of Honor recipients as part of a military appreciation annual tour from April 25 to 27.

Sponsored by the Pearl

Harbor Navy Exchange (NEX), Retired Army Col. Donald E. Ballard, retired Army Sgt. Maj. Kenneth E. Stumpf and retired Marine Sgt. Maj. Allen J. Kellogg toured military facilities, including Tripler Army Medical Center, the Pearl Harbor Navy Exchange and Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam (JBPHH).

"Everywhere I go, I'm so impressed with the troops," said Stumpf. "To me they're the

greatest, all volunteers. I can tell you the country really appreciates what they have done and what they keep on doing."

The recipients met with several Sailors and other service members during the three-day visit. They had dinner with individual augmentees at Hilton Hawaiian Village and joined Sailors for breakfast at the Silver Dolphin Bistro at JBPHH.

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## Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam hosts Earth Day/Spring Fest 2010

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Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam celebrated Earth Day during the Springfest 2010 event held at Ward Field on April 24. Springfest, spon-

sored annually by Pearl Harbor Morale, Welfare and Recreation to celebrate the Month of the Military Child, featured Earth Day exhibits to promote environmental issues through interactive outdoor exhibits and activities.

This year's Springfest was hosted for the first time by

the new Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam. The joint base was formed Jan. 31, combining two historic bases in an effort to increase efficiency. "This is the first opportunity we have as a joint base to really pull together from both sides to produce an event that highlights the importance of our environ-

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# Sailors call for morning and evening respect

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At sunset on a February day, Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam (JBPHH) was about to commence evening colors and Intelligence Specialist 1st (SW/AW) Ryan Raymor slowed his car to a stop at the Makalapa Gate entrance.

While respectfully observing colors, a car veered around Raymor, to his surprise. Other cars on the road were continuing to drive as well, completely ignoring the fact that people were standing at attention on the sidewalk and softball fields as they observed colors.

It was not the first time Raymor noticed what he calls "lack of respect."

"On a daily basis, I noticed that almost no one observes evening colors, when all of us know that it occurs at sunset and is posted for all hands in the Plan of the Day and Plan of the Week," said Raymor. "I feel ashamed when I see fellow Sailors and/or spouses disrespecting colors."

"Morning and evening colors



Sailors assigned to Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam prepare to raise the flag during morning colors. In the photo are (clockwise from the left) Gas Turbine System Mechanical 3rd Class Alexander Chance, Boatswain's Mate 2nd Class (SW/AW) Matthew Tutt, Master-at-Arms 2nd Class Donathon Wyatt and Culinary Specialist 1st Class (SW) Arnel Ortega.

are times to pay respect to all of the men and women who sacrificed their lives in aiding the United States to become a country and those who have been killed protecting our country and our way of life. It is personally important to me because I know that no matter what happens to me as a person or a Sailor, this great country will still be here for future generations of my family," he said.

The U.S. Navy adopted the tradition of morning and evening colors from the British. Morning and evening colors have always been at 8 a.m. and sunset, respectively, first codified in the 1843 Rules and Regulations for the government of the Navy. Morning and evening colors are now described in article 1206 of Navy regulations.

Approximately five minutes before colors, the word is passed, "First call, first call to colors." At 8 a.m. or sunset, "attention" is sounded on the bugle or one blast is blown on a police whistle. Everyone within sight or sound faces the national Ensign and, if not in formation, renders the hand salute. If not in uniform, everyone is required to come to attention and if in a car, to come

to a complete stop.

Boats in the vicinity lie to, or proceed at the slowest safe speed, and the boat officer or coxswain stands and salutes in a safe, professional way except when dangerous to do so.

The order "execute" is then given and the national Ensign is hauled up smartly for morning colors or lowered slowly at evening colors. During morning colors, the National Anthem is played and during evening colors, the bugler sounds "retreat" with the national Ensign starting down the flagstaff on the first note and timed to reach the bottom at the last note.

In the case of a ship, the union jack (on the "jackstaff") is either raised or lowered simultaneously with the Ensign. In the absence of a band, an appropriate recording shall be played during morning colors.

When the National Anthem is finished playing in the morning or the national Ensign is completely lowered in the evening, the bugle call "carry on" is sounded, or three blasts are given on a whistle — or the word is passed, "carry on," — at which time salutes are ended and the ceremony is over.

## Chaplain conducts baptism in ship's bell aboard USS Lake Erie

USS Lake Erie (CG 70)

Capt. Douglas Waite, chaplain for Navy Region Hawaii and naval Surface Group Middle Pacific, conducted a baptism in the ship's bell aboard the guided missile cruiser USS Lake Erie (CG 70) on April 12, continuing one of the Navy's oldest traditions.

Conducting baptisms aboard Navy ships is a tradition that dates back several hundred years to the British Royal Navy, where baptisms were carried out in foreign ports, or for infants born at sea.

For Lake Erie command chaplain, Lt. John Carter, the baptism was memorable, not only for its traditional maritime origins, but because it was his infant son, Jonathan Andrew, being baptized. "We had been looking forward to this event for some time, knowing that my new son would be baptized shortly after we returned from deployment," said Carter. "It was a wonderful ceremony made special by its history, the extraordinary setting, and the attendance of friends and family."

Navy tradition allows for a child to be baptized with the



U.S. Navy photo by ISC (SW) Jason Snellings  
Capt. Douglas Waite, chaplain for Naval Surface Middle Group Pacific and Navy Region Hawaii, baptizes Jonathan Andrew Carter in the ship's bell. His mother, Linda, looks on.

ship's bell serving as the font. After the baptism, the child's name is engraved inside the bell, forever making them a part of the legacy and history of that ship.

"It was especially meaningful for me to see our chaplain have his child baptized on the ship - in the presence of his Lake Erie "congregation," remarked Capt. Ron Boxall, commanding officer of Lake Erie.

The event also held additional significance in that it was the first to use a new custom handcrafted wooden bell stand donated

to the ship and specially made for such events.

"It was an honor and privilege for me to baptize Chaplain Carter and his wife Linda's new son, Jonathan Andrew," said Waite. "Chaplain Carter's faith tradition and mine, Presbyterian and United Methodist, both teach that the children of believers are in a special relationship to the Lord and can receive the sign of the New Covenant which is baptism for males and females. When they are old enough to understand, they still need to accept Christ for themselves," he said.

## USS Louisville departs for western Pacific deployment



U.S. Navy photo by MCC Josh Thompson

Los Angeles-class submarine USS Louisville (SSN 724) departed Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam on April 26 for a scheduled six-month deployment to the western Pacific region. Louisville will complete several missions in support of national defense. "The submarine is in excellent material condition and the crew has done an outstanding job in completing all of the required maintenance to get us certified to deploy," said Cmdr. Lee Sisco, Louisville commanding officer. "We are all looking forward to getting underway and doing a lot of the missions and operations that we train for. I am very proud of each and every one of the crew." Louisville is the fourth United States ship to bear the name in honor of the city of Louisville, Ky.

# IA in the Philippines provides leadership, growth opportunities

Lt. j.g. Theresa Donnelly

Pacific Command Public Affairs

When the topic of individual augmentee (IA) is discussed, most people associate these types of deployments with Iraq and Afghanistan. However, the Navy has opportunities in other parts of the world, and one interesting assignment open to Sailors is an IA in the Republic of the Philippines.

In September 2009, I had the privilege of serving in one of those IA assignments.

IAs are active duty and Reserve Sailors and Marines who leave their assigned commands to fill individual billet requirements for various combatant commanders around the world.

My assignment was to Joint Special Operations Task Force-Philippines (JSOTF-P) for a six-month deployment to Zamboanga, located in the southern Philippines to serve as the deputy public affairs officer (PAO). Working in this capacity was truly an honor and an unforgettable experience.

At the request of the Philippine government, the mission of JSOTF-P is to work with the Armed Forces of the Philippines (AFP) and local governments to help counter terrorism and improve conditions necessary for economic stability.

How JSOTF-P accomplishes this goal is done in a variety of ways. One method is to hold information exchanges with U.S. troops and the AFP as well as the Philippine National Police (PNP). Another approach is through humanitarian construction projects, such as building roads, constructing schools and digging wells.

JSOTF-P also advises and assists with medical outreach missions, via veterinarian, dental and medical civic action projects.

As a PAO, I had the privilege to travel extensively throughout the southern Philippines. I went to Marawi, Sulu, Basilan and Tawi-Tawi. While on the road, I met some of the most wonderful people. In talking with them, I really got a deep sense of their commitment to aiding in the development of a more peaceful and stable region. Relationship-building with the local community was a key component of a successful tour there.



U.S. Navy photo by Lt. j.g. Theresa Donnelly

U.S. Navy Chief Hospital Corpsman Michael A. Walls, assigned to Joint Special Operations Task Force-Philippines, shows children pictures that he just took of them at a medical civic action program in Zamboanga City, Philippines on Feb. 24. The one-day event was part of a three-day campaign organized by non-profit group Lingkod Timog, which resulted in the treatment of more than 2,000 patients.

Our team reported on so many types of events, including school and road turnover ceremonies, visits by congressional delegations, medical and veterinarian missions, Navy Seabee construction projects, and relief efforts by Naval Special Warfare during the 2009 Tropical Ondoy flooding.

I was continually impressed at the Filipinos' eagerness to learn new ways of conducting missions. Often, as with many of the medical outreach seminars, the Philippine military forces ran the event with minimal assistance from U.S. troops. Many of the volunteers from the villages and the recipients of the services would be very emotional when asked what these projects meant to them. It was very inspiring to observe so many people served directly by community leaders who have such a vested interest in improving their municipalities.

On all of our medical missions, the Filipino community leaders worked side-by-side with U.S. and Filipino troops. One event that stands out in particular was at a veterinarian mission in Marawi when

the attendees helped us pull the animals in for vaccines and vitamin treatments. Using two Humvees facing each other so we could hold them in a contained area, the locals would help get the animals to the trucks so they could get the much-needed medications.

There were many times when restraining a huge cow or unruly horse would be a bit of a challenge, but we could always count on the villagers to help us rein them in or at least cheer us on as we gave the treatments. Afterward, our vet

was told that many of the previous animals that were malnourished and emaciated would gain weight and be more productive for the farmers.

The Philippine forces were dedicated to learning new things and extremely motivated during the information-sharing seminars.

I also witnessed first-hand the pride and professionalism of the Naval Special Warfare, Army Special Forces and Civil Affairs teams.

U.S. forces at the locations we visited always made sure

to facilitate our travel to projects and events. Since they knew the AFP and community leaders who were in charge of the evolution, the teams always introduced us to key officials who could explain on a personal level what a particular project meant to them and the local barangay (neighborhood).

Our team worked extensively with the Zamboanga PNP bomb squad and Navy explosive ordnance disposal teams on many first-responder improvised explosive device (IED) awareness and response

seminars. After a few days of classroom instruction, I covered several live-fire detonation exercises, which would teach participants how to safely diffuse an IED.

This experience opened me up to another culture that has so much to offer, with so much to teach us. The people in the Philippines were some of the most humble and gracious people I have ever met.

Whether they were making a scrumptious meal for us, or offering a positive assessment of my karaoke-singing skills (which are non-existent), they always were so kind to the U.S. forces. I will forever cherish the friendships that I made there.

Deploying overseas is one of the most rewarding aspects of being in the Navy. Having the chance to serve in the Philippines with JSOTF-P was an invaluable life-changing experience.

*(Donnelly joined the Navy in 1996. She is a former enlisted aviation electrician's mate (AE) naval aircrewman (NAC) who received a commission in 2006 via the Navy's Seaman to Admiral (STA-21) program. After her commissioning, she was assigned to Pearl Harbor-based destroyer USS Russell (DDG 59). In 2007, she was sent on temporary duty from Russell to Commander, U.S. Pacific Fleet (CPF). After deploying to the Philippines in 2009-2010, she was asked to serve at U.S. Pacific Command where she now works as media officer in the public affairs office. In her off-duty time, Donnelly is active in a number of non-profit animal care agencies, including pet therapy organization Tails of Aloha, outreach group Poi Dogs and Popoki, and the Boxer Club of Hawaii.)*

## Battle of Coral Sea, May 1942



Official U.S. Navy photograph, U.S. National Archives

USS Lexington (CV-2) during the action, seen from USS Yorktown (CV-5), on May 8, 1942. Large number of planes on deck and low sun indicate that the photo was taken early in the morning, prior to launching the strike against the Japanese carrier force. Yorktown has several SBDs and F4Fs on deck with engines running, apparently preparing to take off. Lexington, whose silhouette has been altered by the earlier removal of her eight-inch gun turrets, has planes parked fore and aft and may be re-spotting her deck in preparation for launching aircraft.

## 'CMC magic' and Sailors who will answer the call

Commentary by Bette Kalohi

Navy Region Hawaii Community Relations Officer

It was a little thing but it will have a BIG impact on our community, our kids and our Navy.

It started out as an "11th hour," late afternoon call for help from a local middle school. Their annual career day event was scheduled for the next morning and three of their planned speakers had to cancel at the last minute. Who 'ya gonna call at 2:30 in the afternoon for volunteers for the next morning? Enter the CMC network and rescue squad.

Okay, time out for a station break. I am constantly amazed at the magic our CMCs work every day. I suspect they are somehow invested with super powers, because a normal human being could not possibly handle everything that falls on a CMC's plate (and much of it demands immediate attention). But once again, the CMC network came through and found gem stones - Sailors who answered an anxious call for help on a moment's notice.

That is the "not so little" thing. Here's the BIG thing: These Sailors shared their Navy experiences, talked with wide-eyed youngsters about their job and the importance of staying in school, and did so in uniform. That act will have an effect on so many levels, it's mind-boggling!

• The uniform: What each

Sailor does in the community while in uniform communicates volumes without words. It speaks about the confidence and caring nature of our members. It reassures that our Sailors will answer the call when needed, with professionalism, and it shows the commitment the investment, Sailors and the Navy have to our kids and the community.

- The messages: Each Sailor can have a positive effect on children's education. When a Sailor encourages them to stay in school; promotes their confidence; and paints them a picture of a bright future - all these things can build character and promote good self image in children.
- The residuals: All of these good messages get back to the parents, in some form or another, and are shared in a community. If parents and teachers feel confident our Sailors care about our kids, the community and the environment, that reflects well on the Navy. Boiled down, it means a happy parent (who by the way is also a taxpayer, voter and opinion leader).

So if you are ever asked if the time you spend soliciting volunteers at the 11th hour or getting involved in a community project like environmental cleanups or reading to kids etc, is worth it, the short answer is definitely yes. And for all of the "CMC magic" and patience and as well as the Sailors' support in answering the call, *mahalo nui loa!*

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## NAVY WARRIOR of the WEEK

### Port Royal Sailor fills big shoes

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When Electrician's Mate 3rd class (SW) Jaimie Verdadero enlisted in the Navy in November 2006, she worried that she would have some pretty big shoes to fill.

Her mother had retired as a senior chief culinary specialist after an illustrious 21-year naval career and she had numerous cousins and uncles who also served their time in the Navy.

"I was definitely a little afraid when I first joined because I had my mom to compare to," said the California native. "It wasn't like I wanted to be better than her, but I did want to show her that I could do this. I could be a Sailor."

As the oldest and only girl in her family, Verdadero said her parents had always dreamed of her attending college while leaving the military service to one of her younger brothers. However, she had other plans in mind.

"Growing up, my parents had a lot of expectations," she said. "They were upset that I didn't go to college, but that is something I am now pursuing in the Navy. I didn't have the right kind of motivation out of high school. I needed to get out of my home town and grow up."

Today, Verdadero works in the repair division aboard the USS Port Royal (CG 73) and has established herself as a team leader within her work center.

"EM3 Verdadero stepped up and filled a gapped billet as E division work center supervisor (WCS)," said Chief Electrician's Mate (SW) Earl Sanders. "Undermanned by 31 percent, she performs the duties of an LPO in day-to-day operations a board Port Royal. She has unselfishly dedicated many hours to implementing divisional programs and ensuring strict adherence to policy within the command. Her astounding workmanship and attention to detail warrant her the respect of her superiors and peers alike," he added.

As the only female in a small five-person work center, Verdadero said she is fortunate to have a supportive band of "brothers" in the past three years that she has been stationed with Port Royal.

"They are like my big brothers," she said of her fellow co-workers. "We take care of each other and look after one another. We are like one big family."

Verdadero, who plans to cross over to the legalman rating later this year, said her co-workers have been nothing but supportive.

"They know this will make me happy," she said. "One thing that is great about the people I work with

is that they are always looking out for me."

Verdadero said that although she has been able to distinguish herself among a predominately male work environment, she hopes more female Sailors will follow her lead.

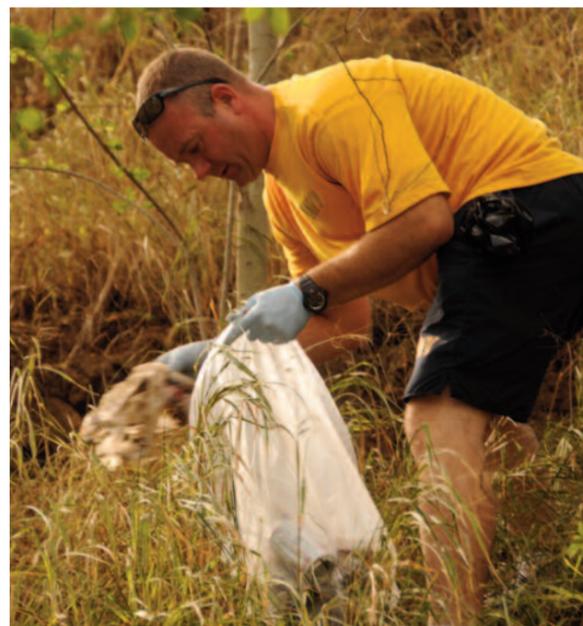
"Living on a ship that is mostly male, we [as females] are not really in the spotlight a lot," she said. "So getting something like 'Warrior of the Week' is a real honor because I am not only representing my division, I am representing all females onboard."

Verdadero, who is almost four years into her six-year enlistment contract, said that although she is not sure whether she will make the Navy a career, she has accomplished what she set out to do.

"I wanted to travel and do things on my own," she said. "I needed to find myself and become who I needed to be."

By following her own path, Verdadero said her family has finally made their peace with her decision to enlist.

"They are supportive of me," she said of her parents. "When I first joined the Navy, I wasn't sure what to expect and was a little skeptical of my abilities. But now, I know what is out there and what I can do. I am no longer in my mother's shadow."



Chief Boatswain's Mate (SW) Todd Demers, assigned to Afloat Training Group Middle Pacific (ATG MIDPAC), picks up trash at Rainbow Bay Marina. More than 40 Sailors participated in the Rainbow Bay Marina cleanup as part of ATG MIDPAC Earth Day celebration.

## ATG MIDPAC Sailors clean Rainbow Bay Marina

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On the 40th anniversary of Earth Day, more than 40 Sailors assigned to Afloat Training Group Middle Pacific (ATG MIDPAC) worked together to clean up Rainbow Bay Marina on April 22.

Chief Operations Specialist (SWAW) Brian Dallke, who is majoring in environmental studies, coordinated the event as part of the command's participation on Earth Day.

"We hope to generate a culture that recycles," said Dallke. "Every little thing we could do to recycle, we should recycle."

ATG MIDPAC spent the whole morning filling more than 80 trash bags with of rubbish, including recyclables such as cardboard, cans and bottles.

"A lot of us live on Ford Island and we all work there," said the executive officer of

ATG MIDPAC, Cmdr. Les Cardenas. "Where we work is our home and we want to make it beautiful. We want to give back something to the community. They give us a great place to live and work. We've done this for the past several years. Every year, without much effort, we always get a very big turnout," explained Cardenas.

The Navy has been active partners with the city of Honolulu since 2005, and participates in several adopt-a-block and adopt-a-stream projects throughout the year.

Since 1970, April has been traditionally observed as Earth Month and designated as a time for people to become more environmentally-conscious. The Navy has been involved in several environmental stewardship efforts, both ashore and at sea.

ATG MIDPAC provides dynamic, quality afloat training for the Navy and Coast Guard to ensure a combat-ready force capable of performing a broad spectrum of maritime missions.

# Pearl Harbor Highlights

Sailors assigned to the guided-missile destroyer USS Hopper (DDG 70) greet their newborn children upon returning to Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam (JBPHH) on April 23 after a scheduled seven-month deployment. Hopper departed JBPHH on Sept. 14, 2009, for an independent deployment to the U.S. 5th and U.S. 7th Fleet areas of responsibility.

U.S. Navy photo by MC2 Robert Stirrup



(Left) Electronics Technician 2nd Class Cody Peterson and son Gabe, sporting a paper duck hat, visit the Hawaii Isle Humpback Whale Sanctuary booth during Springfest 2010. Noelle Shaughnessy, a volunteer at the sanctuary, helps the children to decorate drawings of the local waters and wildlife during the event, promoting energy conservation and environmental stewardship.

U.S. Navy photo by MC1 (AW) Jason Swink



Katie Ramirez, an energy program manager for the Air Force, demonstrates the energy use of incandescent versus fluorescent lights to children during Springfest 2010.

(Left) Justin Fujimoto, a natural resources specialist from Naval Facilities and Engineering Command Hawaii tells Capt. Richard Kitchens, commander of Joint Base Pearl Harbor Hickam, about the different native species of plant and wildlife found in and around the base during Springfest 2010.

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USS Chung-Hoon Sailors hold a memorial ceremony in honor of USS Sigsbee.

U.S. Navy photo by Ensign Renaldo R. Rodgers

Students from Ke Kula Niihau O Kekaha explain the uses of native plants to Cmdr. James Wucher, Pacific Missile Range Facility (PMRF) executive officer, and Clyde Kodani during the dedication and blessing ceremony for the Mana Native Gardens project at PMRF. The gardens are a result of a partnership with Kauai Westside Watershed Council, National Tropical Botanical Gardens, Ke Kula Niihau O Kekaha and PMRF.

U.S. Navy photo by MC2 Jay C. Pugh



# Pearl Harbor diver to compete in Warrior Games

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Navy Region Hawaii Public  
Affairs

A Pearl Harbor-based Navy diver was selected to compete in the first joint-service paralympics-style "Warrior Games" at the Olympic Training Center, Colorado Springs, Colo., from May 10 to 14.

Navy Diver 2nd Class Jordan Green, who is assigned to SEAL Delivery Vehicle Team (SDVT) One, recently recovered from a leg injury. Green is scheduled to compete in the Warrior Games' swimming events.

Green is one of 25 athletes representing the Navy/Coast Guard team. More than 200 athletes were drawn proportionally from each military service.

"It's been kind of surreal, getting all the attention," said Green. "At the same time, it's been cool because it's been a tough year, a really interesting year. This is like the cap for the whole recovery process."

According to the U.S. Paralympics Web site, Warrior Games will help elevate abilities through athletic competition for wounded, ill and injured service members by incorporating athletics into military wounded warrior programs. The events include swimming, cycling, track and field, shooting, archery, wheelchair basketball and seated volleyball.

Green had only been with his command for 17 days when, on March 20, 2009, he volunteered to be part of a boat crew, and was functioning as a search and rescue (SAR)/safety swimmer during a parachuting exercise off the coast of Marine Corps Base Hawaii at Kaneohe Bay.

During the exercise, a parachutist was forced to deploy his reserve parachute and land in the water. Green immediately responded, dove in and



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swam toward the parachutist.

"I radioed in that we saw the guy," said Green. "We didn't know if he was injured or what had happened so I jumped in and went to check on him to make sure he was okay."

The two made their way back to land and Green was able to make an assessment of the parachutist.

"I did a quick once over and found he was good, no injuries," said Green. "We were going to send the van around to pick him up. So I swam back up to the boat. I was going to radio in about the situation."

Tired from the previous swim, Green timed his strokes as he made his way to his crew on the small boat. When Green grabbed the bar on the boat and pulled himself in, the boat's coxswain started yelling

to watch out.

"A huge wave broke over the bow of the boat and all that water came right down on top of my head," said Green. "Just like a waterfall, a wave of that size just ripped me off the side of the boat. I kind of got tossed along the side of the boat. I was going down feet first in a half fetal position and then I hit the propeller. It went through the right leg on the knee down."

Green said the propeller severed the tendon that connects the foot and lifts the ankle. Green lost most of the fine motor control to lift his foot and toes.

"There wasn't a lot of pain right at first," said Green. "But mostly it was nerves and adrenaline. It didn't look all that bad, considering. It really just looked like a big cut. So I

thought, okay it wasn't bad at all. I just thought that they would just stitch it up and that would be it."

"Once we got to land, that's when the pain started coming in," said Green. "Once I realized how severe the injury was, then it started to really hurt. I started getting morphine and attention as the ambulance moved up."

Green was immediately taken to the Queen's Medical Center where he received his first treatment and surgery. Green was later transferred to Tripler Army Medical Center where he stayed for 37 days and received 13 more surgeries.

"I went through surgery every couple of days, which ranged from cleaning out and changing dressing and all that, to major surgeries like skin grafts," said Green. "My com-

mand was really supportive."

SDVT-1 stood by Green's side for support throughout his stay in the hospital. On Green's first night in Queen's Medical Center, SDVT-1 coordinated and paid for Green's father to fly to Hawaii. Later when Green was discharged from the hospital, SDVT-1 did the same for Green's mother.

"The command had people coming by to see me in the hospital all the time, bringing me little things like movies, magazines, lunch, coffee," said Green. "They offered me so much in just support and patience and understanding."

Green spent nearly nine months recovering after being discharged from the hospital. SDVT-1, which has two gyms, a pool and a dedicated medical staff, helped Green throughout the six-to-eight

hours of scheduled rehabilitation.

"I lost probably almost 50 percent of the use of my ankle," said Green. "I can completely push my foot out, the entire back of my leg is fine, but lifting my toes up, I can't do that so much."

During his recovery, Green has been working out his legs on a stationary bike and making full use of the gyms. By January, Green had no trouble running or swimming with a fin.

"There were times when I was frustrated, but I don't think I ever really lost hope through the whole thing because I was just really blessed to have a really good attitude," said Green. "It's funny because I didn't really plan on any of this to happen, but I know the whole time that God was in total control. He had this plan and he knew what he was doing despite what I knew what he was doing or not. I wasn't really worried or panicked. I definitely had low moments when I was discouraged, but I was never really down and out. I had a great support system."

Almost a year since being discharged from the hospital, Green successfully made a full recovery and passed the physical screening test which involves a 1.5 mile run, 500-meter swim, push-ups, pull-ups and sit-ups. He can easily swim laps in a swimming pool and play ultimate football with his shipmates at SDVT-1.

By February 2010, Green received word of his selection into the Warrior Games.

"I'm honored to be selected and being able to go to the swimming events," said Green. "I can't wait to go and compete. I'm from Colorado, and so it will be a really cool opportunity."

For more information about the Warrior Games visit the Web site:

<http://usparalympics.org/usoc-paralympic-military-program/warrior-games>.

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**May 13** – Individual augmentees – family perspectives with MA1 David Taylor and Lindsay Taylor

**May 20** – Military Appreciation Month special – segment one

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# Hawaii-based Sailors help support boy scout makahiki

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Hawaii-based Sailors volunteered their time and set up displays and demonstrations for Hawaii boy scouts at the annual boy scout makahiki (annual harvest celebration) at Ala Moana Beach Park in Honolulu on April 24.

Sailors assigned to Mobile Diving and Salvage Unit One (MDSU 1); Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, Seal Delivery Vehicle Team One; Afloat Training Group Middle Pacific (ATG MIDPAC); Naval Health Clinic Hawaii and Commander, Navy Region Hawaii took part in the event.

During the makahiki, boy scouts had the opportunity to try on a diving helmet, view weapons that Navy SEALs use,



Navy Diver 2nd Class Johnathan Scalise (left) and Navy Diver 2nd Class Jonathan Torres, both assigned to Mobile and Diving Salvage Unit One (MDSU-1), demonstrate the use of diving equipment to a boy scout during the Boy Scouts of America makahiki at Ala Moana Beach Park in Honolulu on April 12.

and learn about fingerprints, among other activities.

Sailors also talked with the boy scouts about the different exhibits and equipment on display.

"The scouts enjoyed a lot of the equipment that we had set up at our display booth, especially trying on the diving helmet and playing tic-tac-toe with our personnel in the dive tank," said Navy Diver 1st Class Joseph Hoegg, assigned to MDSU-1. "This event was a great opportunity to show these young scouts some of the things that the Navy does, and it's always good to help out in the community."

Quartermaster 1st Class Andrew Lowe, assigned to ATG MIDPAC, noted how the scouts were eager to earn 'Navy merit badges.'

"The scouts really seemed to like trying to solve our navigation merit badge activity that

we had set up at our booth," said Lowe. "It took them a little while to figure out how to put the pieces together, but ultimately they all finished the activity."

Throughout the day, many of the boy scouts seemed enthused while visiting the different Navy displays.

"My favorite thing to do was to play tic-tac-toe with the guy in the water tank," said a nine-year-old cub scout.

The director of the makahiki for the Navy, Cmdr. Rick Goodwin, assigned to Commander, Submarine Force U.S. Pacific Fleet, expressed his gratitude to all of the Navy personnel involved in the event.

"I want to thank all of our Navy personnel for supporting scouting in Hawaii through the participation in this year's boy scout makahiki and making it the best one yet," said Goodwin.

## medal of Honor recipient recount stories of valor at book-signing event

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"I enjoy meeting with the troops because they're America," said Ballard. "They are now carrying the torch that we used to carry, and we're grateful that we have such a strong military."

Stephanie Lau, the customer relations manager of Pearl Harbor Navy Exchange, said she felt honored to meet the three recipients.

"We've heard their story at the galley this morning at the breakfast," said Lau. "To hear it from them, what they've been through, is really above and beyond, I'd say. It gives more of a respect to all our service members and what they are going through."

During their visit to the NEX, the MOH recipients signed autographs and pro-

moted their book to service members and families.

The book, "Medal of Honor: Portraits of Valor Beyond the Call," is a group portrait of most of the living recipients of the Medal of Honor. It includes entries from each recipient, including a photo portrait at the time of the award, a summary of the medal-winning action and biographical information about their later career.

With or without the book, service members and families were given free autographs from each of the recipients. Army Lt. Col. Allen Thiessen received his own copies of their autographs which he plans to take with him to his team in Al Kut, Iraq.

"I do this to motivate our guys, to let my guys know that these [Medal of Honor recipients] are the guys that set the

example for us," said Thiessen, whose team is responsible for training Iraqi Federal Police during the transition in the country.

Toward the end of the tour, the recipients met with more than 50 hospital corpsmen and officers, including Purple Heart recipients, at the Makalapa Clinic at JBPHH.

Chief Hospital Corpsman (FMF) Stewart Butler received the Purple Heart from Operation Iraqi Freedom and was also honored to speak with the recipients.

"It's nice to meet someone who has been there before you and has experienced along the same lines, to share the common bond, camaraderie, being in the field," said Butler.

During a question-and-answer portion, Butler asked the recipients for their wisdom

when it came to their coping mechanisms. "To get the different points of views from everyone on how to cope for certain things that come up in life," he explained. "Hopefully with everything that was said today, the junior Sailors will take it to heart and go forward in a way that will inspire them to be good Sailors, good parents, good friends," he said.

Ballard, Stumpf and Kellogg served during the Vietnam War where they each earned their Medal of Honor.

On May 16, 1968, Ballard, a hospital corpsman second class at the time, was treating two Marines suffering from heat exhaustion when his company was attacked by the North Vietnamese Army. While under fire, Ballard directed aid to other wounded Marines. When a grenade landed near-

by, he laid on top of it to protect the injured. The grenade failed to explode, and Ballard was able to throw it away to explode harmlessly. He later returned to his comrades and continued to treat the wounded.

On April 25, 1967, Staff Sgt. Stumpf and his company approached a village that had a well-fortified bunker complex and was occupied by a North Vietnamese rifle company. During the initial contact, three men were injured and Stumpf rescued his three wounded comrades despite heavy fire. He then organized his squad and led an assault against several enemy bunkers. He and his squad successfully eliminated two of the bunker positions, and then after, he single-handedly disabled the remaining bunker.

On March 11, 1970, Gunner Sgt. Kellogg led a small unit while evacuating a fallen comrade when his unit came under fire by a well-concealed, numerically-superior enemy. During the engagement, an enemy soldier hurled a grenade into the unit's midst, which glanced off the chest of Kellogg. Quick to act, he forced the grenade into the mud where he stood and threw himself over the weapon and absorbed the full effects of its detonation with his body, thereby preventing serious injury or possible death to several of his fellow Marines. Although suffering multiple injuries to his chest and his right shoulder and arm, Kellogg continued to direct the efforts of his men until all were able to maneuver to the relative safety of the company perimeter.

# Diverse Views



## Mother's Day is Sunday, May 9. What are your plans?

(From Sailors at Naval Information Command Hawaii)

Photos/information provided by Ensign Melissa Ocasio



CTI3  
Amanda Brady

"My mother lives in Pennsylvania which is over 3,000 miles away, so I intend on calling her. I usually send her some flowers. At home I will actually make a trip to the jewelry store and get her some earrings, something nice that she can wear around, show off from her daughter. I am an only child so I am very special to her. I just want to show her my thanks from afar."



CTI3  
Jason Chambers

"I am the father of a six-month old. I plan on buying something for my wife and thank her for being a good mom."



CTI2  
Antoine Francis

"I'm going to call the flower shop in my mom's town and have them deliver her some flowers. I'm also putting together a scrapbook of different things that meant a lot to me throughout my life. I'm starting from when I was young, and throughout my Navy career. She has helped me out."



CTN3  
Kayla Kvistad

"I'm going to Skype with my mom and spend the rest of the day with my husband, who is coming here on leave."



CTN1 (SW)  
John Schulze

"I plan on staying at home and calling my mom."



Lt.  
Kelley Torres

"For Mothers Day, I will be calling my mother, sending her some flowers, and letting her know that I love her."



CTI3  
Jared Valle

"I will probably end up talking to my parents and my mom on Skype; they live all the way in Minnesota. I don't get a chance to talk with them very much and I haven't been able to Skype with them for over six months. So they will be very excited to hear from me."

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## Navy League assists with Crommelin visit to Hilo

Ensign Raymond W. Miller

USS Crommelin (FFG 37)  
Public Affairs

USS Crommelin (FFG 37) traveled to Hilo, Hawaii on April 8 to represent the U.S. Navy at the 2010 Merrie Monarch Festival. Upon arrival, Crommelin's officers and crew were greeted by the Navy League of the United States, Hilo Council.

The Navy League Hilo Council and "Arnott's Lodge and Hiking Adventures" extended an invitation to the wardroom and chief's mess where they were treated to lunch. The Navy League's hospitality and assistance were crucial to Crommelin's success in setting up and hosting a reception on board for Rear Adm. Dixon Smith, com-

mander, Navy Region Hawaii and commander, Naval Surface Group Middle Pacific, and his wife; the Navy League and the Royal Court of the Merrie Monarch Festival.

Members of the Navy League provided logistical support in the weeks leading up to the festival as well as floral arrangements and decorations for the reception. The Navy League Council of Hilo arranged for a Tahitian hula dance for the Sailors as well as the tours of Volcanoes National Park.

"We are honored to be a part of this festival and represent the men and women of the Navy," said Cmdr. Joseph M. Keenan, commanding officer of Crommelin. "The representatives of the Navy League have been outstanding in their support," he said.

The Merrie Monarch Festi-

val is a traditional celebration of Hawaiian culture, music and dance. The participating halau, groups of hula dancers, come from other Hawaiian Islands, San Francisco and as far as Japan to compete in the annual hula competition. This year commemorated the festival's 47th anniversary.

King David Kalakaua was the last reigning king of the kingdom of Hawai'i from 1874-1891. He was instrumental in reviving the Hawaiian arts of hula dancing, the Hawaiian martial art and surfing. His passion lives on today with the Merrie Monarch Festival. During the reign of King Kalakaua, the United States was granted exclusive rights to enter Pearl Lagoon and establish a coaling and repair station. It subsequently came to be known as

Pearl Harbor. The U.S. Senate allowed the Navy to lease Pearl Harbor as a naval base in 1887 to have permanent presence in the Pacific. As a result, the Navy and Merrie Monarch Festival have had a long and honored relationship.

The Navy League of the United States is a civilian-run non-profit organization dedicated to educating U.S. citizens and elected officials of America about the Navy and its importance for our national security. The Navy League network consists of 265 councils and more than 65,000 active members throughout the United States. It was founded in 1902, after inspiration by President Theodore Roosevelt to help Americans understand the armed forces better and support men and women of the sea services and their families.

## Airman's Attic welcomes Navy personnel

The Hickam Air Force Base Airman's Attic has announced that it is opening its doors to Navy personnel in the ranks of E-5 and below from 10 a.m. to noon every Saturday (except third Saturday of the month).

The Airman's Attic is located in building 1723 near the Kuntz Avenue Gate and near the recycle center. All items in the Airman's Attic are free.

If you would like to make a donation, they can be made during open hours or drop-offs can be left in sheds located near the lanai area 24 hours a day.

For more information, contact Christine Jackson at 449-5677.

# NIOC Hawaii SAPR – advocates respond with dedication

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April is sexual assault awareness month. Sexual Assault Prevention and Response (SAPR) advocates throughout Navy Region Hawaii have mobilized to raise awareness and provide information across the commands. It's a moment to get the word out that there is help, that commands care about their Sailors and they won't allow them to experience the aftermath of an assault alone.

SAPR advocates are volunteer members at every command, a dedicated group made up of different ranks, rates and genders. It could be your leading petty officer (LPO), the Sailor you supervise, your friend, or your shipmates. SAPR advocates not only support their individual commands, but all of Navy Region



U.S. Navy photo

Members of the Naval Information Operations Command Hawaii SAPR team passed out teal ribbons on April 1. The ribbons are to be worn throughout the month of April to bring awareness to sexual assault prevention.

Hawaii.

Naval Information Operations Command (NIOC) Hawaii SAPR advocates have a close connection with their work in helping victims of sexual assault. Cryptologic Technician (Collection) 1st Class Chelsea Cooke explained that it's important for advocates to "be there and help them live again."

SAPR advocates can be involved at every step for the victim. Cryptologic Technician (Interpretive) 1st Class (AW/NAC) Jacqueline Moreno said, "We're here for the victim. We answer that call."

Moreno said that she has been most affected by her experiences as she works with victims – beginning with their first meeting, helping them

through the journey, and finally, the amazing moment when the advocate sees that "They are ok and don't need us anymore." Cooke agreed that the rewarding moment resides in seeing justice, but further, "to see her or him smile for real."

Advocates at NIOC Hawaii share that they have joined SAPR because they want to protect their fellow Sailors, to make a difference, and to eradicate sexual assaults from the Navy. Moreno said, "I wish I could do more. I wish I had something more to offer them. I wish that we could prevent [sexual assault]."

The Navy has worked extensively to ensure that help is available to those who experience sexual assault. The SAPR program (previously known as Sexual Assault Victim Intervention – SAVI), here in Hawaii is led by Louella Cazimero-Bactad, the Navy Region Hawaii sexual assault response coordinator (SARC). The NIOC Hawaii command has specifically worked to support this program by creating a strong line of communication with the SARC, supporting advocate duties, raising awareness and through the very advocates themselves. Cooke noted, "NIOC Hawaii support to victim advocates has been exponential."

Master-at-Arms 2nd Class Jennifer Robbins further explained that advocates at NIOC Hawaii are there for each other, providing advice, training and help. Advocates know they can tap a wealth of experience on how to support their victims in the best possible way. She said that she can further offer her unique knowledge in the realm of first-response. "I can be that person that the victim can count on as a first responder," said Robbins.

It's important for Sailors to be aware of their options and know that they don't have to go it alone after experiencing an assault. If you, a friend or shipmate thinks that they may have been assaulted, utilize the SAPR program and call.

Moreno advised that if something like this happens to you, "Take it seriously. It's not a joke and when it happens for real, you just never know when you're going to need an advocate."

"If you don't know if it's an assault, call us. If you don't know who to call, call us," she emphasized. SAPR advocates are on duty 24 hours a day to answer that call. The SAPR emergency phone is 722-6192 or visit [www.sapr.mil](http://www.sapr.mil).

## USS Chung-Hoon Sailors celebrate Sigsbee Day

Story and photo by Ensign Renaldo R. Rodgers

USS Chung-Hoon (DDG 93) Public Affairs

USS Chung-Hoon (DDG 93) celebrated Sigsbee Day on April 1 in remembrance of the fateful attack on USS Sigsbee (DD 502) 65 years ago.

The memorial ceremony included addresses from Capt. David Welch, former Chung-Hoon commanding officer and deputy commodore of Destroyer Squadron 31, and Cmdr. Michael McCartney, current commanding officer of Chung-Hoon.

Welch spoke about the bond that still exists between the two crews who are separated by 65 years of proud naval service. McCartney recounted the harrowing events of April 14, 1945. He paid particular homage to the men of gun crew 43 whose relentless barrage of 40-caliber shells caused the kamikaze plane to turn toward the stern rather than the bridge and control decks, sparing much of Sigsbee's leadership and more populated areas. McCartney also sited the loss of the 23 Sailors.

Following the addresses, Chung-Hoon's honor guard re-



Chung-Hoon Sailors hold a memorial ceremony in honor of USS Sigsbee

leased 23 ceremonial leis into Pearl Harbor and rendered a 21-gun salute. The entire ceremony streamed live on the Internet to enable Sigsbee Sailors around the country to take part.

It was on April 1 that Rear Adm. Gordon P. Chung-Hoon, then Cmdr. Chung-Hoon, earned the Navy Cross. On April 14, 1945, USS Sigsbee was performing picket duties during the invasion of Okinawa, south of the Japanese home island Kyushu, when her squadron of nine destroyers came under kamikaze attack from 20 bomb-laden Japanese fighters.

Moving at full speed, Sigsbee and her squadron mates shot down and dodged several fighters before a single plane set its sights on Sigsbee and

slammed into her stern. The attack left her with catastrophic damage to her engines and aft gunnery stations. Most tragic, however, was the loss of 23 Sailors.

During and after the attack, Cmdr. Chung-Hoon led damage control efforts, even entering a heavily-damaged portion of the ship to ensure it was safe for entry for a repair team. Under his direction, Sigsbee was made stable enough to return to Guam for repairs. Chung-Hoon went on to become the first Asian-American flag officer in Navy history.

In September 2004, USS Chung-Hoon was commissioned in honor of Rear Adm. Chung-Hoon and the Sailors who served under him on USS Sigsbee.

## Earth Day booths educate on environment

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ment and our goals in terms of taking care of the environment," said Capt. Richard Kitchens, commanding officer of Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam.

Some of the Earth Day exhibits featured alternative fuel vehicles, including an electric motorcycle, a bio diesel SUV and a fuel cell-powered work truck for the flight line that doubles as a portable power station.

"We have some hydrogen-powered alternative fuel vehicles that's an Air Force initiative that folks from the Navy side wouldn't know about," said Kitchens, pointing out the learning opportunities offered by bringing the two services together for the event. "This is a terrific event where Air Force and Navy are able to share ideas and thoughts on what we are doing to help preserve our environment with each of our families, communities and the greater ohana of Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam."

At a booth sponsored by the Hawaiian Islands Humpback Whale National Marine Sanctuary, volunteer Noelle Shaughnessy spoke with children while they decorated drawings of the marine sanctuary by populating them with local marine wildlife, plants and corals.

"We talk about the humpback whales, the honu and the monk seal. We figure if we can get to them at this age, it's going to make a big difference when they reach our age," Shaughnessy said, sneaking in a lesson or two about Hawaii's threatened and endangered species.

"Anywhere [military children] go, they're going to have an impact on the environment. It's good business for us to leave places like we find them or improve them. It helps them become part of the community," added Shaughnessy.

Electronics Technician 2nd Class Cody Peterson, assigned to the guided missile cruiser USS Lake Erie (CG 70), said it was important to reinforce the lessons taught

at home for his son.

"We cut the A/C off when we aren't going to be home and make sure he knows why we are doing it," said Peterson.

"This festival is a great idea to bring your family and your kids to have fun, not only to play the games but to see that it's important to keep our environment clean and that starts from our own home," said Master-at-Arms 2nd Class Vincent Ingellis, assigned to Security Detachment Harbor Patrol Unit. "Earth Day is important because it brings us all together for one cause, which is to keep the earth clean," he said.

This year marks the 40th annual Earth Day, a celebration designed to inspire awareness and appreciation for the earth's environment. Founded by U.S. Senator Gaylord Nelson on April 22, 1970 as a college teach-in, it has grown to a global event now celebrated in more than 175 countries every year.

(See photos on page A-5)

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