

## Navy Region Hawai'i hosts Hawai'i Environmental Forum

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Commander, Navy Region Hawai'i (CNRH) hosted the 13th annual Hawai'i Environmental Forum at the Hawai'i Department of Environmental Health Offices in Honolulu on March 18.

The forum provided a venue for Department of Defense (DoD) environmental professionals to meet with their State Department of Health counterparts to discuss areas such as prior disposal of munitions at sea, green house gases, volcanic smog, water quality, solid waste and pesticides in soils.

Rear Adm. Dixon Smith, commander, Navy Region Hawai'i and commander, Naval Surface Group Middle Pacific, provided the welcoming remarks for the forum.

"These forums have given us the opportunity to collectively address timely national, regional and local environmental issues," said Smith. "Through the years our focus areas have changed, but our need to come together to work collaboratively has not."

The main topic for this year's forum was energy conservation. During his remarks, Smith spoke of the steps DoD is taking to do its part for energy conservation.



Kendall Kam, of Naval Facilities Engineering Command Pacific, delivers the Department of Defense (DoD) Energy and Initiatives Update during the 13th annual Hawai'i Environmental Forum at the Hawai'i Department of Environmental Health Offices in Honolulu on March 18. The forum provided a venue for Department of Defense environmental professionals to meet with their state of Hawai'i Department of Health counterparts to discuss topics such as energy conservation, prior disposal of munitions at sea, green house gases, volcanic smog, water quality, solid waste and pesticides in soils.

"We in DoD are working to reduce our energy consumption by three percent a year and reduce our water consumption by two percent annually through Fiscal Year 2015. We're also working to meet renewable energy requirements set forth in the

National Defense Authorization Act of 2007, where 25 percent of the energy consumed at our installations must be produced or procured from renewable energy sources," stated Smith.

Throughout the forum,

Naval Facilities Engineering Command (NAVFAC) Pacific and NAVFAC Hawai'i, who manage the energy program for the Navy in Hawai'i, gave presentations on such topics as the DoD Energy and Initiative Update and an update on the joint basing

between Naval Station Pearl Harbor and Hickam Air Force Base.

Also on hand for the forum was Maureen Sullivan, director of environmental management of the deputy under secretary of defense (installations and environment), who

discussed President Barack Obama's agenda for energy and the environment.

"He has made it clear that he is committed to a low-carbon economy with an emphasis on various spending initiatives," said Sullivan. "It is going to ensure that money is going to create a 'greener' economy and encourage more energy efficiency across the federal government."

After stating that energy conservation is the current environmental concern, Sullivan discussed her thoughts on what the next issue may be.

"I think the next big thing is going to be water and an access to it," said Sullivan. "Currently, people think of it as an issue in the western states and it's also a huge issue now in the southeastern states."

Also mentioned during the forum were the various partnerships DoD and the state of Hawai'i currently collaborate on to improve the environment in the Pacific.

These partnerships include the U.S. Pacific Command Energy Partnership and Strategy Council, which develops and supports implementation of energy partnership strategies in the Pacific and implements innovative solutions to harness clean, efficient, secure, renewable and sustainable energy for the benefit of the people of Hawai'i and the

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U.S. Navy photo by MC2 Kevin S. O'Brien

Secretary of the Navy (SECNAV) Dr. Donald C. Winter departs the Pentagon one last time after officially resigning from his duties as the Secretary of the Navy and Marine Corps.

## SECNAV departs office

### Department of Defense

WASHINGTON (NNS) -- The 74th Secretary of the Navy, Donald C. Winter, resigned his office March 13 as planned. Winter had agreed to remain in office until March 13 to ease the transition of the Department of Defense.

"As I relinquish my duties as Secretary of the Navy, I count myself blessed for having had the opportunity to serve as your secretary," Winter said in a message to the Navy and Marine Corps. "No period in my professional life can compare to the experiences that I have had in this position."

Winter became the Secretary of the Navy on Jan. 3, 2006. During his tenure, Winter focused on three priorities:

prosecuting the war against terrorist enemies in Iraq and Afghanistan; taking care of wounded Sailors, Marines and their families; and building the future fleet. Additionally, he carried out far-reaching acquisition reforms with an emphasis on rebuilding an acquisition corps of professionals within the department, demanding accountability, and insisting on a systems engineering approach to acquisitions.

Under Winter's leadership, the Department of the Navy strove to maintain a balance of environmental stewardship while preserving the professional training requirements of the Navy and Marine Corps. The importance of these efforts was recognized by the Supreme Court in a precedent

setting opinion. Winter also enhanced the Navy's role in missile defense, codified policies to leverage special operations capabilities in the Navy and Marine Corps, and increased the department's focus on intelligence collection and analysis.

"Every time I meet with Sailors and Marines, I come away impressed by the tremendous capability and flexibility of our warfighters to accomplish the mission, no matter what the challenge," he said. "I am honored to have served you as your secretary. Thank you for your service to our nation."

B.J. Penn will be the acting Secretary of the Navy until the U.S. Senate confirms a nominee chosen by President Barack Obama.

## Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam Workshop will discuss MOA

Ann Hanson

*Joint Basing Oversight Working Group*

The Office of the Secretary of Defense (OSD) will conduct a Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam (JBPHH) Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) Workshop on March 24-27 at the Navy's Ford Island Conference Center.

The purpose of this workshop is to validate the MOA drawn up between the supporting (Navy) and supported (Air Force) components to provide installation support at the future JBPHH. The MOA workshop is a primary step toward getting the completed MOA up to the component vice chiefs of staff for approval.

Representatives from OSD (installations and environmental), HQ Air Force, Commander Navy Installations Command, Pacific Air Forces, Navy Region Hawai'i, Naval Station Pearl Harbor and 15th Airlift Wing (15AW) will participate.

Over the past two and a half years, the two bases have worked closely together to do the research and planning that will allow seamless execution as they merge all of their installation support functions under the new joint base commander. Civilian and military employees currently performing installation support at Hickam will become a part of the Navy-led joint base. The support provided to tenants should remain seamless.

During the workshop, OSD



and representatives from service headquarters will moderate and assist the JBPHH team with validating the memorandum of agreement which describes the joint base: organization, resourcing, manpower, real property, budget and performance standards. The OSD team will work with each functional working group on a pre-arranged schedule to facilitate issues that surfaced prior to the workshop and will develop consensus on the way ahead.

Naval Station Pearl Harbor, 15th Airlift Wing, Navy Region Hawai'i, Naval Facilities and Engineering Command Hawai'i and Fleet and Industrial Supply Center Pearl Harbor functional working group leads have been working hard over the past several months in preparation for the MOA workshop. The JBPHH MOA will be based on the three overarching tenants that apply to all joint basing actions at JBPHH. They are:

- Maintain or enhance warfighter capability.
- Ensure successful and effective integration.
- Harvest efficiencies.

After the workshop is completed, operating procedures and business rules for appli-

cable functional areas will be documented in separate standard operating procedures which shall follow a standard format approved by the Joint Base Partnership Council. Additionally, the JBPHH is actively working on an implementation plan that will merge the 42 functional areas performing installation support into the new Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam organization between Feb. 1, 2010 and Oct. 1, 2010. It will reach full operational capability on Oct. 1, 2010.

Col. Giovanni Tuck, 15th Airlift Wing commander at Hickam, and Capt. Richard Kitchens, commanding officer of Naval Station Pearl Harbor, will be in attendance at the MOA workshop to give hands-on presence throughout the week.

In the near future, employees, commanders, tenants and other interested parties will be invited to attend a series of town hall style briefings that will go into more detail on this initiative.

For more workshop information, the Navy contact is Ann Hanson at 473-0840, ext 232, or e-mail [ann.hanson@navy.mil](mailto:ann.hanson@navy.mil) and the contact for Air Force is Alan Yoza at 449-1594, e-mail [allan.yoza@hickam.af.mil](mailto:allan.yoza@hickam.af.mil).



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## Mexican Navy visits Pearl Harbor

U.S. Navy photos by MC3 Robert Stirrup

Rear Adm. Dixon Smith, commander, Navy Region Hawai'i, hosted a reception for the Mexican Navy sail training vessel ARM Cuauhtémoc (BE-01) on March 14 at Lockwood Hall on board Naval Station Pearl Harbor. Cuauhtémoc was inport at Aloha Tower in Honolulu from March 11 - 16 enroute to China, South Korea, Russia and Japan as it participates in celebrations observing 400 years of maritime communication between Mexico and Asia.

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Asia Pacific Region. Another partnership is the DoD Hawaiian Electric Company Energy Partnership, whose goals include reducing costs, ensuring adequate and reliable service, exercising responsible environmental stewardship, maximizing demand

side management, and pursuing innovative alternative and renewable energy technologies.

Smith thanked the attendees for their support of the military in Hawai'i and their constant efforts to improve Hawai'i's environment for people of today and tomorrow.

"DoD installations and ranges in Hawai'i are vital

and strategic bases for our military, not to mention favorite homeports for our service members and their families. We want to keep it that way and your work to protect Hawai'i's environment ensures that we can continue to share these beautiful islands - both now and for our future generations," concluded Smith.

## Chafee participates in Foaal Eagle 2009



U.S. Navy photo by MCI Bobbie G. Attaway

Cmdr. Heedong Choi, commanding officer of the guided-missile destroyer USS Chafee (DDG 90) homeported at Pearl Harbor, holds a press conference with Korean media on the ship's bridge. Chafee is participating in Foaal Eagle 2009, an annual joint exercise involving forces from the United States and the Republic of Korea.

## Pearl Harbor Commissary inventory schedule

The Pearl Harbor Commissary will be open from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. March 25 and will close at 3 p.m. to conduct the annual accountability inventory. The commissary will re-open for normal business from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. March 26.

# Hawaii's Navy News Editorial

## Secretary of the Navy says farewell

**Donald C. Winter, Secretary of the Navy**

As I relinquish my duties as Secretary of the Navy, I count myself blessed for having had the opportunity to serve as your secretary.

I have held many interesting jobs, but no period in my professional career can compare to the experiences I have had in this position. Over the past three years, I have had the privilege of observing the daily commitment of our men and women who truly make our naval service great. In challenging environments like Iraq, Afghanistan, Djibouti, Guantanamo, and across the Atlantic and Pacific, your service makes a difference every day.

I have great confidence that your ongoing service will continue to do our Navy, Marine Corps and nation

proud. Every time I meet with Sailors and Marines, I come away impressed by the tremendous capability and flexibility of our warfighters to accomplish the mission, no matter what the challenge.

You are the secret of our success and observing you in action has given me great faith in the promise of your great generation. If our nation is led by individuals of the talent, devotion and integrity of our service members, we will not only survive, but prosper in the years to come. I reflect on my tenure as your secretary and realize it has been an exceptionally unique period in my life, and likely to remain so. I am honored to have served you as your secretary.

Thank you for your service to our nation. May God bless our Navy, our Marine Corps and the United States of America.

## Fleet Master Chief compares deckplate leadership to micro-management



**FLTCM Tom Howard**

*Commander, U.S. Pacific Fleet*

Hey Shipmates, I want to talk today about reality vs. myth when it comes to deckplate leadership.

Our recollections of the way things were done will often determine how things are done in the future. These recollections or stories can have either a positive or negative effect on what we do and who we are. If they're serving our needs well, there's no need to change them. However, when the story is a myth and has become so much a part of our unconscious being that it drives our behavior, then it's time to break the myth and

bring the story back to its true reality.

I'm talking about "chiefs on deck!"

First let me state the myth: "Back in the day, if I ever saw my chief out of the goat locker, it meant I or one of my shipmates was going to get his or her butt chewed."

Now the reality: "My chiefs were always in the spaces." They were constantly checking the cleanliness and preservation of the equipment and ensuring the spaces they were responsible for were properly maintained. They were routinely seen with the division officer (DIVO) or the leading petty officer (LPO), wheelbook in hand, pointing at things and writing stuff down, presumably adding to the laundry list of things that needed to be done.

They were "mentoring" before any of us knew what the word meant and certainly before it became part of our Navy terminology. They were helping develop the young junior officer into a good officer who could become a great DIVO with the tools to be a successful department head and beyond. To the LPO who had seen this going on for years as he came up through the ranks, he was finding out exactly what the chief was

writing down in his wheelbook. They were finding out how things were prioritized based on the operational schedule and maintenance requirements.

The good LPO only needed to do this a few times with the chief before he realized that if he did these things himself, he would be doing the things "the chief did" and subconsciously preparing himself to put on anchors. The great LPO never waited for the chief to ask how things were going or what the status was on a specific work project, he provided the chief routine updates. The chief in turn provided updates to the DIVO so he too could provide the same to the department head. It's a well-maintained capstan of information going round and round.

The thought that if the chief is always on deck he was considered micro-managing the LPO, never crossed anyone's mind because the chief was ALWAYS on deck. If my job was to work with one or two other seamen to repaint a bulkhead, I knew either the chief or my supervisor was going to be inspecting the progress at every juncture. When we finished needle-gunning, someone was going to inspect to see if the job was

ready to sand. When we finished sanding, someone was going to inspect to see if we were ready to prep. Once that was done, we were ready to prime. When the chief or LPO was sure that all these steps were completed satisfactorily, like had been done for years before, we painted it and then, that too, was inspected for holidays. Were we micro-managed? Nope! We were being taught the proper ways to do our jobs. In reality, we were being mentored on what was needed to do to be ready to put on a chevron of a petty officer.

As it pertains to our myths, I've heard it stated this way: The more we repeat them to ourselves, the more powerful they become; the more powerful they become, the more they determine our behavior; the more we behave as if they are true, the more they will become self-sustaining prophecies.

So to all our chiefs, flush the myth down the sh&#tter and get back on deck. Your Sailors need you and our Navy expects it. If you're in the goat locker, I expect it's for a cup of coffee, chow or you're telling one of your fellow chiefs that his spaces look like they haven't seen a broom since Moby Dick was a minnow!

Commentary

## Chapel Pennant

### Small beginnings create big transformations

**Lt. Jeff Benson CHC, USN**

*Pearl Harbor Memorial Chapel*

Three months in and where are the resolutions? Each year I sit down and make some goals for the coming year. In years past, I have made ambitious resolutions (like running the Honolulu Marathon) that never happened. But I have discovered the best changes begin small and grow to bigger things.

In the Bible, Jesus tells a number of stories that emphasize the power of small beginnings. He told one story that related the kingdom of God to a woman who mixed a small amount of yeast into a large batch of dough. Soon the yeast had transformed the whole batch of dough. I am drawn to that story.

A small action can change a whole environment. Has that ever happened to you? A smile or a kind word begins a friendship. An apology drains away the tension and breaks the negative cycle. An act of selflessness comes back to you double in the kindness of others.

Too often, I found that I have dismissed the significance of small change, striving for "big things" and been left with nothing. But the small things, the seemingly unimportant things- tucking a child in at night, a

moment to give a hug or listen to a hurt - bring about the real change we hunger for. In giving to others, we received and in receiving, we are changed.

What do you long for in this year? What do you want more of? If you think of a closer relationship or a happy work environment as things you would want more of, then look for the small change. Isn't it amazing what saying "thank you" and "please" can do? If you want others to change how they treat you, then set the example and show the way. Whatever change you hope for in the coming year, look for the small change that leads to big results. If you want to save money, bring a bag lunch three times a week instead of eating out. That will save you \$15 a week, \$60 a month, \$720 a year, not bad for the five minutes it takes to make a lunch.

Small things produce big changes in marriages, too. I have counseled many couples and one of the biggest improvements couples make is to turn off the television and sit down and talk for just 15 minutes a day. Hold hands and look each other in the eye and be the person the other fell in love with. That will create change you can believe in.

Keep striving for the goal, three more quarters left!

## Women's history in the Navy

**TO MAKE MEN FREE**



*...you will share the gratitude of a nation when victory is ours"*

**ENLIST IN THE WAVES TODAY**

In July 1942, the Navy Women's Reserve Act was passed by Congress and signed into law by President Franklin D. Roosevelt. The organization's official name became Women Accepted for Volunteer Emergency Service, or "WAVES." The word "emergency" was intended to denote the temporary nature of the women's service. As the war continued, more WAVES were sent overseas to cover non-combat duties. By 1945, there were more than 84,000 women enlisted in the Navy. Today, women make up more than 20 percent of the armed services.

U.S. Navy historical photo

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James Kyson Lee, from the television show "Heroes", talks with Sailors assigned to the Arleigh Burke-class guided missile destroyer USS O'Kane (DDG 77) during lunch on the ship's mess decks. A total of nine entertainers visited O'Kane and signed autographs for Sailors as part of a United Service Organization tour of Hawai'i.

## USO visits USS O'Kane

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The United Service Organization (USO) tour visited Sailors aboard USS O'Kane (DDG 77), an Arleigh Burke-class guided-missile destroyer homeported at Pearl Harbor, on March 17.

Nine entertainers including Aaron Carter (reality series "House of Carters"), D-Wrek (MTV's comedy show "Wild N' Out"), James Kyson Lee (NBC's "Heroes"), James Lesure (NBC's "Las Vegas"), Josh Henderson (CW's 90210) and Wolf (NBC's "American Gladiators") were given a coordinated tour of the ship, ate lunch with the crew, and signed autographs. The entertainers were treated to a boat tour of the harbor hosted by Cmdr. Larry Hill, executive officer of Naval Station Pearl Harbor.

As the entertainers signed autographs, they asked Sailors about their living and working conditions as well

as thanked them for their service.

For Interior Communication Electrician (SSWC/SW) 2nd Class Robert Merritt, it was a chance to see some of his favorite television stars.

"I'm excited. It's a new experience for me to meet people I've only seen on TV," he said. "I really like that the USO decided to bring them here to our ship. I think it's a great way to boost the morale around the ship and give us a break from the every day routine."

Sailors gathered in the ship's galley to meet the actors and receive autographed portraits.

Television celebrities joined forces with the USO to form a celebrity basketball team called the Hollywood Knights. For one week, the actors will be playing basketball against all of the major military basketball teams stationed on O'ahu.

Naval Station Pearl Harbor's basketball team played the Knights at Hickam Air Force Base on March 18.

Wolf (Don Yates), who is starring in his second season on "American Gladiators," is

also a professional bullfighter who has won two world titles and three National Finals Rodeo championships.

"I have done a lot of things, but I never dreamed I would have the chance to come aboard a ship like this. It's amazing," said Wolf. "To come here and support these Sailors is a job I take great pride in because they are fighting for my rights to do the things that I love and to live in a place that is safe."

Aaron Carter, the youngest male solo artist to have four Top 40 singles, toured the bridge and enlisted living spaces.

"Living on the ship and being gone from their family for long periods of time must be very difficult and I really respect the sacrifice that these individuals give to keep this country safe," he said.

The USO is a private, non-profit organization whose mission is to serve the religious, spiritual, social, welfare, educational and entertainment needs of the men and women in the armed forces.

## Schooners Restaurant at Rainbow Bay Marina celebrates grand opening



U.S. Navy photos by Reid Kagemoto  
Capt. Richard Kitchens, commanding officer of Naval Station Pearl Harbor, presides over the grand opening of Schooners Restaurant at Rainbow Bay Marina on March 17. Schooner's is open daily from 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. The menu features Mediterranean seafood favorites.



# Pearl Harbor Highlights



Lt. Kevin Yost helps a young student trying on a helmet and vest in the Easy Rider wardroom. The Helicopter Anti-Submarine Squadron Light (HSL-37) Easy Riders hosted the Saint Philomena Early Learning Center for a field trip to Marine Corps Base Hawai'i - Kaneohe Bay on Feb. 27. Forty-one children visited the Easy Riders in hangar 103 to get an up close look at the SH-60B helicopter, the pilots and their survival equipment.

U.S. Navy photo by ABH2 Manuel Mallada

(Below) The son of Chief Warrant Officer 3 Steve Castagnola, assigned to the Pearl Harbor-based guided-missile cruiser USS Lake Erie (CG 70), is baptized by the ship's chaplain, Lt. John Carter on Feb. 15. On two successive Sundays, the bridge of Lake Erie was the setting for a shipboard christening. With the ship's 200-pound bell turned upside down and used as a baptismal font, Carter and Cmdr. Timothy Koester, Naval Station Pearl Harbor chaplain, administered the sacrament for past and present families of Lake Erie. Additionally, in keeping with the custom, the names of the children were inscribed on the ship's bell as a permanent testimony to the memorable occasion. The ceremony is rooted in historic naval tradition going all the way back to ancient practice in the British Royal Navy. In former times, baptisms were performed with the ships bell for babies born at sea or in foreign ports. This granted citizenship to those infants since the ship was considered sovereign territory.

U.S. Navy photo courtesy of USS Lake Erie Public Affairs



U.S. Navy photo by MC2 John W. Ciccarelli Jr.  
Seabees assigned to Naval Facilities Engineering Command (NAVFAC) Pacific Seabee Self-help compete together in a nail driving contest during the Seabee Olympics held at Naval Station Pearl Harbor. The Seabee Olympics is a way for Seabees from Construction Battalion Maintenance Unit (CBMU) 303, NAVFAC Pacific Seabee Self-help and officers from NAVFAC Pacific wardroom to participate in some friendly games and have fun.



U.S. Navy photo by MC3 Robert Stirrup  
Venom, from the television show "American Gladiators", signs an autograph for a Sailor assigned to the Arleigh Burke-class guided missile destroyer USS O'Kane (DDG 77) during lunch on the ship's mess decks. A total of nine entertainers visited O'Kane as part of a United Service Organization tour of Hawai'i.



(Left) Many Sailors from commands in the Hawai'i region begin their St. Patrick's Day festivities by taking part in the five kilometer Ford Island Fun Run on March 17. The event, sponsored by Commander, Submarine Force U.S. Pacific Fleet (COMSUBPAC), was attended by Sailors from several local commands including Naval Submarine Support Command (NSSC) and various Pearl Harbor-based submarines, with the proceeds going to fund the 2009 Officer Submarine Ball scheduled for next month.

U.S. Navy photo by MC3 Luciano Marano

# Sailors compete in Seabee Olympics 2009

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Sailors from Construction Battalion Maintenance Unit (CBMU) 303, Naval Facilities Engineering Command (NAVFAC) Pacific Seabee Self-help and the NAVFAC Pacific wardroom competed in the Seabee Olympics held at Naval Station (NAVSTA) Pearl Harbor on March 13.

The competition included an M16 breakdown, nail-drive, dodge ball, basketball and a Hummer push. With each event, the competing teams had a chance to earn five points for first place, three points for second and one point for third.

Participating between the six events, CBMU 303 bolstered 52 Sailors, NAVFAC Self-help with 31, and NAVFAC Wardroom with



Construction Electrician 1st Class Spence Zook, assigned to Naval Facilities Engineering Command Pacific Seabee Self-help, assembles an M-16 rifle during a Seabee Olympics competition at Naval Station Pearl Harbor on March 13.

18 officers. Some of the Sailors brought their family members to the event for support and encouragement.

Utilitiesman 1st Class (SCW) Mauricio Puerto, the event organizer assigned to CBMU 303, has competed in the Seabee Olympics for the last two years.

"In every single command I've been to in the past 17 years from Hawai'i to Europe, the community has always held the Seabee Olympics," he said. Puerto talked about how important it was for the Seabee community to get together and show their command pride.

"The purpose of the events is to give the commands a chance to get away from the day-to-day duties of being a Sailor, meet other people within the Seabee community, and just have fun," he said.

For Engineering Aide 2nd Class (SCW) Joe Abcowll,

assigned to NAVFAC Pacific Seabee Self-help, it was a chance to see some old friends and meet some new ones.

"This is not only a way to show command pride, it is also a way to build camaraderie with other Seabee communities that we don't always have the opportunity to work with throughout the year," he said.

CBMU 303 won first place with 24 points, NAVFAC Seabee Self-help took second place with 16 points, and NAVFAC wardroom placed third at 14 points.

The Seabee Olympics at NAVSTA Pearl Harbor started in 1995. It was cancelled in 1999 due to demands on the Seabees from humanitarian missions worldwide and the war on terrorism. It wasn't until 2007 when Seabee commands decided to restart the Olympics with help from NAVFAC Pacific.

## Afloat Training Group Middle Pacific 'Reads Across America'

Lt. Jennifer Valle

Afloat Training Group  
Middle Pacific

The week of March 2 marked an important day for all young readers – Dr. Seuss' birthday. In celebration, schools across America, including Oahu, participated in the National Education Association's (NEA) annual 'Read Across America' event. Afloat Training Group Middle Pacific (ATGMP)

Sailors volunteered as guest readers at three local schools during the week of events.

Five ATGMP Sailors read to children from grades two, three and five at Iroquois Point Elementary on March 2. Three Sailors read to students at Lehua Elementary on March 3.

On the final day of the week, March 6, six ATGMP Sailors read to kindergarten, first and second grades at Aiea Elementary. After reading to the younger classes, six

ATGMP representatives headed to the sixth grade class where they discussed the importance of books, education and how it helps them in their life and naval careers.

It was a great experience for both ATGMP Sailors and the students. Senior Chief Fire Controlman Craig Hohnstein, ATGMP volunteer coordinator, said, "I really enjoy the energy and the excitement that they have whenever we come around.

Even though most of them see military personnel on a regular basis, it really breaks down the barriers when we come into their school, their home."

Chief Fire Controlman (SW) Derek Thomas reads to students at Iroquois Point Elementary School on March 2 as part of the National Education Association's 'Read Across America' event.

U.S. Navy photo by STG1 (SW) Arthur Massey



# Easy Riders host keiki of Saint Philomena Early Learning Center

Lt. Kevin Yost

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The Helicopter Anti-Submarine Squadron Light (HSL-37) Easy Riders hosted the Saint Philomena Early Learning Center for a field trip to Marine Corps Base Hawai'i (MCBH) Kaneohe Bay on Feb. 27.

Forty-one children visited the Easy Riders in hangar 103 to get an up close look at the SH-60B helicopter, the pilots and their survival equipment.

The three, four and five-year-olds, escorted by four teachers and 21 parents, visited the wardroom for their chance to try on the survival vest and helmet and to see how the equipment works. The students stepped into the leg straps and shouldered the vests, which weigh as much or more than most of them. Topped off with the helmet, almost all of them took advantage of the photo opportunity. The most impressive demonstration was the lights-out use of the various lights and signal devices included in the vest,



such as the strobe light.

The children also had the chance to tour the helicopter, climbing around the cabin and sitting in the pilots' seats in the cockpit. Sitting at the controls, the children had the chance to ask the pilots standing beside them all the questions they could think of and also take pictures. The group had the opportunity to see some of the features that make the SH-60B Seahawk unique and have an up close look at the rescue station and equipment.

The students brought along their own expert, Lt. David Stevens, who is a former Easy Rider and whose daughter is in the class. Stevens, still stationed on Oahu at Commander Pacific Fleet, was on hand as a chaperone for the trip. The students visited HSL-37 after enjoying a tour by the MCBH Fire Department.

Chief Aviation Warfare Systems Operator Michael Riollano explains helicopter operations to a group of students while others had the chance to climb in the cockpit.

U.S. Navy photo by ABH2 Manuel Mallada

# NAVSEA recognizes shipyard workers for USS Port Royal operations

Pearl Harbor Naval Shipyard Public Affairs

Nearly 200 Pearl Harbor Naval Shipyard workers, including three earning the Navy's second highest civilian award, were lauded by the commander of the Naval Sea Systems Command (NAVSEA) on March 9.

Vice Adm. Kevin McCoy recognized the employees for their vital support in freeing the guided-missile cruiser USS Port Royal (CG 73) on Feb. 9 after it ran aground four days earlier about a half-mile south of Honolulu International Airport.

"You were key to keeping a bad situation with the Port Royal from getting worse," McCoy said before a packed room of awardees at the shipyard training

facility auditorium.

He presented Meritorious Civilian Service Award medals to Philip J. Schmid, engineering division head, and Morris Y. Miyagi, rigging general foreman, both of Kaneohe, and William J. Sullivan of Kailua, structural shop superintendent.

Capt. William Tate, head of the industry management department, was awarded the Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal. All were cited for exceptional leadership and technical ability during the Port Royal operations.

"After we failed to get the Port Royal off the reef the first night (Feb. 5), we called in the shipyard," said McCoy. "It was your team, your great riggers, your tradesmen and engineers who joined the broader Navy

team to get the ship off the reef. Your efforts made a significant difference in preventing further damage to the ship and environment."

About 190 shipyard engineers, riggers, divers, tradesmen, environmental experts and supervisors worked day and night for three days to help plan and conduct the extraction of Port Royal. Partnered with other Navy and civilian organizations, they overcame challenging sea states and difficult underwater terrain to free the ship.

Port Royal, based at Pearl Harbor, is currently drydocked

at the shipyard for repairs caused by the grounding.

Vice Adm. Kevin McCoy, left, commander of Naval Sea Systems Command (NAVSEA), presented a Navy Meritorious Civilian Service Award on March 9 to Morris Miyagi, rigger supervisor II (second from right), for his efforts in helping to free USS Port Royal (CG 73) from a reef. Miyagi's wife, second from left, was a guest at the ceremony. To the far right is Capt. Gregory Thomas, commander of the shipyard.



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# 'Sea Raiders' to dis-establish

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Consolidated Maintenance Organization Two Public Affairs Officer

Consolidated Maintenance Organization Two (CMO-2) will end after a little more than one year in existence and will dis-establish today in hangar 104 at Marine Corps Base Hawai'i (MCBH) - Kaneohe. Maintenance ownership of P-3C Orion aircraft will transition back to patrol squadrons (VP) in the traditional construct.

Cmdr. Mark W. Dover, CMO-2 commanding officer, recently discussed the short history of the organization that was commissioned on March 14, 2008.

"In preparation for the arrival of the new Patrol and Reconnaissance P-8A Poseidon (the P-3C replacement), the Navy decided to combine the maintenance departments of all the P-3C squadrons stationed at each location where a patrol and reconnaissance wing was based into one big wing maintenance department, referred to as a consolidated maintenance organization (CMO)," said Dover.

"The concept of having one CMO at each location was developed to maximize efficiency and effectiveness through a single maintenance operation process and to align with the Navy's initial plan of using contractor logistics support for maintenance of the P-8A," he explained.

Dover noted that under this method of organization, each P-3C squadron would no longer have a maintenance department of its own. Instead, each patrol and reconnaissance wing would have direct administrative control of one combined maintenance organization, consisting of mostly maintenance personnel, while the squadrons that fall under



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the cognizance of each respective wing would consist mostly of only aircrew and administrative personnel.

In March of last year, the maintenance departments of the P-3C squadrons stationed at MCBH, which fall under the cognizance of Commander Patrol and Reconnaissance Wing Two (CPRW-2), were removed from each of their respective squadrons and combined to form Consolidated Maintenance Organization Two (CMO-2).

In the same fashion, CMO-

10 was formed at Naval Air Station Whidbey Island, Wash. under Commander Patrol and Reconnaissance Wing 10 and CMO-11 was formed at Naval Air Station Jacksonville, Fla. under Commander Patrol and Reconnaissance Wing 11.

To support deployment operations, CMO maintenance personnel were assigned to maintenance detachment teams (MDT) that paired with squadrons and operated under the Commander, Task Group construct. When a P-3C squadron deployed, the

CMO sent a MDT to accompany the squadron to provide requisite aircraft maintenance support on-site at forward-deployed locations worldwide.

CMO was initially established to emulate the Navy's original plan to develop a P-8A maintenance organization that would be maintained by contractor logistics support personnel. Under this construct, the only Navy maintainers assigned to a CMO would be for ordnance support. The fundamental idea for CMO was to focus solely on transitioning flyers to the P-8A without simultaneously transitioning maintainers.

In November 2008, after the expected cost of shifting to an almost all civilian contractor maintenance force had been reviewed and the timeline for phasing out the current P-3Cs had been extended, patrol and reconnaissance leadership re-evaluated its current and future course of action with regard to the P-8A transition. It decided for several reasons that the best way to complete the transition to, and operationally employ the P-8A in the future, would be to revert back to traditional maintenance departments at the squadron level, thereby negating the requirement for CMO.

According to Dover, "This was not a negative reflection of CMO performance, but rather it was determined that there is better synergy by deploying as a single unit, rather than two separate units of flyers and maintainers within an MDT. With the advent of P-8A, leadership believes traditional, squadron-level maintenance will maximize our expeditionary capabilities. So, we can go anywhere, anytime - with flyers and maintainers operating as one unit."



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Finishers cross the line of the Seabee 10K on Naval Station Pearl Harbor.

## Seabees run 5k/10k to support birthday ball

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Construction Battalion Mobile Unit 303 Detachment Pearl Harbor Public Affairs

Construction Battalion Mobile Unit (CBMU) 303 Detachment Pearl Harbor hosted the 17th annual Seabee 5K/10K Run recently at Naval Station Pearl Harbor, raising money for the annual Seabee Birthday Ball.

The event included a 5K race, 10K race, one mile "keiki run" and 50-meter "diaper dash." CBMU 303 Seabees, who received some volunteer help from Naval Facilities Engineering Command (NAVFAC) Hawai'i Self-help Seabees, ensured that everything went smoothly and according to plan by pulling together and volunteering their free time. The Seabees set up finish line festivities, provided event day logistical support, posted the Seabee color guard for morning colors on race day, and plotted the race course to make it scenic and runner friendly.

Participants' ages ranged from one to 90 and military runners ranked between E-1

and O-8.

Ash Dutow of Honolulu finished first in the men's 5K with a time of 17:30. Andrea Williams of Cave Creek, Ariz. took home the top spot among women with 21:53.

The first Seabee finisher was Steelworker 2nd Class (SCW) Jeffrey Paro with a time of 21:34.

The men's 10K race was won with a time of 37:06 by Kevin Enriques and the women's winner was Mikelle Picardat with a 42:43. The first Seabee to cross the finish line was Lt. Paul McCord with a time of 45:32.

Prizes were awarded to winners in each age group category who took home Seabee surfboard magnets. Overall race winners earned free tickets to the Seabee Birthday Ball.

The special event, open to the public on historic Naval Station, is a fundraiser for the annual Seabee Birthday Ball. This year's race was the largest on record with more than 350 participants and donations that exceeded \$6,900.

The Seabee Birthday Ball will be held March 28 at the Hale Koa Luau Garden in Waikiki.