

Veterans honored in Bataan Day of Valor ceremony

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A memorial ceremony honoring the Filipino-American veterans of World War II and commemorating the Philippine national holiday "Araw ng Kagitingan" (Day of Valor) was held April 6 at the National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific (Punchbowl).

This year's Day of Valor marks the 67th anniversary of the fall of Bataan, Philippines, which culminated in the surrender of more than 75,000 Filipino and American troops in April 1942.

After a three-month-long battle against Japanese forces in World War II, Bataan was the final province on the Philippine peninsula to surrender. After the surrender, the Bataan Death March claimed nearly 10,000 Filipino and American lives.

Members of the World War II Filipino-American Veterans and Ladies Auxiliary, Hawai'i Chapter; Philippine Scout Veterans Organization of Hawai'i; active duty service members; and local high school students were present to honor the courage of Filipino-American Soldiers during the fall of Bataan and on the island of



Members of the Veterans of Foreign Wars attend a memorial ceremony April 6 at the National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific. The ceremony, which also commemorated the 67th Philippine national holiday "Araw ng Kagitingan" (Day of Valor), honored the Filipino-American service members during World War II.

Corregidor, Philippines. "It is a great day, and an honor, to host this ceremony on these hallowed grounds," said Gene Castagnetti, master of ceremony and director for the National Memorial Cemetery of the

Pacific (Punchbowl). "We must not forget the special contributions of all our veterans and thank them for their service." Guest speakers included Maj. Gen. Thomas Conant, director for strategic plan-

ning and policy for U.S. Pacific Command; Medal of Honor recipient and U.S. Senator Daniel Inouye; Gilbert Teodoro Jr., Philippine secretary of national defense; and Vivian Aiona, wife of James

"Duke" Aiona, lieutenant governor of Hawai'i. "The people of the Philippines have always reminded us that we can be victorious together through our strength of will," said Conant. "The alliance that

was strong between our two countries during the war still lives on today in exercises like Balakatan, which means shoulder-to-shoulder."

Closing the ceremony, Teodoro spoke of the ties and strength between the two countries.

"Today we celebrate bravery with dignity, with honor and with purpose," said Teodoro, who made a special trip from Manila to be present for this year's ceremony. "We must continue building upon the sacrifices of our veterans by continuing to fight for freedom and democracy as allies and friends."

In his latest Rat-Pac Report podcast on April 1, U.S. Pacific Fleet Commander Adm. Robert F. Willard lauded current U.S. military efforts in support of the armed forces of the Philippines in Zamboanga.

The two militaries are cooperating in humanitarian efforts and in the fight against extremism as part of a joint task force.

"Our Sailors are part of that joint task force," Willard said. "Our Seabees are on the ground, our EOD (explosive ordnance disposal) are on the ground, and our Navy special warfare forces are on the ground, all helping the Philippine armed forces win this fight, and they have made great progress in the last couple of years."



Sailors assigned to Naval Facilities Engineering Command (NAVFAC) Hawai'i's color guard, parade the colors during the remembrance ceremony of Lt. j.g. Francis Toner IV at the Pearl Harbor Memorial Chapel onboard Naval Station Pearl Harbor.

Pearl Harbor holds remembrance ceremony for fallen Sailor

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Sailors and civilians assigned to commands throughout the Oahu region gathered for a remembrance ceremony to the life of Lt. j.g. Francis L. Toner IV on April 3 at the Pearl Harbor Memorial Chapel onboard Naval Station Pearl Harbor.

Toner, a Civil Engineer Corps officer stationed at Naval Facilities Engineering Command (NAVFAC) Hawai'i, died March 27 when an Afghan National Army soldier opened fire on U.S. Navy personnel at Camp Shaheen in Mazar-E-Sharif, Afghanistan.

Capt. Bret J. Muilenburg, NAVFAC Hawai'i's com-

manding officer, noted that Toner appreciated everyone and everything involved in his life.

"He loved all of you in Hawai'i and he loved all of you that serve our country," said Muilenburg. "We are privileged and honored to have been able to serve with Frank and he will be missed by everyone."

Dale Glenn, bishop for the 3rd Ward of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints in Kailua, Hawai'i, noted that Toner was a very generous person and was always looked up to for his actions.

"I had the privilege of knowing Frank for his two years and I always appreciated his willingness to help others," said Green. "Frank was so well-respected that three states were planning his

memorial service." Although many were saddened by his death, personnel at the ceremony remembered all the great memories that Toner gave them.

"Frank was always super passionate about everything that was in front of him," said Lt. Paul McCord, assigned to NAVFAC Hawai'i. "Frank was the sweetest man that I've ever known and the toughest at the same time. He will be sorely missed."

The ceremony concluded with a memorial video honoring Toner's life followed by the playing of Taps.

State and national flags in his home state of Rhode Island were ordered to be flown at half-mast until Toner is laid to rest at Arlington National Cemetery. He is survived by his wife, parents and three siblings.

Pearl Harbor becomes greener with biodiesel ferry boat

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Naval Station Pearl Harbor and the National Park Service activated the first USS Arizona Memorial biodiesel ferry boat 39-1 John W. Finn during a ceremony at the USS Arizona Memorial and Visitor Center on April 7.

The John W. Finn is the first of five new boats that will ultimately replace the existing 20-year-old U.S. Navy-operated four boats that transport 1.5 million visitors per year to and from the memorial.

"I think the time has come when people of the world are beginning to realize that this planet is very precious and that we should do everything possible to preserve it for the generation to come, and this boat will help with that," said U.S. Sen. Daniel Inouye of the state of Hawai'i.

The boats were acquired through a Federal Transit Administration grant and state of Hawai'i matching funds, which required procurement of boats that

demonstrate clean fuel technology.

The environmentally friendly, state-of-the-art boats incorporate tier two diesel engines and a blend of off-the-shelf clean fuel propulsion technologies consisting of biodiesel fuel, diesel oxidation and fuel borne catalysts to reduce emissions.

Kelly King, vice president of Pacific Biodiesel, Inc., spoke about how the Navy could easily grow and safely use biodiesel.

"I think it's really important for the military to start looking for ways to secure their own fuel source and this is one way of doing it," she said.

The five boats are named in honor of five Medal of Honor recipients from the Pearl Harbor attack, with the first boat named John W. Finn. Finn was a chief aviation ordnanceman stationed at Naval Air Station, Kaneohe Bay and is the oldest living Medal of Honor recipient from the Pearl Harbor attack.

"These ships are radically different with 21st century equipment, making it a much smoother and quieter boat, more fuel efficient and environmentally friendly,"

said Boatswain's Mate 2nd Class Michal Mousseau. "This ship is also better equipped for the community because it gives more senior citizens who have to be in wheelchairs the opportunity to come out to the memorial."

In addition to Inouye, speakers in attendance included Capt. Richard Kitchens, commanding officer of Naval Station Pearl Harbor; Paul DePrey, superintendent of the WWII Valor in the Pacific National Monument; and Frank McCarthy, program manager of the Support Ships, Small Boats and Craft Program Executive Office.

The ceremony concluded with a Hawaiian blessing conducted by Kahu Kauila Clark, followed by the untying of a Hawaiian maile lei and a short ceremonial ride around the harbor aboard John W. Finn.

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Navy Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps (NJROTC) cadets from Druid Hills High School in Atlanta had the privilege of touring the Pearl Harbor-based, Ticonderoga-class guided-missile cruiser USS Chosin (CG 65) on April 2.

Thirty cadets were able to observe what happens on a U.S. Navy vessel and see a day in the life of Chosin Sailors.

"Some of the cadets have never even been on a plane before, let alone a Navy ship," said Lt. Cmdr. Roseman L. Deas, senior naval science instructor for the high school. "They were really looking forward to coming out to Hawai'i and observing all the ships and the rest of the historic sites at Pearl Harbor."

During the tour, the cadets received a detailed look at the different areas of the ship, including the



A Navy Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps (JROTC) cadet from Druid Hills High School in Atlanta salutes Sailors standing watch on the quarterdeck of the Pearl Harbor-based, Ticonderoga-class guided-missile cruiser USS Chosin (CG 65). Thirty cadets toured the ship's spaces, including the combat information center and missile decks, among others, where subject matter experts explained details of their jobs.

forecastle and the aft missile deck.

"It was really great to see what the ship was

like," said a cadet. "I've never been onboard a ship before and this was a great opportunity to see what

Sailors do."

Chosin Sailors were more than happy to answer questions and

show the cadets what they do on a daily basis.

"It's good to have the cadets come out here and

have them be able to see what it is that we actually do onboard the ship," said Sonar Technician (Surface) 2nd Class Andrew Roundy. "It was great to be able to answer the questions that they had and resolve anything that they were uncertain about."

At the end of the tour, the cadets gathered on the forward part of the ship and thanked the Sailors for showing them the different spaces onboard the ship.

NJROTC's mission is to instill in students in United States secondary educational institutions the values of citizenship, service to the United States, personal responsibility and a sense of accomplishment.

Guided-missile cruisers are multi-mission, anti-air warfare, anti-submarine warfare, long-range strike and anti-surface warfare surface combatants capable of supporting carrier and expeditionary strike groups, amphibious forces or of operating independently and as flagships of surface strike groups.

USS Jacksonville comes home to Pearl Harbor

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The Los Angeles-class attack submarine USS Jacksonville (SSN 699) arrived at Naval Station Pearl Harbor on April 3 where it will now be officially homeported.

"The crew is crazy excited

to be here," said Fire Control Technician Master Chief (SS) Michael Apperson, chief of the boat (COB). "They've been looking forward to this since we left Norfolk."

Jacksonville, known to her crew as "The Bold One," will be assigned to Commander, Submarine Squadron Three (CSS-3).

"Now is the time to get our families situated and everybody settled in so that we

can begin the work-ups for our next deployment," said Cmdr. Mark Cooper, executive officer.

Previously operating from Norfolk, Va., Jacksonville is the first submarine to be named for the Florida city.

"The arrival here was awesome," said Apperson of the Naval Station Pearl Harbor welcoming committee. "This was better than our return from deployment homecoming. Everybody was well-received and there

was a smooth transition into the barracks. It was wonderful."

Jacksonville will not be the last submarine moving to Pearl Harbor in the months to come.

Recognizing the importance of the Asia-Pacific region and the increased threat posed by the abundance of submarines in the area, the 2006 Quadrennial Defense Review mandated that 60 percent of the U.S. Navy's submarines be homeported in the Pacific by the end of 2010.

In addition to Jacksonville, Virginia-class attack submarines USS Hawai'i (SSN 776) and USS Texas

(SSN 775) will both be coming to Pearl Harbor later this year. Hawai'i is slated to arrive this summer and Texas in the fall.

Los Angeles-class USS Albuquerque (SSN 706) will move from the Atlantic to Naval Station San Diego this summer. By the end of 2009, 31 of the U.S. Navy's 53 fast attack submarines will be homeported in the Pacific with 18 of those 31 homeported at Pearl Harbor.



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Master Chief Petty Officer of the Navy (MCPON) Rick West addresses the chief petty officers stationed at National Naval Medical Center Bethesda.

CNP provides update for Senior Enlisted Continuation Boards

Navy Personnel Command Public Affairs

The chief of naval personnel (CNP) released NAVADMIN 096/09, March 31 which outlines criteria, board membership and defines exempt billets for the upcoming Senior Enlisted Continuation Board (SECB).

"The continuation board is part of our continued effort to optimize the quality of the force," said Chief of Naval Personnel Vice Adm. Mark Ferguson.

The annual performance-driven review of master chiefs, senior chiefs and chiefs with more than 20 years of service and three years time in grade will be very similar to the continuation boards already in place for officers.

Board members will look for those master chiefs, senior chiefs and chiefs who have the ability to get positive results. Additional consideration will be given to senior enlisted leaders who achieve success through leadership and personal performance while fostering well trained enlisted and officer teams.

Documented misconduct and substandard performance are the primary reasons a Sailor would not be selected for continued service, according to the message. Examples listed in the NAVADMIN include "significant problems" or "progressing" promotion recommendations, declining performance from the same reporting senior, failure to maintain physical fitness assessment standards, military or civilian convictions and non-judicial punishment.

Board member composition will be comprised of a flag officer president plus at least one captain from the surface, submarine and aviation communities as well as the Navy Expeditionary Combat Command. Captains will serve as panel heads while additional panel officers, typically O-3 and

above, will assist panel heads in a manner similar to the enlisted advancement boards. Selected active-duty and full-time-support (FTS) force, fleet and command master chiefs will serve as board members, and selected active-duty and FTS master chiefs will serve as recorders.

Personnel with orders to, or serving in the first two years of, an overseas or Department of Defense (DoD) area tour at the board convening date are exempt from the continuation board. Overseas duty is defined as type three, four or six duty locations outside the 50 United States and the District of Columbia. Consecutive overseas tour and overseas tour extension incentive program requirements will not exempt a Sailor from consideration by the board.

The fiscal year 2010 E7-E9 senior enlisted continuation board convenes Sept. 21 at Naval Personnel Command, Millington, Tenn. Members not selected for continuation must transfer to the fleet reserve or retire no later than June 30, 2010.

Each candidate is responsible for ensuring their record is correct and up-to-date with their latest evaluations, awards and other appropriate information.

Candidates may communicate with the continuation board by submitting a board package. Selection board packages provide candidates the opportunity to submit any missing documents from the sections of their records that are viewed by the continuation boards. Packages must be postmarked no later than Aug. 17. Further guidance on submitting a board package can be found in the NAVADMIN 030/09.

More information is available in NAVADMIN 096/09, which should be read in conjunction with NAVADMIN 030/09 on the force stabilization page at www.npc.navy.mil/CareerInfo/ForceStabilization/.

Navy, Coast Guard service chiefs sign Safe Harbor agreement

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Chief of Naval Operations (CNO) Adm. Gary Roughead and Commandant of the Coast Guard Adm. Thad Allen signed a memorandum of agreement (MOA) on April 1 for the Safe Harbor program.

The Safe Harbor program is the Navy's lead organization for coordinating the non-medical care of wounded, ill and injured Sailors, Coast Guardsmen and their family members.

In the fall of 2008, the Coast Guard approached Safe Harbor to gain an understanding of the non-medical care management support provided to seriously wounded, ill and injured Sailors and their families. Coast Guard units are often located proximal to Navy, and Coast Guard members receive medical care at Navy military treatment facilities, where Safe Harbor non-medical care managers are currently located.

The signing of the MOA between the CNO and commandant reflects their commitment to providing the



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Chief of Naval Operations (CNO) Adm. Gary Roughead, left, delivers remarks as Commandant of the Coast Guard Adm. Thad W. Allen looks on after the signing of a memorandum of agreement for the Safe Harbor program during a signing ceremony at the Pentagon. The agreement reflects the Navy and Coast Guard's commitment to providing a lifetime of individually tailored, coordinated, non-medical care to seriously wounded, ill, or injured service members and their families.

best care possible for Sailors, Coast Guardsmen and their families.

"I think that this really gets to the essence of our services and how we as services care for our Sailors. Through the great work of our people at Safe Harbor, we have developed ways to address those who are seriously wounded, ill and

injured in order to better provide for them and their families," Roughead said. "We are just really privileged and honored that we can bring this dimension of the Navy and the Coast Guard together in a way that benefits our Sailors and their families."

Through proactive leadership, the Safe Harbor pro-

gram provides seriously wounded, ill and injured service members a lifetime of individually tailored assistance designed to optimize the success of their recovery, rehabilitation and reintegration activities and to give their families the support they need to get through that sometimes life-long process.

Doolittle Raid on Japan, April 1942



Official U.S. Navy photograph, now in the collections of the National Archives

An Army Air Force B-25 bomber takes off from USS Hornet (CV 8) at the start of the Doolittle Raid on April 18, 1942. Note men watching from the signal lamp platform at right.

Volunteer on Earth Day for historic Pearl Harbor Path Clean Up

Lt. Benjamin Abney

Naval Station Pearl Harbor

In keeping with the spirit of Earth Day, community involvement and environmental stewardship, Navy volunteers will partner with various organizations to pick up debris along the historic 13.5 mile Pearl Harbor Path from 8 a.m. to noon on April 18.

Interested volunteers should email volunteer coordinator, Culinary Specialist 1st Class Tracey Mayweather, with the full names, rates and commands of all personnel interested in

volunteering.

Check-in is at 8 a.m. at Neil Blaisdell Park in Pearl City. Participants will be required to listen to a safety brief and then will be routed to one of four Navy areas.

Volunteers are encouraged to involve family members (provided that their children have adequate parental supervision).

Closed shoes are mandatory. Volunteers are highly encouraged to wear long pants and bring sunscreen and insect repellent. Water will be provided.

For more information, contact Mayweather at traceymayweather@navy.mil.

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Federal Fire Department Hawai'i recognizes their 'emerging leaders'

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Two Federal Fire (FFD) Department of Hawai'i battalion chiefs were selected to participate in the 2009 Pacific Leadership Academy Program, a program that provides leadership training to emerging leaders in their respective career fields.

Dan Brown and Greg Moriguchi of FFD were among 36 participants accepted into the program, which is sponsored by the Honolulu Pacific Federal Executive Board.

According to Victor Flint, battalion chief for FFD's fire prevention division, Brown and Moriguchi were chosen to participate in the leadership academy because of their excellent leadership abilities and advanced knowledge of emergency services.

"One thing that sets Greg and Dan apart is their way of doing business, thinking out of the

box and being flexible and approachable are factors [for why they were chosen for the Pacific Leadership Academy]," said Flint. "Most of the officers in the fire department that have as much experience and education that they have are much older. Also, their way of doing business, thinking out of the box and being flexible and approachable are

other factors [for why they were chosen]," he continued. The leadership academy consists of two week-long classes, where students are exposed to a variety of curriculum, including book reports on effective leadership and management, group solutions and overall class summaries.

"The Emerging Leadership Program [material] will focus on being both an effective leader as well as gaining qualitative man-

agement skills needed to lead our fire department into the future," said Flint.

The first class of the leadership program was held in February. The second class will take place in May.

Dan Brown, battalion chief 1 B (operations division), said he was honored to be selected for the prestigious leadership program.

Working at FFD since 1984, Brown said he hopes, as a leader, he will carry on the legacy prior leadership has established for him and his peers.

"[With this program], I hope to build upon the foundation that I have already established as a leader," he said. "I also want to make progression through all professional and personal leadership experiences I will encounter now and in the future."

Brown also noted that he believes the program will provide him the opportunity to learn different leadership skills from "leadership experts" while developing and honing his own personal

leadership style. "My [overall] plan is to try to leave the [FFD] department in good hands for the future," he added.

Gregg Moriguchi, FFD battalion chief for the emergency medical services (EMS) department, said he believed the reason why he was selected to attend this year's Pacific Leadership Academy is because of the potential he has displayed throughout his 17-year EMS career.

"Leadership development is a key factor in preparing me for future leadership roles," he said. "This program has already provided me with the tools to evaluate and approach each situation differently and is teaching me to be a more flexible leader. A single approach does not fit all situations," he added.

As an "emerging leader" in his field, Moriguchi said he hopes other firefighters or EMS professionals will also look for leadership opportunities within their own careers.

"My advice is to seek out every opportunity [you can] to learn about yourself and

others [which will only] increase your awareness," he said. "Developing an awareness of people and situations will lead to more effective leadership."

Despite their numerous years of service to FFD, both Moriguchi and Brown said there are many aspects of their jobs that they still find enjoyable.

"The part that I enjoy the most is feeling like I made a difference for someone," said Moriguchi. "Knowing that I made a difference serves as a validation of my efforts."

Brown said what he loves most about his job is the positive impact he has had on fellow firefighters and their careers.

"What I enjoy most is all the time and effort I put into my peers and subordinates and seeing this [positively] impact their careers," he noted. "Seeing these positive results only solidifies my efforts."

For more information on fire safety or FFD-related issues, contact the fire department at 471-3303.



Photo courtesy of Federal Fire (FFD) Department of Hawai'i

Federal Fire (FFD) Department of Hawai'i battalion chiefs, Dan Brown (left) and Greg Moriguchi (right), were selected to participate in the 2009 Pacific Leadership Academy Program, a program that provides leadership training to emerging leaders in their career fields. The battalion chiefs were among 36 participants accepted into the program, sponsored by the Honolulu Pacific Federal Executive Board.

USS Lake Erie engineers complete major maintenance availability

Ensign Matthew Thrasher

USS Lake Erie (CG 70)

USS Lake Erie (CG 70), the nation's premier ballistic missile defense (BMD) ship, recently entered the final stages of a four-month long maintenance availability. During that time, the ship completed major repairs to vital engineering systems, ensuring mission readiness for the future.

Lake Erie's engineers completed simultaneous major repairs to numerous interconnected systems including the complete replacement of a gas turbine generator, sea water service pump, and over-

haul of the ship's waste heat boilers.

In all, Lake Erie completed more than 400 jobs totaling approximately \$10 million. Despite the scope and scale of work the crew undertook, all repairs remain on track for sea trails and future mission tasking.

"Lake Erie isn't able to answer the call of our nation's defense if we aren't making water and moving through it, and our engineers are key to making that happen" said Chief Warrant Officer 3 Veloz, chief engineer onboard Lake Erie. He added, "We challenged our Sailors to take on jobs normally done by outside facilities and

they came through."

Over the course of the four-month repair availability, Lake Erie's crew saved the Navy more than a million dollars by completing work normally done by outside contractors.

In addition to the extensive work done on Lake Erie's engineering plant during the availability period, the ship upgraded its Aegis weapons system, making it the most advanced BMD ship in the world. With this upgrade, Lake Erie remains at the cutting edge of the Navy's Aegis BMD capability - the importance of which was displayed in last year's shoot down of a malfunctioning U.S. satellite.



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(Left to right) Engineman 3rd Class Matthew Crandall and Ensign Matthew Thrasher check gauge measurements in the engine room aboard USS Lake Erie (CG 70).

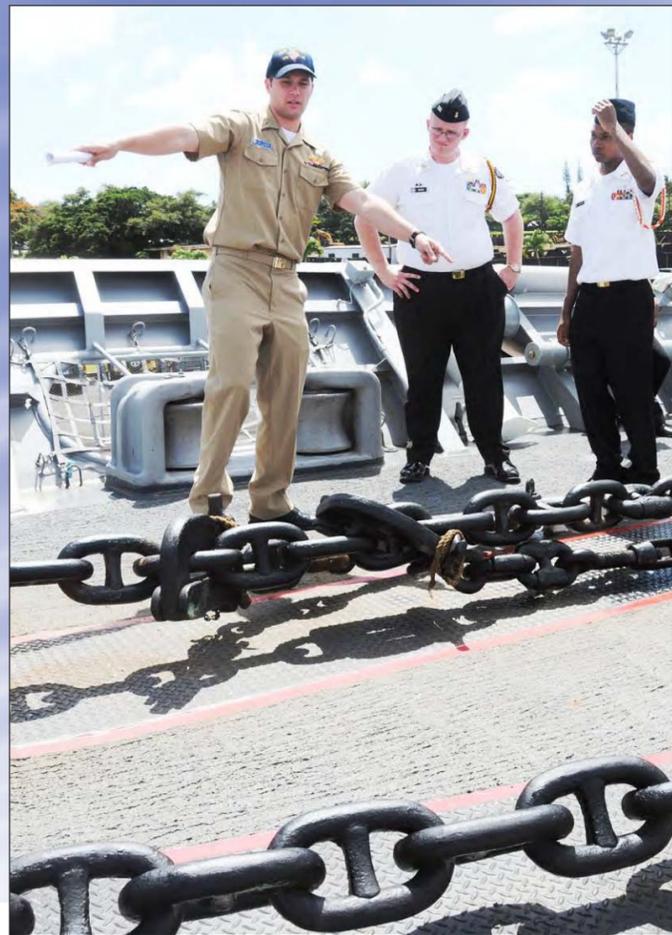
Pearl Harbor Highlights

(Right) Veterans gather at the Philippine Memorial Marker for a wreath-laying during a memorial ceremony April 6 at the National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific (Punchbowl). The ceremony, which also commemorated the 67th Philippine national holiday "Araw ng Kagitingan" (Day of Valor), honored the Filipino-American service members during World War II.

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(Below) Filipino-American veterans render salutes for the playing of the national anthem during a memorial ceremony April 6 at the National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific (Punchbowl). The ceremony, which also commemorated the 67th Philippine national holiday "Araw ng Kagitingan" (Day of Valor), honored the Filipino-American service members during World War II.

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U.S. Navy photo by MC3 Robert Stürup

Ensign Chris Engdahl explains details about the anchor chain to Navy Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps (JROTC) cadets from Druid Hills High School in Atlanta onboard the Pearl Harbor-based Ticonderoga-class guided-missile cruiser USS Chosin (CG 65) April 2. Thirty cadets toured the ship's spaces including the combat information center and missile decks, among others, where subject matter experts explained details of their job.



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William Norwood, a former World War II prisoner of war (POW), observes a moment of silence for perished Sailors and Marines in the shrine room of the USS Arizona Memorial during a tour of historic Pearl Harbor. Forty-one former POWs made the ninth annual trip to Honolulu to observe National Former POW Remembrance Day and participate in the POW/missing in action recognition ceremony at the National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific (Pearl Harbor) on April 9.



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Naval Station Pearl Harbor hosts 12th Annual Ford Island Bridge Run

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Naval Station Pearl Harbor (NAVSTA PH) held its 12th annual Ford Island 10K Bridge Run on April 4.

The annual event has been the largest 10K (6.2 miles) run on O'ahu since its opening on April 11, 1998. The run begins at the entrance of the Admiral Bernard Clarey Bridge, continues across the bridge and around historic Ford Island, ending on Richardson Field.

Approximately 2,600 service members, family members and civilians of all ages participated in the scenic run, almost doubling last year's participation.

Overall male winners were Danny Allay in first place with a time of 32:33:00, Steve Slaby in second with a time of 32:50:5 and Rich Cochrane in third with a time of 33:18:5.

Overall female winners were Sandra Ferreira in first place with a time of 39:45.8, Kristy Salinas in second with a time of 41:03.2 and Quinn



Lt. Cmdr. Rich Cochrane, assigned to Wing-2 on Marine Corp Base Hawaii - Kaneohe, led the pack of runners during the 2009 Ford Island Bridge Run. For the past 12 years, the run has been the largest 10K (6.2 miles) run on Oahu, which starts at the entrance of the Admiral Bernard Clarey Bridge and continues across the bridge and around historic Ford Island and back over the bridge, ending at Richardson Field. Young and old alike have enjoyed this scenic route since its inaugural run on April 11, 1998.

Horochnik in third with a time of 41:53.5.

Male military winners were Michael Krisman in first place with a time of

34:38.6, Kyle Wiewiorski in second with a time of 35:47.3 and Walter Dickson in third with a time of 36:13.8.

Female military winners were Beth Clukey in first with a time of 43:59.9, Danielle Austin in second with a time of 46:07.2 and

Kristine Chou in third with a time of 46:15.1.

For Lt. Steve Slaby, assigned to Construction Battalion Maintenance

Unit 303, it was his first time participating in this race and also served as part of his training for future races.

"This is the forefront of the culture of Navy fitness," he said. "The Navy is pushing people to maintain their fitness and I think doing runs like this will help the Sailors and their families do this."

Slaby, who placed third overall, also said it was a time to have fun and compete in some friendly competition against other Navy runners.

Lt. Cmdr. Rich Cochrane, assigned to a Wing-2 on Marine Corp Base Hawaii - Kaneohe, expressed how the Navy has one of the best local running teams and how much the team enjoys promoting physical fitness.

"The Navy has a great local running team," he said. "So for us to come out here and place two Sailors in the top three slots, wearing the Navy jersey with the Navy colors impresses people and shows that we are not just working in the military, that we also have lives outside the military which helps represent the Navy in the community."

Unbeaten Crommelin chops down Lumber 77



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In a battle of undefeated softball teams, Sailors from USS Crommelin (FFG 37) improved their league record to 3-0 after gaining an extra-inning victory over Lumber 77 — a squad made up of USS O'Kane (DDG 77) personnel — at Millican Field at Naval Station Pearl Harbor on April 4.

The contest was all knotted up at 4-4 after seven innings of regulation play before Yeoman 1st Class George Padjen blasted a game-winning double in the bottom of the eighth inning to give Crommelin its overtime triumph. "I was just trying to hit it as hard as I could," said Padjen about hitting the skyscraping launch, which was hit deep to centerfield. "I go up there looking to drive in some runs and knock my teammates home."

Padjen, who also jacked a lead-off triple in the bottom of the third that nearly reached the right-field wall, added that since Lumber 77 entered the day in first place, the conquest was sweet.

"That was a big win," he said, while complementing Crommelin's worthy adversary. "The O'Kane has a bunch of classy players, so it's about the competition. Winning is nice, but it's fun to get out there and play ball."

Fire Controlman 1st Class Jeremy Spencer of USS Crommelin (FFG37) delivers a pitch during an intramural softball versus Lumber 77 — a squad made up of USS O'Kane (DDG77) personnel — at Millican Field at Naval Station Pearl Harbor on April 4.

Information Systems Technician 2nd Class Brian O'Dell of Lumber 77, who was locked in a pitcher's duel with Fire Controlman 1st Class Jeremy Spencer from Crommelin, said that his team experienced one of those days when the ball was hit hard, but right at fielders.

It also seemed that much of Lumber 77's power was defused by the day's windy conditions that appeared to impede the ball's flight once it got past the infield.

"We could have done a bit better on our hitting," said O'Dell. "We tried to get on our game, but it just wasn't there today. We'll bounce back. This is a great team."

The seesaw battle between the two ships saw Crommelin come back to either retake the lead, or tie the score, after Lumber 77 forged ahead on two occasions.

Crommelin tallied two runs in the bottom of the third, and a single score in the bottom of the fifth, following single-run advantages by Lumber 77 in the top of each inning.

Meanwhile, Spencer did his job to help Crommelin keep pace with Lumber 77. Spencer posted goose eggs in six of the game's eight innings.

He also retired the side in order in four innings, which also included perfect frames in the sixth, seventh and eighth.

"I was just trying to put it where they're not looking for it,"

said Spencer, who is also the team's head coach. "As long as I can do that, I usually get pop flies out of it. My defense also has been helping me out a lot this year."

Spencer stated that due to a good turnout for the team this year, the Crommelin is loaded with players that are skilled and know how to get it done on the field.

The Crommelin hurler pointed out that with so much talent on the squad, it's a shame that it won't be around to compete for a league title.

"I think that we could go all the way, except that we won't be here," he acknowledged. "We're being deployed sometime in summer, but I'm hoping that we'll be around to play until May or even June."

By edging past Lumber 77, Crommelin is now one of only two teams with perfect records in the Morale, Welfare and Recreation Afloat Intramural Softball standings.

Crommelin, along with the team from USS Port Royal (CG 73), sits at the top of the league at 3-0 while Lumber 77 fell to 3-1.

On April 11 at Millican Field, Crommelin will square off with War Dragons from USS Chosin (CG 65) at 11 a.m. while Port Royal faces USS Cheyenne (SSN 773) at 3 p.m.

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Navy SEALs kick past Crommelin, 2-0

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The SEAL (Sea Air Land) Delivery Vehicle Team One (SDVT-1) soccer team beat USS Crommelin (FFG 37), 2-0, to hand Sailors from the ship their first defeat of the season at Ward Field at Naval Station Pearl Harbor on April 4.

The win raised SDVT-1's regular-season record to 2-1 in the Morale, Welfare and Recreation (MWR) intramural soccer league, while Crommelin fell from the ranks of the unbeaten with a 2-1 mark.

Navy Diver 2nd Class Ryan Jones booted in goals on a corner kick and break-away to help lead SDVT-1 to the victory.

"I love it man. I wish we could come out every day," said Jones about his game-winning kicks. "The first one was kind of sloppy. I hit it in with my chest. The second one, I got with

my left foot and hit it over the keeper."

While the score was close, SDVT-1 appeared to be in control of the game from the very beginning.

Right away, the momentum seemed to swing to SDVT-1's favor when Jones knocked in the first goal within minutes of the opening whistle.

According to Navy Diver 2nd Class Sean Cross, who is a striker on SDVT-1, the initial score gave the team a huge boost.

"Morale-wise, that was big," announced Cross. "Anytime you can get a number in the beginning of the game, you got that cushion, and that allows you to play a little more comfortable."

Although SDVT-1 was able to keep its tension to a minimum, the same couldn't be said for Crommelin, whose players were pressured on both sides of the field.

Throughout the contest, the Seals kept Crommelin goalkeeper, Lt. j.g. Daniel Bradshaw, on his heels with a relentless assault on the goal.

For Bradshaw, who was playing in his first game at goalie, the battle was a rude introduction to the hazards of the position.

"I didn't expect that," said Bradshaw. "In our previous games, we haven't been attacked as much. But for the most part, we held our own."

SDVT-1 used the same aggressive strategy on defense, where it controlled the middle and limited Crommelin to only three kicks-on-

goal for the entire second half.

"We like to keep control of the midfield," noted Cross. "If you got control of the midfield, defense is going to follow along with it."

Cross added that facing an undefeated team gave SDVT-1 extra motivation in its showdown against Crommelin.

"We just try to come out and know what we know about the teams, not necessarily the rankings," affirmed Cross. "But it's always an incentive."

Keeping teams, such as Crommelin, under constant tension takes a lot of energy, noted both Cross and Jones.

However, both SEALs agreed that due to the nature of their jobs, SDVT-1 enters each game physically fit and ready to go.

"I hate to brag, but we are in better shape than most of the teams out here," stated Jones. "We can run."

Jones acknowledged that no matter who SDVT-1 faces this season, if the team maintains a consistent lineup, he is certain that it stands a good chance of beating just about anybody.

"We're a confident team," he said. "The only thing that will stop us from winning is that some of us will be deployed. Half of our players are going to go out. I may not be here in a month."

SDVT-1 will square off against Sailors from USS La Jolla (SSN-701) at Ward Field, starting at noon on April 11.

For a complete schedule listing of all games, visit the MWR Web site at www.greatlifeahawaii.com.



Cryptologic Technician (Technical) Andrew Loach of USS Crommelin (FFG37) tries to fight off Navy Diver 2nd Class Sean Cross of Seal Delivery Vehicle Team One (SDVT-1) during an intramural soccer match at Ward Field at Naval Station Pearl Harbor on April 4.

NIOC Hawai'i chiefs celebrate 116th birthday with wardroom

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For the second time in two years, the Navy Information Operations Command (NIOC) Hawai'i wardroom and chiefs' mess held a social at Sam Snead's Tavern at the Navy-Marine Golf Course at Moanalua on April 1.

The purpose of the event was to provide an opportunity for the command khaki population to get to know one another in a relaxing environment. With nearly 200 chiefs and officers, many members would not get the chance to meet and talk without an event such as this. What set this year's event apart was that it occurred on the 116th birthday of the U.S. Navy chief petty officer.

Originally scheduled for a week prior, Command Master Chief (SW/AW) Terry Piper thought celebrating on the chiefs' birthday would be a great way for the command leadership to come together as one.

At the event, he said, "This is an opportunity for our chiefs and officers to sit with one another to build camaraderie and connections." He told the chiefs to get up from the tables where they sat among their fellow chiefs and go find an officer they didn't know.



Ensign Jesse Bird and Chief Cryptologic Technician (Interpretive) (SW) Naomi Richards, the command's youngest officer and chief, respectively, cut the cake at the Navy Information Operations Command Hawai'i chief-officer social on April 1. The event was in celebration of the 116th birthday of the Navy chief.

The master chief's direction was exactly what this group of Sailors needed. Ensigns were able to sit and chat with senior chiefs, the captain with new chiefs and all ranks in between.

Lt. j.g. Mike Fernandez, one of the day's social organizers, presented the mess with a birthday cake which was enjoyed by the active duty members and their families. He said, "This cake is given on behalf of the wardroom. Thank you to all the chiefs for your hard

work and mentoring. Happy birthday chiefs!"

The youngest chief and officer present, Chief Cryptologic Technician (Interpretive) Naomi Richardson and Ensign Jesse Bird, respectively, performed the cake-cutting. It was followed by a chant by the mess, led by Master Chief Cryptologic Technician (Collection) CTRCM (SW) Steven Pitzen, "Navy chiefs, Navy pride... Navy chiefs, Navy pride... Navy chiefs, Navy pride!"

Citadel alumni in Hawai'i muster for worldwide formation

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Alumni of The Citadel, the Military College of South Carolina, gathered recently for the 2009 Citadel Alumni Muster at Sam Snead's Tavern & Restaurant to pay their respects for 216 alumni and current cadets who passed away during the past year.

The annual Citadel Alumni Muster is an initiative designed to facilitate an annual coming together of all alumni of the institution, with the purpose

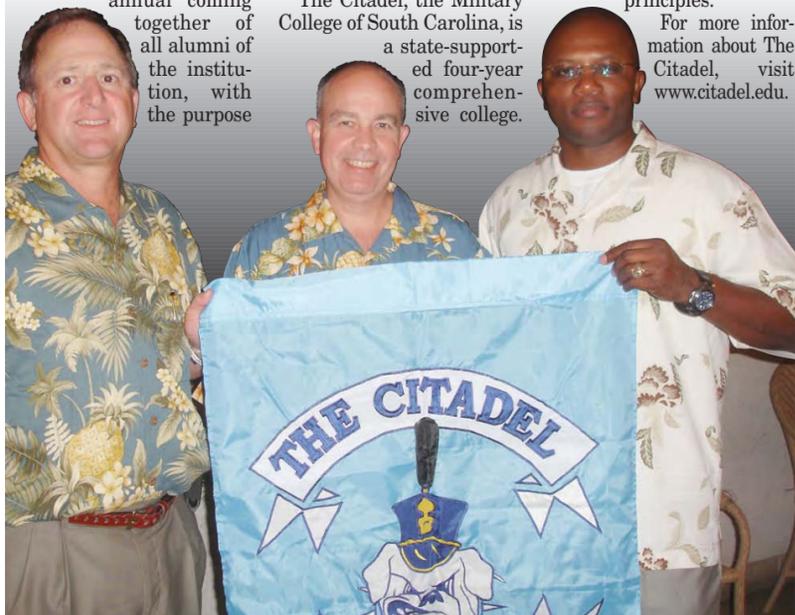
of recognizing alumni who have passed away during the preceding year.

No matter what day of the week it occurs, the event is held on March 20 each year in conjunction with Corps Day, the birthday of the Corps of Cadets. This event is a rallying point for alumni. All graduates and former members of the Corps are expected to report. No matter where they are in the world on March 20, they are to find a muster. In that regard, the muster is indeed a formation.

The Citadel, the Military College of South Carolina, is a state-supported four-year comprehensive college.

Throughout its history, The Citadel's primary purpose has been to educate undergraduates as members of the South Carolina Corps of Cadets and to prepare them for postgraduate positions of leadership through academic programs of recognized excellence supported by the best features of a structured military environment. The cadet lifestyle provides an environment which supports the growth and development of character, physical fitness, and moral and spiritual principles.

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(Left to right) Col. James (Jim) Pasquino, (Air Force Ret.) '76; Col. Robert (Bob) Harter, U.S. Army, '81; and Cmdr. Jerome (J. R.) White, U.S. Navy '93; were among the Citadel graduates who recently attended the 2009 Citadel Alumni Muster at Sam Snead's at the Navy-Marine Golf Course.