

Pearl Harbor Naval Shipyard wins top awards



Ian-Jacob Keaunui lights the centennial flame, marking the start of Pearl Harbor Naval Shipyard's Centennial Birthday Bash. On June 11, the shipyard won a Thompson-Ravitz award for excellence in Navy public affairs in recognition of its innovative and successful celebration of its centennial in 2008.



Liane Nakahara hooks up an on-camera microphone in the video studio at Pearl Harbor Naval Shipyard. The Chief of Naval Operations (CNO) announced June 11 that she is the winner of the Thompson-Ravitz Award for Junior Civilian Public Affairs Officer of the Year for excellence in Navy public affairs. Nakahara was a public relations specialist during most of the 2008 award period.

PHNSY employee named Navy's Junior Civilian Public Affairs Officer of Year

Story and photo by Marshall Fukuki

Pearl Harbor Naval Shipyard Public Affairs

Thompson-Ravitz awards promote professional expertise and excellence in Navy public affairs achievements.

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Nakahara and winners in other categories received their awards four days earlier during a Navy Chief of Information (CHINFO) training symposium in the National Conference Center in Lansdowne, Va. This was done before the CNO public announcement so it would be a surprise.

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PHNSY recognized for excellence in public affairs

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The shipyard celebrated its 100th birthday in 2008.

The shipyard earned the Thompson-Ravitz Award in the special events category for the innovative and successful year-long celebration of its centennial. The shipyard's Congressional and public affairs office (CPAO) developed the centennial celebration plan that included a wide range of activities centered around the shipyard birth date of May 13, 1908.

During the centennial year the CPAO, a small centennial executive steering committee, and hundreds of

shipyard volunteers worked together to make this plan a success. Activities included a formal ball, a historical symposium at Ala Moana Hotel, the "birthday bash" celebration attended by nearly 5,000, a special centennial apprentice class graduation, the first shipyard "family day" open house since 1999, more than 20 public speeches, and production of two shipyard history books.

The CPAO coordinated

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Navy Marine Corps Relief Society honors volunteers

Story and photo by MC2 (SW) Brett Morton

Naval Public Affairs Support Element West Detachment Hawai'i

Navy Region Hawai'i held a Navy Marine Corps Relief Society (NMCRS) awards ceremony to honor volunteers on June 23 at Sharkey Theater at Naval Station Pearl Harbor.

The Navy Marine Corps Relief Society is a private, non-profit, volunteer organization with a goal of providing financial, educational and other assistance to members of the naval services and their family members when in need.

"Hawai'i is not as big in terms of numbers of Sailors and Marines as perhaps Hampton Roads, the Norfolk area and San Diego, but the Hawai'i fund drive has a record of having one of the highest per capita returns for the

entire Navy and Marine Corps Community," said Paul Belanger, director of NMCRS Pearl Harbor.

This year's fund drive raised \$607,491 for Sailors and Marines with an average individual per capita of nearly \$29 regionally and nearly \$39 for the Pearl Harbor area.

"Even though we don't have as many Sailors and Marines in the area, the Sailors and Marines that we do have do an outstanding job supporting the society and, in fact, supporting their own because that is what the money is for," said Belanger.

Approximately 120 awards were presented to volunteers who took part in this year's fund raising program.

"The NMCRS awards are for recognition of every key person that helped during the fund drive," said Martyann Grant, director of NMCRS at Marine Corps Base Hawai'i - Kaneohe. "The individual awards are for



Rear Adm. Dixon Smith presents a check for \$607,491.31 to the Navy Marine Corps Relief Society (NMCRS) at Naval Station Pearl Harbor on June 23. The check was presented during the 2009 NMCRS award ceremony.

everything from most improved, to highest per capita, to highest contribution, and to the Team Spirit award - those that have really gone above and beyond in events and specific categories in their individual fund drives," explained Grant.

More than 80 Navy and Marine Corps commands participated in this year's campaign, achieving a very successful end result.

"I just want to thank all the Sailors and Marines for continuing to do such a wonderful job on our fund drive and again remind them that this is a little bit like an insurance plan. Every dollar that they contribute to NMCRS goes into trust so that in the event there is an emergency somewhere down the line, they have somewhere to draw some help," said Belanger. "It's not our fund drive, it's the Navy and the Marine Corps fund drive."

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Secretary of Navy Ray Mabus committed to Sailors, families

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The secretary of the Navy (SECNAV) said during his assumption ceremony June 18 that his first commitment as secretary will be to service members and families.

"The law requires me to ensure that the Department of the Navy is properly manned, trained and equipped, fully prepared to meet the challenges of the 21st century," said SECNAV Raymond Mabus Jr. "I deeply believe that this



Secretary of Defense Robert Gates, left, administers the oath of office to Secretary of the Navy (SECNAV) the Honorable Ray Mabus during a ceremony at the Naval Support Activity Washington-Washington Navy Yard on June 18. Mabus, the former governor of Mississippi, is the 75th Secretary of the Navy.

involves not just what our Sailors and Marines do for us, but what we do for them and for their families."

Mabus made the remarks following the oath of office by Secretary of Defense Robert Gates at Admiral Leutze Park on the Washington Navy Yard (WNY). Earlier in the day, Vice President Joe Biden administered the oath at the White House.

Senior government and military leaders and roughly 500 guests attended the ceremony at the WNY. In addition, 27

ambassadors attended the event.

"We face great challenges and we have great friends and allies," Mabus said. "To representatives of the international community here today, welcome. I look forward to the opportunity to strengthen ties that are already strong and I know our collaboration will advance the interests of peace and a more just and stable world."

Mabus, the former governor of Mississippi, was nominated by President Barack Obama to be the civilian leader for the U.S. Navy on March 27.

Following his confirmation by the Senate Armed Services Committee, Mabus was sworn in as secretary of the Navy during a private ceremony May 19 so he "could be piped aboard immediately."

As SECNAV, Mabus oversees a budget of \$150 billion and almost 900,000 people and performs a range of duties, including recruiting, equipping and mobilizing to overseeing the construction and repair of equipment, facilities and ships. Mabus will also formulate Navy

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Advanced training targets JROTC students

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High school students from locations such as Japan, Guam, California, Washington, Nevada, Nebraska, Wyoming, Utah, Alaska and Hawai'i were pushed through a whirlwind of ultimate challenges and tasks at the Junior Reserves Officers Training Corps (JROTC) Hawai'i Leadership Academy (HLA) that was held June 15-24 at Naval Station Pearl Harbor.

According to retired Cmdr. John Hutchison, who heads the HLA and is also the senior naval science instructor at Campbell High in Ewa Beach, Hawai'i, the honored cadets were selected to participate in this year's academy as a reward for their excellent achievements in their school's JROTC program.

While many people come to Hawai'i to enjoy the splendors of the tropical paradise, Hutchison stated that the 100 teenagers, who were mostly sophomores and juniors, attended the HLA with a different objective in mind.

For the duration of the event, cadets were put through extreme physical and classroom training, in addition to learning about sailing and water survival techniques, for the purpose of becoming the future leaders of their class.

"This is really busy and demanding, but it's teaching them the traits of time management, orderliness and the self-discipline that is required to be successful in life," noted Hutchison. "This teaches them to be leaders, which is the ability to take charge, guide others and be the crème of the crop."

Hutchison said that while everything is run in a very positive environment, the academy did offer the cadets an up-close-and-personal viewpoint of what life in the



Retired Radioman 1st Class Gail Johnson discusses water safety with JROTC cadets before leading them through a water rescue exercise during the Hawai'i Leadership Academy (HLA) at Richardson Pool at Naval Station Pearl Harbor on June 18.

military is about.

During the full exercise, everyone lived together on an YRMB54 barge at Pearl Harbor that was loaned to the academy by Commander U.S. Pacific Fleet (COM-PACFLT).

And the cadets also learned that even when there are downtimes, there are still responsibilities to attend.

"We're talking about 16 to 18-hour days," admitted Hutchison. "They are busy doing something all the time. They have a little bit of free time, but that's used to prepare uniforms and shine shoes to get ready for the next day's inspection."

Danielle Torres, who will be a senior and four-year JROTC cadet at Campbell High this fall, was back for her second year at HLA, but this time as an advisor.

She said that although the academy does require a lot of time and effort, she believed that the experience would go along way toward helping her fulfill her dream of attending the U.S. Naval Academy.

"It is really worth it," said Torres. "They helped us build our confidence by not just running us through drills, but also by teaching us to make decisions to direct the troops. I've learned a lot of leadership skills and about sailing, too."

With students coming from different parts of the world, HLA instructor Gail Johnson, a retired radioman first class, said that the academy provided the additional

benefit of introducing the teenagers to other cultures as well.

Johnson, who is one of three JROTC instructors at Centennial High in Las Vegas, Nev., pointed out that the multi-cultural exchange is extremely valuable – especially in an armed forces that has become greatly integrated.

Earlier this year, the Centennial High NJROTC program won the national title at the Navy National Championships which was held in Pensacola, Fla.

"They got the multi-cultural training from meeting people from Guam, Japan and Hawai'i," said Johnson. "And they got to take that and challenge themselves to see if what they've learned from their program can be applied here."

Although Hutchison said that he has been a part of HLA for 17 years, he never tires of the chance to help youngsters reach for the stars.

Not only has he found the experience to be rewarding, but he also said that he never ceases to be amazed at how far a student can go if he or she is properly motivated.

"It's not a one-way street," said Hutchison. "We get the gratification of seeing them come back with some of those big-dollar scholarships. But the thing that impresses me is that, if you challenge them, no matter what their background, they generally will step up to the challenge."

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Hawaii Navy News Editorial

NAVSTA Pearl Harbor's chaplain department provides top-notch support

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While most personnel assigned to Naval Station (NAVSTA) Pearl Harbor have scheduled working days and hours, NAVSTA Pearl Harbor's chaplain department goes above and beyond their normal duties to provide the best service to all military and Department of Defense personnel and their families.

NAVSTA Pearl Harbor's chaplain department provides various religious services and support programs attended by more than 1,000 Hawaii-based service members and family members weekly, along with conducting weddings, baptisms and funerals.

"Our goal is to offer the best possible support to every service member and their family," said Cmdr. Timothy Koester, command chaplain for NAVSTA Pearl Harbor. "If personnel are interested in services not provided at Pearl Harbor, we will gladly accommodate them by referring them to a service they desire."

While chaplains who are assigned to deployable commands primarily only work with service members, the chaplains at Pearl Harbor also have the opportunity to



Photo illustration

work with family members. "It really opens up the impact of being a chaplain when you are able to work with military families," said

Navy chaplain Lt. Dennis Kelly, assigned to NAVSTA Pearl Harbor chaplain department.

Koester noted how valu-

able religious program specialists are to the chaplains at Pearl Harbor.

"The chaplains would not be able to perform as well as

we do without the help from religious program specialists," said Koester. "They put in countless hours of work to fulfill our duties

and responsibilities to the command."

Religious Program Specialist 1st Class Kimberly Robinson, assigned to NAVSTA Pearl Harbor's chaplain department, said that customer service is one of the most important things to provide to service members.

"Providing service to our personnel is our number one goal for our department," said Robinson. "We want to make sure that everyone who walks through our doors gets the help that they are looking for."

Personnel assigned to NAVSTA Pearl Harbor's chaplain department often feel that their job is very rewarding.

"The best part of my job is assisting the chaplains in directly impacting the morale and well-being of our service members and their families," said Religious Program Specialist 2nd Class Bryan Bravo.

Pearl Harbor Memorial Chapel, Aloha Jewish Chapel and Submarine Memorial Chapel conduct religious services available to all service members and family members onboard NAVSTA Pearl Harbor and also at Naval Computer and Telecommunications Area Master Station Pacific Chapel in Wahiawa, Hawaii.

Hurricane Categories

Tropical Storm — Winds 39-73 mph
Category 1 Hurricane — winds 74-95 mph (64-82 kt)
No real damage to buildings. Damage to unanchored mobile homes. Some damage to poorly constructed signs. Also, some coastal flooding and minor pier damage.

Category 2 Hurricane — Winds 96-110 mph (83-95 kt)
Some damage to building roofs, doors and windows. Considerable damage to mobile homes. Flooding damages piers and small craft in unprotected moorings may break their moorings. Some trees blown down.

Category 3 Hurricane — Winds 111-130 mph (96-113 kt)
Some structural damage to small residences and utility buildings. Large trees blown down. Mobile homes and poorly built signs destroyed. Flooding near the coast destroys smaller structures with larger structures damaged by floating debris. Terrain may be flooded well inland.

Category 4 Hurricane — Winds 131-155 mph (114-135 kt)
More extensive curtainwall failures with some complete roof structure failure on small residences. Major erosion of beach areas. Terrain may be flooded well inland.

Category 5 Hurricane — Winds 156 mph and up (135+ kt)
Complete roof failure on many residences and industrial buildings. Some complete building failures with small utility buildings blown over or away. Flooding causes major damage to lower floors of all structures near the shoreline. Massive evacuation of residential areas may be required.

Mighty Mo' eleven years of aloha

U.S. Navy photo by PH2 Kerry Baker

The battleship Missouri (BB 63) approaches its new berth on Ford Island on June 22, 1998 after a 2,600-mile journey to join the USS Arizona Memorial as symbols of the beginning and the end of World War II. The Missouri is moored "stern in" so that she can stand watch over her fallen shipmates on the Arizona.

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Flaring tempers quell game of the week

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The most anticipated intramural soccer game of the regular season came to an abrupt halt when referees deemed the event to be unsafe after members of the undefeated 9-0 Commander U.S. Pacific Fleet (COMPACFLT) team and the 10-1 SEAL Delivery Vehicle Team-One (SDVT-1) squad confronted one another prior to halftime at Ward Field at Naval Station Pearl Harbor on June 20.

The game was called at around 23 minutes into the first half as players from both sides stormed onto the field. However, cooler heads quickly intervened to douse a potentially perilous situation.

"We called it for the safety of the players," said referee Al Shiu. "We'll just report it and let Morale, Welfare and Recreation (MWR) figure it out. It's up to them to see if they will reschedule it."

After listening to members of both teams, intramural officials at MWR reviewed the incident and decided to let the squads do it all over.

The teams will meet again on June 27 in a 9 a.m. contest at Ward Field.

"We'll just replay the game. It won't count as a loss or a win for anybody," said Information Systems Technician 2nd Class Jay Reynard, who plays for



COMPACFLT, but is stationed at Commander Submarine Force U.S. Pacific (COMSUBPAC).

Veteran referee Eddie Thompson said that while he has witnessed a lot of soccer games in his time, this was one of the more physical contests that he has ever called.

"The white team (SDVT-1) was very physical," he said. "When you play like that,

their aggressive style to their advantage in taking a 1-0 lead.

that's not soccer, it's more like rugby."

During the game, SDVT-1's bump and run tactics appeared to bother COMPACFLT as the SEALS used

and into the backside of the goal on the right.

With the score in favor of SDVT-1, Jones said that he, as well as members from COMPACFLT, tried their best to get the referees to change their mind about stopping the game. But no amount of pleading helped restart the contest.

"After the game, both teams ran out and shook hands," stated Jones. "I don't disagree with the refs, but it's soccer. I'm not condoning anything, but it's a contact sport."

Reynard said that with the decision to replay the game, he is willing to forget about the past and just focus on the rematch.

After the teams' brief encounter, Reynard admitted that he feels pretty good about squaring off with the SEALS again.

"To be honest, I feel that we have more skills," said Reynard. "They play more physical, but I feel that we match up pretty well if not better than them. We just got to go out there and prove it."

Meanwhile, Jones indicated that the previous meeting did nothing to dim SDVT-1's confidence. After all, he said, the SEALS were winning when the first game was called.

"Despite how rough people say we were, we had the ball on their side of the field for 80 percent of the game," claimed Jones. "We came out here and took the field, and we put one in there."

KHON2 airs weekly Hawai'i Navy News segment every Friday, tune in

Navy Region Hawai'i Public Affairs

Just in time for Fourth of July fireworks, the Federal Fire Department will discuss fire safety in next week's Hawai'i Navy

News on KHON2. The segment will air at about 6:25 p.m. July 3.

The public affairs offices of Commander, U.S. Pacific Fleet, Navy Region Hawai'i and Pearl Harbor Naval Shipyard have partnered with the local Fox news

affiliate to produce a weekly Hawai'i Navy News segment on KHON2's "Channel 2 Morning News."

The first Hawai'i Navy News segment began March 6 and featured the Pearl Harbor Naval

Shipyard's Apprentice and Engineer Job Fair. This morning's segment featured "Hospital corpsman: Building children's minds and bodies." The programs air live at about 6:25 every Friday morning and are also posted on line at

<http://www.khon2.com/content/news/navynews/default.aspx>.

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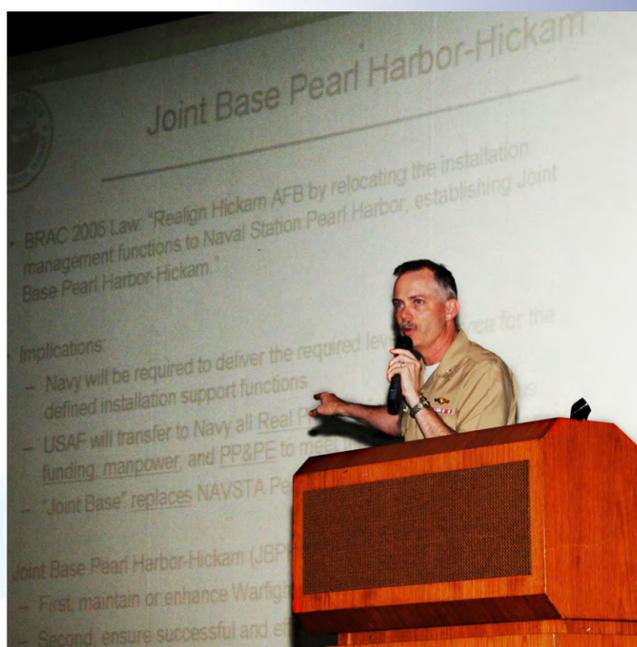
Hawai'i Lt. Gov. James "Duke" Aiona addresses the audience at the retirement ceremony of Lt. Cmdr. Robert Stevens (far right) on June 19. Stevens was the executive officer of Pearl Harbor Naval Shipyard.

U.S. Navy photo by Liane Nakahara



(Right) Capt. Richard Kitchens, commanding officer of Naval Station Pearl Harbor, speaks to civilian employees during an all hands call for civilians held June 16 at Sharkey Theater at Naval Station Pearl Harbor. Kitchens discussed a variety of topics, including joint basing. Initial operational capability of the Joint Base Pearl Harbor Hickam (JBPHH) will start Jan. 31, 2010. Full operational capability will commence Oct. 1, 2010. The transition to joint base should be seamless and transparent to tenant commands and customers. For more information, see upcoming issues of Hawai'i Navy News and "Transitions," the JBPHH newsletter.

U.S. Navy photo by MC2 Robert Stirrup



(Left and below) JROTC cadets participate in water rescue exercises during the Hawai'i Leadership Academy (HLA) at Richardson Pool at Naval Station Pearl Harbor on June 18. This year, the HLA welcomed 100 students from Japan, Guam and western United States to participate in the event. Cadets from 25 high schools learned about leadership and other military skills in the academy, which was held at Pearl Harbor from June 15-24.

U.S. Navy photos by Randy Dela Cruz



(Below) The auxiliary replenishment oiler HMCS Protecteur (AOR 509) departs Naval Station Pearl Harbor on June 23 after a routine port visit. Protecteur provides Canadian and allied warships with fuel, food and supplies and is the Canadian Navy's only supply ship stationed on the Pacific Coast.

U.S. Navy photo by MC2 Robert Stirrup



Crommelin celebrates 26 years of service

MC2 John W. Ciccarelli Jr.

USS Crommelin (FFG 37) Public Affairs

USS Crommelin (FFG 37) celebrated its 26th birthday June 18, four days after leaving Naval Station Pearl Harbor (NAVSTAPH) for a scheduled six-month deployment to the western Pacific.

The guided-missile frigate was commissioned in Seattle, Wash. on June 18, 1983, becoming the 28th ship of the Oliver Hazard Perry-class.

It is the first ship in the U.S. Navy named after three brothers: Vice Adm. Henry Crommelin, Cmdr. Charles Crommelin and Lt. Cmdr. Richard Crommelin.

"The Crommelin brothers were true Navy

Sailors who exemplified honor, courage and commitment," said Yeoman 1st Class (SW) George Padjen. "As we hold up to these standards as indestructible on our ship, we also need to celebrate the Crommelin's great history and what it has done for America."

Crommelin joined Destroyer Squadron 31 on Sept. 1, 1991, making it the oldest active ship stationed at Pearl Harbor, Hawai'i.

During its lifetime, the ship has been home to nearly 3,000 Sailors.

Damage Controlman Fireman Jason Hazenfield said the Crommelin has a special parallel to his own service.

"It's amazing to be stationed on a ship that is just a couple of weeks older than me," Hazenfield said. "I've been on this ship for a

little more than two years and this is truly the best ship on the waterfront - happy birthday, Crommelin."

Culinary Specialist 3rd Class Cody Brites, who is well known for his baking skills, worked on the ship's birthday cakes for three days.

"This day only comes around once a year and it's important to show the ship crew that this is more than a ship, it's our home," he said. "So I made this cake not only so that we can remember the great history of this Crommelin, but for the Sailors aboard who make it the greatest ship in the Navy."

Crommelin is supporting U.S. Coast Guard fisheries enforcement in Oceania while transiting through the western Pacific on a routine deployment.



U.S. Navy photo by MC2 N. Brett Morton

Family members of Sailors assigned to the Oliver Hazard Perry-class guided-missile frigate USS Crommelin (FFG 37) watch as the ship departs Pearl Harbor for the Mid-Pacific Surface Combatant Operational Employment program and to participate in the annual Cooperation Afloat Readiness and Training (CARAT) Exercise.



Cmdr. Kevin Parker, commanding officer of USS Crommelin (FFG 37), meets with volunteers from the Battleship Missouri Memorial during a ribbon-cutting ceremony on the bridge wing of Crommelin. The wood on the newly-remodeled came from the deck of the Missouri.

Crommelin holds bridge wing ceremony

Story and photo by USS Crommelin (FFG 37)

Staff and volunteers from the Battleship Missouri Memorial attended a ribbon-cutting ceremony on the bridge wing of USS Crommelin (FFG 37) on June 11.

The wood on the newly-remodeled bridge wing comes from the decks of the Missouri and was installed by volunteers from the Battleship Missouri Memorial over the last few months. Missouri is replacing its decks with new teak and the old was used.

Cmdr. Kevin Parker, commanding officer of Crommelin, presented the attendees with his "captain's lucky poker chip" and they presented him with a Missouri ship's coin. The volunteers said that they "had fun doing the project" and were "honored to be asked and help out."

The quote on the plaque on the bridge wings is inscribed:

"We are the indestructibles"

The teak wood you see here on the bridge wings of USS Crommelin comes from sturdy and steadfast decks of none other than the 'Mighty Mo,' USS Missouri

(BB-63), the World War II era Iowa-class fast battleship upon whose decks the Empire of Japan surrendered to the United States of America. From her birth in the great sea battles of World War II, all the way to her final campaign in the Gulf War in 1991, USS Missouri earned a total of 11 battle stars for her service. 'Mighty Mo' lives on in Pearl Harbor as a monument to our country's sea power, and her deck plates live on here on Crommelin, encouraging 'the indestructibles' to vigilantly maintain the watch in defending peace and freedom around the world."

PHNSY Nakahara

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news media coverage, such as special shipyard tributes on TV stations KHON2 and KGMB9, feature stories in Honolulu and Hawai'i magazines, and a 36-page centennial tabloid produced by the Honolulu Advertiser and distributed to nearly 500,000 readers in Hawai'i.

The CPAO also coordinated centennial proclamations by the governor, the state legislature, the mayor of the City and County of Honolulu, and recognition by both houses of Congress.

Kerry Gershaneck, shipyard Congressional and public affairs officer, noted that Thompson-Ravitz award winners undergo a rigorous selection process. "We are very honored - and humbled," he said. "These awards mean a great deal to the morale of our shipyard workforce."

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prise for recipients.

"It was awesome," said Nakahara of the awards ceremony attended by about 400 Navy public affairs professionals from Navy commands worldwide. "[The winners'] accomplishments were read aloud before all these people and some of us got a standing ovation."

When Nakahara went up on the stage to receive her award, CHINFO Rear Adm. Frank Thorp IV remarked that what she had done must have been a lot of hard work. Nakahara said, "I told him, 'Yes, it was hard work, but it was also fun. Otherwise, I wouldn't have done it.' Then he repeated what I said to everybody."

Vice Adm. Kevin McCoy, commander of Naval Sea Systems Command

(NAVSEA), congratulated Nakahara in his all-hands message June 12 to the 50,000-plus NAVSEA workforce. "We need young professionals like (her) to communicate the importance of NAVSEA contributions to our warfighters," he wrote. "Keep up the great work."

The shipyard celebrated its 100th birthday in 2008. According to her citation, Nakahara was a GS-5 public affairs specialist during most of that time, but she performed at a GS-11 level or higher in supporting centennial-related events throughout the year.

In addition to her already challenging normal duties, she researched, wrote and laid out a 16-page commemorative edition of the shipyard's employee newspaper. She edited and pro-

vided content for an unprecedented 36-page tabloid-sized insert in the Honolulu Advertiser, the state's leading newspaper. She also co-designed and published the shipyard's centennial calendar.

Nakahara supported many media requests, interviews and visits to ensure coverage of centennial events, provided photography and essential graphics services, and served as a shipyard tour guide.

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Volunteers are backbone of Navy-Marine Corps Relief Society efforts

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Founded in 1904, the Navy-Marine Corps Relief Society (NMCRS) is a non-profit, volunteer organization that provides financial assistance to active duty and retired Navy and Marine Corps personnel and their families.

NMCRS provides assistance with basic living expenses, emergency transportation, funerals, medical bills, essential car repairs, pay problems and other emergency needs. Assistance is provided in the form of interest-free loans and/or grants, depending on financial need and type of assistance rendered.

Other services also include NMCRS thrift shops located on both Naval Station Pearl Harbor and Marine Corps Base Hawai'i - Kaneohe. As with many non-profit organizations, volunteers are the backbone of NMCRS, said Paul Belanger, director of NMCRS Pearl Harbor.

In a June 23 ceremony, Belanger, Rear Adm. Dixon Smith, commander, Navy Region Hawai'i and Commander, Naval Surface Group Middle Pacific and honorary chairman of NMCRS Fund Drive Hawai'i Region; and Capt. Randy Moore, commanding officer, Fleet and Industrial Supply Center (FISC) Pearl Harbor and chairman of the 2009 NMCRS Fund Drive



Hawai'i Region; recognized key NMCRS fund drive volunteers and area coordinators from various commands that went "above and beyond the call of duty in raising funds for our Navy and Marine Corps ohana."

The following commands received the "highest per capita award" in their respective category: USS Chung-Hoon (DDG 93) in the surface category, USS Cheyenne (SSN 773) in the submarine category, Fleet Logistics Support Squadron 51 (VR-51) in the aviation category, Commander Navy Region Hawai'i (COMNAVREG) in the small shore category, Commander Submarine Force U. S. Pacific Fleet (COMSUBPAC) in the large Shore category, and Headquarters & Service Battalion Camp Smith in the Marines category.

Belanger said the NMCRS thrift shop is always in need of volunteers. He also noted that for those interested in volunteering, on mileage and reimbursement childcare is currently being offered. The thrift shop is open to anyone with base access, including federal civilian employees.

Hours of operation for Pearl Harbor and Kaneohe thrift shops are Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

To volunteer, call 423-1314. For more information about NMCRS, visit www.nmcra.org.

NIOC Hawai'i Sailors chosen for commissioning

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Two NIOC Hawai'i Sailors have been chosen for commissioning programs. Former Cryptologic Technician Collection 1st Class Stephen Pinero recently graduated from Navy Officer Candidate School and Cryptologic Technician Interpretive 2nd Class Seth Tremble has been selected for the United States Coast Guard's Direct Commission Officer's School.

Pinero enlisted in the Navy in 2000 and is from Brooklyn, N.Y. He earned his bachelor of arts degree from Excelsior in psychology as well as two associate of science degrees from Hawai'i Pacific University, the first in computer science and the second in supervisory leadership.

He decided he wanted to become an officer and explained, "There is a big difference in the roles an officer has versus what a chief has. If you want to make a larger impact on policy and the direction of the Navy, then officer is the path to choose. As a chief, you have direct influence over your Sailors and I will miss that hands-on involvement."

"The sacrifice in this is the feeling of starting over when you're a senior first class petty officer and a candidate for chief, having to start again in the officer

ranks as an ensign. Being an officer is something I decided to do about six years ago and it has taken a long time to get there, between deployments and starting with no college credits.

I have been fortunate to have worked for a great Goatlocker for my entire career and now their role in my life has transitioned as they guide me to become a better officer," said Pinero.

Tremble enlisted in the Navy in 2004 and is from Bangor, Maine. He earned his bachelor of arts degree in international relations from Eckerd College and an associate of arts degree in Chinese from the Defense Language Institute.

He explained that he decided he wanted to become an officer and researched many of the different officer programs, such as the Navy's STA-21 and Officer Candidate School, as well as the Blue to Green option available through the U.S. Army.

Tremble said, "I wanted a chance to stay in the military and feel the U.S. Coast Guard's mission has a tremendous real world impact. The opportunity to see actual results which impact Americans, be it fighting drugs, protecting the environment, or helping out during a disaster, appealed to me the most."

Pinero recently returned to his enlisted duty station as a newly commissioned officer for 30 days of temporary duty. Lt. j.g. Carrie Sanders,

one of Pinero's former watch officers, said "Seeing Ensign Pinero in his khakis is fantastic. We hoped and prayed for his selection to OCS and encouraged his decision even when paperwork and red tape made it seem futile. He was an outstanding petty officer first class and he will only do great things in the officer ranks."

Tremble officially separated from the Navy on May 27. Although supportive of this decision, his entire chain of command was sad to see such an outstanding Sailor leave the Navy.

Cmdr. Joe Johnson, CTI2's department head, said, "I am thrilled with Petty Officer Tremble's selection for commissioning in the U.S. Coast Guard. Although this outstanding Sailor's departure will be a huge loss to the Navy, our nation will continue to benefit significantly as he applies his considerable expertise, intelligence and potential to his service in the Coast Guard. I have no doubt that he will quickly establish himself as the Coast Guard's newest rising star."

On June 28, Tremble will don his "butter bars" and become Ensign Tremble when he begins four weeks of training at Direct Commission Officer's School in New London, Conn. About the same time, Pinero will report to Corry Station for the Navy's Information Officer Basic Course and will follow on to Fort Meade, Md.



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If you don't see CRUDESRON on TV's funniest BUPERS after joint basing goes into effect, don't get BUMED.

You may, however, see those and some other unfamiliar phrases and acronyms on signs, in messages and even in the Navy and Air Force newspapers.

The brine-encrusted bossuns among us would know that a CRUDESRON is a cruiser/destroyer squadron and BUPERS is the Bureau of Naval Personnel, while BUMED is the Navy's Bureau of Medicine. Few blue-suiters, however, would be familiar with the terms.

Likewise, many sea-going service members might think the D-FAC are the professors who teach all the remedial courses at the local community college. Little do they know that the hunger associated with the D-FAC has nothing to do with knowledge.

While most Air Force lingo is relatively recent – sucking rubber for wearing a gas mask, helmet fires for small emergencies, and bag drags for going through deployment lines

– Navy jargon is as old as the English language.

The words for left and right date to the era preceding rudders. A "steering board" was mounted toward the rear of the craft, usually on the right-hand side as the steersman faced forward. That steering board came to be known as the starboard. And since it was not advisable to lash the boat to the dock on that side, the other side – the left side as you face the front of the boat – became known as the port side.

Some words and usages are unique to the military, but common across the services. Soldiers, Sailors, Marines and Airmen all know what it means to police an area. A bogey is an unknown radar contact, or a known adversary. A mustang is an officer who earned a commission (most officers in the Air Force and the Navy are enlisted, they just aren't commissioned).

An Air Force wing king is often a skipper in the Navy. That word comes from the old Dutch "schip." The English simply dropped the hard 'c' as they incorporated ship into the language, but kept it in the word for the leader aboard a ship. Pogy bait in the Army and Air Force is

called kedunk, or gedunk in the Navy, as is the place where you buy it aboard ship. An Airman with a list may have much to do. A Sailor with a list may have had too much.

In the Air Force, AI stands for artificial intelligence. In the Navy, it means awaiting instruction. In the Navy, the CAN is the Center for Naval Analysis; in the Air Force it's just a latrine.

FRP means full rate production to an Airman. It means Fleet Response Plan to a Sailor. When people in the Air Force see the initials ET, they start thinking about Roswell and phoning home. In the Navy, the initials mean equivalent training. When blue-suit pilots see the letters HOTAS, they know they stand for hands on throttle and stick. When Sailors see those letters ... well, they know it's a good idea to ask their Air Force buddies.

The coming months will give us all a chance to help each other better understand one another. From stairs and ladders, floors and decks to AAFES and the NEX, we'll all need to take a moment to expand our vocabulary as our workplace expands to include the professionals in our sister service.

Mabus

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policy and programs.

During his speech to the assembled guests, Sailors and Marines, Mabus spoke of the Navy's "noble and storied legacy," relating episodes in the Navy's history from the capture of the HMS Margareta in 1775 to the "bravery and skill of the Navy and Marine Corps in Iraq and Afghanistan today."

"There is a long, unbreakable line of heroism that stretches from there, back to the beginning," Mabus said. "The heroes of our country are the heroes of our own families. They come from

us; they defend us; wearing the uniform from 1775 until today, they are the shining fabric of America."

Mabus identified shipbuilding, aircraft production and meeting the needs of the Navy and Marines in an age of non-expanding budgets as some of the challenges he faces.

Mabus previously served in the U.S. Navy from 1970-1972 as a surface warfare officer aboard the cruiser USS Little Rock. Prior to his active-duty service, he had been a member of the Naval ROTC as an undergraduate at the University of Mississippi.

"I am proud of that first tour of duty on a cruiser and proud beyond words to finally come home to the Department of the Navy," Mabus said. "Early on, I saw the sacrifices that our service members

and secure our country."

Mabus graduated from the University of Mississippi with a bachelor's degree in English and earned a master's degree in political science from Johns Hopkins University and a law

degree from Harvard Law School.

The secretary served as governor of Mississippi from 1988 to 1992 and as ambassador to the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia for two years during former President Bill

Clinton's administration.

"Conscious of this service's long and glorious tradition, with confidence in its men, its women and its mission, I am privileged to assume the office of secretary of the Navy," Mabus said.