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RONALD REAGAN CARRIER STRIKE GROUP HONORS MIDWAY VETERANS

Carrier Strike Group 7 Public Affairs

The USS Ronald Reagan Carrier Strike Group paid homage to veterans of the Battle of Midway and WWII in a special burial at sea ceremony on June 6 in the central Pacific.

The crew of the guided missile frigate USS Thach (FFG 43), a ship named after Battle of Midway hero Adm. Jimmy Thach, performed a burial at sea for Cmdr. (Ret.) Dale "Abe" Simmons, one of Thach's former wingmen.

"Reading about the heroic exploits of 'Abe' Simmons gave me chills," said Cmdr. Dave Haas, Thach's commanding officer. "Today, we honor a hero, and bury him at sea as he wished. But we also are saluting all of the veterans of Midway, one of the most strategic battles in Navy history. Heroes like our namesake, Adm. Jimmy Thach, changed the course of world history with their heroism and it is an honor for our ship to bear his name and carry his legacy."

During the ceremony, Thach was the centerpiece of a formation of the ships of Destroyer Squadron (DESRON) 7, which included the guided missile destroyers USS Decatur (DDG 73), USS Howard (DDG 83) and USS Gridley (DDG

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Operation's Specialist 1st Class Juan Martinez of the USS Russell (DD G59) explains the procedures for signing up for the national bone marrow registry to two Sailors from USS Stennis (CVN 74) at Navy Exchange at Naval Station Pearl Harbor on June 4. The event was sponsored by the C.W. Bill Young Department of Defense Marrow Donor Program, which is an initiative that provides support for military personnel who volunteer as marrow donors.

Navy volunteers aid bone marrow drive

Story and photo by Randy Dela Cruz

Contributing Writer

For many Sailors, volunteering time and effort to help save lives is a no-brainer. And when the call went out to sign up for a potentially life-saving duty, Navy personnel offered their services at a bone marrow donor registration drive at Navy Exchange at Naval Station Pearl Harbor on June 4-5.

"I wanted to be a donor since my last command, but never got around to it," said Operation Specialist 1st Class Juan Martinez of the USS Russell (DDG 59). "I got on the registry the first chance I heard it was coming up and jumped at the opportunity to help people get on it. I just like helping people."

The two-day event was sponsored by the C.W. Bill Young Department of Defense Marrow Donor Program, which is an initiative that provides support for military personnel who volunteer as marrow donors.

U.S. Rep. Young, who is a congressman representing Florida's 10th Congressional District, initiated and supported the National Marrow Donor Program (NMDP) and the Department of Defense (DoD) program for unrelated marrow transplantation.

Since the NMDP began in 1986, more than six million Americans, including more than 400,000 service members, have registered as marrow donors.

Operations Specialist 1st Class Scott Bennett, who is a shipmate of Martinez

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Aloha ARC Gloria

(Above) Cdr. Kevin Parker (right) commanding officer of USS Reuben James, and Capt. Richard Kitchens, commanding officer of Naval Station Pearl Harbor, greet Capt. Luis Jorge Tovar Neira, commanding officer of Columbian

tall ship ARC Gloria, upon the ship's arrival at Honolulu Harbor. On June 8.

(Below) The Columbian tall ship ARC Gloria arrives at Honolulu Harbor during a scheduled port visit to Honolulu on June 8-11.

U.S. Navy photos by MC2 Robert Stirrup



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Captain's Call for civilians scheduled

All civilians employed at Naval Station Pearl Harbor are encouraged to attend Captain's Call for civilians at 1 p.m. June 16 at Sharkey Theater.

USS Pasadena departs Pearl Harbor for western Pacific



The Los Angeles-class fast attack submarine USS Pasadena (SSN 752) departed Naval Station Pearl Harbor for a regularly-scheduled deployment to the western Pacific region on June 5. Commissioned in 1991, Pasadena has deployed to and conducted operations in virtually every part of the Pacific Ocean, from the west coasts of North and South America to Australia, to the Persian Gulf. Pasadena's participation in exercises with various foreign navies from around the Pacific Rim have also produced numerous firsts for U.S. nuclear submarines and solidified the United States' important role in international maritime operations.

U.S. Navy photo by MC3 Luciano Marano

Joint Base "Transitions" Newsletter debuts

Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam Committee

The pioneer issue of "Transitions," the first Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam (JBPHH) newsletter, made its debut on June 12.

The purpose of the newsletter is to provide information that will answer questions and address the issues of greatest interest and concern. For example, the first edition covers the Base Realignment and Closure

Law, information about the Navy and Air Force joining as JBPHH, and introduces the key officials.

Subsequent editions at regular intervals will ensure that employees remain informed and have a forum to have their questions answered and to share information.

JBPHH will also share other venues and initiatives to enhance communications throughout this transition, such as the JB Web site, currently hosted at <http://www2.hickam.af.mil/>

library/joint-basinginformation/index.asp.

The newsletter will be published every two months, posted on the Web site, and distributed through both existing Air Force and Navy channels.

The successful implementation of joint basing will require an open and continuous information flow and the Transitions newsletter is just one of the many communication tools that will ensure that each employee, as a valued team member, stays informed.

Hawaii Navy News Editorial

Historical voyaging methods still relevant in technologically advanced fleet

MC1 (SW/AW) Frank E. Neely

USS Ronald Reagan (CVN 76) Public Affairs

Several members of the Polynesian Voyaging Society (PVS) embarked aboard USS Ronald Reagan (CVN 76) on June 4 to learn about the Sailors and mechanisms used to navigate today's technologically advanced aircraft carrier.

PVS, an organization based out of Honolulu, was established to show that ancient Polynesians may have settled the Polynesian Triangle without using instruments to navigate. Their mission is to research and carry on the traditions of ancient Polynesian voyaging methods. These methods include using the stars, weather and surroundings to navigate.

"This was an awesome opportunity because it's incredible to get both sides of the spectrum of naviga-



Photo illustration
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tion," said Kaiulani Murphy, navigator for PVS. "I now have a better understanding and respect for what Sailors are doing for us and

our nation." PVS members also learned about the enormous amount of teamwork required to navigate 97,000

tons of moving steel, a theme common in Polynesian voyaging as well.

"There are more similari-

ties, even though we're working on a smaller scale and the ship is so high-tech," said Kalani. "Our canoe only has a crew of 12 people, but like the Navy, it still takes a lot of commitment. We have to work together because if we didn't, our voyage wouldn't be successful."

Additionally, PVS members met with Reagan Sailors who were native to Hawaii, and some were familiar with the work of PVS.

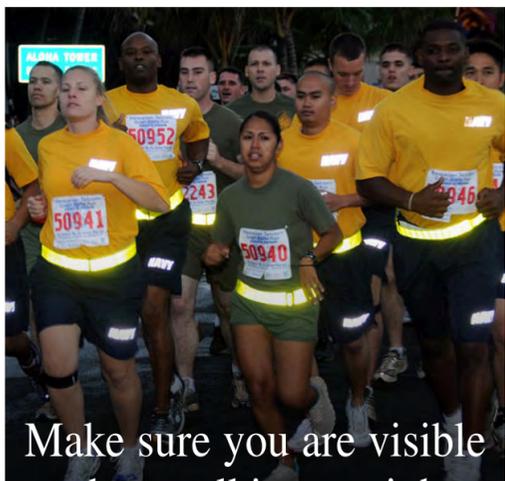
"It makes me feel proud of what PVS is doing," said Aviation Support Equipment Technician 2nd Class (SW/AW) Yancy Zuniga, a native of Puna, Hawaii. "Thanks to the PVS, they preserve a culture of Hawaii that might one day be lost. A way of navigating without modern instruments, just like what the ancient Polynesians did when they first set voyage and landed on the shores of Hawaii, demonstrates the

'mana,' meaning strength, of Pacific Islanders."

Reagan is on its fourth deployment, heading to the U.S. 7th and U.S. 5th Fleet areas of responsibility. The ship recently received its second Battle "E" award for being the most combat-efficient carrier in the Pacific fleet, a reflection also attributed to the teamwork of its Sailors.

"I think teamwork is very important no matter what vessel you are serving on because we all rely on each other one way or another," said Hospital Corpsman 3rd Class Erika Clawson, a native of Aiea, Hawaii.

"I would like PVS to know about our teamwork and how we all pull together for the mission and to get our job done. I would also like them to know how hard the Sailors aboard Ronald Reagan work, not just for us or the mission, but also for our families and America in general," added Clawson.



Make sure you are visible when walking at night

(Information provided by Navy Region Hawaii Safety Office)

Thousands of people are injured or die every year as a result of collisions between pedestrians and automobiles. Pedestrians must do everything possible to ensure drivers can see them, especially at night.

In the past, it was thought that wearing white or light-colored clothing made pedestrians safely visible at night. But recent studies show this is not the case. Drivers approaching pedestrians wearing white would have to be within 180 feet to be able to see them. However, tests show that under ideal, flat road conditions, a driver traveling at 60 mph needs 260 feet to stop. Add darkness, snow or rain and oncoming headlights, then the time needed to react increases significantly.

Pedestrians can greatly improve their visibility by wearing clothing with reflective strips. The beam from automobile headlights hits the reflective

material and sends the light back to the driver. This is not fluorescent material. Studies show fluorescent colored fabrics create no greater visibility at night than white ones.

Reflective clothing is available at most sports stores in the bike accessories section. Manufacturers produce many different items including reflective vests (similar to the kind worn by traffic crossing guards), reflective arm/leg bands, and reflective tape.

The next time you walk, run or jog at night, take steps to improve your visibility to drivers and follow these tips:

- If there is a sidewalk, use it. If there is no sidewalk, use the shoulder of the road facing the traffic.
- Wear light-colored clothing with some sort of reflective device.
- Carry a small flashlight.

Pedestrians need to ensure their safety when walking at night. Don't walk alone in strange, deserted areas. Use well-lit routes and wear clothing easily seen by drivers.

BATTLE OF MIDWAY

Injured survivor of Battle of Midway recovers at Pearl Harbor

Official U.S. Navy photograph, now in the collections of the U.S. National Archives
Ensign George H. Gay at Pearl Harbor Naval Hospital, with a nurse and a newspaper featuring accounts of the Battle of Midway. He was the only survivor of the June 4, 1942 Torpedo Squadron Eight (VT-8) TBD torpedo plane attack on the Japanese carrier force. Gay's book "Sole Survivor" indicates that the date of this photograph is probably June 7, 1942, following an operation to repair his injured left hand and a meeting with Adm Chester W. Nimitz.

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Forest City opens homes on Nob Hill

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Forest City Military Communities in conjunction with Naval Station Pearl Harbor celebrated the opening of seven homes on Nob Hill during a ceremony held May 3 on Ford Island.

As part of its multi-phase public-private venture (PPV) with the Department of the Navy, Forest City Military Communities, LLC (FCMC) commemorated the partnership's commitment to the preservation of 253 historic homes across 10 Navy family housing neighborhoods with a special ceremony at the historic Nob Hill neighborhood.

"I think PPV is an excellent program," stated Tom Henneberry, president of Forest City Military Communities. "We certainly feel on Forest City's part that we're making a small contribution to the retention of families of the military here, and to provide good housing, and hopefully help keep them in the service."

FCMC has invested \$58 million in the historic home renovations and an additional \$24 million in civil work at 10 historic Navy neighborhoods. FCMC also took steps to maintain the historic integrity of the homes while upgrading electrical systems, installing air conditioning, and in some cases, reconfiguring and modernizing the interior living space.

"These are all historic homes that were built before World War II," stated Rear Adm. Dixon Smith, commander, Navy Region Hawai'i, and commander, Naval Surface Group



Rear Adm. Dixon Smith delivers his remarks during a ceremony commemorating the opening of seven historical homes on Nob Hill. The seven homes were part of a public-private venture (PPV) involving Forest City Military Communities, in which 253 historical homes throughout ten different military communities are to be renovated while maintaining the historical integrity of the homes by the year 2014.

Middle Pacific, on why it was important to maintain the historical integrity of the homes. "They capture the character and history of that time, and because of that history we need to keep them, and this partnership with Forest City allows us to do that," he said.

During the Nob Hill ceremony, guests were told of the historic significance of the homes, and were later allowed to take docent-led tours of the newly renovated homes. The Nob Hill renovations encompass 19 single-family homes and one executive home, of which seven have been

fully renovated to date.

Built by the Navy in 1923, the Nob Hill housing area initially consisted of three officers' quarters and two servants' quarters. Sixteen more homes were eventually added in 1936. After the attacks on Dec. 7, 1941, residents of the homes gave refuge to Sailors from the burning ships.

Smith said the most important reason for reinvigorating the historic homes is simply, "Ties to the past. The Navy is historical, we live in our history, and keeping these homes ties us to the past, and we never want to forget that."

USS Hawai'i blog chronicles historic sub arrival

Commander Submarine Force U.S.
Pacific Fleet Public Affairs Office

A newly-created Internet blog is being facilitated by Commander, Submarine Force U.S. Pacific Fleet (COMSUBPAC) Public Affairs in conjunction with USS Hawai'i (SSN 776) crew members to chronicle the submarine's historic arrival to its new homeport of Naval Station Pearl Harbor.

The blog will feature posts from the submarine's leadership on topics such as the transit from Groton as well as the crew's activities and training accomplishments. The blog can be accessed through the COMSUBPAC official Web site (www.csp.navy.mil) or independently at <http://usshawai-issn776.blogspot.com/>

The public is encouraged to comment on any posts that interest them and to check back for the

newest USS Hawai'i information and arrival updates.

Commissioned May 5, 2007, Hawai'i was the third Virginia-class attack submarine constructed and the first submarine to be named after the island state. Her crew is excited to represent its namesake state as they continue to build upon our already sustained relationships with our multi-national partners in the Asia-Pacific region.

COMSUBPAC officially announced the impending arrival of the Hawai'i submarine to Pearl Harbor in December 2008, and it is slated to arrive later this summer.

(For all the latest USS Hawai'i updates, see the official COMSUBPAC Web site www.csp.navy.mil and direct any questions or concerns to the public affairs office at 473 -0911 or email the Webmaster at subpacpa.csp.navy.mil.)



Construction projects around Pearl Harbor

Naval Facilities Engineering Command Hawai'i

Following are the current construction projects that are occurring around Naval Station Pearl Harbor:

Pearl Harbor Naval Shipyard

- Parking lot G, near dry dock four at the intersection of Cushing Street and Seabee Way, will be closed through June 30.

Moanalua Shopping Center area

- Bougainville Drive north of De Haven Drive to Spense Street will be

impacted by a road widening and pavement repair effort that concludes today. However, overall completion date for road work in the area is Aug. 24.

Naval Station Pearl Harbor

- Forced sewer main repairs will affect traffic along Lehua Way from June 18-27 and Hale Alii Avenue (at the intersection with Lehua Way) on June 19-20.

Beginning June 18-21, crews will be trenching from the intersection of Hale Alii and Lehua Way to Paul Hamilton Avenue

and along building 164 to South Avenue to replace a deteriorated underground sewer line. Lehua Way will be closed to all traffic from June 19-27.

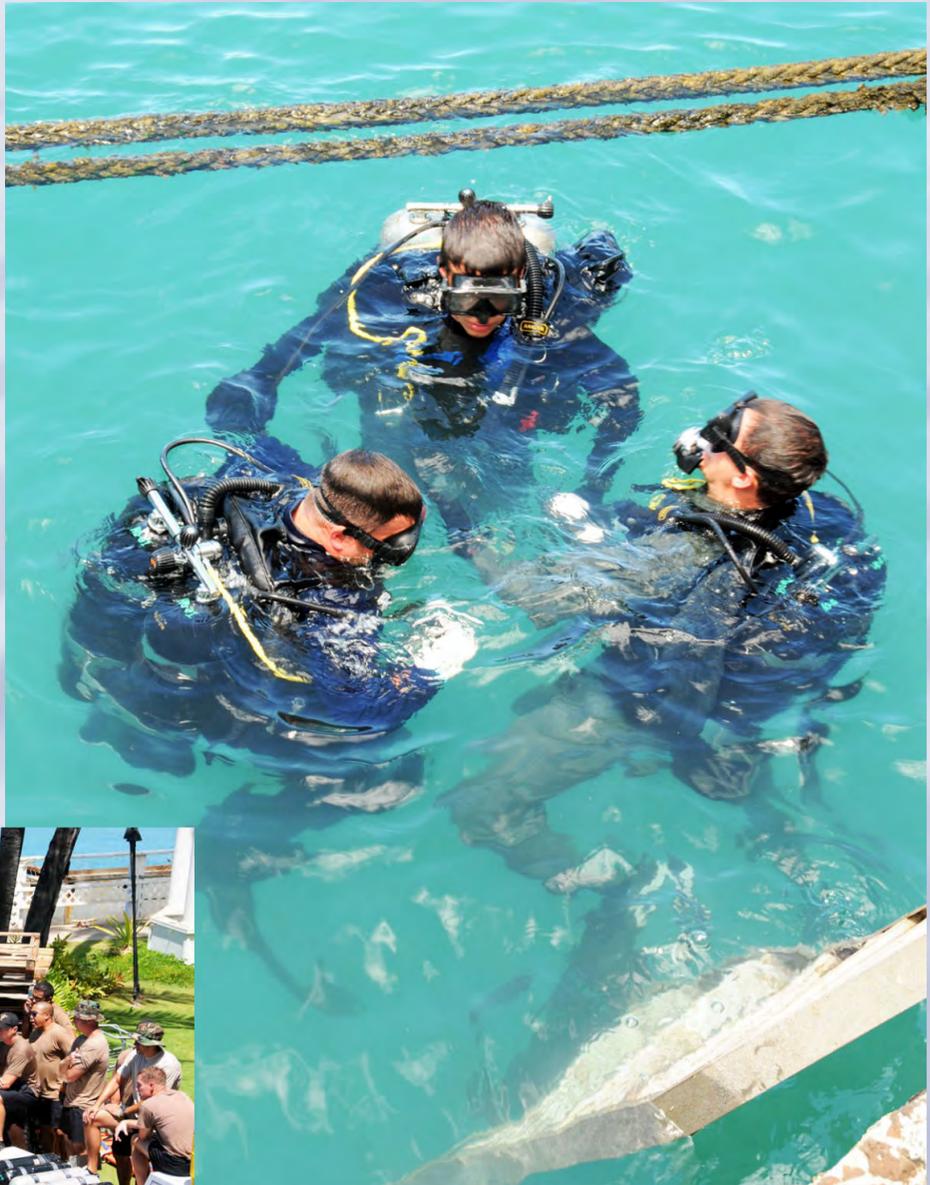
Hale Alii Avenue at the intersection with Lehua Way will be closed to all traffic from June 19-20. The east end of parking lot D will be closed for the duration of the project.

- Submarine base area - Road repairs will occur in the southbound lanes of North Road (from south Waterfront Road (gas station) to Makalapa Road) from June 29-July 24.

Pearl Harbor Highlights

Personnel assigned to Pearl Harbor-based SEAL Delivery Vehicle Team 1 (SDVT-1) participate in a World Oceans Day event on June 8 at Honolulu Harbor. More than 25 SDVT-1 personnel took part in the annual event to help pick up trash and debris from the ocean floor.

U.S. Navy photo by MC2 Robert Stirrup



(Below) Personnel assigned to Pearl Harbor-based SEAL Delivery Vehicle Team 1 (SDVT-1) receive a diving brief prior to participating in a World Oceans Day event on June 8 at Honolulu Harbor.

U.S. Navy photo by MC2 Robert Stirrup



(Right) Rear Adm. Dixon Smith, commander, Navy Region Hawai'i and commander, Naval Surface Group Middle Pacific, is recognized as the Armed Forces Communications and Electronics Association's (AFCEA) Hawai'i Senior Government Leader for the month of June at the Hale Ikena on Fort Shafter. AFCEA is an international organization of academic, civilian, government and military professionals who work in the information technology, communications, and engineering fields.

U.S. Navy photo by MC2 Robert Stirrup



U.S. Navy photo by CTEI (AW/NAC) Jennifer Schooley

Cryptologic Technician (Interpretive) 2nd Class Ben Delafuente of Navy Information Operations Command Hawai'i applies his hand to hand combat skills as part of his auxiliary security force training on May 18-29. (Read story on page A-9.)



U.S. Navy photo by CTEI (AW/NAC) Jennifer Schooley

Navy Information Operations Command Hawai'i Sailors participate in auxiliary security force combat training during 'boot camp' May 18-29. (Read story on page A-9.)

Volunteers

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on the Russell, said that he was very pleased at the turnout of volunteers and for the people that took the time out of their busy schedules to sign up for the national registry.

"Besides us, we've had support from the USS Reuben James (FFG 57), USS Hopper (DDG 70) and others," noted Bennett. "Early in the morning, we had a lot of people just come up and volunteered to get registered. They were waiting to do it."

Besides feeling like it was his duty to help out with the signups, Bennett said that he was further motivated to volunteer because he was personally involved with a case where bone marrow donation actually saved someone's life.

"I have a close friend of the family that had leukemia," acknowledged Bennett. "I tired to be a donor for him, but wasn't a match. Eventually, he did find a match and now he's healthy. It's a good thing."

Operations Specialist 3rd Class Meranda Moore, who is stationed on the USS Stennis (CVN 74), was one of many volunteers who signed up for the national registry by filling out a two-page form and submitting a saliva sample by taking a simple mouth swab.

Moore said that once she saw what fellow Sailors were doing at the registration drive, she knew that she had

to participate.

Like Bennett, Moore also knew of a case where a bone marrow donation helped someone survive a life-threatening illness.

"My mom actually was a match and donated bone marrow," admitted Moore. "She really saved someone's life. It's a beautiful thing that you can save someone's life just by giving them your blood or bone marrow."

While Martinez didn't know of anyone that was touched by the gift of life through the bone marrow donation program, he said that after being in the U.S. Navy for 10 years, it's almost part of nature to want to offer his services to those in need.

He added that being in the military has not only taught him about helping out his fellow comrades in arms, but has also provided good lessons about reaching out in general.

"The longer you stay in the Navy, the more you understand that you have other stuff to offer the community other than naval service," said Martinez. "You just want to give back as much as you can before you get out."

Although he couldn't recall how many people he helped get registered, Martinez stated that he only wishes that he could have gotten more.

"The odds of someone being a match is one in 300," he said. "If we can get 300 people to sign up, maybe one of those people will be called upon to donate. For one person, that could be a lifesaver."

MIDWAY

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101). As the ships steamed into the sunset, Thach and Sailors committed Cmdr. Simmons's ashes to the sea while F/A-18 strike fighters from Carrier Air Wing (CVW) 14 flew overhead in the missing man formation.

"As an aviator, it is humbling," said Cmdr. Richard Brophy, commanding officer of Strike Fighter Squadron (VFA) 115, and leader of the aerial formation. "To honor a legend like Cmdr. Simmons in the same waters that witnessed one of our greatest victories is inspiring."

Aboard Thach, the crew solemnly reflected on their special connection to the heroes of yesterday.

"Midway was a victory of not only courage and determination, but also of ordinary Sailors, like all of us, doing extraordinary things," said Haas from the podium.

"This is what is supposed to happen," said Ship's Serviceman Seaman Recruit Kennan Workman of Thach's color guard. "We can't progress as a Navy

without honoring those who fought before us."

The burial at sea aboard Thach culminated three days of Midway remembrance in the strike group. Aboard the flagship, the aircraft carrier USS Ronald Reagan (CVN 76), Sailors watched movies on the 67th anniversary of the Battle of Midway on June 4 and held a special sunset wreath laying June 5.

"The commitment and mettle of the American Sailor are unchanged," said Capt. Kenneth Norton, Ronald Reagan's commanding officer. "Our core values of honor, courage and commitment are the same as they were 67 years ago."

"Don't lose sight of the fact that these are hallowed waters," added Capt. Thomas Lalor, commander, CVW-14. "We should be humbled to wear the uniform they wore. We should honor the sacrifices they made. We stand now on the shoulders of giants."

The Ronald Reagan Carrier Strike Group deployed from San Diego on

May 28 and is headed to the U.S. 7th and U.S. 5th Fleet areas of operation. The squadrons of CVW-14 include the "Redcocks" of Strike Fighter Squadron (VFA) 22, the "Fist of the Fleet" of VFA-25, the "Stingers" of VFA-113, the "Eagles" of VFA-115, the "Black Eagles" of Airborne Early Warning Squadron (VAW) 113, the "Cougars" of Tactical Electronic Warfare Squadron (VAQ) 139, the "Providers" of Carrier Logistics Support (VRC) 30, and the "Black Knights" of Helicopter Anti-Submarine Squadron (HS) 4.

USS Ronald Reagan is the flagship of Carrier Strike Group (CSG) Seven and the ninth of 10 Nimitz-class, nuclear-powered aircraft carriers. The ship is named for the 40th president; its motto, "Peace through strength," was a recurring theme during the Reagan presidency.

For more news from USS Ronald Reagan (CVN 76) - Ronald Reagan Carrier Strike Group, visit www.navy.mil/local/cvn76/.

NIOC Hawai'i Auxiliary Security Forces participate in security 'boot camp'

CTI2 Danielle Wells

Navy Information Operations Command Hawai'i

Throughout the United States, Navy Sailors everywhere stand the watch. For most, this means answering phones at the quarterdeck and conducting rounds. However, for some Sailors at Navy Information Operations Command (NIOC) Hawai'i, this means joining the auxiliary security forces (ASF).

The mission of ASF is to augment the permanent security force stationed at NIOC Hawai'i. NIOC Hawai'i held ASF boot camp May 18-29 as they prepared Sailors to officially stand post and patrol with security forces.

ASF boot camp is a diverse, educational and demanding training program that prepares these Sailors for the multitude of situations they could encounter while standing security watch. Most of the training is hands on, such as weapons qualifications, including several types of firearms, as well as the ASP retractable baton. In addition to mastering the tools of the trade, recruits also learn lifesaving hand to hand combat skills.

Cryptologic Technician (Interpretive) 1st Class (CTI1) Brian Leblanc noted that one of the most important aspects of his training was "being able to protect myself in other ways besides just reaching for the sidearm." Recruits also learn about routine vehicle inspections as well as report writing and the use of radio codes.

CTI2 John Raimondi, a current ASF watch stander for more than two and a half

years, reiterated, "The concept that the individual must always be aware was very apparent during training. That idea is definitely the most important part of standing an ASF watch. You need to know when something is out of place, unsecure or just 'plain wrong.' You need to know everything about the base and not let your guard down. Attention to detail is paramount."

Finally, widely considered the most prevalent concept in the line of security work, is extensive training on the use of deadly force as well as its implications and consequences.

Once ASF candidates graduate from the boot camp, most personnel will stand watch twice a month. Cryptologic Technician (Collections) 1st Class Brian Britten, also a current ASF watch stander and department N3Y ASF coordinator, explained his role: "I coordinate with security forces by making sure that N3Y provides the required personnel, that qualifications are current, and I write the watch bill for N3Y. If N3Y personnel are scheduled for watch and don't show up, I have to answer why."

In addition to filling an important requirement for the command, ASF personnel have also been able to diversify their knowledge as Sailors and add impressive training to their backgrounds that they might have otherwise never received in their current rate.

When asked what he likes best about the current ASF boot camp training, CTI2 Douglas Kim noted, "The weapons training, mainly because most CTIs don't get any exposure to them after basic training." It seems, at

least from the viewpoint of current watch standers, that holding this type of qualification is very beneficial, both personally and professionally.

Raimondi pointed out, "You are put into a leadership position at the command level, and you are noticed for that. You are stepping up to take on a collateral duty with a lot of responsibility. People recognize that."

Naturally it is not all glitz and glory every day in the life of an ASF watch stander. Some days standing the watch can be quiet and lonely and as Leblanc said, "The time stopping effect of standing watch" can be tiresome, but these Sailors remain optimistic and vigilant.

"I like getting to see virtually every face come and go. It keeps me in the loop," said CTI2 Jacob Mundhenke. Raimondi looks at things from this perspective: "Another thing I enjoy is just the ability to meet and talk with people at the command; a lot of comings and goings throughout the day so you have the opportunity to speak with a lot of people you might not otherwise come into contact with."

Working side by side with the permanent security forces at NIOC Hawai'i, ASF personnel are trained to protect and serve at all times while on watch. While they are trained and proficient, it's important to remember this is not their primary mission and they are standing the watch strictly on a volunteer basis. Allowing ASF to continue to be an all volunteer force helps to ensure the integrity of the mission and allows Sailors who truly want to be there to stand guard to do so.



Participants in the Hawai'i Wounded Warrior's Canoe Regatta race along the shores of Naval Station Pearl Harbor. The race is a tribute to those in Hawai'i who have been hurt serving their country. All branches of the military, as well as police officers and firefighters, were given the chance to compete against each other for canoe supremacy in the first "Hawai'i Wounded Warrior's Canoe Regatta."

Canoe regatta benefits Hawai'i's Wounded Warriors

Story and photo by MC2 John W. Ciccarelli

Naval Public Affairs Support Element West Detachment Hawai'i

More than 50 teams from the military services and the local community participated in the first Hawai'i Wounded Warrior's Canoe Regatta at Pearl Harbor Rainbow Bay Marina on May 30.

The quarter-mile canoe races, held next to the Admiral Clarey Bridge, were in honor of the 300 service members in Hawai'i who are recovering from their wounds and injuries sustained during combat operations abroad.

The regatta is an outgrowth of the U.S. Attorney's Office "Malama na Koa" support program for wounded military members.

U.S. attorney Ed Kubo, founder of the support program, said that the regatta is just one of many events and services intended to show appreciation for wounded troops and to help their families.

"Our goal is to support our military, its mission and their families as best we can," he said. "We are

extremely thankful for their services to our nation and we will always remember them for defending our freedom."

"This event is intended to bring attention to the wounded warriors throughout Hawai'i and show them that we want to support them in their fight to recover," said James Duff, recreation specialist director for Navy Region Hawai'i Morale, Welfare and Recreation. "I have the utmost respect for every wounded warrior and I really want to thank them for all they have done."

The paddlers included Navy, Army, Marine Corps, Air Force and Coast Guard paddling teams, some recovering service members, and also were joined in the race by the Honolulu Police Department's SWAT unit and the Honolulu Fire Department's rescue team.

Winning first place in the military clubs category was the Ho'o Kanaka Na Hui Wa'a-B canoe team with a time of 01:59:40, second was the Ho'o Kanaka Na Hui Wa'a-C canoe team with a time of 02:13:60, and third was the Muscle Team of Danger and Excellence

with a time of 02:16:90

Winning first place in the armed forces category was the Ho'o Kanaka Na Hui Wa'a-D canoe team with a time of 01:59:40, second was the Toa Ole Vasa canoe team with a time of 01:59:70, and in third was Naval Facilities Engineering Command Pacific Seabee Self-help with a time of 02:03:70.

Engineering Aide 2nd Class (SCW) Joab Cowell, assigned to Naval Facilities Engineering Command Pacific Seabee Self-help, said he felt that his team had trained hard for the race and was ready to compete.

"This is a great way for everyone at our command to come together as a team in support of those individuals who have been wounded in the war and to have fun raising the necessary money to help those individuals in their time of need," he said.

All proceeds earned from the event will go to benefit Hawai'i Wounded Warriors and their families to help raise awareness and to enlist the public's aid to provide direct support in meeting the needs of injured service members.