

CHOSIN DEPARTS FOR WESTERN PACIFIC

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More than 300 Sailors aboard the guided-missile cruiser USS Chosin (CG 65) departed Naval Station Pearl Harbor on Aug. 7 for a scheduled deployment to the western Pacific.

Chosin will be a part of the USS Nimitz Carrier Strike Group, providing the six-core capabilities of the Navy's maritime strategy.

Chosin's Command Master Chief John Ullery was optimistic about the deployment, noting that the crew and the ship are extremely prepared for the tasks ahead.

"The crew has exceeded all of my expectations and they do a great job of carrying out their duties," said Ullery. "If Chosin is tasked to do something while on deployment, we will be more than ready to fulfill those needs."

Ullery also said Chosin Sailors will have the opportunity to provide a helping hand to communities during port visits.

"We will have many chances to participate in community relations projects, helping out underprivileged areas in foreign countries," said Ullery.

Chosin Sailors look forward to completing the chal-



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Senior Chief Gunner's Mate (SW/AW) Jimmie Ellison stands duty as section leader as the Ticonderoga-class guided missile cruiser USS Chosin (CG 65) prepares to leave on deployment on Aug. 7. Chosin is on a scheduled western Pacific deployment as part of the USS Nimitz Carrier Strike Group.

lenges that may lie ahead of them as they transit to the western Pacific.

"We are excited to see a lot of liberty ports, have a good time and carry out our mission," said Seaman Brandon Whitlock.

Friends and families waved farewell as they watched their Sailors aboard Chosin depart Pearl Harbor.

"It's bittersweet to see him leave today, but this is his job and I just can't wait until he gets back home," said the wife of a Chosin Sailor.

"I'm really sad to see my husband leave, but it is something that I'm used to and I just look forward to his return," added the wife of

another Chosin Sailor.

U.S. Navy guided missile cruisers perform primarily in a battle force role. These ships are multi-mission capable, including air warfare, undersea warfare, naval surface fire support and surface warfare, surface combatants capable of supporting carrier strike groups, amphibious forces or of operating independently and as flagships of surface action groups. Cruisers are equipped with Tomahawk cruise missiles, giving them additional long range strike warfare capability.



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The Ticonderoga-class guided missile cruiser USS Chosin (CG 65) pulls away from the pier as the ship goes underway on deployment. Chosin is on a scheduled western Pacific deployment as part of the USS Nimitz Carrier Strike Group.

O'Kane Sailors load up for PAPA '09



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Anti-terrorism training team member, Gunner's Mate 1st Class (SW) Javier Villarreal from Edinburg, Texas, loads the M-240 machine gun aboard the guided-missile destroyer USS O'Kane (DDG 77) as the ship prepares to defend from small boat attacks during the Paulele Palulu (PAPA) '09 anti-terrorism field training exercises (AT FTX). PAPA'09, also known as "Reliant Shield," is an annual Navy Region Hawai'i AT FTX which focuses on the ashore and afloat units' capability to deter, detect, defend and mitigate acts of terrorism within the Pearl Harbor area.

Cima takes command of USS Chicago

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Cmdr. Jeffrey L. Cima relieved Cmdr. Rick J. Stoner as commanding officer of fast-attack submarine USS Chicago (SSN 721) during a time-honored change of command ceremony held at Naval Station Pearl Harbor on Aug. 7.

"One of the things I am most proud of is how this crew responded to challenges and adversity," said Stoner of his time spent in command of Chicago. "As happens to all boats, we were tasked on short notice several times to get underway and support various operations."

Capt. Edward L. Takesuye, guest speaker and commander of Submarine Squadron Three (CSS-3), praised Stoner and the crew of Chicago for their accomplishments.

"Chicago immediately rose to the cream of the crop and started a tradition of winning battle efficiency and engineering efficiency awards," said Takesuye. "I can attest for the record that Chicago's present crew continues to perform as well, if not better, than previous ones."

Stoner agreed that the majority of the submarine's success could be attributed to the crew and their hard work. "The credit for the successes we have enjoyed on Chicago belong to the



U.S. Navy photo by ETC (SS) Dale R. Stevick

Cmdr. Rick Stoner is piped ashore after being relieved as commanding officer of fast-attack submarine USS Chicago (SSN 721) by Cmdr. Jeffrey Cima in a change of command ceremony held at Naval Station Pearl Harbor on Aug. 7.

outstanding crew."

As Cima assumed command, he also recognized the quality of the crew he was inheriting. "I am excited to be a part of this great team and look forward to working with each one of you as we take Chicago into the shipyard and return her to sea ready to fight," he said.

Stoner will continue his

military service at the Pentagon as the deputy for maritime domain awareness. His sea tours include USS Nevada (SSBN 733) (Blue), USS Hawkbill (SSN 666) and USS Portsmouth (SSN 707). Stoner is a 1989 Naval Academy graduate with honors and received a master of science degree from Johns Hopkins University.



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Sea Cadets participate in training at Pearl Harbor

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Sea Cadets from across the country came to Naval Station Pearl Harbor to participate in an Advanced Training for Naval Heritage program Aug. 2-8.

The Sea Cadet group was part of the Battleship Missouri Hawai'i Division during their one-week stay and all the cadets lived onboard the historic battleship while they learned, worked and trained with volunteer instructors and Sailors throughout the region.

"We started holding training out here not only to give a sense of naval his-



Sea Cadets from Battleship Missouri Hawai'i Division at the Commander, Pacific Fleet boat-house are greeted by a Sailor before the group embarks on a tour of historic Pearl Harbor on Aug. 6. The Sea Cadets are part of an advanced training program in which they spent one week at Naval Station Pearl Harbor living aboard the Battleship Missouri Memorial while learning, working and training like the Navy.

tory, but also to show the importance of Pearl Harbor," said Loren Relin, volunteer instructor.

Some of the things that the Sea Cadets have done since they arrived at Pearl Harbor include interacting with Sailors, Adopt-a-Highway and taking tours of historic naval vessels, USS Arizona Memorial and USS Bowfin.

"I think that it's really cool to be out here seeing all these things and getting all the information," said Seaman Cadet Tianna Lewis of Nappa Valley, Calif. "I think it's really important and I'm interested in history so it's especially important to me."

The Sea Cadets program is set aside for teens ages 13-18 and allows them to learn teamwork, job skills and discipline. The program

also provides advanced training similar to the Navy's A-schools that it offers to its service members to help them promote to the next rank and learn a vocation. The advanced training they receive also gives them college credit hours and allows them to enter the Navy, Marine Corps and Coast Guard at the rank of E-3.

"After I went to recruit training, I did corpsman training, the Petty Officer Leadership Academy and Navy intelligence training," said Lewis, who has an interest in attending the Naval Academy upon graduation.

The one week Advanced Training for Naval Heritage program concluded Aug. 8 onboard the Battleship Missouri Memorial.

WWII Navy veteran visits USS Chung-Hoon

Ensign Lance Page

USS Chung-Hoon (DDG 93)
Public Affairs

Robert Christensen, a World War II veteran, and his two sons visited USS Chung-Hoon (DDG 93) at Naval Station Pearl Harbor on Aug. 7 while on vacation in Hawai'i from South Dakota.

He spent the vacation week touring many memorials, including the USS Arizona and Battleship Missouri Memorial. A tour aboard Chung-Hoon was his final stop before heading home. Christensen and his sons received a hero's welcome aboard and an extensive tour throughout the ship led by Ensign Lance Page and Ensign Armin Moazzami. As the tour progressed, Christensen explained the differences between his former ship, USS Stack, and current front line destroyers.

Stack was a Benham-class destroyer commissioned in 1939 and decommissioned in 1946. At 340 feet and 1,500 tons with a crew of 176, she was a bit smaller than her modern day sisters, but with a top speed of 36 knots, she would certainly hold her own.

Christensen joined the Navy at the age of 17 and all of 110 pounds soaking wet, and his energy and enthusiasm made him successful aboard. Stack saw her first action near

Guadalcanal and was involved in many of the major Pacific actions through the end of the war.

The WWII veteran specifically mentioned his pride at being part of the Leyte Gulf invasion force and surviving the December 1944 typhoon. Fast forward 64 years and as he walked Chung-Hoon's decks, he marveled at today's naval technology.

As a machinist's mate on a steam ship, it was quite a bit different, yet with very significant similarities. There were times during Chung-Hoon's most recent deployment where engine room temperatures rivaled those experienced daily aboard Stack. Christensen smiled and said he well remembered similar times aboard Stack.

While the technology has certainly changed from 1945 to 2009, Christensen was most impressed by Chung-Hoon shipmates. The crew is the key which drives a ship and he said he was proud to see that the effort and example he set in WWII was still alive today in the hearts and focus of what he saw in his Chung-Hoon shipmates.

Christensen and his sons headed back to the mainland, excited to describe their experiences in Hawai'i with family and friends. Chung-Hoon's crew smiled as the group walked down the pier, proud to share experiences with shipmates from an earlier generation.



U.S. Navy photo by Cmdr. Michael McCartney

A visit to the USS Chung-Hoon (DDG 93) at Naval Station Pearl Harbor was the highlight of a visit to Hawai'i for Robert Christensen (left), a World War II Navy veteran, and his sons on Aug. 7.

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Hawai'i Navy News Editorial

MCPON urges Sailors to look out for shipmates

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Master Chief Petty Officer of the Navy Public Affairs

During a conversation with Sailors on Aug. 5, the master chief petty officer of the Navy (MCPON) said that stress on the Navy family and operational stress control will be two significant points of emphasis for him for the rest of the summer.

"We have to look out for each other. I need everyone to be on the lookout for the signs of stress because too often our Sailors aren't going to seek help on their own," said MCPON (SS/SW) Rick D. West, when he spoke with Sailors assigned to the White House Communications Agency on board Anacostia Naval Station.

"No one should feel they're in this by themselves," said West.

West has been addressing stress control most of the summer. He says it's the Sailors who have concerns, but don't share them with leaders and shipmates who worry him as much as those crew members who are referred for



U.S. Navy photo by MC1 Jennifer A. Villalobos

Master Chief Petty Officer of the Navy (MCPON) Rick West speaks with chief petty officers at U.S. Naval Ship Repair Facility, Yokosuka during his visit to Commander Fleet Activities Yokosuka, Japan. West was on a 10-day tour of Japan, his first visit since taking the position as MCPON.

counseling or treatment.

"As much as we know about it and as many tragedies we've had to

endure, I'm betting there are still thousands of people across our Navy who need help, but aren't asking for it," noted West.

He said it is his intent to discuss the problem with every group of Sailors he

speaks with and focus on breaking down the myth that admitting to a problem is a sign of weakness

or can hurt a Sailor's career.

"That's the biggest problem as I see it. Too many of us feel that depression or suicidal ideation is a stigma, a character flaw that we're ashamed to admit. Well...none of us have good days every day," West said.

The MCPON will be filming a video on operational stress control which should hit the fleet by the end of the summer. He said he would like to use that opportunity to discuss with Sailors of all ranks different approaches to recognizing and dealing with stress.

"From seaman to admiral, we have a shared responsibility to stay ahead of the curve. What does that mean? We train hard, stay fit and healthy, look out for each other. When you notice signs of stress in yourself or others - cutting corners, irritability, trouble sleeping - talk to a shipmate, friend, family member or someone else you trust. If you see the signs of more serious stress, get help immediately from your chain of command, chaplain or medical provider," he said.

This week in
NAVAL HISTORY

August 14

- 1813 - HMS Pelican captures USS Argus.
- 1886 - SECNAV establishes Naval Gun Factory at Washington Navy Yard.

August 15

- 1845 - U.S. Naval Academy established at Annapolis, Md. on former site of Fort Severn.
- 1895 - Commissioning of USS Texas, the first American steel-hulled battleship. The USS Texas served off Cuba during the Spanish-American War and took part in the naval battle of Santiago. Under the name of San Marcos, she was sunk in weapon effects tests in Chesapeake Bay in 1911. Her hulk continued in use as a gunnery target through World War II.

August 16

- 1812 - USS Constitution recaptures American merchant brig Adeline.
- 1954 - Beginning of Operation Passage to Freedom, transport of refugees from Haiphong to Saigon, Vietnam.

A kiss in Times Square

Photo courtesy of Life Magazine

New York City celebrating the surrender of Japan. They threw anything and kissed anybody in Times Square. In this iconic WWII photo taken by LIFE magazine, a then unknown Sailor later confirmed as Glenn McDuffie, celebrates the end of WWII by kissing a nurse in Times Square on Aug. 14, 1945. During the festivities, the photographer recalled that the 18-year-old McDuffie was kissing every girl he encountered in the street and the nurse reportedly slapped him after this spontaneous kiss.

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Ombudsmen are vital link with Navy families

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Contributing Writer

The role of the Navy ombudsman has become a key resource for many Navy family members, particularly during long deployment periods.

With more than 4,000 ombudsmen serving worldwide, the Navy estimates they save more than \$8.5 million per year by serving as trusted intermediaries between deployed Sailors and their families.

According to Teresa Espiritu, ombudsman program coordinator for Commander Navy Region Hawai'i (CNRH), Navy ombudsmen are trained volunteers appointed by the command to serve as the liaison between the command and Navy families.

"It is very important to have the ombudsman available and accessible to the command families because their primary job is to assist and serve as a liaison and communicator for the families," she said.

Espiritu explained that a command ombudsman is



Jennifer Pisani, ombudsman for USS Hopper (DDG 70), interacts with Damage Controlman Fireman Jerry Sandoval during a Single Sailor deployment meeting held Aug. 6 aboard USS Hopper. As an ombudsman, Pisani is a trained volunteer appointed by the ship's command to serve as the liaison between the command and Navy families, particularly during long deployment periods.

normally the spouse of an active duty or selected reserve command member and supports the Navy's mission by providing communications, outreach, resource referral and other important information to command families, especially during

times of deployment.

"The way an ombudsman supports the command mission is to take care of its families so that the service members are able to focus on their job," she said.

Danielle Filler, who serves as the ombudsman for Naval

Computer and Telecommunications Area Master Station, Pacific (NCTAMS PAC), said she acts mainly as a resource and referral provider for Sailors and their families.

"We are here to assist Navy families in any way that we can," she said. "We are not trained counselors, but I can refer families [in crisis] to the [appropriate] people if needed."

Filler said she also fields a lot of questions from spouses and their families just moving to Hawai'i and interested in relative information, such as information on schools, housing, jobs, etc.

Jennifer Pisani, who serves as the ombudsman aboard USS Hopper (DDG 70), said she sees her role as an ombudsman as the primary link between the command and Navy families.

"We act as [the ship's] spokesperson as well as role models for families and are the communication link between families to the command during deployments," said Pisani. "Being in the Navy is hard on all families in more ways than one. It is important to have someone they can go to, someone to

help them work through the challenges of Navy life," she added.

Pisani, whose husband is a chief petty officer aboard Hopper, said she enjoys her position as the ship's ombudsman because she is able to provide direct support to families during a crisis or time of need.

"When I am able to help someone in a time of need, that is very fulfilling," she said. "I feel honored that someone would call me or trust me to help them in a difficult time."

Cmdr. Timothy Kott, commanding officer aboard Hopper, said the role of the ombudsman is crucial in keeping constant communication between families and Sailors during underways or long deployments.

"As our ombudsman, we need [an advocate] who wants to do [a good job] and care for the families as well as be a conduit of information," he explained. "The [role of ombudsman] can be a lot of hard work, but Jennifer has shown a great passion for it. Not only do I trust her, but I feel very comfortable communicating with her because I know the informa-

tion will get back to the families and [appropriate] personnel."

Espiritu said that commands usually use various strategies in recruiting their ombudsmen, including announcing a position opening, asking other ombudsmen for referrals, asking key spouses for recommendations, or asking an individual directly. The commanding officer normally makes the selection and appointment of the ombudsman, she said.

All ombudsmen are required to take an ombudsman basic training course that provides information and skills training necessary for volunteers to properly execute the duties required by the commanding officer. Online orientation is also available within six weeks of appointment to volunteers who are unable to attend training services.

Ombudsman basic training classes are held monthly at Fleet Family and Support Center (FFSC). For more information on the Navy ombudsman program or to register for classes, call 474-1999, ext. 6105 or visit www.greatlifehawaii.com.

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- Tropical depression** - A system of clouds and thunderstorms with a defined surface circulation and sustained winds that do not exceed 38 mph.
- Tropical storm** - A system of clouds and thunderstorms with a defined surface circulation and sustained winds 39-73 mph.
- Hurricane** - A system of clouds and thunderstorms with a defined surface circulation and sustained winds 74 mph or higher.
- Storm surge** - A dome of water pushed ashore by winds during tropical storms and hurricanes. Storm surges can reach 25 feet high and be 50-1,000 miles wide.
- Storm tide** - A combination of storm surge with normal tide, increasing the amount of water (e.g., a 15-foot storm surge with a two-foot normal tide creates a 17-foot storm tide).
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Pearl Harbor Highlights



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Lt. Jason Pettitt shows a youngster how to wear the aircrew survival vest during HSL-37's keiki day on July 23.



Photo by Lisa Roberts

(Right) Keiki get a chance to sit in the front of EasyRider 60, an SH-60B helicopter, during HSL-37's keiki day on July 23.



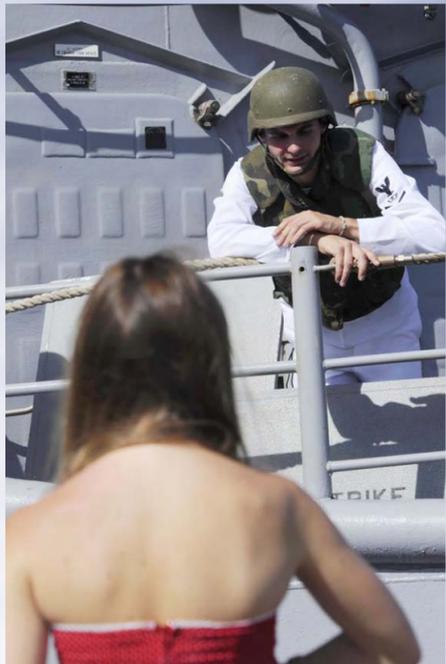
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Navy chief selects paint cabinets at the Lanakila Teaching and Learning Center in Honolulu on Aug. 8 as part of a community relations project. The Lanakila Teaching and Learning Center is a non-profit organization that helps promote independence in adults with disabilities. The chief selects are scheduled to participate in several more community projects around Hawai'i before their official pinning ceremony in September.



U.S. Navy photo by MC2 (SW) Mark Logico

Families gather at a Pearl Harbor pier to say goodbye to Sailors as the Ticonderoga-class guided missile cruiser USS Chosin (CG 65) goes underway on deployment on Aug. 7. Chosin is on a scheduled western Pacific deployment as part of the USS Nimitz Carrier Strike Group.



Fire Controlman 3rd Class Garrett Jones says goodbye to his wife at the pier as the Ticonderoga-class guided missile cruiser USS Chosin (CG 65) goes underway on deployment. Chosin is on a scheduled western Pacific deployment as part of the USS Nimitz Carrier Strike Group.

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(Below) The guided-missile cruiser USS Chosin (CG 65) passes by the USS Nevada Memorial as she departs Naval Station Pearl Harbor on Aug. 7 for a scheduled deployment.

U.S. Navy photo by MC2 Robert Stürup



HECO and Forest City offer 'cool tips' during hot summer months

Blair Martin

Contributing Writer

Hawaiian Electric Company (HECO) and Forest City Residential Management, Inc. are encouraging local military residents to resist running their air conditioners non-stop during one of the warmest months of the year.

Recently, HECO released an updated version of the "Cool Tips for Your Home and Office" brochure that offers tips that will help

customers save energy and protect the environment while at home or at work.

"You can still conserve energy without sacrificing comfort just by making small changes to your daily habits," said Ka'iulani de Silva, HECO director of education and consumer affairs.

One tip the brochure offers is for residents to open windows and let Hawai'i's trade winds cool their homes instead of running the air conditioner. Another tip offered is to use fans to circulate the

air and keep cool.

According to the HECO brochure, "By running ceiling fans, air blows down creating a wind-chill effect that will make you feel cooler."

Also advised is planting leafy native trees, plants or shrubs on the warmer east, west and south facing sides of your home to provide cooling shade as well as beautify the home.

"Our tips offer the same common sense advice that we learned from our parents and grandparents, many that involve little to

no cost at all," said de Silva. "The smallest effort can result in real energy savings, cut greenhouse gas emissions, and help you save money during these challenging economic times."

Greg Raap, director of property management for Forest City Residential Management, Inc., Navy's public private venture (PPV) partner, said he wants to encourage military residents to conserve energy by setting their air conditioners at the warmest comfortable temperature.

"Some of our best conserving residents have their thermostats set between 75 and 78 degrees and are very conscientious about their use of electric appliances, using simple common sense practices such as turning lights and equipment off when not in use," he explained.

In fact, HECO reported that each degree above 75 degrees saves their customers approximately three percent of the energy used to cool their homes.

Other tips on keeping your space cooler in your

home and office work areas include closing doors and windows when air conditioner is running, turn off computer monitors and other office equipment when not in use, and use fluorescent lights and office products which are more efficient and give off less heat.

For a complete version of the "Cool Tips for Home and Office" brochure or for energy saving ideas, visit www.heco.com. For more information on Forest City and energy consumption, visit www.forestcity.net.



Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam FAQ Corner



Q. What are the joint base plans for family housing? Will there be changes to housing assignments?

A. There are no plans to make changes with family housing at this time because both Air Force and Navy currently have separate, long term public private venture (PPV) agreements. Hickam Community Housing LLC manages Air Force housing and Forest City Residential Management manages Navy housing. Both services will continue to maintain their traditional housing assignments based on the sponsor's rank and/or command assignment.

Q. Will the commissaries and base exchanges consolidate once the new Joint Base Pearl Harbor Hickam is stood up?

A. The commissary and exchange stores provide important quality of life benefits to our service members and there are no plans at this time to consolidate them as a result of the joint basing initiative. The exchanges at Pearl Harbor and Hickam AFB are operated by the Navy Exchange Command (NEXCOM) and Army Air Force Exchange Service (AAFES), respectively. The commissary stores are all operated by the Defense Commissary Agency (DECA) and are already operating jointly.

The Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam (JBPHH) corner is intended to address reader's questions related to the stand up of JBPHH. JBPHH will combine two historic bases into a single joint installation to support both Air Force and Navy missions, along with our tenant commands, and all our service members and their families. By capitalizing on best practices of both services, JBPHH will continue to enhance our warfighting readiness, maximize delivery of installation support services throughout the joint base, and capture identified efficiencies. Questions may be submitted to hnn@honoluluadvertiser.com or by calling Navy Region Hawai'i Public Affairs at 473-2888."

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Helicopter Anti-Submarine Squadron Light-37 hosts keiki day

Lt. Patricia A. Goolsby

Helicopter Anti-Submarine Squadron Light

Keiki and families from Helicopter Anti-Submarine Squadron Light (HSL-37) were given the opportunity to learn what it is like to work at a squadron on July 23. Families were shown around the workspaces, allowed to climb around a static display (EasyRider 60), try on the aircrew survival gear, and even take a peak through night vision devices.

The event started with the general workspace show and tell. Sailors from HSL-37 took their keiki and families around their workspaces to show off the places where they spend much of their workday. After a quick tour of the workspaces, the children were taken to the different static displays set up for their viewing.

EasyRider 60, the squadron showbird, was modified into an aircraft 'jungle gym' for the kids. Outfitted with a dummy M60 and a training torpedo, EasyRider 60 was the big toy on display and received lots of attention from the little ones.

Sailors were also available to demonstrate the survival gear that is used by the pilots and aircrew who fly the squadron's helicopters. The flashlights seemed to be the highlight of the survival gear display. Youngsters had the opportunity to try on the survival gear as well as the helmets, feeling just how heavy the gear can get. Aircrewmembers brought out



U.S. Navy photo

Lt. j.g. Cody Bench (center) describes his duties as a pilot to keiki during HSL-37's keiki day on July 23. *Additional photos on page A-5.*

the rescue litter basket as well to explain how it's used during a rescue operation.

In addition to the aircraft and survival gear static displays, keiki and families had the opportunity to check out some of the squadron's night vision devices (NVDs). NVDs are used by the pilots and aircrewmembers during night flights to aid in seeing through the darkness at night. The children could look through the NVDs and see their parents standing at the other end of the dark

room. The day ended with the chance for the families to join their Sailors in formation during squadron quarters. As a token of appreciation for their continued support, families of HSL-37 were able to participate in a traditional Navy function of recognizing Sailors for their hard work and a job well done.

Fifteen Sailors received awards during quarters with a few of them standing next to their proud children. It was the perfect way to end their tour of HSL-37.

Helicopter Anti-Submarine Squadron Light-37, Det 1 reports on deployment aboard USS Chafee

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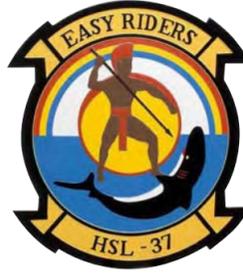
For the past three months, Helicopter Anti-Submarine Squadron Light (HSL-37), Detachment One has been deployed throughout the Pacific, projecting U.S. power, influence and goodwill throughout the Pacific Rim.

On Feb. 24, Sailors of HSL-37's Detachment One waved farewell to families and friends from the flight deck of USS Chafee (DDG-90) as the mighty warship departed Pearl Harbor for the western Pacific.

Chafee's first stop was Donghae, Republic of Korea, to complete the final planning for Exercise Foal Eagle. This intensive exercise with the Republic of Korea (ROK) naval forces employed the detachment's helicopter, Easyrider 50, in various roles, but emphasized maritime counter special operation forces procedures. Following this exercise, the crew of Chafee enjoyed liberty in Busan, Korea and a short stop in Sasebo, Japan.

In late-March, Chafee was tasked with special mission ship escort in the South China Sea. The assignment required the detachment to maintain an alert status throughout a two-week period. Each day the maintenance team armed the aircraft with AGM-114 Hellfire missiles and GAU-16 machinegun to provide air support over the horizon for U.S. naval ships operating in the region.

After a brief stop in tropical Kota Kinabalu Malaysia, where members of Det One enjoyed proboscis monkey sightings



In Hong Kong, Detachment One Sailors found ample time to enjoy the markets and the famous nightlife in the international city. Several detachment members were lucky enough to be offered a Dauphin helicopter tour of the city from the Hong Kong Government Flying Service followed by a tour of their headquarters.

Departing Hong Kong in mid-May, Chafee continued south to begin the first phase of Cooperation Afloat Readiness and Training (CARAT) in the Republic of the Philippines.

Chafee was unable to pull into the Philippines and instead anchored near shore on two separate occasions. During the first anchorage, members of Detachment One hopped into a rigid-hull inflatable boat and journeyed to shore to participate in a community relations project in the town of Calbayog with other Sailors from USS John McCain (DDG-56) and members of Republic of Philippines Navy.

Throughout the day, teachers and students entertained them with various musical instruments and provided water and snacks in appreciation of the Sailors' hard work at painting a wall that encircles the local school. Back on Chafee, numerous members of the detachment were enjoying their first swim call.

Detachment One's next stop was Singapore for the continuation of CARAT with the Republic Singapore Navy and a much anticipated reunion with Detachment Three, embarked on USS Chung-Hoon.

and white-water rafting, Chafee steamed North to Sasebo, Japan.

In Sasebo, Chafee joined the USS Blue Ridge (LCC-19), USS Fitzgerald (DDG-62) and several Japanese and Indian ships in preparation for Exercise Malabar. A few Detachment One officers enjoyed elaborate receptions complete with traditional food, music, dancing and drinks on both Indian and Japanese ships.

During the exercise, Detachment One was employed as helicopter element coordinator for Commander, Destroyer Squadron 15. They were busy coordinating the air plan for seven international helicopters embarked by the participating ships, including cross-deck landing evolutions to familiarize the aircrews of the respective nations with the flight decks on their counterparts' ships.

In late April, Chafee again turned south and joined the USS John C. Stennis Carrier Strike Group for Exercise Grapplehook. Detachment One exercised maritime air support procedures with the fighters of Carrier Air Wing Nine. Following this exercise, Detachment One inducted ER-50 into a phase B inspection during a short transit to Hong Kong.

Sailors from NIOC Hawai'i help clean up Mighty Mo

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USS Missouri (BB-63), the 45,000-ton Iowa-class battleship, is most famous for being the site of the signing of the Formal Instrument of Surrender conducted by Supreme Allied Commander, General Douglas MacArthur during the Japanese Surrender Ceremony on Sept. 2, 1945. The signing ended hostilities in the Pacific at the end of World War II.

Not only did the Mighty Mo, as she has become affectionately called, serve as a flagship during WWII, but she displayed her fierce firepower during the Korean War in support of U.S. land forces and was later deployed to the Persian Gulf during Operation Desert Storm.

USS Missouri returned to Hawai'i on Dec. 7, 1991, leading a group of ships as part of the commemoration to mark the 50th anniversary of the attack on Pearl Harbor. In May 1998, the USS Missouri Memorial Association became the official caretaker of the 'Mo' and she made Oahu her permanent home.

Every year, Battleship Missouri



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Cryptologic Technician (Collection) Seaman Angela Jones holds old teak decking on board Battleship Missouri Memorial. Jones and other members of NIOC Hawai'i spent time cleaning up the battleship in an effort to preserve her for years to come.

Memorial hosts thousands of visitors from around the world to tour its spaces, explore the depths of the ship, and learn about its vast naval history. This year, as the 'Mo' begins its second decade of being a staple of naval heritage in Oahu, the ship will undergo extensive repairs and preservation.

Pre-dry dock cleaning and

preparation will be occurring over the next few months before it is moved for preservation treatment and repairs in early October. The Junior Enlisted Organization [JEO] of Naval Information Operations Command [NIOC] Hawai'i has become a part of helping the USS Missouri Memorial Association prepare for the overhaul.

For the second time this year, on Aug. 4, about 20 E-5 and below Sailors of the JEO and aloha division of NIOC Hawai'i gathered together, donned work gloves, and proceeded to embark on various tasks around the ship.

One of the major projects was cleaning the deck of the Mighty Mo. Recently, the teak decks on the aft part of the ship had been re-done, leaving a lot of old teak 'adrift' so the volunteers worked at clearing out the old to make way for the new. Afterward, they were treated to a special tour of the ship's lower decks.

Many of the volunteers were relatively new Sailors to the Navy, coming to their first shore command out of A-school and for most, this is the first time they have been to Pearl Harbor. Some arrived on island as little as a week before they volunteered and had not yet had an opportunity to tour the historic memorial. This project allowed an opportunity for the Sailors to perform a service for their local community while learning about a part of the rich naval history which surrounds their new duty station.

"I think this project promoted understanding of the importance of USS Missouri [Battleship

Missouri Memorial] which is a huge part of our history. I hope it instilled in our volunteers the importance of the sacrifice past Sailors made to our country," explained Master-at-Arms 2nd Class (SW) Jennifer L. Ross, JEO staff member and regular Battleship Missouri Memorial volunteer. "It was interesting to see our younger Sailors marvel at the way 'ship life' was back then; they were shocked," she said.

Maintaining the ship and running tours for guests is a lot of work for the staff and volunteers of the USS Missouri Memorial Association and its continued success is due to their tireless efforts. They are very appreciative of volunteer groups to come out and help when they can.

From clearing the decks to moving empty shell casings and polishing brass, the members of the NIOC JEO were more than happy to give their time to the 'Mo.' In the future, the members of the JEO plan to come out again to Missouri and continue to support the needed renovation projects. "These improvements will increase the longevity of the ship for generations of visitors to see," said Ross. "I am glad we are able to be a part of it."

Pearl Harbor Naval Shipyard hosts International Shipyard Management Course

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Seven naval officers from six countries were recently in Hawai'i for an annual international shipyard management course at Pearl Harbor Naval Shipyard. The six-week course is designed to familiarize attendees with various management concepts on the efficient, economical and environmentally sound operation of a naval shipyard.

Most of the classes are taught by shipyard instructors, said Robert Sonoda of the business and strategic planning office. Naval Education and Training Security Assistance Field Activity manages and funds the training, which supports the U.S. government's desires to strengthen alliances and partnerships with other countries.

The countries represented in this year's class were Saudi Arabia, South Korea, Ireland, Canada,

Bangladesh and, for the first time in the 11-year history of the course, Pakistan.

The scheduling of the course fluctuates from year to year in consideration of the Islamic observance of Ramadan. Ramadan occurs earlier every year because the Islamic calendar is about 10 days shorter than the western calendar.

An off-duty goodwill program gives students the opportunity to visit historical, cultural educational and scenic sites.

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