

SECNAV tours Pacific Commands

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Secretary of the Navy Ray Mabus visited Naval Station Pearl Harbor during a tour of various Pacific commands on Aug. 20.

Mabus, who was appointed as the 75th Secretary of the Navy in May, hosted an "All Hands Call," at Sharkey Theater where he spoke to Sailors about his experiences as a former U.S. Naval officer and his expectations as Secretary of the Navy.

"Forty years ago, I was the most dangerous thing in the United States Navy. I was a junior officer," joked Mabus. "A couple times I've been questioned, 'What's the difference between the Navy of the late 60's and early 70's that I was in, and the Navy today, of 2009?' The answer is pretty simple," said Mabus. "It's the type of people that are in the Navy today. It's the skill level, the commitment level, the amount of purpose and passion that the people in the Navy have today."

Secretary Mabus responded to questions posed by Sailors prior to his next scheduled stop, the Arleigh Burke-class destroyer, USS Chung-Hoon (DDG 93). Once aboard the destroyer, Mabus received a ship tour, had lunch in the mess decks, talked with some of the crew, and attended a meeting in the Chief's Mess.

During his meeting with the Chung-Hoon Chief Petty Officers, Mabus discussed the manning issue that the Navy is currently facing, as it was a concern of several of those in attendance.

"At any given time we have



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Secretary of the Navy Ray Mabus addresses questions posed by local media outlets pierside at Naval Station Pearl Harbor. As secretary, Mabus is responsible for conducting all the affairs of the Department of the Navy, including recruiting, organizing, supplying, equipping, training and mobilizing. This is Mabus' first official trip to Hawai'i since being appointed Secretary of the Navy last May.

about 14,000 Sailors IA. We have more Sailors on the ground than we do at sea sometimes," stated Mabus. "It is a concern of ours, making sure that the ships have enough manning. We're not going to get anymore Sailors though.

Part of it is how much this IA demand goes on."

Mabus departed the Chung-Hoon to attend a media availability pierside where he talked about his current visit to Hawai'i.

"I think I've got two big overall

impressions," said Mabus. "One impression is what a great relationship between the Navy, Marine Corps, and Hawai'i and how important that is. The other is, Central Command; Afghanistan, Iraq, where I was a couple weeks ago is

a lot more pressed these days, with a lot more tension. It's important the work that's being done here," stated Mabus, who expanded that in the future, operations in the Pacific were key to success in the Middle East.



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Seaman Kehmal Nelson from New York, secures the lines as the guided-missile destroyer USS Paul Hamilton (DDG 60) returns home at Naval Station Pearl Harbor after a seven-month deployment. Additional photos on page A-5.

USS Paul Hamilton returns from 7-month western Pacific deployment

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Commander Navy Region Hawai'i Public Affairs

More than 300 sailors aboard the Arleigh Burke-class guided-missile destroyer USS Paul Hamilton (DDG 60) arrived to a pier full of friends and family at Naval Station Pearl Harbor Aug. 21 following a seven-month deployment to the Western Pacific.

Paul Hamilton departed Pearl Harbor on Jan. 20 as a part of the Mid-Pacific Surface Combatant Operational Employment program. Paul Hamilton also participated in Arabian Gauntlet and Nautical Union while in the 5th fleet area of responsibility.

Cmdr. Brent Smith, commanding officer of Paul Hamilton, noted the great teamwork that Paul Hamilton Sailors showed while on deployment.

"The crew did an absolute marvelous job of performing their roles and duties," said Smith. "When Paul Hamilton was tasked to do something, the crew pulled together and worked very well as a team."

Friends and families of Paul Hamilton Sailors were very excited to see their Sailors return home as they lined the pier.

"I could barely sleep last night, knowing that my husband was going to be home today," said the wife of a Paul Hamilton Sailor.

"This has been a long seven months, but I am so glad that he is returning home safely," added another wife of a Paul Hamilton Sailor.

Sailors were thrilled to be home as they walked off the ship and in to the arms of their loved ones.

"I'm really excited to be home and see my newborn son," said Fire Controlman 1st Class Joe Sardos. "I've been anxious to return home since the day he was born and it feels absolutely great to hold him."

The Mid-Pacific Surface Combatant Operational Employment program calls for all of the Hawai'i-based surface combatants to focus on the Western Pacific by conducting intermediate/advanced training and regular deployments in the Western Pacific.

Guided missile destroyers provide multi-mission offensive and defensive capabilities, and can operate independently or as part of carrier battle groups, surface action groups, amphibious ready groups, and underway replenishment groups.

USS Chafee returns home

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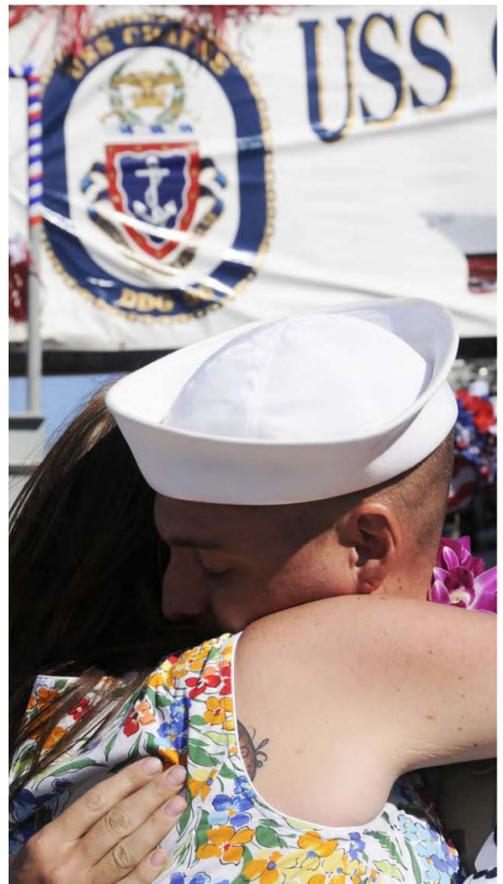
The Arleigh Burke-class guided-missile destroyer USS Chafee (DDG 90) Sailors reunite with families and friends at Naval Station Pearl Harbor, Aug. 24, after a Western Pacific deployment.

More than 300 officers and enlisted personnel aboard Chafee played a key role in supporting U.S. Maritime Strategy, which calls for credible combat power to be continuously postured to protect America's vital interests.

"As a surface ship, with a crew of more than 300 and state of the art technology, the Arleigh Burke-class destroyer is the Cadillac of the fleet," said Cmdr. Heedong Choi, commanding officer of Chafee. "We're an integral part of the Maritime Strategy, providing theater security cooperation along with maritime security operation. We're keeping the ocean safe so that commerce continues to flow."

Chafee deployed Feb. 24 with embarked Helicopter Anti-Submarine Light (HSL) 37, Detachment 1 from Marine Corps Base Kaneohe.

During the deployment, Chafee traveled more than 30,000 nautical miles, performed 46 evolutions of boat operations and 110 sorties of flight operations.



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Aviation Electrician's Mate 2nd Class (AW) Jason Williams from Helicopter Anti-Submarine Light (HSL) 37 attached to the guided-missile destroyer USS Chafee (DDG 90) greets his wife, as the ship returns to Naval Station Pearl Harbor after a seven-month Western Pacific deployment.

"The Navy is about ships, and it's about the Sailors, and I try to focus on what my crew did," said Choi.

Chafee participated in exercises: Foal Eagle 2009, Malabar 2009 and

Cooperation and Readiness Afloat Training (CARAT) 2009.

Chafee operated with the aircraft carrier USS John C. Stennis (CVN 74),

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Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam Memorandum of Agreement signed

Commander Navy Region
Hawai'i Public Affairs

The Office of the Secretary of Defense (OSD), the Vice Chief of Staff for the Air Force, and the Vice Chief of Naval Operations recently signed the Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) for the new Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam (JBPHH). Naval Station (NAVSTA) Pearl Harbor and Hickam Air Force Base (HAFB) will combine into a single, joint installation to support both Air Force and Navy missions.

Naval Station Pearl Harbor and Hickam Air Force Base will begin the transition period, called Initial Operational Capability (IOC), on Jan. 31, 2010. The end of the transition period is called Full Operational Capability (FOC) and will be achieved by Oct. 1, 2010. At that time all resources, property, personnel, and authority for installation management functions will transfer to the Navy, which was designated by Base Realignment and Closure (BRAC) law to be the lead agency for the new installation.

"Through Joint Basing we will create a better base by combining the best practices of both services and seizing upon opportunities to innovate as we transition," said Col. Giovanni Tuck, commander of the 15th Airlift Wing at Hickam AFB. "The Pearl Harbor-Hickam team has worked diligently to make this a reality ever since the Base Realignment and Closure (BRAC) law of 2005 first mandated we merge our two historic bases," Tuck added.

The new installation will have a Joint Base Commander (JBC) from Pearl Harbor, with the Deputy Joint Base commander coming from Hickam AFB. The prospective JBC is Capt. Richard W. Kitchens, commanding officer, Naval Station Pearl Harbor. The prospective Deputy JBC is Col. Charles Baumgardner, commander, 15th Mission Support Group, 15th Airlift Wing, Hickam AFB. The mission commanders and other tenants will remain in charge of their units. The JBC



U.S. Navy photo by Mc2 Robert Stürup
Col. Giovanni Tuck (left), commander 15th Airlift Wing, Hickam Air Force Base, Rear Adm. Dixon Smith, commander, Navy Region Hawaii and Naval Surface Group Middle Pacific, and Capt. Richard Kitchens, commanding officer of Naval Station Pearl Harbor, listen to a presentation during a workshop to develop the joint-base MOA at the Ford Island Conference Center.

will report to Rear Adm. Dixon Smith, commander, Navy Region Hawai'i.

"Three guiding principles were established early in the process and we remain unwavering in measuring each decision against them," said Kitchens. "First and foremost, war fighting readiness and mission accomplishment are paramount. Second, we will join effectively to ensure the delivery of support and services to our tenant commands, service members and their families continues uninterrupted. Finally," he adds, "after the first two are assured, we will look for the efficiencies Joint Basing offers. These three principles will endure long after we are fully operational as a Joint Base"

"Col. Tuck and I, along with our staffs, are going about this very carefully, constantly with the mission in mind. We will better understand where efficiencies can be gained over time, and we plan to harvest those efficiencies using

natural opportunities to shape the force as billets vacate over the years due to retirements and career progression. Reductions in force have not been discussed," Kitchens said. "Instant budget cuts and elimination of jobs are not the goals of this process," he added.

OSD conducted a MOA workshop in March 2009 in which representatives from Naval Station Pearl Harbor, 15th Airlift Wing, Navy Region Hawai'i, Naval Facilities Engineering Command Hawai'i, and Fleet and Industrial Supply Center Pearl Harbor participated.

Since the 2005 Base Realignment and Closure (BRAC) became law, NAVSTA Pearl Harbor and HAFB have planned and researched the best practices of each installation. The findings have helped create the JBPHH MOA, a binding document that each joint base must complete before implementation. It

describes the organization structure, resourcing, output levels, dispute resolution procedures, manpower, real property, budget, performance standards and other agreements.

In all, 26 bases are a part of BRAC, and each branch of the military is participating. The 26 bases will combine to make 12 "joint bases." The BRAC law requires that one base will take the lead in a joint base organization. The Lead Component will be responsible for providing installation support for the entire joint base.

The following installations are scheduled to become Joint Bases:

- Navy Lead:**
1. Naval Station Pearl Harbor/Hickam AFB, Hawai'i
 2. Navy Base Guam/Anderson AB, Guam
 3. Anacostia Annex/Bolling AFB, Washington D.C.
 4. Naval Station Norfolk/Ft. Story, VA

- Army Lead:**
5. Ft. Lewis/McChord AFB, WA
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7. Charleston AFB/NWS Charleston, SC
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 12. Langley AFB/Ft. Eustis, VA

The timeline for joint base implementation is different depending on whether the joint base is part of Phase 1 or Phase 2. Phase 1 joint bases are scheduled for completion in Oct. 2009, and Phase 2 joint bases are scheduled for completion in Oct. 2010. Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam is part of Phase 2.

For more information visit <http://www2.hickam.af.mil/library/joint-basinginformation/index.asp>

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Hawaii Navy News Editorial

SECNAV stresses importance of Pacific while visiting Hawai'i

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Secretary of the Navy Public Affairs

The secretary of the Navy (SECNAV) visited Hawai'i Aug. 19 to 22 to meet with military and senior government leadership, to speak with Sailors and to familiarize himself with Department of the Navy assets in the region.

During his first two days in Hawai'i, Ray Mabus, SECNAV, met with Commander, Pacific Fleet Adm. Robert F. Willard; Commander, U.S. Pacific Command, Adm. Timothy J. Keating; as well as other military leadership. He also held an all-hands call with Sailors at Naval Station Pearl Harbor and toured USS Chung-Hoon (DDG 93).

SECNAV stressed the importance of the Pacific region and the work of Sailors in that region.

"We are America's forward deployed, 'away team' that is absolutely crucial to the defense and the security of the United States of America. What you are doing in the Pacific is making history. What you will do in the



Secretary of the Navy (SECNAV) the Honorable Ray Mabus, answered questions during an all-hands call at Naval Station Pearl Harbor.

Pacific will determine the future of the United States, not only in the Pacific but our place in the world for a long, long time to come," Mabus

said. Mabus also discussed the unique capabilities that the Navy and Marine Corps team bring to the defense and security of the nation.

"We are the one service that can change mission in mid-stream, that can move from one end of the spectrum to another and that's the value that you

bring, that's the value the United States Navy brings - always the expeditionary force, always able to project power without taking up an inch

of anybody else's soil. Zero footprint, right over the horizon," Mabus said.

He expressed his appreciation to the Sailors at Naval Station Pearl Harbor and Chung-Hoon for all of their hard work.

"Thank you for your service; thank you for your commitment. Thank you for what you do for the Navy and for the United States of America," Mabus said.

In addition to meeting with Sailors, Mabus met with Hawai'i Gov. Linda Lingle, U.S. Sens. Daniel Akaka and Daniel Inouye, U.S. Rep. Neil Abercrombie and Mayor Mufi Hannemann to reaffirm the good, longstanding relationship between the Navy and the local community.

This is the secretary's first trip to Hawai'i since taking office in May. He will also visit with Marines at Camp H.M. Smith, Marine Corps Air Station, Kaneohe Bay and the USS Arizona Memorial before leaving for his next stop on his two-week tour of the Pacific.

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Steam frigate Missouri

This week in NAVAL HISTORY

August 25

- 1843 - Steam frigate Missouri arrives at Gibraltar completing first trans-Atlantic crossing by a U.S. steam-powered ship.
- 1942 - Five Navy nurses who became POWs on Guam are repatriated.
- 1951 - Twenty-three fighters from USS Essex (CV 9) escort Air Force heavy bombers attacking Najin, Korea, since target was beyond range of land-based fighters.

August 26

- 1775 - Rhode Island Resolve: Rhode Island delegates to Continental Congress press for creation of Continental Navy to protect the colonies.
- 1839 - Brig Washington seizes Spanish slaver, Amistad, near Montauk Point, N.Y.
- 1861 - Union amphibious force lands near Hatteras, N.C.
- 1865 - Civil War ends with naval strength of more than 58,500 men and 600 ships.

August 30

- 1913 - Navy tests Sperry gyroscopic stabilizer (automatic pilot).
- 1929 - Near New London, Conn., 26 officers and men test Momsen lung to exit submerged USS S-4.
- 1961 - Two Cuban frigates fire on a Naval Reserve aircraft on a training mission over international water.

Haven tends to casualties of Korean Conflict

"Once again tender hands reached for the stretcher while a Navy Chief Hospitalman holds the bottle of plasma. Casualties from the front lines are picked up almost immediately after wounds have been inflicted and rushed to the Haven for hospitalization and further treatment." Photograph and caption released by Commander Naval Forces, Far East, under date of 16 August 1952. Note the name "N. Riecer" on shirt of the sailor in the foreground.

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NIOC Hawaii holds command training day

Lt. j.g. Carrie Sanders

Naval Information Operations Command Hawai'i

Naval Information Operations Command Hawai'i (NIOC-H) held its first Command Training Day on Aug. 21. Over 300 command members attended the event that included general military and physical training.

The decision to hold All-Hands Command Training Days was that of Captain James Hagy, Commanding Officer, NIOC Hawai'i. He realized that even though he has the largest command on the island, with over 1,300 people, he could still implement an All-Hands evolution. It is understood that even with the term "All-Hands" not all com-



U.S. Navy photo

Command Master Chief Terry Piper addresses NIOC Hawaii on Aug. 21 during the command's first ever All-Hands Training Day. He spoke about doing one's best and led the group in the Sailor's Creed.

mand members can attend. Monthly at least 20 percent of the command is deployed or on leave at any given time, many others are on

watch and some have other commitments. However the opportunity to come together builds unit cohesion and allows the Commander to

address the command at once. It also enables Sailors who would otherwise not see one another due to their work spaces being 15 miles

apart to get out of their offices mid-day and get some fresh air, training and exercise. In his address to the command, Command

Master Chief Terry Piper read words of encouragement and led the command in The Sailors' Creed.

When asked her opinion, Lt. Gretchen Bundy-Ladowicz said, "Command Training Day is a time when you are able to spend time with your fellow command-members, especially those you don't see and work with on a daily basis. In as dispersed a mission environment as we (NIOC-H) have, such opportunities to come together as a Navy unit is critical, especially for more junior personnel."

This was the first iteration of a monthly recurrence for the command. Training specifically included military customs and courtesies, put together by NIOC-H's N7 team as well as a brief by the command DAPA.

Chief selects help at the 14th annual State Aukake Classic

Story and photo by MC2 John Ciccarelli Jr.

Navy Public Affairs Support Element West Detachment Hawai'i

Chief Petty Officer (CPO) selects from various commands around Naval Station Pearl Harbor volunteered as referees during a Special Olympics bocce ball competition August 22.

The unified bocce doubles tournament was part of the 14th annual State Aukake Classic held at Waiiau district park in Pearl City. It hosted more than 400 athletes from around Hawai'i and also included multi-division five-a-side soccer and individual skills soccer.

"This is important to me because I love sports in any form or way and these guys are very competi-



Machinist's Mate 1st Class (Chief select) Richard Mayo, assigned to Center for Security Forces Ford Island, referees a bocce ball competitions for Special Olympics athletes. The competition is part of the 14th Annual State Aukake Classic, designed to help develop the social and physical skills of the disabled while boosting their confidence.

tive," said Chief Storekeeper (SW) (select) Elvin Torres, assigned to Afloat Training Group Middle Pacific Pearl Harbor. "Helping these individuals build relationships through being active is essential."

The chief selects helped keep score, set rules and kept parents and coaches from crossing into the game zone.

"Our part of the game is to make sure that these athletes are doing it on their own; they're competing without any help from the coaches or parents," Torres said. "This is what sports is, bringing individuals together with a common interest to have fun."

As a third generation Sailor, giving back to the community has always been part of life for Chief Hospital Corpsman (SW)

(select) Itielu Tilo, assigned to Naval Health Clinic Pearl Harbor.

"Just to see the smiles on their faces; the way their faces light up when we cheer for them really helps boost their self-esteem and it's really wonderful to see," said Tilo.

While only some athletes walked away with medals, the chief selects brought home the honor of being part of this event.

"Coming out here and doing this type of event gives us time to be together as one unit," said Chief Yeoman (SW) (select) Paul Jones, assigned to Commander, U.S. Pacific Command. "Also at the same time it gives us the opportunity to assist in making the community a better place for the mentally disabled while having fun."

Pearl Harbor Highlights



U.S. Navy photo

Lt. j.g. Alex Rios stretches among the over 300 other NIOC Hawaii Sailors during the command's first monthly All-Hands Training day. Before the physical training session the command was presented general military training by the N7 Team.



U.S. Photo by MC2 (SW) Mark Logico
Secretary of the Navy (SECNAV) the Honorable Ray Mabus and Rear Adm. Dixon Smith, commander, Navy Region Hawaii converse after answering questions during an all-hands call at Naval Station Pearl Harbor. This is Mabus' first official visit in Hawaii since he was appointed Secretary of the Navy in May.



On August 20th, the Navy Exchange (NEX) teamed up with colleges, universities, and local organizations to host the Navy College Fair. Participating schools and organizations included, but were not limited to, Navy College Programs, TUI University, Central Texas College, the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs, Hawaii Pacific University, Coastline Community College, and Honolulu Community College. Above, representatives from Hawaii Pacific University meet with potential students to discuss the details of admission, financial aid, and course curriculums.

Photo by Mark Smith

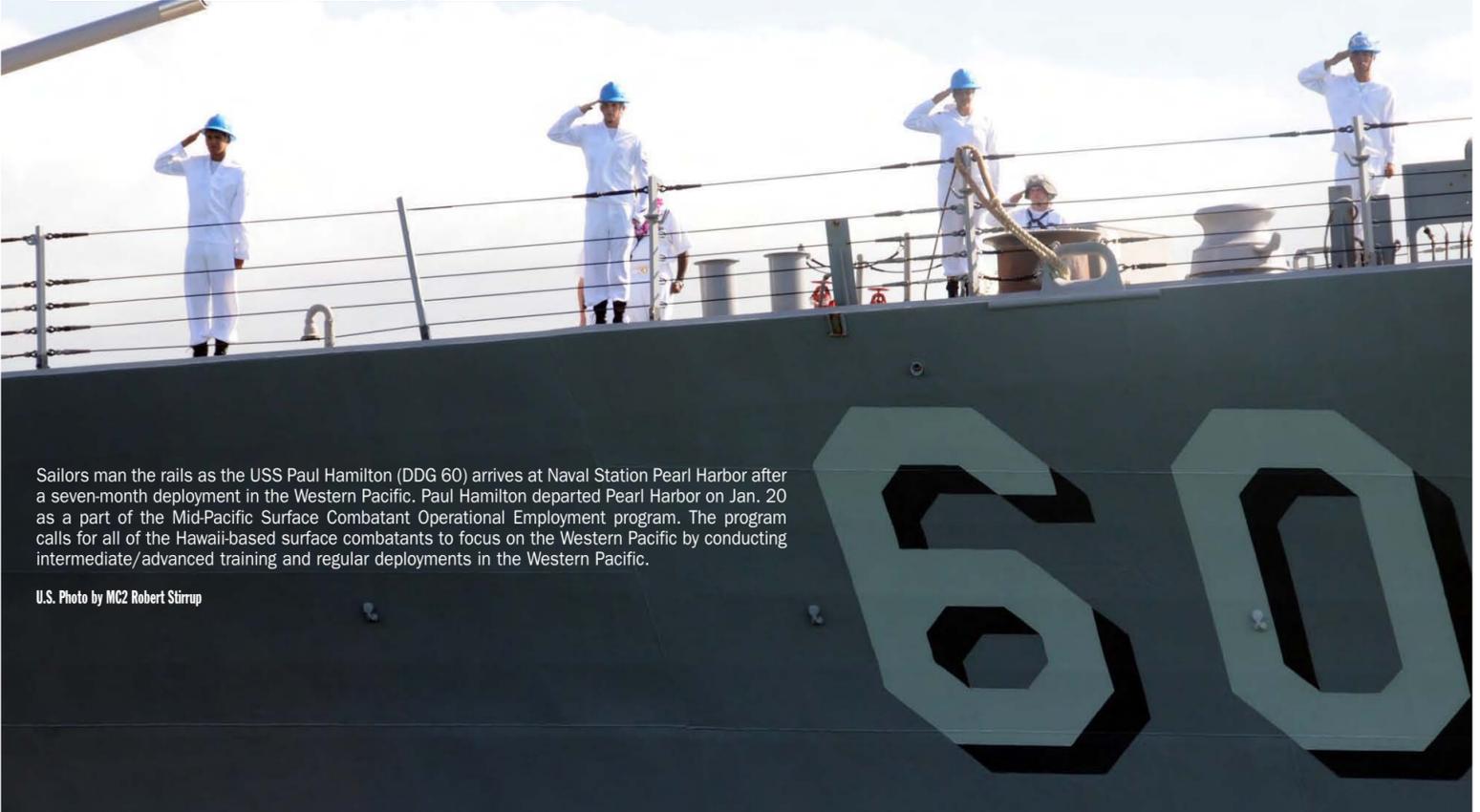


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USS Arizona ferry boat #39-2 "Samuel G. Fuqua" carries visitors from the Arizona Memorial. The boat is named after Medal of Honor recipient Samuel G. Fuqua and is the second of five bio-diesel fueled boats that shuttles visitors to and from the Arizona Memorial.

(Left) Friends and families welcome their Sailors as the guided-missile destroyer USS Paul Hamilton (DDG 60) returns home at Naval Station Pearl Harbor after a seven-month deployment. Paul Hamilton departed in January as part of the Mid-Pacific Surface Combatant Operational Employment program, which calls for all of the Hawaii-based surface combatants to focus on the Western Pacific by conducting intermediate/advanced training and regular deployments in the Western Pacific.

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Sailors man the rails as the USS Paul Hamilton (DDG 60) arrives at Naval Station Pearl Harbor after a seven-month deployment in the Western Pacific. Paul Hamilton departed Pearl Harbor on Jan. 20 as a part of the Mid-Pacific Surface Combatant Operational Employment program. The program calls for all of the Hawaii-based surface combatants to focus on the Western Pacific by conducting intermediate/advanced training and regular deployments in the Western Pacific.

U.S. Photo by MC2 Robert Stirrup

Chafee completes multi-exercise deployment

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the amphibious command ship USS Blue Ridge (LCC 19), the amphibious dock landing ship USS Harpers Ferry (LSD 49) and the Royal Thai navy's aircraft carrier, HTMS Chakri Narubet, as well as numerous Yokosuka and Pearl Harbor based ships.

After completing Foal Eagle, Chafee headed for Sasebo, Japan to participate in Malabar 2009, a multi-lateral exercise with the Japanese Maritime Self Defense Force and the Indian navy. The exercise is designed to increase the interoperability between Indian, Japanese, and U.S. forces and strengthen stability in the Pacific Region.

For the last half of the deployment, Chafee conducted bilateral operations in support of CARAT 2009. CARAT provided an excellent opportunity to train with Southeast Asian navies including the Philippines, Singapore, Malaysia, Thailand, and Brunei.

In addition to operational missions and train-



U.S. Navy photo by Mc2 Robert Stirrup

Sailors assigned to the Arleigh Burke-class guided-missile destroyer USS Chafee (DDG 90) are greeted by their families pier-side onboard Naval Station Pearl Harbor following a six-month deployment in the Western Pacific.

ing, Chafee crewmembers volunteered for community relations projects. Their efforts improved conditions at three schools, repaired a walking path to a monastery and helped with a housing development project during port

calls to South Korea, Malaysia, Hong Kong, Singapore and the Philippines.

Altogether, Choi said that Chafee paid 14 port call visits in 10 countries in the Western Pacific.

"I am proud of my

husband," said a Chafee family member waiting at the pier, "but more than that, I am happy to see him return after a long deployment."

Guided missile destroyers operate in support of carrier strike groups, sur-

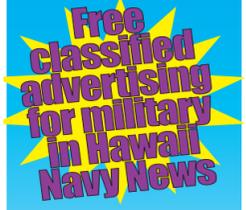
face action groups, amphibious groups and replenishment groups and are multi-mission [Anti-Air Warfare (AAW), Anti-Submarine Warfare (ASW), and Anti-Surface Warfare (ASUW)] surface combatants.

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