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HAWAI'I CELEBRATES THE 64TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE END OF WWII

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A ceremony commemorating the 64th anniversary of the end of the war in the Pacific was held on board the Battleship Missouri Memorial on Ford Island on Sept. 2. The ceremony marked the day that the Empire of Japan formally and unconditionally surrendered to allied forces on the decks of the Missouri, thus ending the most-destructive war of the 20th

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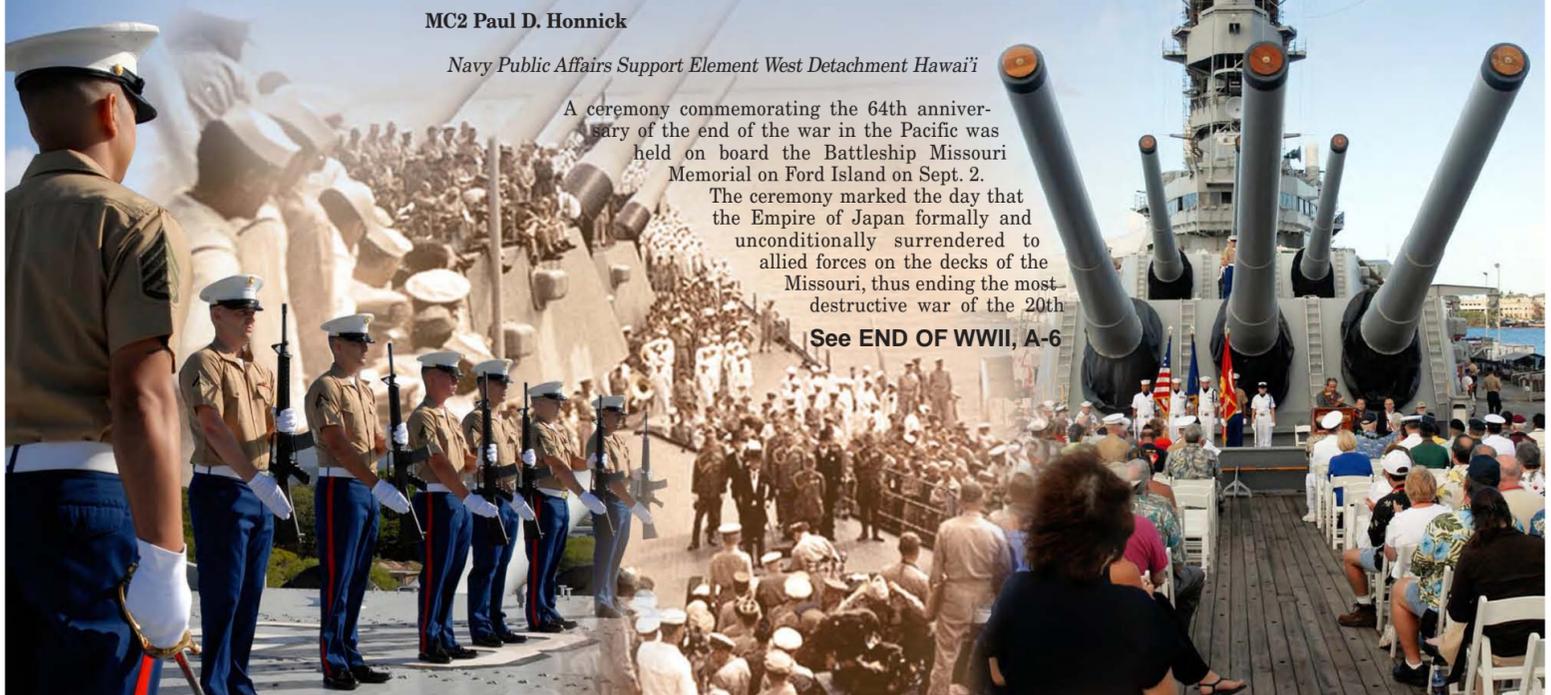


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Mobile Diving and Salvage Unit-1 Sailors rescue boy from submerged car

MC2 (SW) Mark Logico

Navy Region Hawai'i Public Affairs

Sailors from Mobile Diving and Salvage Unit (MDSU) 1 rescued 11-year-old Anthony Trajano from a sinking car at a fishing pier on Hickam Air Force Base on Aug. 28.

At approximately 9:30 a.m., a two-door sedan entered the water with the young boy inside. Chief Warrant Officer (CWO)3 Christopher Lehner along with members of Company 1-6 dive team of MDSU 1 and two divers from National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) were at the MDSU 1's pier across from the scene of the accident.

Lehner immediately directed the NOAA divers to call 911 and his dive team to swim out to the car.



U.S. Navy photo by MC2 Robert Stirrup

Sailors assigned to Mobile Diving and Salvage Unit 1 stand in front of the Hickam Fishing Pier at Hickam Air Force Base, where a car with an 11-year-old boy inside went off the pier and into the water. The eight Sailors pulled the boy from the sinking car and brought him to safety.

"When I saw the car going into the water, I immediately yelled, 'Go, go go! Go in the water!'" said Lehner. "I yelled

at them because taking the time to get a dive boat in the water would waste time, and the car would sink too fast."

Navy Diver 3rd Class (ND3) William Linkous, ND3 Michael Bailey and ND3 Kyle Roberts quickly jumped in with nothing more than what they were wearing and swam to the floating car approximately 30 yards away.

"As soon as we saw movement in the car, we immediately knew there was someone in it," said Linkous. "We immediately jumped in."

As soon as the divers were in the water, Lehner instructed ND1 (DSW/EXW) Christopher Barstad and Electronics Technician 3rd Class Jason Helart to deploy the dive boat to assist.

"We had scuba gear in the boat, had the car sank," said Lehner.

They searched inside the vehicle and found the boy in the driver's seat. The car was still running with the windows up.

Linkous motioned the trapped

boy to roll the driver's side window down. Since the car was still running, the automatic windows were still operational. As the window opened, the water began to flood the car interior. Linkous pulled Trajano from the car and swam with the boy to shore.

"The best feeling was when he was rolling down the windows," said Linkous. "I mean, we had only seconds."

During the rescue, a relative also jumped into the water in an attempt to help rescue the boy. Deciding it was not safe for the relative, ND2 (DSW/EXW) Sean Malarkey and Bailey pulled him from the car and brought him back to shore.

"The relative wasn't really letting go of the car," said Bailey. "When it was actually happening, you can feel the car pulling us down."

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JVEF celebrates military involvement in Hawai'i schools

Story and photo by MC2 (SW) Mark Logico

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The Joint Venture Education Forum (JVEF) held its eighth annual forum Aug. 27 at the Hawai'i Okinawa Center, Waipahu to celebrate the partnership between Hawai'i's military community, the Hawai'i Department of Education and other community organizations.

Under the theme, "Partnership for Success—Investing in the Future," the event highlighted the JVEF mission in support of Hawai'i public schools, providing a quality education for all students.

"It's a celebration," said Ruth Hatcher of U.S. Pacific Command (USPACOM). This is a good chance for the Department of Education, the educators and the military to celebrate a year of



U.S. Air Force Lt. Col. Rex Vanderwood, deputy commander of the 15th Airlift Wing, and Curtis Change, administrative services assistant of the Kapolei Complex, speak about Joint Venture Education Forum (JVEF) fundings for textbooks and technologies in Hawai'i public school. JVEF is a cooperative venture between the military and the Hawai'i Department of Education where issues of importance between the military and the public school system can be raised and resolved together.

accomplishments and look forward to another year ahead."

During the conference, a JVEF spokesperson reported several different accomplishments during the year,

including success stories from several Hawai'i public schools. JVEF recognized the men and women of the armed forces who represent the mil-

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Chief petty officer selects use paint scrapers to remove paint from a teak wood surface in an effort to refurbish the deck of the Battleship Missouri Memorial (BB 63). The CPO selects were part of the USS Missouri Chief Legacy Academy, a program in which chiefs work to instill a sense of comradery, history, heritage and leadership in the selects.

Chief selects attend CPO Legacy Academy on Battleship Missouri

Story and photo by MC3 (AW) Eric J. Cutright

Navy Public Affairs Support Element West Detachment Hawai'i

Chief petty officer (CPO) selects from various commands throughout Hawai'i attended the CPO Legacy Academy at the Battleship Missouri Memorial from Aug. 16-21.

This year's academy focused on CPO history, heritage, community service, leadership, and team building activities as a special

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Newest biodiesel ferry boat Samuel G. Fuqua arrives at Pearl Harbor

Grace Hew Len

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USS Arizona Ferry Boat #39-2, "Samuel G. Fuqua," welcomed visitors on its maiden run Aug. 18 as the newest biodiesel boat to operate at Naval Station Pearl Harbor.

It is the second of five new state-of-the-art biodiesel boats to debut in Pearl Harbor. The first, #39-1 John W. Finn, arrived in April to become the first Navy vessel in Hawai'i to incorporate off-the-shelf clean fuel technology components.

The new boats will eventually replace the existing 20-year-old U.S. Navy-operated tour boats that shuttle visitors to and from the USS Arizona Memorial as part of the National Park Service's (NPS) World War II Valor in the Pacific National Monument tours.

The design of the environmentally-friendly boats will reduce the carbon footprint of the ferry service, contributing to the Navy's



U.S. Navy photo MC2 Robert Stirrup

Arizona Memorial 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.

efforts toward affordable and clean naval power. The clean fuel technology components include twin diesel engines that fully comply with EPA emissions standards, and a complex fuel system optimized for biodiesel fuel and designed to further reduce emissions. The diesel oxidation system is engineered to chemically convert hydrocarbons and carbon monoxide into water and carbon dioxide. The

new boats use locally produced, 100 percent renewable biodiesel.

While most U.S. Navy boats have hull registration numbers only and no names, the five new Arizona ferry boats are unique because they are named after five Medal of Honor recipients of the Pearl Harbor attack.

The boats are numbered 39-1 through 39-5 to reflect Battleship Arizona's hull

designation, BB-39. The remaining boats, #39-3 Cassin Young and #39-4 Donald K. Ross, will arrive in the next several months, with the fifth and final boat, #39-5 Jackson C. Pharris, to be delivered in the summer of 2010.

Ferry boat #39-2 is named in honor of Samuel Glenn Fuqua, whose heroic actions aboard USS Arizona epitomizes true sacrifice and courage that

earned him America's highest military decoration. On Dec. 7, 1941, Lt. Cmdr. Fuqua was on board USS Arizona as the ship's damage control officer and first lieutenant. Though knocked unconscious by a bomb that hit the ship's stern early in the attack, he continued to direct the fighting of fire and rescue of wounded and injured personnel. After realizing that the ship could not be saved and that he was the senior surviving officer aboard, he directed that the ship be abandoned, but continued to remain on the quarterdeck to save the ship's remaining crewmen.

Each day, Sailors transport as many as 4,500 people by boat to the USS Arizona Memorial so visitors may pay respects to fallen heroes and remember the courage of survivors like Fuqua, who retired as rear admiral and died in 1987.

"It's a great honor to pilot a boat that has a Medal of Honor winner named on it," said Chief Warrant Officer Timothy Gordon, Naval Station Pearl Harbor waterfront operations offi-

cer and officer in charge of the Arizona detachment. The average age of the Sailors is 20, noted Gordon. "No where else will you see young people doing a job like this," he said. "We try to be the best there is and want everyone to walk away from our tours seeing the best that the Navy has to offer."

Sailors and passengers alike will have an enhanced passenger experience. Boat #39-2 Samuel G. Fuqua is equipped with a wireless microphone and CD player. The new boats are larger—78 feet long, compared to the older boats that are 70 feet—and can achieve a top speed of 12.7 knots.

The boats are also significantly quieter as onboard noise levels have been reduced by 50 percent. The new ferry boats also ensure accessibility to passengers with disabilities to the maximum extent practicable, with features such as increased aisle width, size and arrangement of wheelchair spaces, deck running and cross slope and handrail provisions.

Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam FAQ Corner

Question: I work in the calibration lab at the Shipyard. Will the calibration lab on Hickam merge with the calibration lab on Pearl Harbor when the two bases merge?

Answer: The Pearl Harbor Naval Shipyard is not a part of the Joint Base construct. The Air Force calibration lab, or Precision Measurement Equipment Lab (PMEL), is part of the 15th Maintenance Group, which is also not part of the Joint Base.

Question: How will the medical facilities operate after Hickam and Pearl join? Will the Air Force still run the facility? Will it be Joint? How will it change the service provided?

Answer: The medical facilities are not part of the Joint Base initiative and the services provided for the Navy and Air Force will not change. The Air Force will continue to manage their medical facility and the Naval Health Clinic will continue to be managed by the Navy.

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. Questions may be submitted to hnn@honoluluadvertiser.com or by calling Navy Region Hawai'i Public Affairs at 473-2888."

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Pacific Fleet's 'Blacks in Government' blog is BIG on Facebook

Bill Doughty

U.S. Pacific Fleet Public Affairs

The U.S. Pacific Fleet diversity team launched a new Facebook page and blog Aug. 26. The first several blog entries focus on this week's Blacks in Government (BIG) Conference in Baltimore.

The Facebook site and blog are designed to capture and communicate diversity outreach, according to Kay Wakabayashi, diversity manager for Commander, U.S. Pacific Fleet.

"This year we are actively encouraging participation in various diversity events with affinity groups," Wakabayashi said. "For example, Lt. j.g. Theresa Donnelly attended the Sea Services Leadership Association Symposium in Washington, D.C. this summer, honoring women leaders in the Navy, Marine Corps and Coast Guard. Theresa blogged about her experience on several public blogs. We saw the value in starting a blog on Facebook here."

Betty Vega, Pacific Fleet inspector general, who is attending the BIG confer-



U.S. Navy photo by Lt. Karen Eifert

Capt. Ken Barrett, head of the U.S. Navy Diversity Directorate, gives a radio interview to Mario Armstrong of XM Satellite Radio Channel 169 during the third annual Benjamin Banneker Gala. The Benjamin Banneker Institute addresses the low performance and participation rates of African Americans in science, technology, engineering and math related studies and professions.

ence this week, has been posting blog entries each day.

"Today I had the wonderful opportunity to attend a variety of workshops," she posted on Aug. 25. "With over 200 workshops to choose from, I

settled on topics that I thought would be of interest to PACFLT and topics of personal interest."

She said her favorite sessions on the second day included: "Diversity Is Bigger Than Race and Ethnicity," led by Gerald

Johns, to "learn how to articulate and manage all of human diversity through effective communication, leadership, trust and teambuilding."

Vega concluded day two of her blog with a personal observation.

"As I walk two and a half blocks from my hotel to the convention center every day, I pass by the U.S. Courthouse and a statue of Thurgood Marshall, who was born in Baltimore and became the first African-American

appointed to the U.S. Supreme Court. Baltimore is full of black history and this statue is a reminder of the lawyer who in 1954 won his most famous case before the U.S. Supreme Court, *Brown v. Board of Education*. 'Separate but equal' public education was ruled unconstitutional, ending segregation in America."

Jamie Hatch, knowledge management officer for Commander, U.S. Pacific Fleet, helped build the diversity page and blog.

"This is just another way that the Navy is embracing social media to open the doors to communication, to share information, and promote understanding," Hatch said.

"Blogs are a simple and effective way for senior leaders like Ms. Vega to provide mentorship," said Hatch.

As fleet diversity team members participate in outreach events, they will now have a common site to post comments, photos and video.

To visit the PACFLT diversity page and blog, go to: <http://bit.ly/CPFDiv>

For more news from Pacific Fleet, visit www.navy.mil/local/cpf/.



This week in NAVAL HISTORY

September 1

- 1940 - Destroyer for Bases Deal agreement struck between the United States and United Kingdom.
- 1944 - USS Finback (SS 217) rescues Lt. j.g. George Bush, who was shot down while attacking Chichi Jima.

September 2

- 1782 - As a token of gratitude for French aid during the American Revolution, the United States gives America (first ship-of-the-line built by U.S.) to France to replace a French ship lost in Boston.
- 1783 - Signing of the Treaty of Paris ends the American Revolution.
- 1945 - Japan signs surrender documents aboard USS Missouri (BB 63) at anchor in Tokyo Bay. Adm. Chester W. Nimitz signs for the United States. In different ceremonies, Japanese forces on Palau Islands, Truk, and on Pagan Island and Rota in the Marianas surrender.
- 1885 - First classes at U.S. Naval War College begin.

September 3

- 1775 - Adoption of first uniforms for Navy officers.
- 1939 - President Franklin D. Roosevelt orders Navy to form a neutrality patrol to report the presence of foreign warships within 300 miles of eastern United States.
- 1946 - USS Franklin Delano Roosevelt (CVB 42) and four escorts visit Greece to underscore U.S. support for the Greek government, which faced a communist insurgency.
- 1990 - USS Acadia (AD 42) departs San Diego for first wartime deployment of mixed gender crew on combat vessel.

Japan surrenders at Tokyo Bay



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

U.S. Navy Fleet Admiral Chester W. Nimitz signs the Instrument of Surrender as U.S. representative on Sept. 2, 1945 onboard USS Missouri (BB-63). Standing directly behind him are (left-to-right): General of the Army Douglas MacArthur; U.S. Navy Adm. William F. Halsey and U.S. Navy Rear Adm. Forrest Sherman.

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FY10 SRB rewards critical skills and top performance

Chief of Naval Personnel Public Affairs

Selective Re-enlistment Bonus (SRB) award levels were announced in NAVADMIN 250/09 for active duty and Reserve full time support Sailors which are scheduled to take effect Oct. 1.

Approximately 18,000 Sailors holding 179 critical skills will be eligible to re-enlist with SRB awards up to \$90,000 next year.

"We value Sailors with certain skill sets - critical skill sets - and recognize that they are in high demand throughout the workforce," said Rear Adm. Dan Holloway, director of personnel plans and policy. "The SRB program allows Navy to provide top performing Sailors with an additional incentive to stay Navy and advance mission success and their careers."

In addition to announcing SRB award levels, the NAVADMIN introduces enhancements designed to not only retain personnel with critical skills, but to

reward top performers within those critical skill sets.

For the first time, Sailors who receive an "early promote" rating on their most recent regular evaluation may re-enlist early for SRB anytime during the fiscal year (FY) of their end of active obligated service (EAOS).

"When a Sailor says, 'I've been recognized as a top performer; I want to re-enlist for a bonus, but I'm not eligible until the third or fourth quarter. Isn't there an option for me?' Now our answer is, 'yes,'" said Holloway.

In addition, three tiers have been established to formally prioritize and rank enlisted ratings/skills according to replacement costs, difficulty to replace, and existing manning shortfalls.

Enlisted community managers evaluated each skill and zone on individual manning requirements, how well re-enlistment goals were achieved in FY09, prevailing market conditions, private sector competition, and the costs of training, and replacing skilled Sailors. A comprehensive comparison using these criteria was balanced against the risk of not retaining enough Sailors in each skill in order to form the baseline of the three tier system.

Each tier contains a range of SRB award multiples and awards early re-enlistment opportunities using different criteria. The SRB program as a whole also maintains several previous initiatives such as authorizing Sailors serving in combat zones to re-enlist early at anytime during the fiscal year of their EAOS.

Officials remind Sailors that SRB is a market-based incentive and will be monitored and strategically adjusted as retention needs dictate.

"We are going to continue to monitor the program closely next year to enhance our ability to size, shape and stabilize the force and ensure taxpayer dollars go where critical skills are needed to get the most bang for our buck," said Holloway.

To read the complete NAVADMIN, visit: www.npc.navy.mil.

NMFC Pearl Harbor teams up with Habitat for Humanity

Story and photo by Lt. Casey Hughes

Naval Maritime Forecast Center Pearl Harbor

Ten Sailors from Naval Maritime Forecast Center (NMFC) Pearl Harbor teamed up with Habitat for Humanity in efforts to build a home for a deserving family near Honolulu, Hawaii on Aug. 20.

The Sailors included Lt. Matt Watts, Lt. Casey Hughes, Aerographer's Mate 1st Class (AG1) Scott Phillips, AG1 Randy Nelson, AG2 Kendall Folds, AG2 Jon Romero, AG3 Erin Langton, AG3 Alyssa Roth, AGAN Jamecia Lane and AGAN Aaron Corbett.

The NMFC Sailors represented the Navy proudly as they assisted local carpenters and roofers by hauling more than 3,000 pounds of shingles up on the roof. Additionally, the NMFC members built an outdoor shower and sink area for the Habitat for Humanity family and future volunteers. While the heat and hard work made for an exhausting day, the Sailors were renewed with energy knowing that they were working for a great cause.

Michael "Mick" Ferreira, contract project manager for Habitat for Humanity,



Starting at bottom right (clockwise), AG1 Randy Nelson, Lt. Matt Watts, AG2 Thomas Folds and AG2 Jon Romero of Naval Maritime Forecast Center Pearl Harbor build a platform for an outdoor shower at the Habitat for Humanity construction site near Honolulu on Aug. 20. (Additional photo on page A-5)

said the NMFC Sailors went "above and beyond my expectations for the amount of work that was completed in one day." Displaying his gratitude, Mick hosted an "ohana" style barbecue for the Sailors and other volunteers.

Phillips, who was a roofer before he joined the Navy, said, "It was nice to get away from the office and forecasting for a day to do

some manual labor and help out a local family and the community."

All of the NMFC Sailors were grateful for the opportunity and the hospitality they received from Habitat for Humanity. NMFC hopes to work with Habitat for Humanity again in the future and continue its worthy mission to build homes for those in need.

KHON (FOX) TV 2 Hawai'i Navy News upcoming segments

Sept. 10 - Kaua'i Science and Technology Education Partnership with Pacific Missile Range Facility

Sept. 17 - Beyond the Yellow Ribbon Job Fair with Pearl Harbor Naval Shipyard and Hawai'i Army National Guard

(The segments air at about 6:15 a.m. each Thursday. Previous segments can be viewed at <http://www.khon2.com/content/news/navynews/default.aspx>)

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Pearl Harbor Highlights

(Right) World War II veterans are applauded during the 64th anniversary of the end of World War II ceremony aboard the USS Missouri Memorial. The event commemorated Japan's formal surrender on board the USS Missouri in 1945.

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

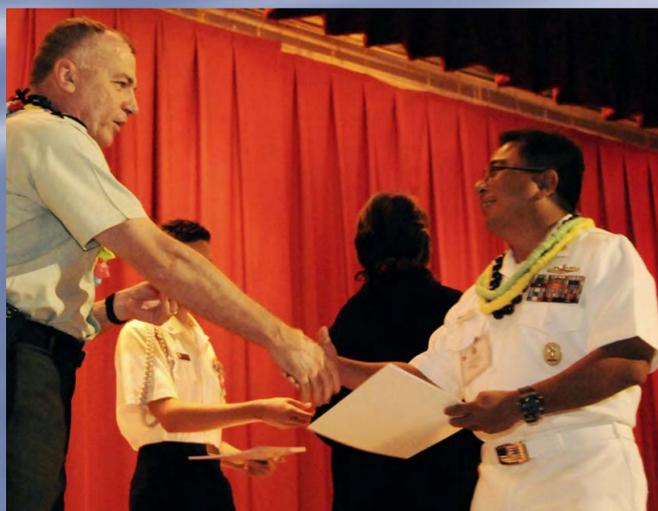


(Above) Steelworker Second Class (SCW) Jeffrey Paro of CBMU 303 Det Pearl Harbor adjusts his dive mask as Builder Second Class (SCW) Rolland Jorgensen receives instruction from Underwater Construction Team TWO divers during a repair project on the Sierra piers at SUBASE Pearl Harbor on Friday, August 28, 2009.

U.S. Navy photo by SWC (SCW Brian Van Gorden)

(Below) Seabees from CBMU 303 Det Pearl Harbor prepare for an early morning concrete placement at the new 9,000 sq. ft. maintenance warehouse at the Navy Marine Golf Course in Honolulu. Work is scheduled to be complete late next Spring 2010.

U.S. Navy photo by SWC (SCW Brian Van Gorden)



(Left) Fleet and Industrial Supply Center Pearl Harbor Command Master Chief Jesus Garcia receives recognition for services rendered volunteering at a local Hawaii public school as part of the Joint Venture Education Forum (JVEF). JVEF is a cooperative venture between the military and the Hawaii Department of Education where issues of importance between the military and the public school system can be raised and resolved together.

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U.S. Navy photo by Lt. Casey Hughes

AGAN Jamecia Lane (in front) and AG3 Erin Langton stabilize an outdoor refrigerator on top of a platform they built for the family and volunteers to use at the Habitat for Humanity construction site.



U.S. Navy photo by Nolan Chang

Engineering technician Ted Tanimoto tests power tools at the Pearl Harbor Naval Shipyard tool show. (See story on page A-7)



U.S. Navy photo by Nolan Chang

Electronics mechanic apprentice Kevin Takahashi (left) is fitted with lightweight safety equipment by vendor representative Ernie Lucas at the Pearl Harbor Naval Shipyard tool show. (See story on page A-7)

Pacific commands team to build future engineering force

Story and photo by
Troy Clarke

Naval Surface Warfare Center
Corona Public Affairs

Naval Surface Warfare Center (NSWC) Corona partnered with other U.S. Navy Pacific commands to exhibit at the Science and Technology Education Partnership (STEP) conference Aug. 26-28 in Kauai, Hawai'i.

The STEP conference seeks to encourage and inspire fourth, sixth and eighth grade students to pursue careers in science, technology, engineering and math (STEM). NSWC Corona, a field activity of Naval Sea Systems Command (NAVSEA), Pacific Missile Range Facility (PMRF), Kauai, Hawai'i, and Space and Naval Warfare (SPAWAR) Systems Pacific supported the conference as part of a comprehensive strategy to feed the pipeline of new scientists and engineers into the Navy's workforce.

"This Kauai STEP conference is a great way to showcase the Navy's technologies to these budding Kauai students so they can see the exciting science and engineering careers



Capt. Jay Kadowaki, Naval Surface Warfare Center (NSWC) Corona commanding officer explains students' heat signature profile on the thermal imaging calibration camera at the Kauai Science and Technology Education Partnership Conference (STEP). The conference seeks to encourage and inspire fourth, sixth and eighth grade students to pursue careers in science, technology, engineering and math. NSWC Corona has participated since the first STEP conference in California in 2000 and has supported the Kauai STEP sister conference since it began in 2004. The naval command has reached an estimated 40,000 students between the two mainland and island conferences.

that await them in the Navy," said Capt. Jay A. Kadowaki, NSWC Corona commanding officer and the first Asian/Pacific islander to lead his command. "Their only limitation in life is how boldly they dare to

dream, and we're here to inspire that dream and ask they reach for the stars."

The three-day conference featured the "Totally Electric" science show by industry partners and

exhibits by NSWC Corona, PMRF, SPAWAR Systems Pacific, Waimea High School Underwater Robotics program and the Kauai Community College School of Electronics.

"I saw a lot of really cool science exhibits at the conference, like the exploding pickle they used to show electrical conductivity," an eighth grader at Chiefess Kamakahelei Middle School. "Being an engineer making \$100,000 per year sounds pretty cool, too. And being able to work here on the island is great!"

NSWC Corona has participated in the Kauai STEP sister conference since it began in 2004. The naval command has reached an estimated 40,000 students between the two mainland and island conferences.

"NSWC Corona started a high-tech workforce development pipeline with the STEP program in California, and the island leaders used it as a model for a high-tech workforce pipeline here," said Capt. Aaron L. Cudnohufsky, PMRF commanding officer.

"Through our mutual support, we both have already benefitted by hiring engineers with Kauai ties through this innovative partnership," he

add

The Kauai STEP conference is one of the largest STEM outreach events supported by NAVSEA and reaches an estimated 5,000 students annually. Kadowaki believes the way to build a strong, future technical workforce is through STEM education outreach to students at all grade levels, especially from the diverse backgrounds of inland southern California and Pacific Islander students of Hawai'i.

"Without question, diversity makes our Navy stronger," said Kadowaki. "And the different experiences, backgrounds and talents of potential civilian employees we can inspire and capture in programs like this helps the Navy's Total Force merge into an unbeatable team that's essential to executing the nation's maritime strategy."

NSWC Corona is the Navy's independent performance assessment agent and has worked on guided and ballistic missile defense with PMRF for more than 30 years. Both commands are one of the largest employers of scientists and engineers in their respective regions.

CPO: Living the Navy way of life at Legacy Academy

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part of the chief induction process.

"The legacy academy is something we've put together for different selectees around the area to kind of give them a little more heritage, especially with an area as rich as Pearl Harbor is with naval history," said Senior Chief Electronics Technician (SW) Gary Ullrich, a departmental lead-

ing chief petty officer at the academy.

During their five-day stay at the academy, selectees mustered for quarters, slept in racks, ate chow on the mess decks, and held sweepers just like any other ship in the Navy.

Along with the routine Navy life, the CPO selectees woke up for physical training every morning at 5:30 a.m., carried out the plan of the day, including tours of the

Battleship Missouri Memorial itself, the USS Bowfin Memorial, the National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific (Punchbowl), and a white boat remembrance tour of Naval Station Pearl Harbor.

"We have toured many historical sites throughout Pearl Harbor," said Chief Storekeeper (SW) (Select) Alvin Torres, an academy

participant. "It promotes esprit de corps, camaraderie and learning a lot about the fascinating history of Pearl Harbor."

After their daily events, the CPO selectees spent much of their downtime prior to Taps reading from the CPO's Guide in preparation for their pinning ceremony scheduled to be held next month.

The chief selects graduated as part of the USS Missouri Class 003 on Aug. 21 aboard the historic battleship.

A total of 33 chief selects attended the academy this year, which was the third CPO class held on the Missouri since the program began in 2007.

"In order to be an effective

leader, you need to be able to look back and be able to understand how the Navy worked and how it succeeded in the past," said Chief Machinist's Mate (SS) (Select) Vinnie Passalacqua, an academy participant. "Being able to reflect that and actually incorporate that into our everyday life can bring you success every day."

Pearl Harbor Naval Shipyard tool show gives workers more say in tool purchases

Katie Vanes

Pearl Harbor Naval Shipyard
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A command-sponsored tool show introduced innovative and safer tools and technology to Pearl Harbor Naval Shipyard workers Aug. 19. The occupational safety, health and environment office set up the show which featured eight vendors and an assortment of unique tools, including a hammer equipped with a tuning fork to decrease vibrations and a three-headed flashlight for working in the dark.

The purpose of the event was to allow the craftsmen who use tools daily to play a significant role in the purchasing decisions of new tools. "There's nothing like asking the workers themselves to test new tools that will improve efficiency, quality and safety," said Jerry Formisano, industrial

hygienist. "This was the intent - feedback from workers as a continuous learning organization."

Michael Langley, safety specialist and head of the tool show committee, estimated 500 to 600 shipyarders attended. As employees made their way through the line of vendors, they were asked to fill out comment cards indicating products of interest.

The responses will be reviewed to determine which new tools would be the most beneficial for the shipyard. Purchase and implementation of the new products will begin in October, according to Lyrita Gochenouer, occupational safety division supervisor

Previously, only a limited number of employees were able to go to tool shows outside the Shipyard. Many of the attendees at the Aug. 19 event expressed how convenient it was to have new products brought to their workplace where they could test

them out.

"This is the first opportunity for many of the workers to see a variety of tools," said Gochenouer. "We want to have the latest technology."

The tool show is part of the shipyard's ongoing collaborative effort to improve safety in the workplace. In addition to educational videos and training, the safety division also conducts "safety off-sites," which Gochenouer described as "brainstorming sessions involving a cross-section of our workforce to make the shipyard a safer place." The idea for a tool show originated from off-site suggestions for better and more ergonomic tools.

Formisano projected a bright outlook for safety and health at the shipyard. "Improvement doesn't happen overnight," he said. "The tool show is a major step in the larger safety and health program."

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Rescue: All in a day's work for MDSU-1

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Meanwhile, Helart, a Navy diver candidate temporarily attached to MDSU 1, was in the dive boat throwing life jackets in support of the rescue and safety of the boy.

"Really the only thing in most of our minds was: is there anybody else in the car?" said Bailey.

Lehner approximated that from the moment the car went into the water to the moment the boy was rescued was around 2.5 minutes.

ND1 (DSW/EXW) Ryan Dean said the car sank 20 seconds after Linkous rescued the boy from the car.

"The vehicle took in more water and sank to the bottom where it landed upside down at approximate depth of 25 feet of water," said Dean.

MDSU 1 routinely performs dive station emergency which involves rescuing a trapped or injured diver.

"We deploy and direct divers in response to casualties," said Lehner. "It is that type of casualties response training that we do routinely that helped us all react in a routine manner."

MDSU 1 provides combat ready, expeditionary, rapidly deployable Mobile Diving and Salvage detachments to conduct harbor clearance, salvage, underwater search and recovery,

and underwater emergency repairs in any environment.

"It all went so fast," said Lehner. "Even after it was over, we weren't all that exhausted. We weren't at all that amped up. It was all in a day's work to be honest with you. We train in these types of scenarios all the time, when we do our dive type training. To react in a high stress situation like this, it was fairly routine for us."

"I think all of us have been involved in life saving situations where it doesn't always go well. To have the opportunity to save a life where it went well, where you were at the right place at the right time, it's a great experience," aid Lehner.



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A military volunteer reveals the Joint Venture Education Forum (JVEF) coin for services rendered volunteering at a local Hawai'i public school.

JVEF partnership

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itary school partnerships.

"We're teaching the future," said Chief Machinist's Mate Michael Salgy of Pearl Harbor Naval Shipyard. "All the students going to school now are going to be the future, not only for the Navy, but for the entire country. We look at it as an investment for our future and we have a great time doing it."

Heidi Armstrong, the principal of Iroquois Point Elementary School, has more than 730 students in her school. More than 40 percent of the student population is military-affiliated.

"With the support of JVEF, we're able to provide things and activities that we wouldn't be able to do without their support," said Armstrong. "For instance, we were able to establish a transition center."

The transition center allows students and their parents new to the area to acclimate with their community by providing support and making connections and friends, said Armstrong.

"We were also able to purchase state-of-the-art computer labs," said Armstrong. "We also received support to have art projects and level-reading textbooks."

Iroquois Point Elementary School received the Norbert Commendation award for the support they provided to military families and students. Sailors from the Afloat Training Group on Ford Island, Naval Munitions Command Detachment Pearl Harbor, and Soldiers from Schofield Barracks supported the elementary school.

Nimitz Elementary School and Aliamanu Middle School also received the Norbert Commendation award.

"The military is a tremendous support. The families are involved, the militaries are involved, and it's very evident that they're dedicated in wanting the best for the students," said Armstrong.

JVEF is a cooperative venture between USPACOM and the Hawai'i DOE serving more than 15,000 military dependent children attending Hawai'i public schools.

Since 2000, JVEF received an annual appropriation via the Department of Defense of \$5.5 million through the efforts of Sen. Daniel K. Inouye. Through these funds, Hawai'i public school received new playgrounds, textbooks and support for curricular programs.

Life's experiences shape Chinese-American leader in the Pacific

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The new deputy chief of staff for logistics, fleet supply and ordnance at U.S. Pacific Fleet (PACFLT) is prepared to talk about diversity.

Capt. Jonathan A. Yuen, who reported in August to PACFLT headquarters, is a second generation native of San Francisco and the grandson of Chinese immigrants.

Recently selected for rear admiral, Yuen will soon be one of limited Asian-American flag-rank officers in the Navy, and he already has shown interest in participating in outreach



Rear Adm. (Sel)
Jonathan A. Yuen

speaking opportunities around the Pacific to discuss diversity in the Navy.

"I have been very blessed. If I have the opportunity to share my

story with someone who wants to listen, I'm willing," said Yuen.

Yuen defines diversity as more than something skin deep.

"We fixate ourselves on ethnicities as opposed to culture. But diversity is so much more complex than that. When we think about diversity, we need to consider demographics, like age or what region of the country or even world someone is from or has lived. The kinds of life experiences we have significantly mold who we are and what we can contribute to others," said Yuen.

"We need to look at whether they're a civilian, active-duty, Reservist, retiree and try to under-

stand what makes us different and work to combine our varying expertise for the greatest benefit. In understanding our differences, we are also able to identify the many ways we are alike and can then create new opportunities and shared experiences," said Yuen.

Previous generations felt pressure to completely assimilate. Yuen's parents did not speak or teach Chinese in the family. However, Yuen did study the language at the U.S. Naval Academy.

"Today, times have changed and it is wonderful. Instead of a melting pot, we now have a salad in America, where we can sample, savor and even

celebrate the different flavors," said Yuen.

Professionally, Yuen says his goals at PACFLT are simple - support the commander's intent.

"At the end of the day, we need to be able to answer 'all bells' when PACOM (U.S. Pacific Command) tells PACFLT what needs to be done. We also need to understand what the fleet requirements are and meet the needs of the fleet," said Yuen.

Yuen's diverse duty stations include Pacific stints aboard USS Constellation (CV 64) in San Diego from 1987-1989 and aboard Fleet and Industrial Supply Center (FISC) Yokosuka, Japan, as the director of the customer

support department and then executive officer of the command.

He has served in support of Operations Enduring Freedom and Iraqi Freedom and has seen firsthand the dedication of service members and Department of Defense (DoD) civilians serving in Iraq.

"I am absolutely in awe of the young men and women on the front lines making incredible decisions day in and day out," Yuen said.

"Most of them are grandkids of the 'greatest generation.' They will be the leaders 10 or 20 years from now. They get it. Because of them, I'm excited about the future," added Yuen.

End of World War II: Ceremony honors those who served

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century.

"We're here today to celebrate the end of the war in the Pacific and to remember and honor the dedication and the sacrifice of the men and women who served and especially those who gave their lives in order to achieve that victory," said Retired Marine Lt. Gen. Wallace C. Gregson, assistant secretary of defense for Asian and Pacific Security Affairs.

Keynote speakers for the ceremony included Gregson, Cmdr. Vince Barfield, board member of the USS Missouri Memorial Association; and U.S. Representative Neil Abercrombie of the 1st district of Hawai'i.

"As we honor the courage, sense of duty, love

of country and the daily sacrifices of so many Americans who worked to bring an end to this war, I'm reminded of Tom Brokaw's reflection that these were simply ordinary Americans in an extraordinary time and in a deep sense they didn't think that what they were doing was that special because everybody else was doing it, too," said Gregson.

Gregson also said it is important to remember how far America has come in realizing Supreme Allied Commander General Douglas MacArthur's dream of a better, more peaceful order in the Pacific region.

"I think General MacArthur might be pleased to see in many ways his hope has been fulfilled," added Gregson.

"The Asia-Pacific region has been profoundly transformed over the past several decades. While there have been other wars since 1945, the scale and the scope of those conflicts has faded as the Asia-Pacific region had become increasingly a model of peace, stability and cooperation."

On Sept. 2, 1945, General Douglas MacArthur, Fleet Adm. Chester Nimitz, Japanese Foreign Minister Mamoru Shigemitsu and other leaders from around the world signed the instrument of surrender officially ending World War II.

Today, the instrument of surrender and a plaque marking the spot where the surrender took place are on display at the memorial.

"This is more than a

ship and today's ceremony is more than a ritual. It is the opportunity to renew our pledge to ourselves and to each other that we never forget what has been accomplished and represented in the signing that took place on this ship, and we will preserve and we will persevere in the task that we have set for ourselves of making sure that generations to come understand what it was about and understand our obligations to each other as human beings," said Abercrombie.

This year also marks the 10th anniversary of Missouri's grand opening as a memorial in Hawai'i.

The Battleship Missouri Memorial is scheduled to enter dry dock at the Pearl Harbor Naval Shipyard and undergo more than \$12 million in restoration

to protect it against time and the elements. The ship is expected to be returned from dry dock early next year and be re-opened in time for the 65th anniversary celebration.

"Next month, Missouri will be the first battleship dry docked at Pearl Harbor since World War II. Not since Pearl Harbor Naval Shipyard's amazing feat of salvaging all but three of the vessels that were damaged in the infamous attack on Dec. 7, 1941 has Pearl dry docked a ship of this size," said Barfield.

Barfield thanked everyone involved in battleship Missouri's restoration efforts.

"Your support has been instrumental in helping us work to achieve our mission and that is to main-

tain a fitting memorial to the people and the historic events that reflect our nation's legacy of duty, honor, strength, resolve and sacrifice," explained Barfield.

The ceremony concluded with an audio clip of General MacArthur's historic speech from the surrender.

"It is my earnest hope, and indeed the hope of all mankind, that from this solemn occasion a better world shall emerge out of the blood and carnage of the past - a world dedicated to the dignity of man and the fulfillment of his most cherished wish for freedom, tolerance and justice," said MacArthur to a crowd of more than 2,000 Sailors, Marines and representatives of 10 nations at the event 64 years ago.