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The U.S. Navy and the National Park Service hosted a joint memorial ceremony on Dec. 7 at Kilo Pier on Naval Station (NAVSTA) Pearl Harbor to commemorate the 68th anniversary of the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor.

More than 2,000 people attended the event, including 45 survivors of the bombing which took the U.S. by surprise 68 years ago. The theme of this year's ceremony was "But Not in Shame: The Aftermath of

Pearl Harbor."

To observe the start of the attack at 7:55 a.m., the Pearl Harbor-based, guided-missile cruiser USS Lake Erie (CG 70) blew the ship's whistle, which commenced a moment of silence. Then, from the west, a formation of four F-15 Eagles from the Hawai'i Air National Guard stationed at Hickam Air Force Base performed a missing-man flyover past Kilo Piers while Lake Erie rendered honors to both the USS Arizona Memorial and to Pearl Harbor survivors.

Hawai'i Governor Linda Lingle was one of the ceremony's guest speakers and talked

about the importance of honoring the service members involved in the attack.

"Today we are blessed and honored to have so many survivors with us for today's ceremony," said Lingle. "Their legacy continues on today and will be continued on by their children and grandchildren. The men and women who gave their lives on that morning 68 years ago are with us today through spirit. We take pride in their service to our country."

Featured speaker Adm. Patrick Walsh, commander U.S. Pacific Fleet, thanked the survivors for their sacrifice and efforts throughout the war.

"We are here today to honor and thank all of the men and women who served throughout World War II and those who were involved with the attack on Pearl Harbor," said Walsh. "It is such an honor to stand in the presence of people who gave so much of themselves and their lives so that we can live lives of promise, potential and opportunity."

Following the guest speakers' remarks, 16 wreaths were presented by the five branches of the U.S. military, the state of Hawai'i and the National Park Services in honor of the service members who perished on the nine ships

bombed during the attack.

Art Herriford, a Pearl Harbor survivor and national president for the Pearl Harbor Survivors Association, expressed the significance of honoring the survivors and the fallen service members from the attack 68 years ago.

"Anytime I come to Pearl Harbor, it is with reverence," said Herriford, who was stationed aboard USS Detroit at the time of the attack. "During the attack, I saw the USS Arizona get bombed and sink within a matter of minutes, killing 1,177 Sailors and Marines. Today we honor them and everyone that was in-

involved with the attack."

To conclude the ceremony, the U.S. Marine Corps Rifle Team from Camp H.M. Smith, Hawai'i, executed a 21-gun salute; the U.S. Pacific Fleet Band performed Taps; and tug boats assigned to NAVSTA Pearl Harbor delivered a water tribute to those who served in Pearl Harbor on Dec. 7, 1941.

Throughout the day, around Pearl Harbor, other events were held in conjunction with the early morning ceremony to further honor those who defended the harbor during the attack.

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Quiet ceremony held for heroes aboard USS Utah

Story and photo by Randy Dela Cruz

Contributing Writer

During a sunset ceremony at the USS Utah's memorial site at Naval Station Pearl Harbor on Dec. 6, a gathering of approximately 40 people paid tribute to those who gallantly served on the USS Utah (AG 16).

Utah survivor Gilbert Meyer; Capt. Lawrence D. Hill, deputy commander of Pearl Harbor Naval Shipyard; Capt. Taylor Skardon, director of commander action group at U.S. Pacific Command; and National Park Service Superintendent Paul DePrey were among the honored guests in attendance.

The battleship rolled over on its side and sank after Japanese fighter pilots blasted the ship's port side with two torpedoes

during the infamous surprise attack on Dec. 7, 1941.

Although 30 officers and 431 enlisted men survived the attack, six officers and 52 Sailors went down with the ship, of which only four bodies were recovered.

The Utah is also a tomb for the ashes of Nancy Lynn Wagner, a baby girl whose father, the late Chief Yeoman Albert Wagner, was attached to the battleship at the time of the attack.

Nancy Lynn, an identical twin sister, died two days following birth while the family was living in Makati, Philippines.

The elder Wagner was set to hold a burial-at-sea memorial service for his baby girl, but Utah never made it out to sea. The urn, with Nancy Lynn's ashes, is still safely tucked away in her daddy's locker aboard Utah.

"Divers went in to try and get her, but it's (locker) so smashed, they couldn't get in," said Mary Kreigh, who was in attendance at the memorial and is Nancy Lynn's twin sister. "I am so

glad that she (Nancy Lynn) is here. She is where she should. She's with the heroes of America, who are singing lullabies to her."

In remembering her dad, Kreigh described him as an honest man, who was "completely total Navy."

Wagner retired in 1952. He died in 1975 and was buried at sea off San Diego before interments aboard Utah were sanctioned.

While the elder Wagner hardly ever spoke about the day of infamy, Kreigh recalled that her dad said he was having coffee in the chiefs' mess when he looked out and saw a couple of planes streaking past the ship.

Wagner scrambled to his battle station, but was forced to abandon ship after the enemy's torpedoes hit Utah.

"My father's uniform was always so pristine," said Kreigh. "Before he dove off the ship, my father said he took his uniform off, folded it and put his shoes on top.

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Louis Conter, Pearl Harbor survivor, stands near the remains of the USS Arizona (BB-39) during a Dec. 3 visit to the USS Arizona Memorial. Conter was a 20-year old quarter master third class aboard the USS Arizona during the Dec. 7, 1941 surprise Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor. He was the only USS Arizona survivor to attend the 68th annual Pearl Harbor Day commemoration where he presented a wreath in honor his fellow shipmates.

USS Arizona survivor pays tribute to fallen shipmates

Story and photo by Blair Martin

Contributing Writer

Every year around Dec. 7, Pearl Harbor Survivor Louis Conter packs his bags at his home in California and with family in tow, heads to Hawai'i for the annual Pearl Harbor Day memorial ceremony.

Since 1991, the 88-year-old has been making these annual sojourns because of a sense of "duty" he feels to represent his ship, USS Arizona (BB-39), which lost 1,177 Sailors during the at-

tack, the most casualties from any ship that day.

This year, he was the only USS Arizona survivor to attend the 68th anniversary commemoration of the attack on Pearl Harbor, where he also presented a wreath in honor of his fellow shipmates.

"There are not too many of us left," Conter said. "I am one of only 18 remaining survivors who were aboard the USS Arizona on that day. And even then, only five of us are capable of traveling to Hawai'i. The rest are either bedridden or in the hospital," he added.

Conter was a 20-year-old quarter master third class on watch the morning of the attacks. He said he remembered standing at his quarterdeck station, between the ship's third turret and main deck, when sirens began to sound at 7:55 a.m. as Japanese planes started bombing the harbor.

According to Conter, his most vivid memory came at 8:05 a.m. when a bomb hit an ammunition magazine located between turrets one and two, causing a massive explosion famously captured

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People pay tribute to the Sailors who served aboard USS Utah (AG 16) from the USS Utah Memorial during sunset ceremonies at Naval Station Pearl Harbor on Dec. 6. (See additional photos on page A-5.)



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Sailors aboard USS Lake Erie (CG 70) transited through the Ford Island Bridge and rendered honors to the USS Arizona during the 68th anniversary commemoration of the Dec. 7, 1941 attack, held Dec. 7 at Kilo Piers at Naval Station Pearl Harbor. Lake Erie deployed to the western Pacific later that day.



Navy Region Hawai'i launches social media

Commander, Navy Region Hawai'i (CNRH) is now on Facebook (Navy Region Hawai'i) and Twitter (twitter.com/NavRegHawaii). Feel free to follow CNRH on these Web sites and check out the latest updates and news about the Navy in Hawai'i. Dec. 7 commemoration photos and stories will be posted on Facebook. This is the last issue of Hawai'i Navy News for 2009, so please look for news updates on our social media sites.

Hawai'i Navy News Editorial



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Lessons learned from my Sailor comrades



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As an enlisted member of more than 11 years in the U.S. Air Force, I consider myself a "true blue" Airman and carry a lot of pride for the contribution Team Hickam makes to the overall military mission in the Asia-Pacific region.

However, after recently coming home from a six-month deployment, I now better understand the relevance and importance of working with fellow services, most especially the Navy.

During this deployment, for the first time in my military career, I was put in the position of having to work in a joint-work center environment, side-by-side with several Navy petty officers ranging from petty officer second class up to master chief. The experience not only shattered common misconceptions I had previously held of the Navy, but also was a pleasant testament to the fact that regardless of which uniform you wear, we are all connected by one common thread—a mission to serve and protect the United States.

During this time, my Sailor counterparts and I were expected to come together as one unit in order to accomplish daily goals, despite our different backgrounds and perspectives of our respective

services. By having an attitude of cooperation and unity, we discovered that not only were we able to accomplish our daily tasks in a more efficient manner, but budding friendships and commonalities began to emerge in the most unlikely of places.

For example, one of the things that most impressed me were the staunch traditions that are still observed by the Navy. One of these traditions is the strong camaraderie shown by Sailors throughout the ranks. The respect that the junior Sailors have for their senior enlisted is something I really admire.

Their customs and courtesies are extremely sharp, much of which I am sure is probably fostered during long underway deployments, where Sailors are around each other all the time. Since much of the Air Force fights from our home bases and not from Navy ships, we as Airmen, if not careful, can easily slip into a pattern of forgetting the proper "military mindset" when we

return home and see our families at the end of each day. But as a Sailor, there is no escape when you are isolated on a ship in the middle of the ocean serving your country. You must remember your customs and courtesies 24/7.

The lessons from my deployment were not lost on just me as an Air Force member. The Sailors I worked with also expressed interest in Air Force traditions and customs. This sparked further conversations of fitness. Many of the Sailors mentioned how the Navy seems to be focusing more on fitness. This was a mindset I could relate to since the Air Force has completely revamped their fitness culture recently. Both the Navy and the Air Force care about their service members and understand both the mental and physical benefits that can be derived from more involved physical fitness programs. The Sailors also shared that their own commands have moved toward organized PT-time and are even cracking down on PT

evaluations for those with failing scores. Both of these concepts are familiar ones that I can relate to as an Airman.

By the end of my deployment, the Sailors and I recognized that, despite our different perspectives, our goals were the same as U.S. military members. By working as a cooperative unit, we recognized that by coming together and comparing notes on what we had learned throughout our own careers, we would derive more effective tactics benefiting both branches.

Before I deployed, I did not consider myself a proponent of the Hickam and Pearl Harbor joint-base concept. However, after this experience, I realize I, too, like so many other Airmen and Sailors, was swept up in the posturing and maneuvering that inevitably occurs when two branches try to merge. I had an attitude resistant to change and I was a bit fearful of the unknown.

However, after this experience, I have come to the conclusion that there is not a

"Navy way" or an "Air Force way" of doing things. Together, there is a "right way" of getting the mission done. This way consists of thoughts and inputs from both branches of service. Historically, we each have had certain missions we are better suited to perform, but by learning from each other and working as a cohesive team, we will be better equipped to fulfill our nation's national mission. I am now ready to embrace my Navy brothers and sisters as we move along this joint-base process.

My message to my fellow Airmen and Sailors who may be on the fence about working in a joint-base environment is to be open and listen to your fellow service member regardless of service affiliation. There is a lot we can learn from each other. I only wish it did not take a long deployment away from family and friends to realize that the real opportunities and potential that lie literally right next door.

Armed Services Blood Program seeks donors and volunteers

Kristen Wong

Hawai'i Marine photojournalist

As the holiday season approaches, there are two requests on the ASBP's wish list this year. First and foremost, personnel everywhere are asked to share the life flowing through their veins. Second, the organization could use more volunteers.

During the holidays, there tends to be less blood donation due to people's busy schedules. Last December, the blood donor center at Tripler Army Medical Center only collected 50 percent of its goal for the holiday season, according to Michelle Lele, blood donor recruiter for the blood donor center at Tripler Army Medical Center. The organization tries to collect at least 800 units of blood monthly throughout the year.

"Illnesses, accidents and diseases don't take a holiday," Lele said. "Neither can blood donations. Tripler Blood Donor Center operates three to four mobile blood drives on different military installations a week. We try to make it convenient for anyone who wants to donate."

The donations are not only distributed to Tripler Army Medical Center in Honolulu but are also shipped weekly to Iraq and Afghanistan, as well as other ASBP locations requesting blood. The center also contributed 50 units of blood during the recent events at Fort Hood, Texas. Encouraging people to donate is only half the battle.

"My blood drives are only as good as [their point of contacts]," Lele said. "There [are] a lot of POCs that have put a lot of time and effort [into the drives]."

The POCs assist in coordinating, advertising and securing a venue for blood drives throughout the year. Some coordinate drives as often as every 56 days, the time which must elapse between donations, while others may coordinate blood drives once a month.

Hospital Corpsman 2nd Class Hugh Regidor from Naval Station Pearl Harbor said he cannot give blood until he reaches the one year anniversary of his return from deployment. "I'll be the first in line," he said.

Service members who have been deployed to Iraq or Afghanistan are "deferred," or asked not to donate, until a year after returning, as a precaution.

The ASBP Web site lists all conditions warranting "deferrals," which can either be temporary or permanent. In the meantime, Regidor volunteers by coordinating blood drives with the ASBP.

At last count, there were 39 ASBP POCs in Hawai'i. Because the ASBP is only permitted to hold blood drives aboard military installations, many POCs are affiliated with the military, whether they are a service member or civilian, although anyone is eligible to volunteer. Because military duty requires frequent moves, the ASBP loses many POCs after a short period of time.

Regidor, who coordinates drives for two clinics every 60 days, has deployed to Iraq three times and thinks of his volunteering not as a job, but a mission.

While overseas, he said the blood banks in Iraq constantly reach out to the community to support Iraqi villagers and service members in surgery.

"People would drop everything [and give blood] all hours of the day," Regidor said. "It's through the hard work that they give that [surgery patients] made it through."

The ASBP does try to encourage donation by offering incentives, such as complimentary snacks, hats or T-shirts. Donors who give six times or more in one year are recognized at the organization's annual luncheon.

Established in 1952, the ASBP has approximately 81 ASBP blood banks and blood donor centers across the world.

"Only three out of every 100 people in America donate blood," Lele said. "It's time to increase those numbers."

Lele, Regidor and other POCs continue to spread as much education on blood donation as possible. Word appears to reach many ears as Regidor has seen long lines of service members waiting to give blood before the drive even starts. "We have a lot of regulars," he said. "But we need more."

For more information about being a POC and donating, call Lele at 433-6699 or visit <http://www.militaryblood.dod.mil>.

Dark minutes in nation's history



Photographic montage prepared for the 30th anniversary of the Pearl Harbor attack which was held on Dec. 7, 1971. It is accompanied by a poem by JO3 Jim Deken, USN:

"In the darkest of moments a nation is wounded, rights herself and pushes on. Her wounds give her strength and urge her on to victory. Time passes, the wound heals but leaves a mark. The mark is her reminder of what has been and could be again. She does not forget."

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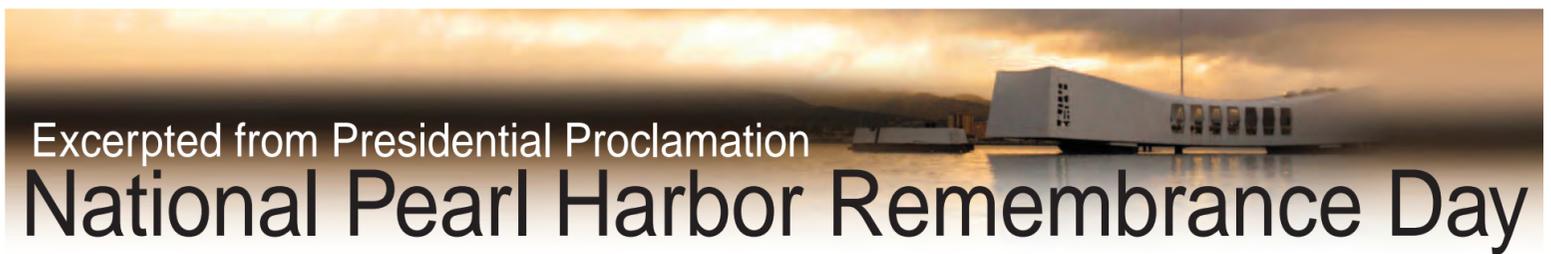
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President Franklin D. Roosevelt declared Dec. 7, 1941, a "date which will live in infamy." With over 3,500 Americans killed or wounded, the surprise attack by the Imperial Japanese on Pearl Harbor was an attempt to break the American will and destroy our Pacific Fleet. They succeeded in doing neither.

On National Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day, we pay tribute to the brave men and women who made the ultimate sacrifice for our country, and we honor all those who selflessly served our nation at home and abroad during World War II. On a tranquil Sunday morning, as war raged around the globe, the attack

on Pearl Harbor effectively ended American isolation - thrusting our nation into action. Japanese airplanes had launched an unprovoked assault on our military with immense firepower, and our service members valiantly answered the call. They defended their positions, fought back against the attackers, and cared for the

wounded. In that darkest hour, men and women who had considered themselves ordinary found within themselves the ability to do something extraordinary. And in the months and years that followed, Americans all across the country would respond to Pearl Harbor with firm resolve, many joining our armed forces to

defend our shores and our freedom. This courage is not uncommon in the story of America - a story of heroes whose sacrifice and valor speak to their love of comrades and country, and whose goodness guides our quest for lasting peace. Today, and every day, we draw strength from the moment

when the best among us defended an island and a nation from the onslaught of tyranny and forever altered the course of our history. The Congress, by Public Law 103-308, as amended, has designated Dec. 7 of each year as "National Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day." *President Barack Obama*

Ewa Marine Corps Air Station remembers Dec. 7 attack

Story and photo by
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Navy Region Hawai'i Historian

While the annual Pearl Harbor Day ceremony was taking place within sight of the USS Arizona Memorial, a small group gathered at the Barber's Point Golf Course to remember an aspect of that attack that is less well known.

On the morning of Dec. 7, 1941 just a few minutes before Japanese aircraft rained down on the Pacific Fleet at anchor in Pearl Harbor, they attacked the major airfields on Oahu to prevent American aircraft from defending the naval base.

The Ewa Marine Corps Air Station was one of those fields. On that morning, the men of Marine Air Group 21 were just as surprised as everyone else and their entire complement of 48 aircraft was either destroyed or immobilized. Although the men on the ground fought back valiantly, four Marines were killed and 13 were wounded as a result of the attack.

Al Shoehigh, retired submariner and member of the Navy League Hawai'i, hosted this year's Ewa Marine Corps Air Station



Al Shoehigh (foreground), retired submariner and member of the Navy League Hawai'i, opened a ceremony held Dec. 7 at Barber's Point Golf Course, which commemorated the Japanese air attack on the Ewa Marine Corps Air Station on Dec. 7, 1941.

event which opened with a parading of the colors by a Marine color guard. With the ceremony underway, Shoehigh gave a brief description of the attack on the air-

field. John Bond, local historian, made a connection with the attack on Ewa Field and the larger war that would engulf the Pacific

until 1945. "Some of the Marines stationed here at the Ewa Marine Corps Air Field were transferred to Wake Island shortly before the Dec. 7 attack. Those defenders

were able to hold off the Japanese invasion of Wake with only rifles and pistols for 30 days before succumbing to the Japanese forces," Bond explained.

Shoehigh remarked, "This event is still unknown to most people...I'm glad to see all of you here to honor these men, lest we forget." Following his final remarks, four lei, representing the four servicemen who lost their lives, were draped over a plaque and a wayside exhibit erected by the Navy League and the National Park Service. The plaque describes the events of Dec. 7, 1941 at Ewa Marine Corps Air Station.

"My wife's first husband was a Marine killed in Vietnam," said Shoehigh as he described his involvement with this ceremony over the last 15 years. "It is a shame that our community is still very unaware of what happened and of the sacrifice of the men who died here."

Corporal Christopher Colfer of the Marine color guard commented that he had only heard of the Ewa Marine Corps Air Station last year when he also served on the color guard. "These guys are the same then as we are now. When I think about what they went through and how they responded, it makes me proud to be a Marine," said Colfer.

John Finn visits namesake Arizona white boat

Story and photos by
MC2 Robert Stirrup

Navy Region Hawai'i Public Affairs

Navy Lt. John Finn, Medal of Honor recipient, visited historic Ford Island on Dec. 6 to view a 2009 USS Arizona Memorial biodiesel white boat which was named in his honor.

After being greeted by Rear Adm. Dixon Smith, commander, Navy Region Hawai'i and commander, Naval Surface Group Middle Pacific, and Capt. Richard Kitchens, commanding officer of Naval Station (NAVSTA) Pearl Harbor, Finn stepped aboard his boat and was treated to a tour of the harbor.

"This is the best thing that's ever happened to me," said Finn as he took a look at the boat. John Finn turned 100 on July 23, 2009.

During the visit, Smith thanked Finn

for his service and sacrifice. "Thank you for everything that you have given to our country. It is a privilege and an honor to present this boat to you,"



Retired Navy Lt. John W. Finn takes a ride on the USS Arizona Memorial white boat. Finn, the oldest living Medal of Honor recipient, was awarded the Medal of Honor for heroism during the Dec. 7, 1941 Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor.

said Smith. "Welcome to your boat, sir."

Chief Boatswain's Mate Jeff Iovine and Boatswain's Mate Seaman Evan King, both assigned to NAVSTA Pearl Harbor's Arizona detachment, had the opportunity to talk with Finn during the visit.

"It was really exciting and an honor just to hear him talk about his career and all the things that he's seen and done," said Iovine.

"He was really great and very spirited," added King. "He is a 100-year-old war hero and is still kicking it with fire."

Upon returning to the pier, Finn thanked the Sailors for his memorable day before departing historic Ford Island.

Finn also attended the Klipper flag-raising ceremony and visited his namesake building at Marine Corps Base Hawai'i, Kaneohe on Dec. 7. The John Finn building also houses the headquarters for Commander Patrol and Reconnaissance Force, U.S. Pacific Fleet.

Fleet Adm. Chester W. Nimitz awarded the Medal of Honor to Finn for heroism and distinguished service during the Japanese attack on Oahu. Finn is now the sole survivor of 15 Sailors who received the Medal of Honor for their actions Dec. 7, 1941.

Two Pearl Harbor survivors revisit areas of attack

Story and photo by
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Retired Petty Officer 1st Class Albert Fynan and retired Chief Yeoman Edward Borucki were both present in Pearl Harbor on the fateful morning of Dec. 7, 1941. Both recall the events of that day with startling clarity.

Riding aboard a Navy passenger white boat used to shuttle passengers to the USS Arizona Memorial, Fynan and Borucki returned Dec. 3 to a site at Pearl Harbor near where the USS Helena and USS Honolulu were moored.

It was a typical Sunday morning at the quiet port of Pearl Harbor in the U.S. territory of Hawai'i. Morning colors were yet to be struck and breakfast would soon be served in the galley.

Fynan stood on the fantail of Honolulu, helping the ship's chaplain rig for Catholic mass when the first bombs and torpedoes exploded. He remembered that he said to himself, "Looks like we're in a war." After the attack, Fynan said he was asked by the chaplain to help him collect the wounded and the dead so that they could receive their last rites.

Elsewhere in the harbor, Borucki, stationed aboard the



Retired Petty Officer 1st Class Albert Fynan (Left) and retired Chief Yeoman Edward Borucki (Right), after nearly 68 years later return to Pearl Harbor to recall events they witnessed during the Dec. 7, 1941 surprise attack on Pearl Harbor.

USS Helena, was reflecting on his life up until then. He was proud that he had made the rank of chief petty officer in four short years and marveled at his good fortune of getting stationed in Hawai'i. He happened to be in the engineering spaces when the 1MC ship-wide loud speaker system announced "general quarters" along with the piercing sound of the general alarm.

He thought to himself in disbelief, "What are they doing scheduling a drill on a

Sunday morning?" That's when he felt the jolt of six torpedoes hitting his ship. The 1MC blared, "This is not a drill!"

"No kidding! Tell me something I don't know," he thought to himself as he assisted in the efforts of putting out the many fires that erupted throughout the ship.

World War II began that morning for Fynan and Borucki, along with thousands of service men who were caught in the largest

aerial raid ever executed on an American territory.

Nearly 68 years later, they are both back. For Borucki, this is an annual pilgrimage. For Fynan, it has been 10 years since his last visit.

As the white passenger boat moved into the waters of Merry Loch, the central operating basin of Naval Station Pearl Harbor, Fynan recognized some of the structures that were there on that fateful morning. He recalled the red and white harbor control

tower where he saw the Japanese planes flying so low he could look upon the faces of the Japanese aviators. Both images are now permanently etched into his memory. Dec. 7, 1941 was such a defining moment for Fynan that he considers it his life's defining moment as well as his worst.

Borucki recalled the choking smoke that blotted out the clear blue Hawai'i sky, the twisted metal littering the area, and the black oil slicks on the waters, much of it on

fire and some of it covering the faces of his stunned shipmates.

As Fynan and Borucki were given a special tour narrated by Capt. Lawrence Scruggs, executive officer for Naval Station Pearl Harbor, Scruggs pointed out how today's Navy is built upon the concepts and foundations put in place by generations past. He talked about the Navy's modern capabilities and pointed out various nuclear-powered submarines, cruisers, destroyers, frigates and auxiliary ships. He discussed how past lessons shape everyday operations in today's Navy while Fynan and Borucki listened intently.

As the flood of memories enveloped the two Pearl Harbor survivors, they paused to look at the USS Texas, the latest class of American attack submarines that recently arrived at its new homeport.

Fynan recalled with pride the people he served with during the war, men with whom he saw more combat throughout the Pacific. He told those present during the tour that today's Navy may have better tools and equipment, but it also still has the same honorable spirit that he has known and loved all of his life. Borucki nodded his head in agreement.

Arizona's last band – gone but not forgotten

Karen S. Spangler

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It was Dec. 6, 1941. Strains of dance music filled Bloch Arena at Pearl Harbor as some of the Navy's best bands competed in the semi-finals at the Battle of Music – hoping to win the grand prize band trophy. The members of the band from the USS Arizona were there although they weren't one of the bands competing that evening. The Arizona's band had already competed and placed second in the semi-finals a few weeks earlier on Nov. 22, 1941. In this evening's round of semi-finals, the band from USS Pennsylvania had won top honors.

Couples jitterbugged to some of the favorite tunes of the time. "Jingle Bells," "Undecided," and "Jumping at the Woodside" were the selections for the jitterbug contest which was won by Pat Thompson, only 10 years



Photograph courtesy of the National Archives

old then, and her dance partner – a Sailor from the USS Pennsylvania. It was a gala evening that was to be repeated on Dec. 20 when the Pennsylvania and Arizona bands were scheduled to battle it out for first place.

The Sailors from the bands returned to their ships after an exciting evening of fun, music and competition to get some sleep. Shortly before 7:55 a.m.

the next morning on Dec. 7, 1941, the first wave of Japanese aircraft blackened the airspace over their targets – the Navy's Pacific Fleet at anchor on the calm waters of Pearl Harbor.

Death rained from the normally tranquil blue skies as Japanese zeroes swooped and dived over the ships, dropping bombs and torpedoes on the unsuspecting fleet. As the at-

tack ensued, general quarters was sounded and Sailors raced to their posts to fight the enemy.

The members of the USS Arizona Band were assigned as ammo handlers in the ship's forward ammunition magazine. At approximately 8:10 a.m., the Arizona was hit by a 1,760-pound, armor-piercing shell. It slammed through her deck, igniting her forward ammunition magazine. The musicians from the Arizona's band and most of the crew of the Arizona, totaling 1,177 men, never stood a chance.

In less than nine minutes, the mighty Arizona – crippled and dying – sank to the bottom of Pearl Harbor where she still lies.

The 21 members of Arizona's last band, United States Navy Band Number 22, were: Bandmaster MUS1c Frederick Kinney, MUS2c Alexander Joseph Nadel, MUS2c Wayne Lynn

Bandy, MUS2c Oran Merrill Brabbzson, MUS2c Neal Jason Radford, MUS2c Jack Leo Scruggs, MUS2c Ernest Hubert Whitson Jr., MUS2c Curtis Junior Haas, MUS2c Frank Norman Floege, MUS2c Gerald Clinton Cox, MUS2c Charles William White, MUS2c William Starks Morehouse, MUS2c Clyde Richard Williams, MUS2c Ralph Warren Burdette, MUS2c Robert Kar Shaw, MUS2c Bernard Thomas Hughes, MUS2c William Moore McCary, MUS2c Wendell Ray Hurley, MUS2c James Harvey Sanderson, MUS2c Harry Gregory Chermucha and MUS2c Emmett Isaac Lynch.

Later, with the loss of all of the members of Arizona's band, the other bands who had vied for first place in the Battle of Music competition voted unanimously to concede first place to the Arizona Band. According to historical reports,

many of the musicians remarked that Arizona's band was the best band anyway.

The Arizona Band Trophy, on display at the Arizona Memorial Museum, shows the figure of Liberty holding a torch. Liberty stands on a bronze cup which is inscribed, "Grand Prize, Battle of Music, United States Navy 1941." Two eagles with outstretched wings are at the base of the cup.

A bronze plate on the cup's base is inscribed with the following: "1941 Winning Orchestra 1941. USS Arizona. Sic Itur Ad Astra. F.W. Kinney, Bandmaster."

The sweet sounds of Arizona's band would never be heard again. But although they were silenced forever, they are not forgotten.

The words on the posthumously-awarded trophy may say it best: Sic Itur Ad Astra or "Such is the way to the stars, or to immortality."

USS Utah ceremony

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He didn't want to get his uniform wet."

Meyer, who just made fire controlman first class days before the attack, said he remembers the chaos that ensued after the torpedoes slammed into the hull of the ship.

Only 18 years old at the

time, Meyer said that no matter how many trips he makes to the Utah Memorial, it is always an emotional event.

"I came out here on the fourth to prepare myself, just so I wouldn't be too overcome with today's ceremony," said Meyer. "I cry each time because I lost good friends on that day."

During the attack, Meyer, who only got to bed at 4 a.m. after pulling night duty, said he was awakened from his sleep by the first blast, but wasn't fully alert until the second torpedo ripped into the ship.

As Utah sank into the harbor, Meyer was able to dive into the water and

swim safety to the shore.

"It wasn't like this back then," he stated, as he pointed to the homes near the memorial. "It (shore) was all mud and there was a deep trench that was dug for some construction that was being done. I swam to shore, jumped into the trench, and got a firsthand view of the war."

Hill noted that while the Utah doesn't get the fanfare of the USS Arizona (BB 39), he feels that it is important to remember all of the events that took place during the attack.

He said that the tranquil setting of the Utah Memorial, away from the lime-light, makes it one of his

favorite spots to visit.

"This is a very solemn place. I get goose bumps every time I get here," said Hill. "With as many people that come into the military, it's important that sites like this can educate our youth to know that we're free because people like the Sailors on the Utah went before us."

BUT NOT IN SHAME

THE AFTERMATH OF PEARL HARBOR



U.S. Navy photo by Randy Dela Cruz

(Above and Left) Pearl Harbor survivors attend a National Park Service and U.S. Navy ceremony commemorating the 68th anniversary of the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor.

U.S. Navy photo by MC1 Michael Hight



Hawaii Governor Linda Lingle joins Adm. Patrick Walsh, commander of U.S. Pacific Fleet, and Rear Adm. Dixon Smith, commander of Navy Region Hawaii, at a U.S. Navy and National Park Service ceremony commemorating the 68th anniversary of the Dec. 7, 1941 surprise attack on Pearl Harbor.

U.S. Navy photo by MC2 (S/W) Mark Logico

(Right) Musician Kristen Snitzer, assigned to the U.S. Pacific Fleet Navy Band, performs "Victory at Sea" during a National Park Service and U.S. Navy ceremony commemorating the 68th anniversary of the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor.

U.S. Navy photo by MC2 (S/W) Mark Logico



(Left) Gilbert Meyer, Pearl Harbor survivor Chris Derman and Petty Officer Mariana Carrascomarquez hangs a wreath for USS Utah Sailors.

U.S. Navy photo by MC1 Michael Hight



Hawaii Governor Linda Lingle joins Adm. Patrick Walsh, commander of U.S. Pacific Fleet, and Rear Adm. Dixon Smith, commander of Navy Region Hawaii, at a U.S. Navy and National Park Service ceremony held Dec. 7.

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(Left) Adm. Robert F. Willard, commander of U.S. Pacific Command, salutes the colors during the ceremony. About 2,000 people and 55 Pearl Harbor attack survivors attended the ceremony at Naval Station Pearl Harbor.

U.S. Navy photo by MC2 Eisia V. Gonzales



Personnel Specialist 3rd Class Kathleen McDowell escorts Pearl Harbor attack survivor Woody Derby during a U.S. Navy and National Park Service ceremony honoring Sailors killed aboard the battleship USS Nevada (BB 36).

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U.S. Navy photo by Randy Dela Cruz

Mary Kreigh, National Park Service Ranger Christina Carr and Nina Kreigh depart from USS Utah (AG 16) Memorial following a sunset ceremony at the sunken ship's memorial site, Naval Station Pearl Harbor on Dec. 6. Mary is the daughter of the late Chief Yeoman Albert Wagner, who was attached to the battleship at the time of the Japanese surprise attack on Dec. 7, 1941. Ashes of Mary's twin sister, Nancy Lynn Wagner, are entombed aboard Utah.



U.S. Navy photo by Randy Dela Cruz

Hawaiian spiritualists blow on conch shells prior to the blessing of the 68th anniversary memorial of the attack on Pearl Harbor at Kilo Pier, Naval Station Pearl Harbor on Dec. 7.



U.S. Navy photo by MC1 Michael Hight

Musician 2nd Class Ivan Boshkovich, assigned to the U.S. Pacific Fleet Band, plays Taps during a joint Oklahoma Memorial Committee and National Park Service remembrance ceremony at the USS Oklahoma (BB 37) Memorial on Ford Island. The memorial honors the 429 Sailors and Marines who died aboard the battleship during the Dec. 7, 1941 surprise attack on Pearl Harbor.

Nuuanu Naval Cemetery not forgotten

Story and photo by
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Located near downtown Honolulu, the Oahu Cemetery in Nuuanu is the site of a historically significant Navy project that the Naval Facilities Engineering Command (NAVFAC) Pacific's real estate team has nearly finished documenting.

"This particular area in Hawai'i is such a privilege to work on because it covers over 140 years of naval history," said Ron Darlington, NAVFAC Pacific real estate surveyor.

After the attack on Pearl Harbor on Dec. 7, 1941, the Navy selected Oahu Cemetery to bury the fallen heroes; only 300 plots were available at the time. It wasn't until 1948 that the National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific at Punchbowl was created.

Historical records show that on Oct. 9, 1919, the Navy originally purchased plots in the cemetery, and additional land was acquired in 1931. The cur-



The naval cemetery in Nuuanu is the site of many fallen service members from the attack on Pearl Harbor in 1941. NAVFAC Pacific's real estate team recently visited the cemetery to officially document the property which is located near downtown Honolulu.

rent cemetery site was acquired a year later on April 13. Currently, there are 135 Sailors, Marines and spouses interred in the Nuuanu cemetery.

NAVFAC Pacific's real estate team documents all Navy and Marine Corps property in Hawai'i. One of the tasks

in the process includes putting together a real estate summary map (RESM) of the property they are documenting. The RESM shows both current and formerly-owned properties.

"Real estate is responsible for all Navy/Marine Corps property in our

area of responsibility. We prepare a map showing land that the Navy/USMC has a legal interest in and then ensure that all maps are accurate and up-to-date," said Darlington.

As part of a NAVFAC-wide program, all RESMs are being updated and converted to a geographic information system (GIS) format that can be used by Regional Shore Infrastructure Management Systems (RSIMS).

"The map for Nuuanu was last updated in 1975 so we are in the process of updating it. In addition to the RESM, we also try to visit all Navy/USMC land to ensure that there are no encroachments or other issues," explained Darlington.

Without the help of the NAVFAC Pacific real estate team, many would not know the true significance of the Oahu Cemetery or other sites in Hawai'i. All the original and electronic records for land acquisition and disposal are kept at NAVFAC Pacific.

"Typically before we compile a RESM, we conduct a site visit to doc-

ument any unique features that might enhance the usability of the map for the end user. In this case, we are documenting the service members that are still interred in the cemetery. We also add background data, such as roads and structures, that would help orient the user," said Darlington.

The project is not completed yet, but the team is working on the final editing of the RESM. The electronic version of the map should be completed by mid-December, followed by the conversion of the map into GIS format data for publication.

"Through working on this project, we, as a real estate team, have gotten the chance to find out the true significance of a less-known cemetery site. By adding the findings into the RSIMS, I do hope it will create more awareness of this cemetery. People should take advantage of this unique opportunity to take a deeper look into Navy history," remarked Darlington.

For more news from Naval Facilities Engineering Command, visit www.navy.mil/local/navfachq/.

Pearl Harbor Survivor Louis Conter

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on media news reels. Conter said the blast knocked him to the deck while other Sailors were thrown off the side of the ship.

"Everything forward of the ship blew up with the magazine," he recalled. "Guys started coming out of the fire and we would lay them down on the deck because we didn't want them jumping over the sides. There was fire all around the ship and we knew if they jumped over, they would be killed anyway."

The detonation of the ship's forward magazines collapsed most of her foremast and forward superstructure, causing the ship to sink.

"On the quarterdeck, we were knee-deep in water," he remembered. "Men from other ships threw lines over to our ship so they could come aboard and help with

the fire. About five of them came across before the lines burned up and the rest fell into the burning water. We were able to get some of them out, but they were badly burned."

After the first wave of Japanese planes, Conter said the ship's captain told him and remaining Sailors to abandon ship.

"When captain said 'abandon ship,' we went into life boats and started picking men out of the water and fire," he recalled. "When the second attack hit, we fought from water."

After both waves of attacks, Conter said he and surviving Sailors spent more than 10 days helping put out fires and retrieving bodies on their ship.

"We worked non-stop for days after the attack," he said. "It was hot as hell and we would work all day and all night long, but we were

young and had a job to do."

During that time, Conter also worked with a dive team that had the grim task of retrieving bodies still trapped inside the ship.

"I remember we were given pumps that we would pump to get air to the divers," he said. "They were trying to get bodies out of the staterooms, but getting into the hatches made it very difficult. After retrieving a few bodies, they decided it wasn't going to work and they closed the ship down."

The remains of more than 900 Sailors are still buried inside the USS Arizona to this day. Out of a crew of 34 quartermasters who were onboard the ship on Dec. 7, 1941, Conter was the only one to survive the attack.

After Pearl Harbor, he eventually earned his aviation wings as a Navy pilot, serving in one of the first

PBY Black Cat Squadrons. These squadrons were known to paint their Catalina flying boats jet black and attack Japanese ships at night during WWII.

Although he was shot down twice in 1943, Conter went on to enjoy a long and satisfying 23-year naval career, retiring in 1967 as a lieutenant commander.

During his recent trip to the USS Arizona Memorial, Conter said he always makes a point to walk into the shrine room, where the names of those killed on the USS Arizona are engraved on a large, marble wall.

"When I read that wall, I say a prayer for each of those guys up there," he said as he pointed out names of fellow shipmates he still remembers. "It is always heart-breaking, but there was a job that was done 68 years ago. We can't forget that."

Holiday hours at Pearl Harbor Commissary

The Pearl Harbor Commissary has announced special holiday hours during the Christmas and New Year's holidays:

- Dec. 24, open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- Dec. 25, commissary will be closed.
- Dec. 26, open from 9 a.m.-9 p.m.
- Dec. 31, open 9 a.m.-7 p.m.
- Jan. 1, commissary will be closed.
- Jan. 2 open from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m.

For more information, call Eyvinne Umamoto at 471-8402, ext. 101.



Joint base newspaper needs a name

Do you have ideas for a great name for the new joint base newspaper? We're seeking suggestions for a name for the combined newspaper for Pearl Harbor and Hickam.

Hawai'i Navy News, the Navy newspaper that now



serves the Navy in Hawai'i, and the Hickam Kukini, the Air Force newspaper which serves the Air Force community in Hawai'i, will combine next year as the Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam reaches full operational capability.

If you have an idea for a name for our joint newspaper, a name that would represent two great services and one special installation, please share it with us.

This is your opportunity to participate in the naming of the joint base newspaper, your newspaper. We look forward to hearing from you, our readers.

Please email your suggestions to Karen Spangler, managing editor of Hawai'i Navy News, at Karen.spangler@navy.mil.

USS Pasadena returns to Pearl Harbor

MC2 Ronald Gutridge

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

The Los Angeles-class, fast-attack nuclear-powered submarine USS Pasadena (SSN 752) returned to Naval Station Pearl Harbor on Dec. 4, following a six-month deployment to the western Pacific region.

"Pasadena had a very successful deployment and I am very proud of the crew," said Cmdr. Andrew St. John, commanding officer, USS Pasadena. "After participating in two multi-level exer-



cises and five port visits, they gained a true appreciation for the breadth of operations ongoing in the Pacific and the value the submarine force brings to the fleet commander," said St. John.

"A major part of this mission is training the junior Sailors and getting them submarine warfare-quali-

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U.S. Navy photo by MCC Josh Thompson

fied," said St. John. "Out of a crew of 137 Sailors, 38 were making their first deployment and 25 successfully qualified to wear the submarine warfare insignia during this deployment."

Pasadena (SSN 752) was commissioned in July 1991 and is the U.S. Navy's second "improved" Los Angeles-class, nuclear-powered submarine. Throughout its proud and illustrious 20-year history, Pasadena has deployed to and conducted operations in virtually every part of the Pacific Ocean, from the west coast of North and South America to Australia and the Persian Gulf.

Coast Guard awards Crommelin Sailors for joint mission

Story and photo by Jesse Leon Guerrero

Joint Region Marianas Public Affairs

The commander of 14th U.S. Coast Guard District awarded special operations ribbons to USS Crommelin (FFG 37) Sailors while in Guam on Dec. 4.

Rear Adm. Manson Brown, commander, 14th U.S. Coast Guard District, presented the award in honor of Crommelin's support of a Coast Guard mission to protect natural resources from June 15-29.

Crommelin, along with law enforcement officers from 14th U.S. Coast Guard District, searched for illegal, unreported and unregulated fishing vessels operating along 16 million square miles of ocean near Hawai'i, Marshall Islands, Federated States of Micronesia and other areas in the western Pacific.

The fight-for-fish mission and the im-



Rear Adm. Manson Brown, left, commander, 14th U.S. Coast Guard District, presents special operations ribbons to Chief Electronics Technician Calvin Williams, right, Boatswain's Mate 2nd Class Chris Nuemann, center, and Operations Specialist 3rd Class Seth Miller aboard the guided-missile frigate USS Crommelin (FFG 37).

provement of a persistent presence with respect to fisheries enforcement were the main objectives of the operation.

"The importance of the fish there is not only in terms of economy, but also for feeding the people of the islands," said Brown, who was in Guam to visit U.S. Coast Guard Sector Guam. "It's truly a national security issue for the United States."

Brown said the mission proves that partnerships between the Navy and Coast Guard can provide positive results as the nation promotes a Cooperative Strategy for 21st Century Seapower. Also known as the nation's maritime strategy, the concept aims to protect and sustain the United States and its allies' interests and assets around the world.

Cmdr. Kevin Parker, commanding officer of Crommelin, said the mission was a win-win situation for everyone involved. He said the mission exercised and refreshed his crew's skills. The train-

ing and detection equipment used throughout the mission was similar to the training and equipment used to locate pirates, warships and other hostile forces. During this mission, they investigated eight vessels, one of which did not have proper licensing.

Parker said the mission was successful in areas other than strengthening operability with the Coast Guard.

In Pohnpei, one of the four states of the Federated States of Micronesia, Crommelin's crew hosted a luncheon for the island's dignitaries and sent Navy volunteers to paint bleachers at a baseball field.

"The people from town poured out and it became a cooperative effort with the people and the Sailors," said Parker.

More than 200 Navy Sailors serve aboard the 453-foot, Oliver Hazard Perry-class frigate, Crommelin, homeported at Pearl Harbor, Hawai'i.

Rogeness relieves Tesar as commanding officer of USS Cheyenne

Story and photo by MC2 Ronald Gutridge

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

Cmdr. Gary Rogeness relieved Cmdr. Michael Tesar as commanding officer of the Los Angeles-class attack submarine USS Cheyenne (SSN 773) in a change of command ceremony at Naval Station Pearl Harbor on Dec. 4.

Capt. Jeffery Powers, guest speaker, praised Tesar and his recent accomplishments on board Cheyenne. "From day one, you commanded your ship masterfully," said Powers. "You used your tenure to build one of the waterfront's best war-fighting machines."

Following his remarks, commodore

of Submarine Squadron Seven, Capt. Christopher Kaiser awarded Tesar the Legion of Merit Medal for his "exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding duties during his tour as commanding officer."

Tesar reflected on the many successes of his crew. "It has truly been the fulfillment of my professional dreams to command Cheyenne," he said. "I could not have asked for a better submarine, and certainly not a better crew."

As Rogeness assumed command of Cheyenne, he, too, acknowledged the quality of the crew he was inheriting. "To the crew of Cheyenne, I commend you for the condition of the ship and your assistance during the turnover," said Rogeness. "I am honored to join the Cheyenne team and feel privileged to be

your commanding officer. I look forward to serving you in that capacity."

Tesar earned his commission through the United States Naval Academy with distinction in 1989. His awards include the Meritorious Service Medal (three awards), the Joint Commendation Medal, the Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal (three awards), the Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal (three awards) and additional unit awards.

Cmdr. Michael Tesar is piped ashore after he is relieved as commanding officer of the Los Angeles-class attack submarine USS Cheyenne (SSN 773) by Commander Gary Rogeness during a change of command ceremony held at Naval Station Pearl Harbor, on Dec. 4.





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NIOC Hawai'i personnel participate in the annual Navy vs. Army KOA Bowl.

Army team edges NIOC Navy team in annual Koa Bowl

CTI2 Theresa M Buitron

Naval Information Operations Command, Hawai'i

Every fall, the Navy flag football team from Naval Information Operations Command (NIOC), Hawai'i plays against the Army team from Schofield Barracks in the annual Koa Bowl following the fall commander's cup.

The Navy team has had a winning streak for the last three years and went into the game confident and also the favorite to win. The Army team, coached by Mike Todd, personnel officer of 715th MI Battalion, came ready to play. "We knew we had our work cut out for us. We had to work very hard to unseat the dominating Navy team," said Todd.

In the beginning of the game, the Navy team looked strong with Quarterback Chief Cryptologic Technician (Collections) (SW/SS) Joseph Cantu leading the offense. On the Navy's first scoring drive, Cantu threw a

20-plus yard pass to Cryptologic Technician (Collections) (SW) 3rd Class Shomari Moultry. Cantu ran the ball in to give the Navy a 6-0 lead.

Moultry was the Sailor in the end zone on the Navy's second touchdown, making the score 12-0 Navy. Defensive rushers Cryptologic Technician (Networks) Seaman Reauthie Yun and Cryptologic Technician (Maintenance) 2nd Class Bryan Shoberg put heavy pressure on the Army offense and they kept the Army to only one touchdown in the first half of the game.

Sgt. 1st Class Derrick Thomas, quarterback for the Army, connected with a receiver to get the Army on the board and also completed the extra point attempt, changing the score to 12-8.

After the half, the Navy team gained another six points on a touchdown run by Cryptologic Technician (Maintenance) 2nd Class Blake Phelps to bring the score to 18-8. The Army team then answered back with

a second touchdown to bring the score to 18-14. The Army team played the second half with a lot more intensity and momentum, leading to a last minute push down the field and resulting in the winning touchdown caught by Sgt. Darius Vickers.

The Army took the lead for the first time with a score of 20-18 over the Navy. On the Army's extra point attempt, the ball was intercepted by Cryptologic Technician (Maintenance) 1st Class (SW) Ateko Lawson, Navy linebacker. It looked like the Navy had a shot at tying the game, but Lawson was tackled right past the 40-yard line.

After that, the ball returned to the Navy offense and they played it to the wire with a last chance offensive series with just seconds on the clock. Unfortunately, they were unable to pull down the win. The Army team took bragging rights for the first time in a long time. "It was a fun game and it sure was a close one," said Todd.

Naval Health Clinic Hawai'i begins H1N1 vaccinations

Naval Health Clinic Hawai'i

Naval Health Clinic (NHC) Hawai'i has received a limited supply of the H1N1 vaccine and has started vaccinating high-risk Department of Defense (DoD) family members against H1N1.

The vaccine is available at all NHC Hawai'i immunization clinics only to the following high-risk DoD family members and those in close contact with them who present a valid military ID card:

- Pregnant women.
- Adult caregivers and family members of infants age newborn to six months.
- Family members of high-risk children.
- Healthcare staff involved in direct patient care and first responders.
- Persons 25-64 years old with medical conditions.
- Persons six months-24 years old (non-military members).

Children five years and older are urged to get vaccinated through their school-based H1N1 vaccination program scheduled through mid-December. More information is available at www.flu.hawaii.gov.

Because children younger than nine years old are still developing their immune system, they must receive the H1N1 vaccination in two doses spread 28 days apart. The Hawai'i Department of Health H1N1 vaccination clinics at the schools will administer only the first dose.

Parents must arrange for children younger than nine



U.S. Navy photo by MC2 Robert Stirrup

Hospital Corpsman 2nd Class Joe Ruiz, assigned to Naval Health Clinic Hawai'i, administers the H1N1 flu vaccine to Personnel Specialist Seaman Brandon Erlacher, assigned to Naval Station Pearl Harbor, at Building 150 on Naval Station Pearl Harbor.

years old to get their second dose through their provider or clinic. Children and adolescents with chronic medical conditions should contact their primary care provider for vaccine availability.

DOD-procured H1N1 vaccine is available for deploying Sailors and Marines at the NHC Hawai'i headquarters influenza clinic (building1750) located at 480 Central Ave., Pearl Harbor from 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday.

The H1N1 vaccination is mandatory for active duty personnel and is being arranged through their respective commands by NHC Hawai'i preventive medicine department.

The H1N1 vaccine will be available at the following exchanges from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. for the above target groups:

- Dec. 12 - Schofield Barracks PX
- Dec. 13 - Pearl Harbor NEX

DOD family members identified in the above target groups and those in close contact with them may also get their H1N1 vaccine on a

walk-in basis at the immunizations clinics at Makalapa Clinic and Kaneohe Bay Branch Health Clinic.

Walk-in H1N1 flu vaccine clinic hours:

- Makalapa Clinic (Pearl Harbor - 7:30 a.m.-5 p.m., Monday - Friday.
- Kaneohe Bay Clinic (MCB Hawai'i) - 7:30-11:30 a.m. and 1-3:30 p.m., Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday and 7:30-11:30 a.m. and 1-2 p.m., Thursday.

To allow time to complete paperwork, beneficiaries are requested to arrive at least 30 minutes prior to closing times listed above.

NHC Hawai'i expects to continue to receive more vaccine as it becomes available. Once those in high-risk categories have been immunized, remaining beneficiaries will be immunized.

For more information, call the Oahu Joint Services flu hotline at 433-IFLU (1358) or visit the joint services Stop the Flu Web site at <http://www.tamc.amedd.army.mil/offices/pao/flu/fightheflu.htm>.

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