

Secretary of State visits Pearl Harbor



Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton arrives at the U.S. Pacific Fleet Boathouse on Naval Station Pearl Harbor prior to a departure to the USS Arizona Memorial for a wreath-laying ceremony. While in Hawaii, Clinton delivered a policy address on the U.S. vision for Asia-Pacific multi-lateral engagement at the East-West Center in Honolulu Jan. 12. Clinton cut short her Asia-Pacific visit to fly to Washington D.C. to address Haiti Relief efforts in the wake of a magnitude-7.0 earthquake that struck southern Haiti on Jan. 12, knocking down buildings, power lines and destroying infrastructure in the poorest nation in the Western Hemisphere. President of the United States has called for a swift, coordinated and aggressive response. The Navy has activated the hospital ship USNS Comfort. Six U.S. Navy ships, including the aircraft carrier USS Carl Vinson (CVN 70), have gotten underway to Haiti to perform Humanitarian Assistance and Disaster response operations.

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Battleship Missouri Memorial returns to Ford Island, 100 service members re-enlist

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More than 100 service members re-enlisted aboard the Battleship Missouri Memorial as the ship returned to its home pier near the Arizona Memorial on Jan. 7.

The former battleship USS Missouri (BB 63) returned to its pier along Battleship Row, Ford Island after three months of extensive maintenance work at Pearl Harbor Naval Shipyard (PHNSY).

During the historic journey back from the dry dock to Battleship Row, Capt. Lawrence Scruggs, Naval Station Pearl Harbor executive officer, re-enlisted the service members from the different branches.

"This is a once-in-a-lifetime experience," said Scruggs. "To be on a battleship that had a big historical impact to WWII, it brings home the sacrifice of our veterans and the hard life that the Sailors of the earlier days had to maintain a battleship like this. I'm excited to be



More than 100 service members re-enlist during a re-enlistment ceremony aboard the Battleship Missouri Memorial. The ex-USS Missouri (BB 63) returned to its berth near the USS Arizona Memorial after three months and \$18 million of preservation and maintenance work at the Pearl Harbor Naval Shipyard.

able to re-enlist our fine Airmen, Sailors, Marines and Soldiers that have been in harm's way and represent the best of the United States."

Missouri's return resulted from

12 weeks and \$18 million worth of preservation and maintenance work at PHNSY's largest dry dock facility.

"We are returning [Missouri] to Battleship Row," said Mike Pagano,

the military liaison for the USS Missouri Memorial Association Inc. "We're going back to where she belongs. She is one of the bookends of WWII. The Arizona signifies the beginning of WWII and the Battleship Missouri represents the end of WWII—the place of tragedy, the Arizona, the place of triumph, the Missouri."

After its return to Battleship Row, the ship is scheduled to re-open to the public on Jan. 30 to show off its new coat of paint, enhanced tour route and informational signage. A new custom-designed tenting will also be installed over high traffic areas and special events sites.

"It's almost like she's getting back into service just as these people [re-enlistees] are saying that, 'I'm going to commit to another three or four years of going back into the breach, in a time of war,'" said Pagano.

Pagano personally coordinated the re-enlistment ceremony. He said the majority of the re-enlistees aboard the ship are signing up for three to four additional years of service.

Since opening in 1999, the memorial has hosted re-enlistments, promotions, commissionings, retirements and change-of-command ceremonies for Sailors, Soldiers, Airmen and Marines. Over the last three years, the memorial has accommodated an average of 357 military ceremonies for 7,100 military personnel and guests per year.

Master Sgt. Hoang McChesney, assigned to U.S. Pacific Command, said he was excited when he heard about the re-enlistment ceremony aboard Missouri during its return to Battleship Row.

"This was an awesome opportunity," said McChesney. "My wife told me about it and I just had to jump on top of it. You never get a chance like this so I wanted to do this. I've never been on a ship while it's moving."

McChesney, who has been with the Air Force for 18 years, is looking forward to serving another four years.

"Right now I just want to finish my degree and start planning for the next phase of my life," said McChesney.

Mack relieves Herrington as commanding officer of USS Hawaii

MCC Josh Thompson

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

Cmdr. Stephen Mack relieved Cmdr. Edward Herrington as commanding officer of the Virginia-class submarine USS Hawaii (SSN 776) during a change of command ceremony at Naval Station Pearl Harbor on Jan. 7.

Hawaii Governor Linda Lingle, the ship's sponsor, praised Herrington and his recent accomplishments while on board Hawaii.

"Cmdr. Herrington demands a very high level of excellence of his Sailors as I know he does from himself," said Lingle. "It's evident in the way he conducts himself professionally. He is an exceptional leader, well organized, poised and thoughtful."

Following her remarks, Herrington was awarded the Meritorious Service Medal (gold star in lieu of the Third Award) for his exceptional performance as commanding officer from August



Hawaii Governor Linda Lingle awards the Meritorious Service Medal to Cmdr. Edward Herrington, commanding officer, USS Hawaii (SSN 776), during a change of command ceremony held at Naval Station Pearl Harbor on Jan. 7.

2007 to January 2010.

Herrington reflected on the many successes of his crew. "Like the great people we represent, USS Hawaii has a

true warrior mentality with a strong sense of ohana," he said. "We have great people

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USS Chung-Hoon welcomes Japanese dignitary



Cmdr. Mike McCartney, the commanding officer of the guided-missile destroyer USS Chung-Hoon (DDG 93), gives a tour of the ship's forecabin to Katsuya Okada, Japan Minister for Foreign Affairs. Okada toured Chung-Hoon to meet with Sailors and learn more about the ship.

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

Surface Navy Women's Symposium

Commander, Destroyer Squadron 31 has announced that the 2010 Surface Navy Women's Symposium will be held from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. on Jan. 19 at the Ford Island Conference Center. This year's symposium theme is "Developing, Encouraging and Leading a Total Workforce for the Future."

A social networking hour will be held from 4:30 to 5

p.m. The event will be focused on current issues, concerns and future initiatives applicable to the officer or enlisted women in the surface Navy.

Some of the discussion topics will include "Women and Leadership at Sea," Navy and Child Youth briefs and "Life and Work balance." The event will also be open to all Navy leadership that wishes

to attend. Lunch will be served at the conference center and attendees are encouraged to use this time to continue discussions, network and visit subject matter experts that will be on-site to take questions and provide information.

For more information, contact Lt. Amber Hopeman, Destroyer Squadron 31 Operations, at 357-5975.



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Cmdr. Lee Sisco relieved Cmdr. John Sager as commanding officer of the Los Angeles-class submarine USS Louisville (SSN 724) during a change of command ceremony held Jan. 8 at Naval Station Pearl Harbor.

Capt. Philip McLaughlin, commanding officer of USS Michigan (SSGN 727) (gold), was the guest speaker and praised Sager and his crew on their accomplishments on board Louisville.

"Louisville has had amazing challenges that she stood up to and executed brilliantly," said McLaughlin. "Cmdr. Sager, I want to congratulate you and your crew on a job well done. You have earned the reputation of 'best of the breed.'"

Following his remarks, Sager was awarded the Meritorious Service Medal (gold star in lieu of the third award) for his exceptional performance as commanding officer from March 2007 to January 2010.

Sager reflected on his time spent in command. "I will always have a part of 'best of the



Cmdr. John Sager is piped ashore after being relieved as commanding officer of Los Angeles-class attack submarine USS Louisville (SSN 724) by Cmdr. Lee Sisco during a change of command ceremony held Jan. 8 at Naval Station Pearl Harbor.

breed' within me," he said. "It has been an absolute pleasure being your commanding officer and sailing with each of you."

As Sisco assumed command of Louisville, he acknowledged the quality of the crew he was inheriting.

"You have impressed me with your level of commitment, professionalism and tactical and technical ability," said Sisco. "I look forward to sailing with you on this incredible warship."

Sager earned his commission through the Naval Reserve

Officers Training Corps at the University of South Florida in 1989, graduating with a bachelor of science degree in civil engineering.

His sea tours include USS Tennessee (SSBN 734) (blue), USS West Virginia (SSBN 736) (gold) and USS Connecticut (SSN 22). His awards include the Meritorious Service Medal (two awards), the Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal (three awards), the Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal (two awards) and additional unit awards.

Miller relieves Naman during Reuben James change of command ceremony

Ensign Kim Mai Pham

USS Reuben James (FFG 57)
Public Affairs

Cmdr. David Miller relieved Cmdr. Joseph Naman as commanding officer of USS Reuben James (FFG 57) during a change-of-command ceremony held Jan. 8 at Bravo Pier at Naval Station Pearl Harbor.

During the ceremony, Naman praised the crew of Reuben James for all of their efforts while he was in command of the ship.

"I've been blessed to command a great ship with the best crew I have served with in 20 years. This crew always gives 100 percent to accomplish the mission," said Naman. "Over the past two years, we have never failed to meet mission tasking and we have excelled in all areas. I've been successful because I have a crew that strives for the best in everything they attempt."

Reuben James Sailors had nothing but great things to say about Naman while he served as commanding officer.

"I admired his decisions in difficult situations," said Master-at-Arms 1st Class Darryl Robertson-Dias. "He was a fair and consistent commanding officer who had the crew's best interest in mind at all times while always



U.S. Navy photo by MC2 Robert Stirrup

Cmdr. David Miller walks through the side boys during a change of command ceremony on Jan. 8 for the Pearl Harbor-based guided-missile frigate USS Reuben James (FFG 57) at Bravo Pier on Naval Station Pearl Harbor. Miller relieved Cmdr. Joseph Naman as commanding officer of Reuben James.

pushing for mission accomplishment."

"It was an honor to serve under his command," said Lt. j.g. Juan Herrera. "He made it fun and exciting regardless of what the task may be, but more importantly, he always took care of his crew. He taught us how to do it right every time at any time."

During the ceremony, Naman was awarded the Meritorious Service Medal (gold star in lieu of the third award) for his exceptional performance from January 2008 to January 2010.

Naman earned his commission through the Naval Reserve Officers Training Corps at the University of

Auburn in 1989, graduating with a bachelor of science degree in aviation management.

Naman's personal awards include three Meritorious Service Medals, four Navy Commendation Medals and three Navy Achievement Medals.

Reuben James is a versatile, multi-mission warship, able to execute a variety of war fighting tasks for the nation.

Frigates fulfill a protection of shipping mission as anti-submarine warfare combatants for amphibious expeditionary forces, underway replenishment groups and merchant convoys.

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who make tremendous sacrifices serving their country on a daily basis."

Since assuming command in August 2007, Herrington has led the Hawaii to victory as it received the U.S. Coast Guard Meritorious Unit Commendation as well as the 2009 Submarine Squadron One Engineering E and the 2009 Submarine Squadron Four Damage Control DC.

As Mack assumed command of Hawaii, he also acknowledged the quality of the crew he was inheriting.

"To the warriors of Hawaii,

I have been impressed with your enthusiasm, esprit de corps, and high personal and professional standards," said Mack. "I look forward to sailing with you over the coming years."

Herrington earned his commission through the Naval Reserve Officers Training Corps at the Virginia Military Institute in 1989, graduating with a bachelor of science degree in civil engineering. His sea tours include USS Stonewall Jackson (SSBN 634)(Gold), USS Toledo (SSN 769), USS Narwhal (SSN 671) and USS Sea-

wolf (SSN 21). His awards include the Meritorious Service Medal (two awards), the Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal (five awards), the Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal (three awards) and additional unit awards.

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Keep your family safe: Practice operational security on social media

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Sailors and Navy families can keep safe on social media sites by practicing operational security, or OPSEC. Through OPSEC, potential adversaries are prevented from discovering critical information.

For the Navy, that includes information about where a ship is going and when it returns home. It also includes information about Sailors who deploy as individual augmentees.

Navy families may not know it, but they play a critical role in keeping Sailors safe. They can protect family and friends by protecting what they know of the day-to-day operations of their loved ones.

"Family members are vital to the success of the Navy," said Shauna Turner, manager of the deployment support program at the Fleet and Family Support Program. "But potential adversaries also understand this."

There are many countries and organizations that would like to harm Americans and degrade our influence in the world. It's possible, and not unprecedented, for spouses and family members of U.S. military personnel to be targeted for intelligence collection. This is true in the United States and especially true overseas.

Navy family members all know some bits of critical information. It may not be classified and it may even seem insignificant. But to the potential adversary, it's a piece of the puzzle.



Photo illustration by MC2 (SW) Mark Logico

Aviation Ordnance 1st Class Terrence Carr checks his Facebook page while an 'unknown assailant' gains access to the same page on the other side. Especially with the onset of social media sites such as Facebook and Twitter, the U.S. Navy continues to urge Sailors and families to practice operational security (OPSEC) wherever possible. Practicing good OPSEC prevents adversaries from discovering critical information about ship movement or deployment schedules.

When you post information for your family and friends, remember that the bad guys are constantly "data mining," searching the Internet for information on military operations.

Here are some guidelines to follow when communicating with people on social media. Don't post:

- Exact deployment dates or return dates. This applies to ships, subs, squadrons and individual augmentees.
- Dates or location of a ship's upcoming ports of call.
- Detailed information about a mission.
- References to trends in crew's morale or an individual's personal problems.
- Details concerning security procedures, response times or tactics.

- Information about equipment or lack thereof.
- Speculations about future operations.

"The main rule is to simply use common sense," Turner said. "Think before you post. Anything you post on social media, including photos, is instantly available around the world. When in doubt, don't post it."

Social media allows Sailors and Navy families to keep in contact like never before. It's a wonderful way to feel close to someone who is far away. Sailors and Navy families are encouraged to enjoy the connection that social media offers while practicing good OPSEC and keeping mindful of the risks presented with the widespread dissemination of information.

MCPON to Sailors: Be smart about online threats

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Sailors, family members and Navy commands are increasingly relying on social and emerging media to stay connected with those in their personal and professional lives.

Master Chief Petty Officer of the Navy (MCPON) (SS/SW) Rick D. West is chief among them.

More than 13,000 people from around the world have signed up to follow West on his Facebook page. The vast majority are Sailors, Navy family members and military supporters. It is important that the Navy family remain vigilant in not sharing potentially sensitive or secure information by any non-secure means – to include letters, email, telephone conversations or social media.

West has seen reports of potential threats to the Navy and said that while the country remains at war, clearly there are those who would want to glean information from anywhere they can get it to use against the Navy and the nation.

"What we say and where we say it has never been more important," said West. "Operational security [OPSEC] has to be stressed at every level and I'm going to make sure our Sailors understand that very clearly."

West said that he is consistently surprised at how effective social media has become in terms of getting quality information to the fleet. He's been particularly aggressive in using Facebook and Twitter to make Sailors and families aware of Navy and Department of Defense (DoD) initiatives such as wounded warrior care, the Post 9/11 GI Bill and sexual assault prevention.

There are threats, though, that he believes are real and potentially very dangerous. "Anyone who thinks our enemies don't monitor what our Sailors, families and commands are doing via the Internet and social media had better open their eyes," said West. "These sites are great for networking, getting the word out and talking about some of our most important family readiness issues, but our Sailors and their loved ones have to be careful with what they say and what they reveal about themselves, their families or their commands."

West said the Navy family needs to avoid discussing information about their units, such as location, schedules and specific missions or assets.

"That's standard OPSEC," said West. "But we're not talking about 'loose lips sinking ships' anymore; it's more than that. Our enemies are advanced and as technologi-

cally savvy as they've ever been. They're looking for personal information about our Sailors, our families and our day-to-day activities as well as ways to turn that information into maritime threats."

Sailors are getting it, said West. He said he bases that opinion on the feedback he receives at all hands calls and via social media, itself.

"If you have to wonder whether what you're about to type could be used against you or your shipmates and your family, you probably shouldn't say it," West said.

Information on the appropriate use of social media within the Navy is available at <http://www.chinfo.navy.mil/socialmedia.html>. DoD's social media hub has created videos and articles on the best practices for service members and their families when using social networking sites. These can be found at <http://socialmedia.defense.gov>. Likewise, a short presentation by Navy Public Affairs on privacy and safety of personnel participating on line can be found at <http://www.slideshare.net/USNavySocialMedia/us-navy-safe-and-effective-use-of-social-media>. More information regarding OPSEC can be obtained by Navy command personnel at <https://iweb.spawar.navy.mil/depts/d017/>.



Navy Region Hawaii Facebook: 321+ fans

Ensign Abigail Adams

Navy Region Hawaii Public Affairs

Poised to enter a new decade, Navy Region Hawaii has embraced a new realm of technology.

Yes, our ships are outfitted with the latest equipment and our submarines are so advanced we can't even talk about their gear, but what organization can say it is truly up with technology without the ultimate portal to the world? That's right, I mean Facebook.

On Nov.19, 2009, Navy Region Hawaii launched its Facebook Fan Page. At year's end, it had 300 fans from 17 countries in nine languages (including Pirate). The page is maintained by Navy Region Hawaii Public Affairs with the goal of providing you with up-to-the-minute information on what is happening in Hawaii on a day-to-day basis and in emergency situations.

Facebook gives us the ability to share pictures, videos, articles and events with you quickly and easily and alert you to updates on our official Web site, www.cnic.navy.mil/hawaii/, and the new Joint Base Pearl Harbor Hickam Web site, bit.ly/CNRH-fb10

More importantly, it lets you tell us what you want to know. In December, we posted pictures of the ships and subs were decked out for Commander Navy Region, Hawaii's holiday lighting competition and, of course, in-

quiring fans wanted to know who won. While this information is sent out to commands throughout the waterfront via naval message, it rarely makes it back to the families and we know you have as much pride in your ship as your Sailors. As soon as the results were released, we gave you the news and USS Cheyenne families sure did show their pride.

Families of deployed Sailors can also use the page as a way to support their loved ones and see pictures of the command's activities. Last week, one proud Navy mom posted, "Your family loves you and misses you and we are so proud of you and of the job all of you on the USS Chosin are doing! Love your sunset! From one proud Navy mom!"

We will also use Facebook and our Twitter, @NavRegHawaii, to keep you informed in emergency situations. Military installations learned a lot about the importance of social media tools during the Fort Hood shootings. On that tragic day, the Army went into action, using their official Twitter to keep the public and the media updated.

With this in mind, it is also vitally important that all users remember operational security when using Facebook and Twitter. We cannot discuss ship movements or other sensitive information, and neither should you, but we welcome you to post pictures and comments; it's your region!

A dream to remember...



Martin Luther King Jr. gives his classic "I Have a Dream" speech at the Lincoln Memorial. Each year many Americans pay tribute to the life of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Starting as a leader for the civil rights movement in the 1960s, King's interests soon widened to include the Vietnam War and American poverty. His plans for a poor people's march to Washington were stopped short on April 4, 1968 when he was shot and killed as he stood on a balcony of the Lorraine Motel in Memphis, Tenn. James Earl Ray, a career criminal, plead guilty to the murder and was convicted. In 1983, Congress approved a bill for a national holiday to honor King. The bill was quickly signed into law by President Ronald Reagan.

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Teen 'makes a wish,' visits Pearl Harbor ship

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Aaron Campbell, a young Canadian teenager battling cancer, had his wish granted when he recently visited USS Russell (DDG 59) a Navy commissioned warship homeported at Pearl Harbor, Hawaii.

His interests with the Navy began when a family friend recalled a story of how she as a teenager was working at an allied controlled port in Belgium during World War II and shook hands with General Dwight D. Eisenhower, the supreme allied commander and later the 34th president of the United States.

At first glance, Aaron seems to be the poster child for fitness and health. He stands a towering six foot three inches, with dark hair and a charming smile. He looks like a typical, energetic and vibrant 19-year-old. However, his medical record tells a different story.

For the past year, he has been in and out of the hospital for treatment with some visits lasting several weeks. Every day he faces the very real possibility he may not see another Christmas.



Aaron Campbell (foreground) and a college friend, Julian Wolf, visit the bridge of USS Russell (DDG 59) during a tour of various spaces on the ship. The Make-a-Wish Foundation granted Campbell's wish to visit a Navy ship in Hawaii, and the teen visited Pearl Harbor on Dec. 29, 2009.

On Dec. 29, 2009, the Make-a-Wish Foundation and the commander of Navy Region Hawaii granted his wish. The highlight of his visit was walking the decks of the guided missile destroyer Russell.

Amidst the bustle of a crew preparing for deployment the following week, Lt. Noble Hetherington, the ship's operations officer, provided a special tour for the entire Campbell family. They visited various

spaces including the pilot house, engineering control room, repair lockers, berthing and the mess deck. They were even treated to a full lunch in the wardroom prepared by the ship's culinary

specialists.

Aaron and his university chum, Julian Wolf, ate their fill of pumpkin pie and afterward, they went topside to explore the ship's weapons systems. Aaron, a first-year university student of mechanical engineering, remarked at the thinking that went into each destroyer to make it a formidable weapons platform. The smallest details from heat-reducing covers on the ship's exhaust to the diamond-shaped hand rails impressed him and he was even more awed at seeing up close the weapons on a United States Navy ship. As a budding engineer, he exclaimed at every site, "engineering is everywhere."

Following the tour, Aaron and his family were given a special tour of the historical sites around Pearl Harbor. They visited such important sites as Code Station Hypo, the Intel office where the Japanese code was broken alerting America to their plans to attack Midway Island, and the remnants of the first bomb crater of the Pearl Harbor attack. The tour ended with a visit to the Pacific Aviation Museum.

Aaron's admiration for the military stems from his grandparents' experiences in Nazi-occupied Holland during

World War II. He shared stories about how his grandfather was a student also studying mechanical engineering in Holland during the war. "He had several stories of having to escape the Nazis who regularly searched houses and patrolled trams in his city to find young men to be sent to work camps. He also helped to hide his Jewish neighbor while the house was searched," Aaron recalled.

"My oma's (grandmother) father owned the town printing shop and they traded supplies for food and other staples during the occupation of the Nazis. He printed the village's newspaper and was forced to make unwanted announcements and print headlines on the front page for special days (like Christmas and New Years) that gave greetings from the fuhrer."

Aaron smiled humbly, "Our freedom that we seem to take for granted, that includes freedom to move, speak and write. My grandpa and oma had their freedoms taken away to be given back by the Allied forces. So it is for the simple recognition of the fact that it is a good military that keeps us truly safe and free in this dangerous world, I applaud and respect the people who sacrifice for us," he added.

Resolve to be ready for emergencies in 2010

Dan DuBois

Emergency Manager, Naval Station Pearl Harbor

The new year is here, a time for making resolutions and setting goals. More than half of all Americans make New Year's resolutions. Quit smoking, lose weight and work out more all seem to make our lists.

Naval Station Pearl Harbor's emergency management department, along with Operation Prepare and Department of Homeland

Security, are asking you to add one more item to your list and "Resolve to be ready in 2010."

While it is wonderful to live in paradise, we still have to be prepared for what Mother Nature can throw at us. Hawaii is in the middle of the Pacific "ring of fire," so we need to prepare for earthquakes, volcanoes and tsunamis, not to mention the occasional hurricane. Being ready for these emergencies will help you to mitigate the surprises, speed your recovery and reduce your losses – not to mention regrets.

Basic services like electricity, water and sewage may be out for days or even a week after a disaster so it's important to have supplies on hand. Additionally, you and your family may not be together when an emergency occurs so it's important to plan ahead. How will you contact each other, how do you get back together, what will each family member do?

You and your family can do this with three simple steps: (1) Be informed, (2) have a plan and (3) make a kit. These are three simple

steps that you can take to make you better prepared to respond to one of Mother Nature's "curve balls."

There are great free resources out there on the world wide Web to help you prepare yourself and your family. Help is just a click away at the Navy's Operation Prepare https://www.cnic.navy.mil/CNIC_HQ_Site/OperationPrepare/index.htm and Homeland Security's www.Ready.gov Web sites.

Both sites are full of useful information to help you and your fam-

ily with templates to develop an emergency plan and supply lists to build your emergency kit. Ready.gov even has resources for children ages eight to 12 (Ready Kids) to help them get involved in planning.

Emergencies happen even in paradise, but taking action now can help you minimize the impact of an emergency on you and your family. Preparedness is a shared responsibility. Everyone has to play a role so "Resolve to be ready in 2010."

Pearl Harbor Highlights



(Left and below) Ashanti Douglas, R&B singer, visited USS Port Royal (CG 73) and its crew members on Jan. 5. She commented, "Wow, there is a way more to running a ship than I actually thought. I want to thank the crew for their dedication and hard work." After taking pictures with the crew and signing autographs, she visited the USS Arizona Memorial and Ford Island to pay respects to the brave men and women of World War II. "I couldn't help but feel proud at the tour and memorial after seeing the history of the Navy and learning about the modern day Navy, although I was sad to hear of the lives lost at Pearl Harbor and current ones for the war on terror," Ashanti said. Ashanti was in Hawaii to perform for New Year's Eve.

U.S. Navy photos by MC2 Robert Stirrup



U.S. Navy photo by MCC Josh Thompson
 Capt. Stanley Robertson, commander, Submarine Squadron One (CSS-1), presents Cmdr. Butch Dollaga, USS Charlotte (SSN 766) commanding officer, and STSCM (SS/SW) Ted Calcaterra, Charlotte chief of the boat, with the 2009 CSS-1 Battle Efficiency (Battle "E") award on Jan. 8. The award is given to the squadron's submarine crew that best demonstrates technical proficiency and continual mission readiness throughout the year. Robertson also presented Charlotte with the 2009 CSS-1 Tactical "T" award for tactical excellence and the Supply Blue "E" award for supply excellence.



Seabees from Construction Battalion Maintenance Unit 303 at Pearl Harbor prepare a pallet for mobile load onto an aircraft as part of an embarkation exercise conducted in December.

U.S. Navy photo by EA2 (SCW) Marshall Gault



The Battleship Missouri rests on the blocks in dry dock four at Pearl Harbor Naval Shipyard in preparation for undocking later in the morning of Jan. 7. The historic ship had just completed a three-month, \$18 million repair and maintenance period.

U.S. Navy photo by Marshall Fukuki

Pearl Harbor Naval Shipyard riggers, (from left), Steven Kamanawa and Joseph Baldauf III, and private contractor employees bring in a docking line during the undocking of the Battleship Missouri on Jan. 7.

U.S. Navy photo by Marshall Fukuki



Outlaws blow past Naval Maritime Forecast Center

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Naval Computer and Telecommunications Area Master Station, Pacific (NCTAMSPAC) Outlaws took an early lead and hung on to defeat Naval Maritime Forecast Center/Joint Typhoon Warning Center (NAFC/JTWC), 14-12, in a Morale, Welfare and Recreation Ashore Intramural Flag Football League contest at Ward Field, Naval Station Pearl Harbor on Jan. 12.

The game marked the return of intramural flag football after a four-week layoff for winter break.

While both teams got on the scoreboard in their first offensive drives, the two on-field combatants struggled as they shook off the rust from their time off.

The Outlaws got on the scoreboard first after taking the opening drive 80 yards for a touchdown.

Information Systems Technician 3rd Class Steven Gates, quarterback for the Outlaws, spread the ball around and connected with five different receivers in directing the nine-play drive to pay dirt.

The big play of the drive came in a 19-yard completion from Gates to Logistics Specialist 2nd Class



Information Systems Technician 3rd Class Steven Gates, quarterback for Naval Computer and Telecommunications Area Master Station, Pacific (NCTAMSPAC), avoids a rush by a Naval Maritime Forecast Center/Joint Typhoon Warning Center (NAFC/JTWC) defender during an Ashore Intramural Flag Football League contest at Ward Field, Naval Station Pearl Harbor on Jan. 12. Gates, along with a strong defensive effort by his teammates, led NCTAMSPAC to a 14-12 victory over NAFC/JTWC.

Traviyance Caple that put the ball on the six-yard line.

The catch set up the scoring pass, which came on the very next play, when Gates found Information Systems Technician 2nd Class Rahiem Penn, who caught the ball in the end zone off of a slant route.

NCTAMSPAC converted on the

point after touchdown (PAT) to take an early 7-0 lead.

After receiving the kickoff, Forecast Center got an ominous start in their first set of downs.

Starting at their own 15, Forecast Center opened its drive with a bad snap from center that sailed over the head of Lt. Mike Harris, the

team's QB, which pushed the team back to the two-yard line.

However, on second down, Harris rifled a strike to Aerographer's Mate 2nd Class Steve Joblon on the right sideline, who made the catch and sped past Outlaw defenders for a 78-yard catch-and-run for a touchdown.

The team failed on its PAT, but narrowed the score down to 7-6.

Prior to halftime, Gates fashioned another scoring drive. This time the Outlaws gunslinger completed five out of six passes in a 61-yard march that culminated on another scoring hookup to Penn.

Gates ran in the PAT to give NCTAMSPAC a 14-6 advantage going into intermission.

"We all have specific routes on each play," said Penn about catching two touchdowns. "I just ran the route that I was supposed to run and caught up with the ball."

In leading the two scoring drives, Gates said he was just taking what Forecast Center's defense allowed.

"I noticed that they had two backs on my receivers so that kind of took them out of play," said Gates. "I was just looking for weak spots in their defense and I found them."

In the second half, Forecast Center got two quick trips to the red zone, but was turned back each time by a

swarming Outlaws defense.

On its first threat, Forecast Center moved the ball 50 yards to the Outlaws' 15, but the drive ended following three straight incomplete passes.

Harris got the ball back for Forecast Center after intercepting a Gates pass and returning it to the Outlaws 15.

Still, the Outlaws defense stiffened and stopped Forecast Center just short of the end zone at the two-yard line.

Forecast Center did manage to post one final tally when Harris connected with Joblon on a three-yard strike with only 30 seconds remaining in the game.

"One of our receivers pulled a hamstring so kind of threw us off our rhythm," explained Harris about the team's red zone woes. "The time off was too much. None of us had seen each other for two weeks and there was no way that we were going to practice over the holidays."

After beating Forecast Center, the Outlaws immediately took the field again as they squared off against league leading Naval Station Pearl Harbor (NAVSTA) in the second game of a twin bill.

The Outlaws lost to NAVSTA, 27-0, and saw their record drop to 7-6. Forecast Center's mark stood at 3-11, while NAVSTA improved to 12-1.

Navy Sailors crow over revived tradition

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Fire Controlman 1st Class Daniel Brothers had an unexpected emersion into Navy tradition during frocking ceremonies at Defense Information Systems Agency Pacific Command (DISA-PAC), Wheeler Army Airfield, on Jan. 9.

Unlike previous advancements, where Brothers was just handed a new rating badge, this time the selectee was joined by fellow Sailors who invoked a seldom-used ritual that brought elements of the old Navy up to the present.

In a ceremony called "tacking on crows," a group of Sailors took turns at stitching on the new insignia to the left sleeve of Brothers' dress whites, while dispensing words of wisdom to help him navigate through his promotion. A crow is an unofficial Navy term for the petty officer rank logo, which includes an eagle above one to three chevrons, depending upon a Sailor's rate.

"This is the first time that I've seen it," said Brothers. "Before, they would just hand you your crow and read your appointment. This was a nice ceremony and sentiment."

Chief Information Systems Technician Melanie Williams said that she became intrigued by the tradition after she first witnessed it while she was deployed to Kuwait in 2008. After spending some time researching the background of the ritual, Williams said she couldn't wait to initiate the ceremony back in Hawaii.

"As chief petty officers, we're charged with instilling history and tradition," noted Williams. "So I thought that this was extremely appropriate."

Although Williams found it difficult to track down its history, she eventually dug up information stating that the



Yeoman 3rd Class Laura Nunez puts her sewing skills to the test as she adds a few stitches to the sleeve of Fire Controlman 1st Class Daniel Brothers' dress whites during a crow-tacking ceremony at Defense Information Systems Agency Pacific Command (DISA-PAC), Wheeler Army Airfield, on Jan. 9.

crow-tacking ceremony had its roots in the old sailing ships of the British Navy.

Because new uniforms or rating devices were hard to come by back then, petty officers would donate pieces of their uniforms to help welcome new petty officers to the rank.

As the ritual slowly evolved into a hazing rite, the altered form of the tradition became

outlawed by Navy regulations — nearly killing the ceremony in entirety.

"The tacking ceremony went away from what it was originally designed," said Senior Chief Information Systems Technician Yvette James. "Whenever that happens, there is a tendency to shut it down. But if you take responsibility and do it properly, I think it

can be brought back."

If done right, said Williams, the ceremony can be used as an uplifting event that not only immerses Sailors into the culture and legacy of the Navy, but could also give Navy personnel a sense of belonging.

"The first time I saw it, I thought it was awesome. I cried," recalled Williams. "As human beings, we value tradition and rites of passage. Because the Navy has been around since the beginning of our country, it's important to get back to our traditions. It gives you a sense of value and heritage, which makes you proud to be a Sailor."

Lt. Calvin Gates was also among the first timers that ever participated in the tacking of crows. He added that when you focus on the positive conventions of the Navy, it could only serve to build a stronger and more unified force.

"Traditions help strengthen who we are," he said. "In look-

ing forward, those traditions help maintain consistency. It has been the cornerstone of my career."

In agreeing with Gates, James added that she would like to see and be a part of more tacking-of-crow ceremonies in the future.

She believes that the blend of tradition with personal advancement is a perfect mixture to keep Sailors motivated and centered in their service to the Navy and to their country.

"I think this will resonate in their minds more than just saying, 'here's your certificate, shake your hand, take your picture and you're off on your own,'" said James. "There are very few times when a situation is all about a Sailor, and promotion is one of those times. Whatever you can do, as a leader, to make it a momentous occasion for them is very important. How fitting it is to have something for them that has tradition and history."

Diverse Views

What are your plans career wise in 2010?

Quartermaster 3rd Class
Sammy Sikich
Naval Station Pearl Harbor

"I plan on continuing my education and will hopefully complete my degree in history soon."

Machinist's Mate 2nd Class (SS)
Charles Wilson
USS Chicago (SSN 721)

"I'm trying to get my Officer Candidate School package together so I can become a supply officer."

Damage Controlman 2nd Class (SW)
Tim Myers
Naval Station Pearl Harbor, USS Arizona Detachment.

"Advancing to first class petty officer is my primary objective this year along with continuing college courses."

Hospital Corpsman 2nd Class (FMF)
Paul Barnachea
Commander, U.S. Pacific Fleet

"Continuing school is my first priority and becoming a first class petty officer is also a major goal that I will be trying to accomplish this year."

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. Today is the deadline to submit suggestions for names.

Hawaii Navy News, the Navy newspaper that now serves the Navy in Hawaii, and the Hickam Kukini, the Air Force newspaper which serves the Air Force community in Hawaii, 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 today.

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 North Carolina to be homeported at Pearl Harbor

MC2 Ronald Guttridge

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

Commander Submarine Force, U.S. Pacific Fleet Rear Adm. Douglas McAneny has announced that USS North Carolina (SSN 777) will be the third Virginia-class submarine homeported at Naval Station Pearl Harbor, arriving this summer.

North Carolina will join fellow Virginia-class submarines, USS Hawaii (SSN 776) and USS Texas (SSN 775), at Submarine Squadron One. North Carolina's keel was laid on May 22, 2004 and the submarine's official commissioning ceremony was held on May 3, 2008.

Measuring 377 feet long and weighing 7,800 tons when submerged and with a comple-



ment of more than 130 crew members, it is the fifth ship to be named in honor of the 'tar heel state.' North Carolina's crew is excited to represent its namesake state both at home and abroad.

The state-of-the-art submarine is capable of supporting a multitude of missions, including anti-submarine warfare, anti-surface ship warfare, strike, naval special warfare involving special operations forces, intelligence, surveillance, and reconnaissance, irregular warfare and mine warfare.

Recognizing the importance of the Asia-Pacific region and the increased threat posed by the proliferation of submarines in the western Pacific, the 2006 Quadrennial Defense Review mandated that 60 percent of the U.S. Navy's submarines be homeported in the Pacific by the end of 2010.



U.S. Navy photo by LS2 (SW) Kristian Fabian

Sailors from Navy Information Operations Command (NIOC), Hawaii volunteered their time to help at the Waipahu Outreach Homeless Shelter during the recent holiday season.

NIOC Sailors volunteer at Waipahu Shelter during holidays

CT12 Theresa M Buitron

Navy Information Operations Command, Hawaii

Many people flocked to the stores and the malls to catch some after Christmas sales on Dec. 26 and to return the gifts that did not fit them quite right. But Logistics Specialist 2nd Class (SW) Kristian Fabian and 10 other Sailors from Navy Information Operations Command (NIOC), Hawaii headed to the Waipahu Outreach Homeless Shelter to serve dinner and spread holiday cheer to almost 2,000 local residents in need.

Arriving around 5 p.m., Fabian and his fellow shipmates started off the evening by handing out candies, sodas and juices, and other

goodies to the crowds of people who came to the shelter. The Sailors helped to keep things organized, maintaining crowd control for the hundreds of people who were in line. Then they moved on to assist the shelter workers with meal preparations and helped serve dinner.

The shelter staff and the people who came for the dinner were very grateful to the Sailors who helped with the event. "It felt good to know that people were glad we were there, that they were grateful to see military service members caring about the community," said Cryptologic Technician (Interpretive) 3rd Class Kyle Daniel. "I hope that we were able to provide the people with a sense of giving during the holidays and

hopefully, had a positive impact on their way of life."

After dinner, the attention turned to the children who came to the shelter that evening. The Sailors handed out donated toys to the almost 1,000 children. "The children really liked us being there," said Fabian, "It was a great turnout. All the volunteers really had their work cut out for them, providing for so many."

The event instilled in the Sailors a deep sense of compassion for those who may not have had much to celebrate the holiday season. "This was the best thing to do at Christmastime," said Fabian. "I didn't have my family here so it was great to be able to share this time of giving with others."

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Jan. 28 – Battleship Missouri Memorial reopening

Feb. 4 – Joint Base Pearl Harbor/Hickam IOC

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Seabee 5K, 10K and 1-mile Keiki Run

Seabees of Construction Battalion Maintenance Unit 303 Detachment at Naval Station Pearl Harbor are holding a 5K and 10K starting at 8 a.m. Feb. 6. Both the 5K and 10K runs will start at the flagpole in front of building 150 on Naval Station Pearl Harbor, adjacent to the Bravo pier. A one-mile keiki run will begin at 7 a.m. and all participants will start and finish at Ward Field on Naval Station Pearl Harbor. The entry fee is \$20 and non-refundable. The run is open to the public. Registration is available online at www.active.com. For more information, call Lt. Steve Slaby at 474-6895 or e-mail at stephen.slaby@navy.mil.



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Park Service announces schedule, what's available at USS Arizona Memorial

National Park Service, USS Arizona Memorial Visitor Center

Regular boat tours to the USS Arizona Memorial will not be operating on the following dates: Jan. 15 and Feb. 1-5. The boat tours are being suspended during these dates due to construction work on the boat docks.

However, all other visitor center facilities and programs will be open, including the visitor center theater, museum, bookstore, interpretive exhibit panels and audio tours.

During this time, visitors may still enjoy the following visitor center facilities and programs:

USS Arizona Memorial Visitor Center theater

Visitors may secure tickets to view a 23-minute documentary film depicting the attack on Pearl Harbor. Showings begin every 15 minutes with the first showing starting at 8 a.m. and last showing starting at 3 p.m. Tickets are free and available

on a first-come, first-served basis at the USS Bowfin Submarine Museum and Park ticket office which is located adjacent to the USS Arizona Memorial Visitor Center. Reservations are not accepted. The documentary is normally part of the regular USS Arizona Memorial program tour.

USS Arizona Memorial Museum

The museum at the visitor center is filled with exhibits that give visitors a sense of the magnitude of the attack on Pearl Harbor. National archives, personal collections and even film from Japanese pilots yield an array of dramatic pictures of the attack in progress.

Live WebCam of USS Arizona Memorial

Visitors may still view the interior of the USS Arizona Memorial via a special monitor set up in the museum, showing live images from a webcam positioned onboard the memorial.

USS Arizona Memorial Visitor Center book store

The bookstore offers visitors a rare opportunity to take home some of the rich history of this place and carries an extensive selection of material and memorabilia documenting the life of the USS Arizona, the attack on Pearl Harbor and the war that followed.

Interpretive exhibit panels

A series of exhibit tablets invite visitors to imagine the experience of that tragic day, by superimposing descriptive images of Pearl Harbor as it was in 1941 across the panorama of the busy port as it appears today. Pictured landmarks and explanations are interspersed with historic anecdotes and facts.

Audio tours

For visitors interested in a narrated tour, an audio headset is available for rent at the visitor center front lobby. The one-hour audio tour is narrated by Academy Award-winning actor and U.S. Navy WWII veteran, Ernest Borgnine and takes visitors to 24 destinations, including the museum.

About the USS Arizona Memorial Visitor Center

Currently, the USS Arizona Memorial Visitor Center is undergoing a \$58 million replacement and expansion of its facilities and campus. The visitor center will remain open during the two-year construction period with a grand opening celebration scheduled for December 2010.

The visitor center is open from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. every day except Thanksgiving, Dec. 25 and New Year's Day, with USS Arizona Memorial program tours beginning every 15 minutes, and the last program starting at 3 p.m. Admission is free and tours are given on a first-come, first-served basis. Reservations are not accepted.

For more information, access recorded information at 422-0561. To reach a National Park Service representative, call 422-2771, ext. 119. The Web site address for the World War II Valor in the Pacific National Monument is: www.nps.gov/valr/.

Navy Region Hawaii



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Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam plans open house and town hall meeting

A Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam (JBPHH) open house and town hall meeting will be held from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Jan. 26 at the Hickam J.R. Rockers Enlisted Club. The open house will provide JBPHH information for many of the Air Force and Navy functions that will be transitioning to create the new joint base.

Everyone is invited, including military and civilian NAF and APF employees, residents, contractors and tenant commands.

There will be a one-hour town hall meeting conducted from 1 to 2 p.m. with Capt. Richard Kitchens, commanding officer of Naval Station Pearl Harbor who is the prospective joint base commander, and Col Giovanni Tuck, commander of 15th Airlift Wing at Hickam Air Force Base, they will be on hand to answer questions.

For the purpose of timeliness, please email any questions in advance to lanaster_vickie@bah.com by Jan. 22.