

## USS Chosin returns from deployment



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### Navy Region Hawaii Public Affairs

The Pearl Harbor-based, guided missile cruiser USS Chosin (CG 65) returned Thursday from deployment in the western Pacific.

USS Chosin is commanded by Capt. Timothy Smith

and has a crew of 370 officers and enlisted personnel. Additionally, Helicopter Anti-Submarine Squadron Light (HSL) Detachment 5 has 30 officers and enlisted personnel embarked.

As air defense commander for Carrier Strike

Group 11, Chosin supported 97 fly days including 2,632 combat sorties into Afghanistan.

As maritime regional air defense commander for U.S. 5th Fleet area of operations, Chosin executed airspace control operations, controlling more than 33,000 coal-

ition aircraft sorties in support of Operations Enduring Freedom, Iraqi Freedom and counter-piracy operations in the Horn of Africa.

A planned change-of-command took place March 18, prior to the ship's return to Pearl Harbor. Smith

was relieved by Capt. Dave Sheridan.

U.S. Navy guided missile cruisers perform primarily in a battle force role. These ships are multi-mission air warfare (AW), undersea warfare (USW), naval surface fire support (NSFS) and surface warfare (SUW)

combatants capable of supporting carrier strike groups, amphibious forces, or of operating independently and as flagships of surface action groups.

For more information about USS Chosin, visit [www.chosin.navy.mil](http://www.chosin.navy.mil).

## NMCRS fund drive kicks off in Hawaii

Story and photo by MC2 (AW) Eric J. Cutright

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Navy-Marine Corps Relief Society (NMCRS) began its annual fundraiser this year by holding briefings at Sharkey Theater at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam on March 12.

Sailors assigned as key persons by their respective commands attended the event to pick up their supplies and to learn more about their roles and how the NMCRS helps Sailors in a crisis situation.

NMCRS offers financial assistance to Sailors and Marines by providing them with budget counseling, or by offering grants and interest-free loans.

"We use the money that is raised in these funddrives to provide services to Sailors and Marines who require financial assistance," said Paul Belanger, director of NMCRS Pearl Harbor. "Navy-Marine Corps Relief Society is sort of a safety valve. Everybody is going to face some kind of emergency at some point in their lives. It might be the car breaking down, unexpected medical expenses or a death in the family. Navy-Marine Corps Relief Society allows us to help service members deal with these financial crises," explained Belanger.

Designated key persons are in charge of contacting their Sailors and Marines and informing them about NMCRS and how they can make do-



Rear Adm. Dixon Smith, commander, Navy Region Hawaii and commander, Naval Surface Group Middle Pacific, addresses Sailors during the Navy Marine Corps Relief Society (NMCRS) fund drive kick-off at Sharkey Theater at Joint Base Pearl Harbor - Hickam on March 12. The Sailors that attended the event were designated as key persons selected from various tenant commands. The NMCRS fund-drive will take place from March 15 until April 16 this year at Pearl Harbor.

nations. Last year, NMCRS Pearl Harbor collected approximately \$452,468, but offered \$672,000 in financial assistance, according to its Web site. This year, NMCRS is asking Sailors to try to donate \$5 per month to help exceed last year's donations.

Belanger also clarified how accessible NMCRS is for service members in need, addressing the fact that some individuals felt they would never get help.

"Last year, Navy-Marine Corps Relief Society saw more than 2,000 clients and of all the clients that we

saw, only 18 were turned down for financial assistance," said Belanger, stating the high rate of approval for financial aid.

"Typically, clients are denied assistance because what they are asking for is something that is completely outside of our policy, or it could just be that it's a want versus a need situation," said Belanger.

NMCRS Pearl Harbor's fund-drive will be held from March 15 until April 16 this year. For more information on NMCRS Pearl Harbor, visit <http://www.pixi/~nmcrshi/index.htm>.



U.S. Navy photo by William R. Goodwin

## NAVSTA wins 4th Adm. Elmo R. Zumwalt Award

MC2 Robert Stirrup

Navy Region Hawaii Public Affairs

Vice Adm. Michael C. Vitale, commander, Navy Installations Command, honored Naval Station (NAVSTA) Pearl Harbor along with other naval installations' Navy Gateway Inns and Suites (NGIS) by awarding them with the

coveted Adm. Elmo R. Zumwalt Award for housing and lodging management. The awards ceremony was held March 11 at the West- in Virginia Beach Town Center in Virginia Beach, Va.

NAVSTA Pearl Harbor has now won the Zumwalt Award for the fourth consecutive year.

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## Exercise Solid Curtain/Citadel Shield to take place March 22-26

Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, along with Pacific Missile Range Facility on Kauai and Navy Region Hawaii, will participate in the largest anti-terrorism/force protection exercise conducted nationwide, Exercise Solid Curtain/Citadel Shield

2010, from March 22-26.

This annual exercise is designed to enhance the training and readiness of Navy security personnel to respond to threats to installations and units. Solid Curtain/Citadel Shield 2010 is not in response to any specific

threat, but is a regularly-scheduled exercise. This is the first year Hawaii will be participating.

Measures have been taken to minimize disruptions to normal base operations, but there may be times when the exercise causes increased traffic around bases

or delays in base access. Area residents may also see increased security activity associated with the exercise.

Exercise notifications will be communicated through various mass notification channels, including Joint Base Television

and Giant Voice, a base-wide public address notification system.

For more information about Solid Curtain/Citadel Shield 2010, contact Grace Hew Len, Navy Region Hawaii Public Affairs Office, at 473-2926.



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U.S. Navy photo by Ensign Christopher Post

Scott T. Harrison, a senior vice president for the Royal Bank of Scotland, and more than 150 other civilians learn about weapons training aboard USS Chafee (DDG 90) during the ship's family cruise March 12. Harrison was one of nine guests of the Honolulu Council of the Navy League invited to participate in the day-long cruise.

## USS Chafee invites Navy Leaguers on family cruise

**Bill Doughty**

*Navy Region Hawaii/ Naval Surface Group Middle Pacific Public Affairs*

Nine Honolulu Navy League guests were among 152 civilians, including many family members of the crew, who embarked USS Chafee (DDG 90) for a family cruise out of Pearl Harbor on March 12.

As guests of Chafee commanding officer, Cmdr. Heedong Choi, visitors toured the Aegis destroyer, saw live-fire demonstrations, and were treated to a "steel beach picnic" on the fantail. Chafee departed Pearl Harbor on Friday morning, cruised out into blue water and looped back in the afternoon, passing Diamond Head and Waikiki. Navy League representatives told Choi how impressed they were with the courtesy shown by members of the crew throughout the cruise.

"Every single person, the sense of pride that they showed to us, it resonated very well," said Roger Evans of the Hon-

olulu Council of the Navy League and executive director of the Public Employees Management Association of Hawaii.

"I'm overwhelmed by the outward politeness and 'Can I help you' attitude. Impressive," Evans added.

Chafee crew members served as guides and answered visitors' questions. They explained equipment and procedures, served lunch and conducted a martial arts demonstration.

Coincidentally, a re-enlistment ceremony was held on the bridge for Quartermaster 1st Class (SW) Charles Hughes, whose wife Acadia Hughes was aboard and witnessed the re-enlistment. Earlier, she also observed her husband help move the ship out of Pearl Harbor as assistant navigator.

"My job was to get the ship out of the harbor safely," said Hughes shortly after his re-enlistment. "As the senior quartermaster on board, I'm allowed to help take the ship out and make recommendations to the captain."

His wife said, "It was pretty impressive to see him calling

out each coordinate. It was definitely something you have to see to appreciate."

Choi spoke to Navy League guests Evans, Dean Green and Scott Harrison about the ship's namesake, Sen. John H. Chafee, Secretary of the Navy from 1969 to 1972, elected to the Senate in 1976.

"The ship is named for Senator John Chafee, who held degrees from Yale and Harvard Law School. He fought in World War II with the Marines, and he fought in the Korean War," said Choi, who was born in Inchon, Korea and whose family immigrated to the United States when Choi was an infant.

"During the Korean War, Senator Chafee was a Marine who fought for my freedom," said Choi. "There's not a day that goes by that I don't think of the reputation of this ship."

USS Chafee is an Arleigh Burke-class destroyer and is part of the U.S. Pacific Fleet, assigned to Commander Destroyer Squadron 31 as part of Commander Naval Surface Group Middle Pacific, homeported at Pearl Harbor.

## Memories of 9/11 from a Pearl Harbor perspective

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As Scott T. Harrison stood on the starboard side of USS Chafee (DDG 90) on the ship's family cruise March 12, he watched intently as the ship passed the USS Arizona Memorial and Battleship Row, on its way out of the harbor.

Harrison, a senior vice president for the Royal Bank of Scotland and guest of the Honolulu Navy League, thought of Dec. 7, 1941 as the ship passed through the site of the surprise attack that started WWII in the Pacific. And, he remembered Sept. 11, 2001.

On 9/11, Harrison was a futures analyst for Cantor Fitzgerald. He was on the trading floor of the Chicago Mercantile Exchange and on the phone with company employ-

ees in New York in the World Trade Center.

The company's offices were on the 101-104 floors, Harrison said, only several floors above where the first plane hit. His co-workers were trapped.

"Just three weeks before, I had met with them before they went to New York, mostly interns, young kids at work. Everyone who was at work was lost."

Leaving from Pearl Harbor aboard a U.S. Navy warship, one that was sometimes in the hunt for Osama Bin Laden and other terrorists, Harrison said, "It's a surreal experience, to think of the most vulnerable times in our nation's history and to be on one of the most prepared ships in the Navy..."

He added, "It makes you appreciate what our Navy does so that we can sleep peacefully at night."

Chafee is assigned to Commander Destroyer Squadron

31 as part of Commander Naval Surface Group Middle Pacific, U.S. Pacific Fleet.

According to Chafee's Web site, "The U.S. Navy's most advanced and powerful ship, the mission of an Arleigh Burke-class Aegis destroyer is to conduct prompt, sustained combat operations at sea in support of national policy."

Operating with aircraft carrier strike groups, Chafee can be called upon to conduct a variety of missions in support of national military strategy.

"From peacetime presence and crisis management to sea control and power projection, we will be capable of carrying out air warfare (AW), undersea warfare (UW), surface warfare (SW), strike warfare (SW) and air control warfare operations in extreme, multi-threat environments."

## Register for WAAN today

**Grace Hew Len**

*Navy Region Hawaii Public Affairs*

NMCI users are urged to register for the Shore Wide Area Alert Network (WAAN) to enable a critical alert notification capability at their workstation. WAAN provides Navy installations with an effective and reliable mass notification system that can be used during a crisis to warn affected personnel.

The WAAN system includes a computer desktop notification system (CDNS) and an automated telephone notification system. All NMCI users who log on to their computers via a common access card are automatically registered for CDNS messages. However, to receive notifications via email and telephone, NMCI users must manually register their emergency contact information. It is strongly recommended that users register work, home and cell phone numbers and email addresses in WAAN.

"It is very important that people register so that when an emergency happens on the base,

they can be informed and know what actions to take," said Dennis Siler of Navy Region Hawaii's emergency management office. Of the more than 21,000 NMCI computers in the Hawaii region, only about 5,100 are currently registered, noted Siler.

Registration is easy and takes only a few minutes:

1. Right-click on the AtHoc Self Service client (Purple Globe) icon in the user's system tray which is in the bottom right corner of most NMCI screens.

2. Select "Access Self Service" from the pop up menu.

3. The AtHoc Self Service client will open. Select the "My Info" tab and update your last name, first name and display name and select "save." Do not enter PIN information.

4. Select the "devices" tab and enter your emergency contact information in the appropriate fields and select "save."

For information or assistance on WAAN, contact Carlos Mercado, Navy Region Hawaii regional operations center manager, at 473-1897 or email carlos.mercado1.ctr@navy.mil.

# Women's History Month event honors historical contributions of female leaders

Story and photo by Blair Martin

Contributing Writer

Commander Navy Region Hawaii (CNRH) and Naval Surface Group Mid-Pacific (COMNAVSURFGRU MID-PAC) hosted a Women's History Month celebration on March 16 at Lockwood Hall Lanai.

Approximately 125 people were in attendance for the celebratory event, coordinated by the Equal Employment Opportunity (EEO) office, honoring the 30th anniversary of Women's History Month.

Lacy Lynn, EEO specialist and Federal Women's Program special emphasis manager, said it was important to honor the notable contributions women have made to our nation's history.

"This is the 30th anniversary of Women's History Month, so it is important that we take time out of our schedules to recognize the contributions of women," she said. "We wanted to keep in step with that tradition and hopefully have a ceremony that honors all of our nation's women."

The event also included several musical compositions performed by members of the Pacific Fleet Band that comprised a "woodwind quintet." The most notable music selection performed was "America, the Beautiful," whose lyrics came from American poet and songwriter Katharine Lee Bates.

Capt. Patricia Cole, commanding officer at Naval Computer and Telecommunications Area Master Station Pacific



Captain Patricia Cole, Commanding Officer at Naval Computer and Telecommunications Area Master Station Pacific (NCTAMS PAC) offers her remarks during a March 16 Women's History Month celebration ceremony at Lockwood Hall Lanai. Cole served as guest speaker for the event, commemorating the 30th anniversary of Women's History Month.

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"I recognize that I am in a position of significant responsibility and authority," she said. "Many years ago, I realized the importance of coming forward and being visible, so I can hopefully inspire younger women to also want to achieve all they can and reach their full potential."

Cole offered remarks during the ceremony about this year's theme, "Writing Women Back into History."

"In a country with as rich a cultural history and achievement as ours, there are plenty of examples to stir the hearts

and minds of young people, male and female alike," she said during her speech. "First, you have to be aware of those contributions. But until very recently, it has [only] been the history of men."

Cole reflected on the many historical female figures in the military and in American history, including Mary E. Walker, the only female Medal of Honor recipient, Rosa Parks and Queen Elizabeth I.

In fact, Cole noted the historical impact Queen Elizabeth had during her 45-year reign as the Queen of England by referencing a famous speech she gave in 1588 to inspire her troops to defeat

the Spanish Armada.

"This was a woman who was expected to stay in the palace where it was safe, but she wanted to get out there and lead her troops," said Cole. "She wanted to fill them with inspiration for the daunting task they had before them."

Cole concluded her speech with a personal story about an encounter she had with a woman in Bahrain during one of her many Navy deployments. The woman was dressed in an abaya, a common garment worn by women in Muslim countries.

"What really unsettled me was it was in July and you could not see a single square inch of her skin at all," she said. "I've lived in five different countries and traveled to dozens more, but it was the most surreal experience I've ever had. The women of Saudi Arabia were invisible and made deliberately to be so. I completed this whole experience with a renewed appreciation for the opportunities and freedoms that I have enjoyed as an American woman," Cole said.

Her main advice for women of all ages is to seize the opportunities given to them, no matter how scary they seem at first.

"Many times as women, we tell ourselves, 'I am not qualified' or 'I can't do that,'" she said. "But believe the people who are telling you, 'yes, you can do this.' Most of the things I've been able to accomplish, I never would have thought possible if I didn't have a little push in the right direction."

# Wings of gold

Naval History and Heritage Command

Women's naval aviation starts here, with the commissioning of Barbara Allen Rainey. Her story is worth remembering and repeating during Women's History Month 2010.

On June 22, 1995, President Bill Clinton spoke at Arlington National Cemetery on the occasion of the groundbreaking ceremony for the Women in Military Service for America Memorial.

Appropriately, at the groundbreaking, the commander-in-chief remembered Lt. Cmdr. Barbara Allen Rainey, the mother of two daughters and the Navy's first female aviator, tragically the victim of a training crash.

"Her story," said Clinton "reminds us that even in peacetime, those who wear the uniform face danger every day. Now she rests just behind me in the quiet of these sacred grounds."

A mere 21 years earlier at Naval Air Station (NAS) Corpus Christi, Texas, another in the long line of officers, Lt.j.g Barbara Allen Rainey received the wings of gold of a naval aviator. Yet, on this day, Feb. 22, 1974, that designation was unlike any before her because she became the first female naval aviator in history.

Those that followed Rainey have reached heights previously thought unattainable, including flying combat missions from the decks of aircraft carriers, commanding squadrons, and launching into outer space as Space Shuttle astronauts. Tragically, this woman, upon whose shoulders these outstanding women pilots stand, did not live to see the dreams of her gender increasingly fulfilled.

On July 13, 1982, while flying as an instructor in a T-34C Mentor from Naval Air Station, Whiting Field, Fla., Rainey crashed while avoiding another aircraft during touch and go landings at an outlying field. Both she and her student, Ensign Donald Bruce Knowlton, were killed.

Today women in the United States Navy serve in nearly every capacity - on ships, in the air and at the various command facilities and bases. Their contribution to the operational Navy is no longer an oddity; it is a necessity for the Navy to do its business in defense of the nation.

*This week in*  
**NAVAL HISTORY**

*March 16*

- 1911 - Hulk of USS Maine is sunk with full military honors at sea in deep water.
- 1945 - Iwo Jima is declared secure.
- 1966 - Launch of Gemini 8. Former naval aviator Neil Armstrong flew on this mission which completed seven orbits in 10 hours and 41 minutes at an altitude of 161.3 nautical miles. Recovery was by USS Leonard F. Mason (DD-852).

*March 17*

- 1898 - USS Holland, first practical submarine, is launched.
- 1942 - United States Naval Forces Europe is established to plan joint operations with British.
- 1958 - Navy Vanguard rocket launches 3.25 pound sphere from Cape Canaveral.
- 1959 - USS Skate (SSN-578) surfaces at North Pole.

*March 18*

- 1945 - Carriers begin three-month Okinawa Campaign by destroying aircraft on Kyushu, Japan.
- 1974 - Navy is sent to sweep mines from Suez Canal.

*March 19*

- 1898 - USS Oregon departs San Francisco for 14,000-mile trip around South America to join U.S. squadron off Cuba.
- 1917 - Navy Department authorizes enrollment of women in Naval Reserve with ratings of yeoman, radio electrician or other essential ratings.
- 1942 - Secretary of the Navy gives Civil Engineering Corps command of Seabees.
- 2003 - Operation Iraqi Freedom begins with Tomahawk strikes from Navy ships and submarines.

## Navy's first sea-going WAVES

Photo by Navy Historical Center

Chief of Naval Personnel Vice Adm. James L. Holloway Jr. signs the orders, directing the first sea-going WAVES to sea, at the Pentagon on Aug. 19, 1953. Director of the U.S. Navy's WAVES, Capt. Louise K. Wilde, is pictured far right and Deputy Surgeon General Rear Adm. Clarence J. Brown is pictured far left, looking on during the signing. The first sea-going WAVES (pictured from left to right) are Hospital Corpsman 2nd Class Eileen Paluzzi, Hospital Corpsman 3rd Class Marie A. Myers and Hospital Corpsman 3rd Class Mavia Cain.

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# Sailors swim, run Fort DeRussy Biathlon

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Three Pearl Harbor Sailors participated in the 12th Annual Fort DeRussy Biathlon and Keiki Run-Swim-Run on March 6.

Lt. Erin Quay, Yeoman 2nd Class Maxine Turner and Yeoman 3rd Class Daniel J. Rodriguez of Commander Naval Surface Group Middle Pacific (MIDPAC) participated in the biathlon at Fort DeRussy. Rodriguez placed first in the male 20-to-24 age group.

Sponsored by Hale Koa Hotel, the Fort DeRussy Biathlon and Keiki Run-Swim-Run is a yearly event that offers keiki (children) races with distances determined by age and two types of adult races: the short and long courses.

Beginning at 7 a.m., more than 250 people ranging from six to 85 years old, participated in the event. Rodriguez and Turner took the short course, which is a 2.5 kilometer run and 500-meter swim along Waikiki beach, while Quay took the long course, which is a five-kilometer run followed by a



one-kilometer swim.

"Overall it was difficult and challenging," said Rodriguez. "It was definitely hard for me seeing that I didn't train or anything. I just signed up a couple of days prior to the race."

Rodriguez said that the actual crossing of the finish line and breaking from the water to the shore were the most memorable parts of the whole race for him.

"Finishing the race was cool," said Rodriguez. "It was definitely an accomplishment. I didn't think that I would finish at all because the water was the hardest part for me."

Rodriguez said he felt delirious coming out of the water, but as soon as he saw the finish line he decided to push through.

"Even when the going gets tough, you just push through it," said Rodriguez. "You keep on going. Perseverance is key."

Yeoman 3rd Class Daniel Rodriguez runs a lap around Ward Field at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam as part of Commander Navy Region Hawaii and Commander Naval Surface Group Middle Pacific physical training on March 18. Rodriguez recently placed first in his age group at the 12th Annual Fort DeRussy Biathlon.

## Federal Census 2010: Be counted, but be cautious

Dr. Philip R. Breeze

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Hickam

The once-a-decade nationwide headcount has begun. Census Bureau workers have been knocking on doors, collecting address information for the past few weeks, and census forms are beginning to arrive in people's mailboxes.

The Census Bureau, a branch of the Department of Commerce, hopes to have the bulk of the forms returned by April 1. Beginning in April and continuing through July, census workers will be going door-to-door to gather miss-

ing or incomplete information.

If a U.S. Census worker knocks on your door, he or she will have a badge with the Department of Commerce (DoC) logo on it, a handheld computer and a Census Bureau canvas bag with the DoC logo. You should ask to see their identification and badge before answering any questions. Never invite anyone you don't know into your home.

Do not give your social security number, credit card or banking information to anyone, even if they claim they need it for the U.S. Census. Anyone asking for that information is not with the Census Bureau. Additionally, census employees

will not solicit donations.

While you may be asked for basic financial information, such as a salary range, you are not required to answer anything about your financial situation. You really need only to tell them how many people live at your address.

Eventually, census workers may contact you by telephone, mail or in person at home. However, the Census Bureau will not contact you by e-mail. Do not click on a link or open any attachments in an e-mail that appears to be from the Census Bureau.

If you have questions, call the Waianae census office at 697-7220, or the Honolulu office at 535-0920.

## KHON (FOX) TV 2 Hawaii Navy News upcoming segments

March 25 – Pearl Harbor Naval Shipyard Apprentice and Job Fair

April 1 – Child Abuse Prevention Month

April 8 – Individual augmentees

April 15 – YN1 Harper, LDO program, Navy mentorship

April 22 – Earth Day 2010 – 40-year anniversary

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# Pearl Harbor Highlights

(Right) Members of the U.S. Marine Corps Silent Drill Platoon perform at Ward Field on Joint Base Pearl Harbor Hickam. The U.S. Marine Corps Battle Color Detachment is currently performing in areas throughout the Pacific on March 12.

U.S. Navy photo by MC2 Robert Stirrup

(Below) Members of the U.S. Marine Corps Drum & Bugle Corps perform 'Music in Motion' at Ward Field on Joint Base Pearl Harbor Hickam on March 12.

U.S. Navy photo by MC2 Robert Stirrup



(Right) Hawaii Governor Linda Lingle is piped through the side boys after attending the retirement ceremony of Lt. Cmdr. Majelle Stevenson, Civil Engineering Corps, on March 11 at Pearl Harbor Naval Shipyard. Lingle presented Stevenson with a letter of appreciation from the state of Hawaii for her 20 years of service in the U.S. Navy.

U.S. Navy photo by MC2 Ronald Cutridge



(Left) TriWest Healthcare Alliance gives a \$15,000 donation to the Navy Marine Corps Relief Society (NMCRS) Pearl Harbor on March 17. From left to right: Vice President of TriWest Hawaii Operations, Karl Kiyokawa; Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam Chief of Staff, Capt. Lawrence Scruggs; Director of NMCRS, Paul Belanger and Vice President of TriWest External Affairs, Scott Celley.

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

(Left) Family members and guests of USS Chafee (DDG 90) learn about firearms and safety during a family cruise March 12. Nine Honolulu Navy League guests were among 152 civilians, including many family members of the crew, who embarked. Visitors toured the Aegis destroyer, saw live-fire demonstrations, and were treated to a "steel beach picnic" on the fantail. The ship passed by Diamond Head and Waikiki on the way back to its homeport.

U.S. Navy photo by Ensign Christopher Post



# We Fix Ships overhauls Chung-Hoon

Story and photo by  
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After a slow start, We Fix Ships (WFS), a team that is mainly comprised of Navy divers from Pearl Harbor Naval Shipyard & Intermediate Maintenance Facility, repaired its attack to score four goals in the second half to defeat USS Chung-Hoon (DDG 93), 5-2, in an Intramural Soccer League game at Ward Field, Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, on March 13.

Clinging to a 1-0 advantage at intermission, Lt. j.g. Keno Kenierien came up with two goals within the first few minutes of the second half to put WFS in the lead for good.

WFS, last year's runner-up, improved its current league record to 2-0 while Chung-Hoon saw its mark fall to 1-1.

"I think we had better communication and we passed the ball more," said Kenierien about the team's improved play in the second half. "We passed the ball faster instead of dribbling the ball."

Navy Diver 2nd Class Michael Piecuch scored the first goal of the game when he took a long pass from the team's goalkeeper, got out in front of the Chung-Hoon defense, and shot a line drive into the net.

Piecuch, who added another goal later in the second half, said that key adjustments by WFS along with the addition of Kenierien, who didn't play in the first half, gave the team all the advantage it needed to finish off strong.

"They (Chung-Hoon) were a little disorganized so we just exploited their weakness," explained Piecuch. "And it's good that we got (Kenierien) to show



Navy Diver 2nd Class Michael Piecuch of We Fix Ships (WFS) fends off a defender from USS Chung-Hoon (DDG 93) during an Intramural Soccer League game at Ward Field, Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, on March 13. WFS beat Chung-Hoon, 5-2, to improve its league-leading record to 2-0.

up at halftime. He's one of our main players so we were able to change the tempo a lot."

Besides the two goals from

Piecuch and Kenierien, WFS also received a score from Navy Diver 1st Class Jesse De La Pena.

Lt. j.g. Michael Tuddenhem said that although Chung-Hoon suffered its first loss of the season, he was very proud of the way his teammates battled back until the very end.

Tuddenhem, who scored both goals for Chung-Hoon, said that while adjustments in the second half allowed the team to get on the scoreboard, failure to score in the first half might have cost it the game.

"In the first half, we were taking shots from 30 and 40 feet out," said Tuddenhem. "This is a learning game. A lot of our people are just playing to play, and it's tough when you play against a real good team."

Once WFS got out in front by a score of 3-0, Kenierien said that the team used the remainder of the game to work on a few different tactics and strategies that might help in the future.

The change of pace may

have allowed Chung-Hoon to sneak in a couple of goals, but said Kenierien, the additional experience should help the team in the long run.

"Once we were up, a little of the pressure was off and we didn't cover as much as we should," said Kenierien. "But we were just experimenting by pushing different players forward and trying to get them some playing time upfront."

Chief Navy Diver William Dunn, who serves as the head coach for WFS, said that he is very pleased with the way the team has performed this early in the season.

While he would like to see the team improve on its defensive play, his main goal is for the players to show up and have a good time.

"We are very fortunate to have good players with good ball-handling skills," said Dunn.



**Diverse Views**

*How did you cope with missing your USS Chosin (CG 65) service member through the eight-month deployment?*



**Jennifer Shaffer**  
Wife of USS Chosin (CG 65) Sailor

"I've been through a couple of deployments so I'm kind of used to it. It was hard this time with having two kids."



**Kaori Walker**  
Wife of USS Chosin (CG 65) Sailor

"It was tough but we kept believing that he'll be home soon. I've been counting each day and pray for his safety. As a mom with two children it was difficult but I made it through."



**Denzel Walker**  
11-year-old son of USS Chosin (CG 65) Sailor

"I miss him a lot and I cried. I played video games and talked to him on the phone."



**Luis Santiago**  
Husband of Lt. j.g. Lindsey Santiago  
Husband of USS Chosin (CG 65) Sailor

"A lot of emails!"

## NAVSTA earns 5-star rating

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This year, of the 40 installations inspected, NAVSTA Pearl Harbor was one of 15 installations that received the five-star Zumwalt accreditation.

"It's an absolute honor to be selected as one of the five-star activities in the Navy," said Susan Courtney, Navy Region Hawaii NGIS program manager. "Being recognized as the Zumwalt Award winner for the fourth consecutive time really speaks highly about the command and our team."

A five-star rating is awarded for the overall excellence of an installation's entire NGIS operation, including enlisted and officer quarters, distinguished visitor quarters and flag officer quarters.

Courtney also commented about the customer focus of her staff of approximately 150.

"Our staff is incredible. They have a can-do attitude and constantly strive to do the best," said Courtney. "There is no way that we would be recognized as the

Zumwalt Award winner year after year if it wasn't for them."

NAVSTA Pearl Harbor is responsible for 15 visitors' quarters and four visitors' houses.

The Secretary of the Navy established the Adm. Elmo R. Zumwalt Award in 1974 to recognize commands that achieve the highest level of service standards.

NGIS operations can earn a three, four or five-star rating based on the quality of facilities, amenities, service and financial management. Each year, only half of the Navy installations are inspected. Only commands attaining a five-star rating are recognized as Adm. Elmo R. Zumwalt Award winners.

The ratings are the result of a thorough and detailed accreditation process which is mandatory for all housing and lodging management operations, and includes unannounced validation visits by a Commander, Navy Installations Command accreditation team, as well as review of specific performance standards for facilities, services and fiscal management.

# NIOC Hawaii sets junior officers up for success

Lt. j.g. Michael Lavoie

Naval Information Operations Command, Hawaii

Few communities in the Navy have seen as much change in recent years as information warfare (IW). In the last decade, naval cryptology took on many related disciplines, including electronic warfare, operations security, military deception and computer network operations, while striving to retain core competencies.

Such tremendous change created a need for sweeping reform of new accession training, and Naval Information Operations Command (NIOC) Hawaii responded with an innovative pipeline for junior officers (JOs) arriving at the command.

Following the Information Warfare Officer Basic Course (IWBC) in Pensacola, Fla., Ensign Miguel Cueva reported to the analysis and production (A&P) cell at Fleet Information Operations Center (FIOC) Hawaii. "TWBC was a whirlwind experience, exposing me to a broad range of topics," he noted. "Arriving at a major cryptologic center gave me the chance to go deeper into area-specific knowledge and see most aspects of IW in practice."

Junior officers typically spend five weeks in A&P, completing target and watch floor



Lt. j.g. Paul Ward conducts a junior officer training session with Ensign Miguel Cueva, Ensign Joseph Atzenbeck and Ensign Ryan DeGhelder, all members of the NIOC Hawaii wardroom.

U.S. Navy photo by Ensign Melissa Ocasio

qualification requirements. The new arrivals then move on to five weeks under instruction as FIOC watch officer. "This is the phase where a lot of loose strings start to come together," explained Lt. j.g. William Brinkmeyer, FIOC division officer. "Armed with strong target knowledge and the resources available to the watch, junior officers learn to leverage this and pass it on to the fleet," he said. "It's amazing to see the progress of our junior officers. They show up completely green to the community and by the time they move on to a second

tour, they have performed at the level of department heads at sea and shore-side," noted Lt. Mike Curtis, NIOC deputy operations officer.

NIOC Hawaii plays an extensive role in surface and subsurface direct support and after several months as FIOC watch officers, JOs make the transi-

tion from provider to consumer as direct support officers. "Getting underway as a direct support officer is an intimidating prospect for an ensign or lieu-

tenant (j.g.), but I definitely took the knowledge I learned from FIOC and A&P to sea. Knowing what resources are available to tactical units is a huge advantage," Lt. j.g. Marcus Long explained.

With FIOC watch officer, direct support officer and the new community standard Information Warfare Personnel Qualification Standard (PQS) complete, JOs board for the 1610 designator. The 1610 board assesses individuals' knowledge of myriad topics related to IW and the wider Navy.

"The 1610 board emphasizes the 'big picture'... how everything JOs have learned as watch officers and DSOs fit into the construct of the 21st century Navy," said Curtis. "We are confident that this breadth of exposure sets our JOs up for tremendous success in their careers as information warfare officers."

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# CENSECFOR students ready to defend the ship

Story and photos by  
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Navy Region Hawaii

More than 20 Pearl Harbor-based Sailors honed their tactical skills in order to graduate from Security Reaction Force-Advanced (SRF-A) training at the Center for Security Forces Pearl Harbor Learning Site (CENSECFOR PH LS) on March 12.

The two-week SRF-A course is designed to train and educate Sailors to prevent threats from the pier, small boat attacks, or any other means of penetration in accordance with current naval directives under normal and emergency conditions.

"What we do is we take normal rates - cooks, engineers, deck seamen, operation types - and we teach them how to do tactically-sound movements and defend the ship and their ship-mates," said Master-at-Arms 1st Class Francis Liberty, SRF-A instructor. "On a ship, you can't dial 911. You are your own police force."

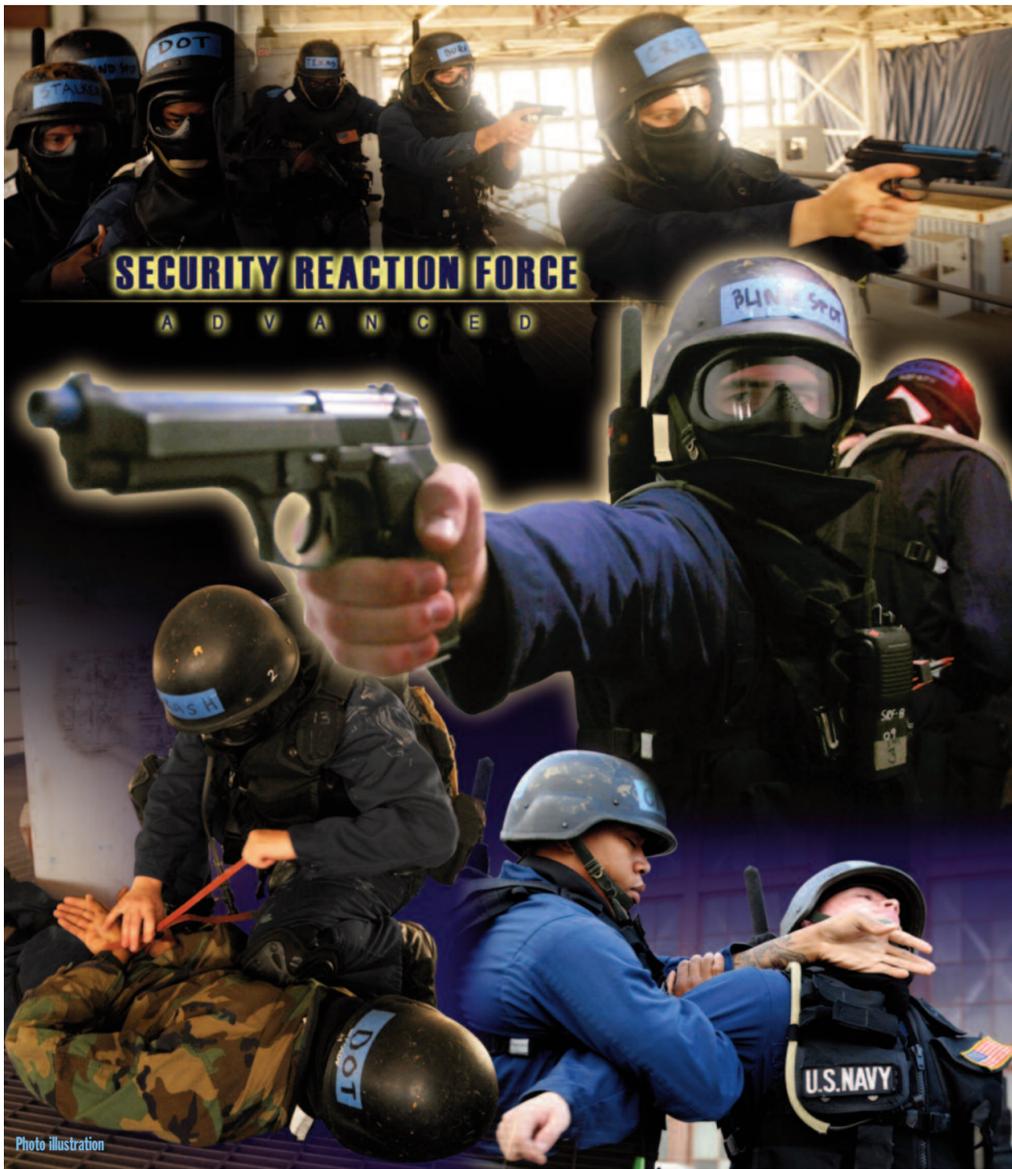
During the first week, the students received classroom instruction learning SRF-A concepts such as tactical team management, use of deadly force and mission planning.

At the end of the first week, students left the classroom environment and entered the hangar bay across the street. The hangar bay, divided into several sections, housed a simulated ship in one of its sections. The simulated ship, or what the instructors refer to as the "ship-in-a-box," is a three-story container (CONEX) box refurbished to look and feel like a real ship from the inside, complete with knee-knockers, a galley, an engine room and a bridge. The ship-in-a-box was where the students took a hands-on approach to what they have learned so far.

During the second week, the students donned tactical gear such as face masks and groin protection and were issued blue-painted weapons loaded with simunition. Simunition is a dyed, detergent-filled round that simulates live fire ammunition and is safe, effective and designed to be fired through police and military training weapons.

Gunner's Mate 3rd Class Jessica Roe, assigned to USS Paul Hamilton (DDG 60), was a recent graduate of the course and while taking turns leading the team, Roe was eager to guide her team through the various scenarios generated by the instructors.

"I actually learned things that I didn't think I would learn here," said Roe. "I don't like to listen to other people. It was really hard to submit to another team leader or to a yelling instructor because I like to yell at other people myself."



During each scenario, students must listen to each other and work as a team as they negotiate a range of tactical situations such as riots on the pier, shooters, improvised explosive devices (IEDs) and armed hostage situation.

"The scenarios we do are as realistic as we can possibly get," said Liberty. "We don't want to give them five shooters on the first day. We want to make them go through a progression throughout the week to give them confidence."

Sailors receive the full effect of the exercises by using simunition rounds.

"Back in World War II we were using fingers to play, and then through the ages we've been using exercise red guns and it was up to the judges to decide who the winner is," said Liberty. "We got a little more advanced now. We have simunition rounds whereby you know instantaneously if your tactics are working. You know if you got hit and where you got hit."

Liberty compares getting hit with a simunition round with being hit by a baseball.

"I have bruises everywhere," said Roe who, together with her team, was often on the receiving end of a simunition round. "It feels like getting hit with a ham-

mer sometimes. But I'd do it again in a heartbeat, no questions asked."

Senior Chief Master-at-Arms (EXW/SW/AW) Vincent B. Jones is the senior enlist-

ed advisor to CENSECFOR PH LS. Jones, who has been in the Navy for more than

25 years, uses his experiences when he teaches his students the importance of SRF-A training.

"If this was a real scenario, one of the team members might not be going home or one of the team members might be maimed for life," said Jones. "If I was a student and I was supposed to take cover, and I'm not taking the right type of cover and I actually get hit, it becomes a wake-up call. You get shot in the shoulder and then you realize, you know what, I might have died right now, or I might have gotten one of my team members killed if I didn't communicate properly."

Jones has seen first-hand the need for the training, especially after a tour of duty in Afghanistan in 2008.

"I tell the students exactly what I've seen," said Jones. "Sometimes the students don't see the big picture of what we do here. I give them experience and let them know of the little things that we do here are so important. When I was out in Afghanistan, we'd have weapons discharges and IED explosions on a weekly basis."

Roe, who has been in the Navy for less than two years, benefited from the training and the accumulated experiences of her instructors as she takes the lessons learned back to her ship.

"It teaches me to pull together with people I don't normally work with and be able to pull a team together and be effective about it and not have to go asking the questions, having the doubts and the what-ifs," said Roe. "It's just knowing - that this is our job. This is what we have to do."

# PMRF reduces traffic impact on Kauai

Story and photo by  
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Pacific Missile Range  
Facility, Kauai

The Pacific Missile Range Facility (PMRF) at Barking Sands, Kauai officially adopted another means of alternative transportation for its employees: Vanpool Hawaii.

Through the efforts of George Evanoff, a Department of Defense (DoD) employee at PMRF, Department of Defense (DoD) civilians accepted the first seven-passenger van on March 5 from Vanpool Hawaii. It is a part of the transportation demand management program sponsored by the Hawaii Department of Transportation (HDOT).

This ride-sharing commuter program is gaining popularity on the island of Kauai as it is already in use by Pioneer Hi-Bred International, Inc. employees. Participation in the vanpool offers the opportunity



Butch Llewellyn drives his new van, sponsored by Hawaii Department of Transportation, through the main gate of Pacific Missile Range Facility, Barking Sands, Kauai on the morning of March 8, marking the van's first trip on base.

for savings for the riders, is environmentally-friendly and helps ease island congestion while providing another low-impact commuter choice

already provided by the Kauai Bus.

"PMRF is trying to be a good neighbor by trying to reduce pollution and improve traffic

conditions," said Evanoff.

The vanpool consists of a group of seven to 15 people who share the commute to and from work in a Vanpool Hawaii van.

Vanpool participants save time and money on parking, gas, wear and tear on personally-owned vehicles, and possibly reduce their personal auto insurance bills. Vanpoolers are advocates for the environment by reducing air pollution and helping to reduce traffic and demand for roads and parking facilities. Riders arrive at work with less stress and can use the time in the morning to read, sleep, socialize or do paperwork, according to the Vanpool Hawaii Web site.

"Our previous executive officer worked with [Kauai] bus services and was met with great success. It's been so successful that sometimes there is standing room only and other times, the bus has reached its maximum capacity. We were looking into the future with the possibility of more students using the bus and that was when we learned about the state sponsored vanpool program," stated Evanoff.

The vanpool program is

available to anybody wishing to take advantage of it in the state of Hawaii. The HDOT provides a van at a reasonable monthly rate based on the age and model of the van and the average distance traveled. The costs are covered by the riders. However, people are encouraged to seek company reimbursement for participation in the program.

More employees at PMRF are expected to take advantage of the vanpool program as news spreads of its appeal.

PMRF's first vanpool is operating from Lihue. There are currently plans to start up two more vanpools within the next few months, based in Kalaheo and Kekaha.

"More people are forming vanpools," said Evanoff, "They see the clear value of the vanpool. For example, there are 15 employees currently taking their own cars to work. When they start up their vanpool, they could possibly save \$100 per person per month."

## Employment program to resume for enrolled spouses

Elaine Wilson

American Forces Press  
Service

The Military Spouse Career Advancement Accounts program, commonly known as MyCAA, resumed March 13 for the more than 136,000 spouses who already have established an account, the defense official who heads up the program announced March 11.

Officials announced a temporary halt in the program Feb. 18, pending a top-to-bottom review, after a six-fold spike in enrollments in January 2010, a surge that overwhelmed the system and caused the program to nearly reach its budget threshold.

"We made a commitment to

our military spouses when they established a career advancement account and we will be true to our promises," said Tommy T. Thomas, deputy undersecretary of defense for the Pentagon's Office of Military Community and Family Policy.

"We sincerely apologize to our military spouses for the added burden caused by the pause in operation," added Thomas.

While the program will resume for enrolled spouses, new MyCAA accounts or financial assistance applications will not be accepted yet, Thomas said, noting that the comprehensive review of the program still is underway.

"We are working hard to adjust the program to meet the demands of the MyCAA pro-

gram and to arrive at a long-term solution for military spouses who would like to establish an account," he said.

"Until that time, we encourage spouses to consult with the MyCAA career counselors who can provide career exploration, assessment, employment readiness and career search assistance."

The top-to-bottom review includes procedures, financial assistance documents and the overall program, which is intended to provide military spouses with opportunities to pursue portable careers in high-demand, high-growth occupations.

The program has been growing in popularity since its inception March 2, 2009. Enrollments had been increasing at a rate of about

10,000 a month and in January 2010, the number spiked to 70,000.

"We had very little time to react to that," said Thomas. "I make no excuses for that. We should have done a better job of notifying our military spouses."

Thomas said he will work hard to restore the confidence lost when the program was halted.

"We certainly know we have lost some confidence, and we want to rebuild that confidence," he said. "We will restore that faith hopefully by one, restoring the program, and two, having appropriate resources to ensure everyone that applies for the program receives the appropriate financial assistance.

"We appreciate what

[spouses] do and we hope that through this, that once we get this program back on track, that we don't lose any spouses," he continued. "We value and treasure everything you do each and every day, not only for the Department of Defense, but for this nation."

Thomas said he will ensure the lines of communication stay open in the days ahead. An e-mail has been sent to all program participants, informing them of the program's resumption, and spouses will see the announcement letter when they log on to their MyCAA accounts. A "media blitz" of information will precede any announcement that applies to all military spouses, he vowed.

"We don't want to make the mistake we made in the be-

ginning and that is not notifying you what's going on," Thomas said. "We want to make absolutely sure that you understand that we're working in your best interest."

In the meantime, Thomas urged spouses to be wary of questionable Web sites enticing them with employment opportunities.

"Stay the course with us and allow us to work this to finality by restoring the program," he said. "We will make every effort possible to ensure we educate you and get the necessary funds to continue this program."

Along with MyCAA counselors, spouses also can request free career counseling through Military OneSource at 1-800-342-9647 or at <http://militaryonesource.com>.



U.S. Navy photo by ISC (SW) Jason Snellings  
Ship's Serviceman 3rd Class Pierre Azor and Ship's Serviceman Seaman Alexander Griffin hoist the flag while pulling into port in Manila, Philippines on March 11.

## Lake Erie Sailors visit Philippines

Ensign Aimee Lindner

USS Lake Erie (CG 70) Public Affairs

Guided-missile cruiser USS Lake Erie homeported at Pearl Harbor (CG 70) arrived in Manila, Philippines on March 11 for a scheduled port visit. The ship is on a scheduled deployment in the U.S. 7th Fleet area of responsibility.

During the port visit, Lake Erie's Sailors experienced the culture and interacted with the people of the Philippines. Many Sailors from Lake Erie signed up to participate in tours of MacArthur's Base on the island of Corregidor.

For many of Lake Erie's Sailors, such as Aviation Structural Mechanic Airman Julian Paulo, Manila is a chance to reconnect with family and friends.

"I am really looking forward to visiting the Philippines and seeing family

that I haven't seen for eight years," said Paulo.

The port visit also serves to further the engagement mission of U.S. 7th Fleet ships. Regular port visits around the U.S. 7th Fleet area of responsibility affirm the U.S. commitment to peace and stability in the region.

"It is great to be in Manila where so many of our Sailors have close ties and continue our positive relations with the Philippines," said Cmdr. Tony Ohl, Lake Erie executive officer

Lake Erie is named after the 1812 Battle of Lake Erie which resulted in the solidification of America's independence from England.

Operating in the western Pacific and Indian Oceans, the U.S. 7th Fleet is the largest of the forward-deployed U.S. fleets, covering 52 million square miles with approximately 50 ships, 120 aircraft and 20,000 Sailors and Marines assigned at any given time.

## CPRW-2 pits squadrons together in friendly rivalry

Commander, Patrol and Reconnaissance Wing Two Staff

Every quarter, Commander, Patrol and Reconnaissance Wing Two (CPRW-2) conducts an anti-submarine warfare (ASW) rodeo competition that evaluates aircrews from each of the P-3C squadrons at Marine Corps Base Hawaii, Kaneohe Bay in their primary mission area of ASW.

The rodeo not only allows CPRW-2 to look at the skill level of each crew, but it also fosters a sense of friendly competition among the squadrons at the wing. Completed in the P-3C aircraft simulator at the John W. Finn building, referred to as the tactical operational readiness trainer, or

TORT, it has capabilities that mirror the current version of the P-3C Orion for each aircrew station and provides a suitable atmosphere to simulate scenarios that are representative of what P-3C aircrews can expect during real-world missions.

This quarter's rodeo provided two of the CPRW-2 squadrons, Patrol Squadron Four (VP-4) and Patrol Squadron Nine (VP-9) with an opportunity to compete against each other in a dynamic Pacific Ocean ASW scenario. A total of eight simulators were conducted with multiple aircrews placed in similar tactical scenarios. Their perform-



ance was evaluated on various tactical levels, concentrating on submarine search, localization, tracking, coordinated operations with surface ships and helicopters, and torpedo deployment.

Overall, VP-9 was the winner, scoring the highest overall composite average of 90.9 out of a possible 100 points. Additionally, VP-9 Combat Aircrew Three (CAC-3), led by Lt. Cmdr. Al Miller, was the top scoring crew in the competition, scoring a total of 95.5 out of 100 points. Less than two points behind was the runner-up, VP-4's Combat Aircrew Three (CAC-3), led by

Lt. John Clark.

This rodeo had bigger implications than usual because the top performing crews will represent the Hawaii P-3C squadrons during the annual maritime patrol community's ASW Fleet Challenge to be held in Jacksonville, Fla. in April.

Competing against as many as 10 aircrews from Jacksonville and Whidbey Island, Wash., this year's challenge is expected to be a tough competition. With the high level of performance displayed by VP-9 CAC-3 and VP-4 CAC-3 during this rodeo, CPRW-2 is confident that one of these two crews will bring the ASW Fleet Challenge championship title back to Hawaii for the second consecutive year.

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