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USNS Mercy visits Pearl Harbor, en route to Pacific Partnership



The Military Sealift Command hospital ship USNS Mercy (T-AH 19) maneuvers into its pier at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam for a two-day port visit on May 8. Mercy is en route to a humanitarian mission to the western Pacific and Southeast Asia supporting Pacific Partnership 2010. Pacific Partnership 2010 is the fifth in a series of annual U.S. Pacific Fleet humanitarian civic assistance endeavors aimed at strengthening regional relationships with host and partner nations in Southeast Asia and Oceania.

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The Military Sealift Command hospital ship USNS Mercy (T-AH 19) arrived at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hick-

am on May 8 while en route to its Pacific Partnership 2010 (PP10) mission.

Mercy is led by Capt. Lisa Franchetti, Mercy's mission commander; Military Sealift Command Capt. David Bradshaw, Mercy's civil service master; and Capt. Jeffery Paulson, commanding officer of

Mercy's shipboard hospital.

"Mercy is a big part of our maritime strategy," said Franchetti. "Being able to build cooperation and strengthen our regional alliances is a key component of our strategy. We want to engage the world and build partnerships that we

continue to grow."

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"This deployment offers an incredible opportunity to continue to build the relationships and capabilities that will be essential in responding to real world disaster in the region," Franchetti said.

The deployment, which is scheduled to take place through late September, is de-

signed to enhance relationships through medical, dental and engineering outreach projects that re-inforce the mutually-supporting roles between participants.

Mercy, as lead vessel, is scheduled to visit Vietnam,

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We are the champions

Post-player Seaman Erieck Ausbey of USS Lake Erie (CG 73) puts a clean cap on a shot by Gas Turbine System (Mechanical) Fireman Martin Houston of USS Crommelin (FFG 37) during the teams' showdown for the Afloat Intramural Basketball League championship at Naval Station Gym, Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, on May 8. Lake Erie defeated Crommelin, 35-26, to capture the division's crown. (See story on page B-2)

U.S. Navy photo by Randy Dela Cruz



Rear Adm. Sean A. Pybus (left), commander, Special Operations Command Pacific, observes as the family of Senior Chief Information Systems Technician (SEAL) Daniel R. Healy and Capt. Patricia Cole, commanding officer Naval Computer and Telecommunications Area Master Station Pacific (NCTAMS PAC) untie a maile lei to signify the opening of the Senior Chief Information Systems Technician (SEAL) Daniel R. Healy Communications Center during a dedication and maile lei untying ceremony at NCTAMS PAC. The center was dedicated in honor of Healy, who was one of 16 U.S. troops killed when their MH-47D Chinook helicopter was shot down while trying to re-inforce a U.S. reconnaissance team in Afghanistan on June 28, 2005.

NCTAMS PAC dedicates ITCS (SEAL) Daniel R. Healy Communications Center

Story and photo by MC2 Robert Stirrup

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Naval Computer and Telecommunications Area Mas-

ter Station Pacific (NCTAMS PAC) held a dedication and maile lei ceremony for the opening of the Senior Chief Information Systems Technician (SEAL) Daniel R. Healy Communications Center at NCTAMS PAC in Wahiawa on

May 11.

Personnel assigned to NCTAMS PAC and Seal Delivery Vehicle Team One (SDVT-1) and Healy's family were in attendance to observe the open-

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Diverse Views

What changes have you noticed since we formed Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam?

(From Sailors at Afloat Training Group Middle Pacific)



CW03 Manuel Veloz

"I've seen more integration between the two services. One example would be the annual father and daughter dance held at Bloch Arena. A significant number of Air Force families attended."



OSC (SW) Joshua Pearsall

"Since the forming of Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, the largest change that I have noticed is how you are greeted when you drive through one of the gates."



ISC (SW/AW) John Bristow

"I have seen very little change, but I would like to see more advertising on Air Force MWR schedules, facility availabilities and events that support service members (such as single Sailor, single Soldier programs)."

(Photos/information provided by Lt. Jennifer Valle, Afloat Training Group Middle Pacific) Diverse Views continued on page A-3



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Pearl Harbor survivor rejoins shipmates aboard USS Arizona See page B-1

New commander takes helm of VP-9 Golden Eagles

Lt. j.g. Thomas W Gallagher

Patrol Squadron Nine
Public Affairs Officer

The Patrol Squadron Nine (VP-9) Golden Eagles welcomed a new commanding officer on May 6. Cmdr. Dave Whitehead assumed command of the Golden Eagles, replacing Cmdr. Lance Scott. The occasion was marked with a morning ceremony held with the squadron and the friends and families of both men.

Vice Adm. (ret.) Michael D. Haskins gave the keynote speech in which he emphasized both men's commitment to the naval service, and passed along leadership lessons he had learned throughout his career.

As outgoing commanding officer, Scott concluded his second tour as a Golden Eagle. After serving as a department head in VP-9 from 2003 to 2005, he knew that



U.S. Navy photo by MC2 Scott Buchholz

(Left to right) Chaplain Alan Rogers (CPRW-2 chaplain); Cmdr. Lance G. Scott, outgoing commanding officer; Vice Adm. Michael D. Haskins (Navy ret.), guest speaker; and Cmdr. David G. Whitehead, incoming commanding officer.

he wanted to return one day. A 1991 graduate of the U.S. Merchant Marine Academy, he served as executive officer during the Golden Eagles' U.S. 5th Fleet deployment in 2008 before assuming command in 2009.

During his tenure as commanding officer, the Golden Eagles worked diligently to prepare for the squadron's upcoming deployment to U.S. 5th and U.S. 7th Fleets. The squadron spent the year participating in several large-scale operational exercises to hone their combat skills while executing 833 sorties totaling 3,200 mishap-free flight hours.

When asked about his experience serving as skipper of VP-9, Scott highlighted the work ethic and professionalism of the squadron. "This team has met every challenge head-on with enthusiasm and total dedication to excellence. It has been an honor and privilege

to be associated with the talented men and women of VP-9 and I wish them continued success as they get ready to deploy this month," Scott said. He is reporting to OPNAV in Washington, D.C. for his next tour of duty.

Whitehead, a 1993 graduate of the U.S. Naval Academy, will lead the Golden Eagles on concurrent deployments to U.S. 5th and U.S. 7th Fleets this summer. "The thing that separates VP-9 from any other unit I have served in is the personal commitment each Sailor has toward making this squadron stronger," he said. "They give their best day in and day out and I am confident that drive will lead to a very successful deployment."

Cmdr. Richard Prest will be joining the Golden Eagle team as the new executive officer. Hailing from Philadelphia, Prest is a 1992 graduate of the U.S. Naval Academy.

USNS Matthew Perry completes underway to Hawaii

Story and photo by
MC2 Robert Stirrup

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On its first underway to the middle Pacific, Military Sealift Command dry cargo/ammunition ship USNS Matthew Perry (T-AKE 9) completed a scheduled port visit to Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam and Lahaina, Maui on May 6.

Matthew Perry, the ninth Military Sea Command (MSC) dry cargo/ammunition ship, is currently conducting pre-deployment sea trials in the Pacific.

"While in Pearl Harbor, we tested our shore power using the facilities available and we also conducted training with our cranes and other equipment," said civil service Capt. William Baldwin, commanding officer of Matthew Perry. "This underway also gave us the opportunity to conduct deep ocean work."

"In Lahaina, we conducted exercises using the ground tackle equipment and tested the capabilities of the accommodation ladders along with other training exercises," Baldwin said.

Cmdr. John Brughelli, military detachment officer-in-charge, explained the different abilities of the T-AKE class ship.

"The T-AKE class ships provide effective fleet underway replenishment capability at the lowest life cycle cost," said Brughelli. "The T-AKE makes use of labor-saving au-



The Military Sealift Command dry cargo/ammunition ship USNS Matthew Perry (T-AKE 9) is moored at Mike Pier on Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam. Matthew Perry is currently conducting its first pre-deployment sea trials in the middle Pacific and made port visits at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam and Lahaina, Maui on May 3-6. The ship is named after Commodore Matthew C. Perry.

tomation where possible."

Brughelli also talked about how the new T-AKE class ships can take on the missions that the old T-AE and T-AFS class ships would have a tough time accommodating.

"The potential use for these ships outside of these traditional roles is limited only by the imagination," explained Brughelli. "The ships of this class have already proven their flexibility in supporting non-traditional missions such as humanitarian, disaster relief and as a makeshift 'brig' in the anti-piracy

efforts off of Somalia."

Chief Logistics Specialist Althea Sebert noted the importance of current and future service that Matthew Perry is delivering to the Pacific Fleet.

"USNS Matthew Perry replenishes the more than 50 ships currently operating in the Pacific Fleet with necessary fuel, cargo and ammunition," Sebert said. "We are proud to be the newest member of the T-AKE family and look forward to our future missions."

While participating in sea trials, crew members had the opportunity to

learn about the new equipment and gain knowledge about the ship while working together as a team.

"This pre-deployment cruise has given us a great opportunity to get familiar with the new ship's equipment and better prepares us for our future deployments to the Pacific," said Chief Mate Mark Perdue. "I am extremely proud of the teamwork and contributions from all of our personnel aboard the USNS Matthew Perry."

While in-port in Hawaii, crew members took advantage of their free time to explore the different attractions.

"Hawaii is a beautiful island and everything is very accessible," said Ensign Alexandra Deguzman. "I went to Paradise Cove Luau and enjoyed the dinner/show. I also went on an ocean adventure tour and enjoyed about three hours of snorkeling and saw some sea turtles, dolphins and exotic fishes."

Commodore Matthew C. Perry proposed a plan in 1850 for diplomatic missions to Japan and eventually compelled the opening of Japan to the west with the Convention of Kanagawa in 1854. Perry's naval career spanned nearly 50 years and he was known as the "father of the steam Navy."

"Since we will be operating in the western Pacific, we look forward to bringing his namesake ship back to where he created so much history," said Baldwin. "I'm honored to be the captain and have been able to serve aboard the USNS Matthew Perry."

Pearl Harbor Commissary is accepting applications for baggers

The Pearl Harbor Commissary bagger/carryout installation instruction has been re-established for the purpose of improving services provided to commissary patrons. During the month of May, the commissary is in the process of accepting new bagger applications. The store may be temporarily experiencing fewer baggers volunteering for carryout service, possibly creating a longer waiting time during the checkout process.

If interested in volunteering as a bagger, the Pearl Harbor Commissary is currently accepting applications at the commissary office. Prospective baggers must be at least 16 years of age or older and must possess a valid military identification card. The commissary management and staff wants to thank its customers for their patience and understanding while shopping during this process.

CARAT 2010 in South China Sea enhances force readiness



U.S. Navy photo by MC2 Eric J. Cutright

Capt. Richard L. Clemmons, commodore of Combined Task Group 73.1, greets Lt. Col. Othman, deputy commander of the Royal Brunei Navy Task Group, on May 6 aboard the guided-missile frigate USS Vandegrift (FFG 48) in the South China Sea during Cooperation Afloat Readiness and Training (CARAT) Brunei 2010. CARAT is a series of bilateral exercises held annually in Southeast Asia to strengthen relationships and to enhance force readiness. CARAT Brunei 2010 concluded May 10 with a closing ceremony aboard USS Tortuga (LSD 46) while moored at Maura, Brunei. The next CARAT phase is in Thailand, starting soon. Follow CARAT on Facebook.

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If you have ever aspired to be a published writer or photographer in the newspaper, this is your opportunity.

Hawaii Navy News, soon to be the newspaper for Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, is currently seeking readers who would like to write articles and/or take photos for the newspaper.

With limited staff and numerous events happening around Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam (JBPHH), we can't possibly cover everything that is going on.

That's why we are soliciting your help.

If you plan to attend an event, consider submitting it to the newspaper. Please email us or call us and we would be glad to provide you with some guidance for photo and story submissions.

With your help, we can provide even more coverage of events at JBPHH. We aren't able to pay you for your work, but it does provide an opportunity for you to become published and build your portfolio of clips and photos.

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Remember the 66th anniversary of the West Loch disaster

Bob McDermott

Executive Director, Honolulu Council, Navy League

As we approach Memorial Day, it is proper to take a moment to reflect upon all those who have served, and those who made the ultimate sacrifice for their country. All of us are aware of the Dec. 7, 1941 attack on Pearl Harbor.

However, many of us are unaware of the other wartime disaster that took place at Pearl Harbor - the West Loch Disaster. Now known as the Pearl Harbor Detachment of Navy Munitions Command East Asia Division, the area was known as Naval Magazine Pearl Harbor - commonly called West Loch - in 1944.

The disaster occurred in the West Loch part of the harbor, which at the time was being used as a staging area for a fleet of landing ship, tanks (LSTs) and other amphibious assault ships being prepared for the upcoming Operation Forager, an invasion of the Japanese-held Mariana Islands.

Some 66 years ago, on May 21, 1944, 29 ships gathered in Pearl Harbor's West Loch to load ammunition and supplies in preparation for the upcoming operation. The LSTs (landing ship, tank) or ships designed to land battle-ready tanks, were closely nested together along six berths. At 3:08 pm, an explosion rocked the deck of LST 353. This subsequently spread fire among the tightly-packed ships loaded with fuel and munitions, a volatile cargo of 20mm, 40mm and small arms ammunition,



200,000 gallons of diesel fuel, drums of lubricating oil, flares, signal rockets and fog oil smoke pots, much of it carried in main deck ready ammunition lockers or stored dangerously exposed on the fantail.

The chain reaction of explosions that followed left six LSTs sunk and several more severely damaged. In all, at

least 163 men were killed and 396 wounded. The resulting fires lasted 24 hours.

Today, 44 sets of unidentified remains from the disaster lie in 36 graves at the National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific (Punchbowl) in Honolulu. The grave markers once read simply 'unknown,' but that was changed a few years ago at

the behest of Congress to 'unknown, West Loch Disaster, May 21, 1944.'

The Navy did not want the world and the Japanese, at the time, to know that we had been badly damaged by this accident. Therefore, the West Loch Disaster was classified as a top-secret American World War II maritime accident until being declassified

in 1960. Obviously, this explains why the incident is not as well known as the original Pearl Harbor disaster.

The wreckage was quickly cleared in a salvage operation and dumped at sea three miles south of Hawaii. Today, all that remains of the day's horror is a portion of the skeletal bow of the beached LST-480 as it rusts in the

tropical serenity of a forgotten Hawaiian backwater. The continuing effort to win WWII, the top-secret classification of the disaster and the expeditious recovery efforts, combined with the eventual success of Operation Forager, served to ameliorate official interest in the disaster.

Nevertheless, the Navy conducted an exhaustive investigation. A virtual legion of witnesses was called from every level of involvement including civilian dock workers, enlisted men, Army personnel and explosives experts, but the exact cause of the explosion at West Loch was never really proven. However, it is believed that a mortar round exploded during an unloading operation, setting off the chain reaction. The round either exploded because it was dropped during handling or ignited by a gasoline explosion.

As we honor the courage of our brave men and women, let us pause to remember that lazy Sunday afternoon, long ago on May 21, 1944, when suddenly, a deafening explosion took the lives of hundreds of men and wounded hundreds of other men here in our own back yard, West Loch. We must ensure that their memory, honor and noble sacrifices are not forgotten.

(Bob McDermott is a 1981 UPHS graduate, former Marine Corps officer and Desert Storm veteran, and current executive director of the Navy League in Honolulu. The Navy League is a 501 (c) 3 charity founded by Teddy Roosevelt in 1900. Their primary mission is support of the sea services through education. Visit NavyLeague@hawaii.biz.rr.com.)

Diverse Views

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(From Sailors at Afloat Training Group Middle Pacific)



Jeana Suan

"I've noticed the invitations to participate in Air Force challenges such as the upcoming Commando's competition at the Hickam Commissary. Go Navy!"

OS1 (SW) Gregory Holzwarth



"I have noticed that when entering through the gate at Hickam Air Force Base, they now look for base stickers on cars."



ENCM (SW) Scott Sheldon

"I have not seen any changes. I thought I would get priority in housing on the Air Force base since I have been on a waiting list for quite a while, but I was told Air Force still gets priority for Air Force housing."

OS1 (SW) Anthony Neptune



"I have seen Air Force MPs issuing motor vehicle citations on Pearl Harbor."



Ensign Alicia Hofmann

"I have not noticed any changes so far."

WWII efforts lure Asian and Pacific Islanders to Navy service

The U.S. Navy was in need of personnel to serve during World War II and pursued Asian and Pacific Islander Americans for service. Pictured are Chinese youths inspecting posters in English and Chinese, in April 1942 at Los Angeles, Calif. The picture is outside the Navy Recruiting Station, Chinese Consolidated Benevolent Association's Headquarters.

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USS CROMMELIN SAILOR ENJOYS CAMARADERIE OF NAVY LIFE

Story and photos by
Blair Martin

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A star football jock in high school, Boatswain's Mate 3rd Class (SW) Trevor "Frankie" Frankenfield wondered if he would ever recapture the excitement and camaraderie that he enjoyed as a lineman for his hometown's Kearney Bulldogs, especially during his senior year when his team took the 2003 Missouri State Championship title.

"I loved the adrenaline rush. I loved the game and I really loved all my teammates," he said of his former varsity team. "For the few years I was out of high school and before [enlisting] in the Navy, I was out on

my own but never felt challenged or a part of anything meaningful. I remember wanting to be a leader that had a positive impact on other people, while experiencing new things," he added.

After graduating from high school, Frankenfield enrolled in a local vocational school to be a carpenter's apprentice. But limited construction opportunities and a bad breakup made the 22-year-old reconsider his life's direction and consequently, led him to his local Navy recruiting office.

"I can honestly say that was the worst thing and yet the best thing that ever happened to me," he said of that particular time period. "Before I joined, I was a lost person. The Navy gave me a chance to become a

better man."

To his surprise, the dedication and discipline Frankenfield learned from his high school football coach proved to be of tremendous help when transitioning into his new life as a Sailor.

"A lot of people didn't want to play football because our coach was so hardcore," he said. "Our coach led such a structured schedule during our football seasons that it made boot camp seem easy. I knew that if I just did what I was told, I would be able to get through boot camp, just like when I was playing football."

Today, Frankenfield said he is lucky to have found a new set of teammates in his boatswain's mate division aboard USS Crommelin (FFG-37).

"Our rate is the oldest rate in the Navy so with that comes a lot of personal pride," he said. "I like working with other 'boats' because there is a feeling of family amongst us. There is a saying that goes, 'if the captain wants something done, he calls the boats.'"

"Together, we can have such a huge impact on our ship, which is really cool," he added.

According to Senior Chief Gas Turbine System Technician (SW) Matthew Danforth, Frankenfield has not only been able to distinguish himself as an overall team player, but also as an emerging leader, destined for a promising Navy career.

"BM3 Frankenfield is a driving force in our deck department and onboard the Crommelin," he said.

"He leads junior Sailors with a positive attitude and wealth of knowledge that contributes greatly to Crommelin's high level of morale and esprit de corps."

With three years into his Navy enlistment, Frankenfield attributes all of his success to the sense of belonging the Navy has given him.

"The Navy has given me a chance to become a leader and make a difference in other people's lives," he said. "When you are on a ship, you form a bond with your shipmates as if they were your brothers. You see them at their worst and their best. But you also have to be willing to enforce the rules, even if you don't necessarily agree. That is what separates the leaders from the rest," he said.

New communication center will provide premiere telecommunications

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ing of the center.

Capt. Patricia Cole, commanding officer of NCTAMS PAC, made the opening remarks during the ceremony.

"We are celebrating a momentous occasion today with the dedication of this state-of-the-art facility that is designed to support the newest

technology, and is the largest communications center in the Pacific," Cole said.

Rear Adm. Sean A. Pybus, commander, Special Operations Command Pacific, was the guest speaker for the event.

"Today we are here to honor a great warrior, husband and father that put his life on the line to defend our free-

dom," said Pybus. "On behalf of the SEALs and SDVT-1, we are very happy and grateful that NCTAMS PAC chose to dedicate this new center in honor of Senior Chief Healy."

During the ceremony, Healy's daughter, Jasmine Healy, took the opportunity to talk about her father.

"My father always put others before himself," Healy

said. "We are especially thankful for everything that he did. He gave his life to his country and is a true American hero."

The \$46 million center will provide premier telecommunications services spanning 17 time zones and 43 countries. The relocation of the many command, control and communications systems from

the current operations facility to the new center will be the largest such move in naval history and will take approximately two years to complete.

In March 2005, Healy deployed to Afghanistan with SDVT-1's Alpha Platoon. He died along with seven other SEALs and eight Army "Nightstalker" commandos

when their MH-47D Chinook helicopter was shot down during a mission to rescue a four-man SEAL reconnaissance team in Kunar Province on June 28, 2005.

Healy was posthumously awarded the Bronze Star Medal with Combat "V" for Valor, the Purple Heart Medal and the Afghanistan Campaign Medal.

Pearl Harbor Highlights



(Left) Sailors assigned to Seal Delivery Vehicle Team One and Naval Computer and Telecommunications Area Master Station Pacific (NCTAMS PAC), and the family of Senior Chief Information Systems Technician (SEAL) Daniel R. Healy, participate in a traditional Hawaiian blessing during the dedication and maile lei-untying ceremony of the Senior Chief Information Systems Technician (SEAL) Daniel R. Healy Communications Center at NCTAMS PAC on May 12. The center was dedicated in honor of Healy, who was one of 16 U.S. troops killed when their MH-47D Chinook helicopter was shot down while trying to reinforce a U.S. reconnaissance team in Afghanistan on June 28, 2005.

U.S. Navy photo by MC2 Robert Stirrup

(Right) The family of Senior Chief Information Systems Technician (SEAL) Daniel R. Healy unveils a plaque of Healy during the dedication and maile lei-untying ceremony of the Senior Chief Information Systems Technician (SEAL) Daniel R. Healy Communications Center on May 12 at Naval Computer and Telecommunications Area Master Station Pacific.

U.S. Navy photo by MC2 Robert Stirrup



U.S. Navy photo by MC2 (SW) Mark Logico

(Above) Environmental and Preventive Medicine (NEPMU) 6 Entomology Division, studies a sample of insects collected from ships and shore facilities. Medical entomology is the study of insects, spiders, ticks and mites collectively referred to as arthropods, and the diseases they transmit. NEPMU 6 supports operational forces and shore installations by providing services such as pest control training and uniform treatment with insect repellent.



Photo by Christopher Aguinaldo

(Above) Naval Computer & Telecommunications Area Master Station Pacific Sailors march up California Avenue in the Wahiawa Pineapple Festival Parade on May 8. The event showcased the town's heritage, which is the installation's neighbor in central Oahu.



(Above) The Pacific Fleet Band marches down Kalakaua Avenue in Waikiki as part of the Filipino Parade and Fiesta on May 8. The parade ended at Kapiolani Park where the public enjoyed Filipino cultural exhibits and food booths.

U.S. Navy photo by Karen Spangler

(Right) Crew members operate crane equipment aboard the Military Sealift Command dry cargo/ammunition ship USNS Matthew Perry (T-AKE 9) to move pallets onto the pier at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam. Matthew Perry is currently conducting its first pre-deployment sea trials in the middle Pacific and has made port visits at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam and Lahaina, Maui on May 3-6. The ship is named after Commodore Matthew C. Perry, who is credited with opening Japan to the West and international commerce.

U.S. Navy photo by MC2 Robert Stirrup



'CSI,' 'Bones' consultant inspects insects with Pearl Harbor Sailors

Story and photo by
MC2 (SW) Mark Logico

Navy Region Hawaii Public
Affairs

A certified forensic entomologist gave a presentation on the use of insects as evidence in criminal, legal and medical investigations on May 7 at the Navy College at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam (JBPHH).

The presentation was led by Dr. Madison Lee Goff, professor and director of Chaminade University's forensic science program. Goff has provided his expertise not only to more than 300 homicide investigations, but also to television shows such as "CSI" and "Bones."

"As far as the field itself goes, it's potentially a very powerful tool," said Goff. "It's not present in all of the cases that people encounter, but when it is there and it is used properly, it can be a tremendous asset in the final solution of the crime."

The presentation was hosted by Navy Environmental and Preventive Medicine Unit (NEPMU) 6 Entomology Division. Medical entomology is the study of insects, spiders, ticks and mites, collectively referred to as arthropods, and the diseases they transmit. NEP-



Hospital Corpsman 2nd Class Anna Sternberg, assigned to Navy Environmental and Preventive Medicine (NEPMU) 6 Entomology Division, inspects a beetle for study. Medical entomology is the study of insects, spiders, ticks and mites collectively referred to as arthropods and the diseases they transmit. NEPMU 6 supports operational forces and shore installations by providing services such as pest control training and uniform treatment with insect repellent.

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Lt. Bryan Heintschel is a medical entomologist assigned to NEPMU 6. He and his team conduct regular visits to ships

moored at JBPHH to inspect for insect contamination.

"When a ship comes in from deployment and they've acquired cockroaches or pests inside stored products while deployed, they'll have us come do a survey and we'll inspect and determine what kind of treatment is necessary, whether it be insecticide application or just simply cleaning up and removing the products that are contaminated," said Heintschel.

Heintschel said the presentation was able to give some exposure to NEPMU 6's entomology community as a source of information to agencies such as Naval Criminal Investigative Service (NCIS) and Judge Advocate General (JAG).

"Say they [NCIS or JAG] are involved in an investigation," said Heintschel. "They find insects are involved. As far as the chain of events, if they need some help identifying, making use of the information, they

know that we are here, and we can lend a helping hand to them."

During the presentation, Goff explained that insects can provide useful information such as a general timeline and rate of decomposition of dead human bodies. Certain insects are known to lay eggs on a decomposing body and since the growth of the insect has a predetermined timeline from maggots to adulthood, investigators can determine how long a body has been decomposing in the elements within hours and minutes.

According to its Web site, the mission of NEPMU 6 is to maximize combat readiness of operational forces in the Pacific region by providing specialized environmental and preventive medicine support. NEPMU 6 plays a major role by providing the most effective preventive health services possible.

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- May 27 - Military Appreciation Month with Hawaiian musician Amy Hanaiali'i
- June 3 - Battle of Midway
- June 10 - JMSDF
- June 17 - Individual augmentees - Hospital Corps perspective

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Submariners receive training as MVP, SAPR

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Submariners from USS Bremerton (SSN 698) and USS Chicago (SSN 721) are currently participating in the Mentors in Violence Prevention (MVP) and Sexual Assault Prevention and Response (SAPR) train-the-trainer courses at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam. The U.S. Pacific Fleet (PACFLT) launched the pilot training programs on April 16 with train-the-trainer sessions occurring April 19-22 and ongoing fleet training for the next six months.

Bremerton and Chicago were the first submarines from Commander Submarine Force, U.S. Pacific Fleet (COMSUBPAC) to participate in these programs. The success of this is intended to pave the way for future training on all submarines within the fleet.

"This training pilot program is unique because it involves a target group for individual training versus the lecture and PowerPoint type training," said Chief Sonar Technician (Submarine) Shane Finck, Bremerton pilot coordinator. "This is much better training due to the fact that it includes several different scenarios that depict situations that could arise during a nor-



Machinist's Mate 1st Class William Lewis of USS Chicago (SSN 721) conducts training on how to recognize potential sexual assault situations and implement prevention techniques during the Mentors in Violence Prevention (MVP) and Sexual Assault Prevention and Response (SAPR) train-the-trainer courses May 6 at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam. The MVP and SAPR programs are skill-based training pilot programs focused on gender violence prevention and education that is designed to influence bystanders to intervene in situations that may lead to a sexual assault.

mal day-to-day basis. Therefore, it requires trainer-to-trainee participation and feedback throughout each training scenario."

The submariners participating in this pilot program will, in turn, lead MVP discussions within their own units during a six-month timeframe.

"The training scenarios implemented in the programs provide my students [with] the knowledge to recognize red light behavior and what course of action to take before it escalates into something that

may have a devastating outcome," said Machinist's Mate 1st Class William Lewis, USS Chicago MVP program instructor. "Participating in these scenarios stimulates all the forms of learning and retaining all the information that is presented, therefore resulting in a higher success rate."

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ership throughout the Navy frequently highlights the importance of taking care of our people as both the right thing to do and a readiness issue.

"Bystander intervention, which is core to the Navy's sexual assault prevention strategy, gives every Sailor a role in preventing the command's problem of sexual violence," said Maricar Davis, PACFLT pilot instructor. "The pilot programs will help the Navy determine the best way to implement and deploy bystander intervention and the sustainability and viability of

the MVP to the fleet."

"These pilot programs provide practical tools and techniques focused on teaching our Sailors how to recognize early abusive warning signs, when to intervene, and how to prevent certain situations from developing into negative behaviors," said Master Chief Aviation Boatswain's Mate Marion Rush, COMSUBPAC force equal opportunity advisor.

MVP was established in 1993 as a multi-racial, mixed-gender training program geared toward high school and college-age students, as well as professional athletes, in the fight against all forms of violence against women. The training is an interactive, facilitated instruction. The MVP concept uses a bystander intervention model to create mechanisms and a culture that actively engages Sailors as part of the sexual assault prevention effort.

The model was designed as a gender violence, bullying and violence prevention approach to encourage young men and women from all socio-economic, racial and ethnic backgrounds to take on leadership roles in their schools and communities. This model has been successfully implemented in professional sports organizations and on some college campuses and is being tailored for use in the armed forces.

The Navy's formal SAPR

program, originally called sexual assault victim intervention, was created in 1994 and served as the template for the other military services. In the past year, the Navy has placed greater emphasis on sexual assault prevention as well as maintaining quality victim response with a goal of eliminating sexual assault from its ranks.

These programs have inspired several initiatives, including waterfront leadership interaction, first responder workshops and a pilot peer-to-peer training program, currently underway at U.S. Fleet Forces and PACFLT.

The fleet pilot programs will be used to determine the potential usefulness and sustainability to the fleet. The pilot program will help determine the way ahead for fleet wide implementation. Sailor attitudes toward intervention in SAPR-related behavior and incidents of sexual assault behavior will be tracked during the pilot period. Results of the pilot program will be evaluated by multiple surveys and focus groups.

A formal report to the DoN Sexual Assault Prevention and Response office and the Sexual Assault Prevention and Response cross functional team will be presented by the end of this year, including a recommendation on how to implement bystander intervention training fleet wide.

USNS Mercy strengthens regional relationships with other nations

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Cambodia, Indonesia and Timor-Leste. The medical treatment facility includes multiple operating rooms, sophisticated X-ray capabilities and more than 500 volunteer and military staff. Two addi-

tional visits will be made in Palau and Papua New Guinea by other Navy and partner nation ships as part of PP10.

"We're very excited to be there," said Franchetti. "As you know, the mission, in a lot of ways, has been planned for the last two years. The last

time Mercy was out was in 2008. We've really been working hard at the Pacific Fleet level to develop the mission. It seems like we've been planning on this forever, so we are really excited about getting there and getting started."

Mercy is one of two U.S.

Navy hospital ships and is manned by 66 civil service mariners from the U.S. Navy's Military Sealift Command who navigate the ship to each mission stop, run the ship's engineering plant, and transport patients and mission personnel between ship and shore

in small boats.

Pacific Partnership conducts humanitarian and civic assistance by working with and through host and partner nations, non-governmental organizations and other U.S. government agencies. In addition to providing humani-

tarian assistance, Pacific Partnership also provides valuable experiences to learn from host nation military and civilian experts. This experience helps ensure the U.S. military is able to rapidly respond in support of emergency relief efforts in the future.

Joint Base Pearl hosts Harbor-Hickam Captain's Cup

(Left photo) Base Security dominates in the tug-of-war event against Personnel Support Detachment (PSD) team at Rainbow Bay Marina on May 7.

(Right photo) Admin/Transit Personnel Unit/1st Lt./Chapel team (green jerseys) defends against Base Security during a single elimination basketball competitions at Bloch Arena on May 6. Security won 27 - 16 in this round.

Photos by David D. Underwood, Jr.



Joint base newspaper slated to begin June 4

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Readers of Hawaii Navy News and Hickam Kukui will soon be reading one joint base newspaper – Ho'okele - Pearl Harbor-Hickam News. The first issue of the joint newspaper will be distributed on June 4.

The joint newspaper is part of the merger of two great military installations, Naval Station Pearl Harbor and Hickam Air Force Base. The size of the newspaper is expected to expand and will accommodate both Navy and Air Force stories and photos.

The name Ho'okele is the Hawaiian word for navigator. This name was selected because navigators are important roles in both the Air Force and the Navy, and were highly respected members of ancient Hawaiian culture as well. A navigator provides not just facts and details, but also useful information and important insights. It is our hope and intention that Ho'okele will fulfill that role.

Distribution of Ho'okele will include the current Navy and Air Force housing communities of readers as well as at newspaper racks located throughout installation commands and at such venues as the commissaries, exchanges, health clinics, etc.

With the launch of Ho'okele, we start a new tradition of newspaper excellence.

As we begin this new phase in publishing a joint newspaper that will serve the Navy and Air Force communities and readers, please rest assured that we will always do our best to provide news coverage that is timely, informative and offers a good balance of issues that are important to both Navy and Air Force readers.

We encourage reader-submitted photos and stories in order to obtain broader coverage of local Navy and Air Force news. Please contact us for guidance and assistance.

We always welcome your ideas for stories as well as your suggestions and feedback. These can be submitted to hnn@honoluluadvertiser.com or to the managing editor, Karen Spangler, at Karen.spangler@navy.mil.

Honolulu police chief imparts wisdom to leaders

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Honolulu Police Department (HPD) Chief of Police Louis M. Kealoha spoke to more than 200 Pearl Harbor Sailors and civilian leaders as part of a "Learn from the Leaders" event April 29 at the Ford Island Conference Center.

Kealoha told the senior leaders that the Navy is an important part of the community.

"The Navy, the military, the armed forces, they are all part of our ohana here in Hawaii," said Kealoha. "When the Soldiers, troops are out on deployment, it's our responsibility to care for their families, make sure that they're safe."

"We both defend the Constitution. We defend the Constitution against domestic and foreign enemies. Another thing we have in common is that we are willing to sacrifice our lives to pay the price. The military paid the price. The police paid the price. That takes moral courage to move up, not just the physical courage," Kealoha noted.

Kealoha has been in HPD for more than 26 years. During the event, Kealoha talked about his experiences and transformation from a "knucklehead" to a charismatic

leader of HPD.

"If I can, you can, too," said Kealoha, who was sworn in as HPD's 10th chief of police on Nov. 25, 2009. "Everybody can reach their full potential and can become leaders."

During high school, Kealoha said he would sit out on the bench during team sports. Even when he joined the police force, Kealoha initially had no desire to become the chief of police. He explained that after evaluating his life since high school, Kealoha realized he wanted to be part of the game. He decided to reach his full potential by studying for the police advancement exams.

Kealoha rose up through the ranks, working in various elements in the police department. Since 2007, he has been the executive officer in the juvenile services division. His other assignments include the criminal investigation division, narcotics/vice division, training division, office of accreditation, and patrol.

His professional experience also includes lecturing as an adjunct professor for the department of criminology and criminal justice at Chaminade University of Honolulu.

Kealoha obtained his doctorate of education from the University of Southern California and his masters of science degree in criminal justice administration from Cham-

inade University of Honolulu. He also holds two bachelor's degrees, one in human services and the other in occupational education. Kealoha graduated from Damien High School in 1978.

"He is definitely a proven leader," said Lt. Antonio Gonzalez Jr., the Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam installation security officer. "He's a good speaker, and you can see where he is coming from. A lot of us have come from the same background. It tells us officers to keep trying, to succeed. I have a police department here, which is just as big as his department. Any advice, recommendation, encouragement from someone of his stature is definitely good for our department," explained Gonzalez.

Hosted by Commander, Navy Region Hawaii's (CNRH) Workforce Development Program since 2005, the goal of the event is to have well-established leaders pass on their wisdom and experience to service members and civilians.

"With Honolulu's chief of police, we want to help region employees enhance their leadership knowledge and skills and inspire them to seek out future leadership roles," said Diane Wolfe, CNRH workforce development administrator. "It's important that our people know we are investing in their professional growth."



Louis M. Kealoha, Hawaii Police Department's chief of police, shakes hands with Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam Command Master Chief Earl Gray during the "Learn from the Leader" event. Hosted by Commander Navy Region Hawaii's Workforce Development Program, the event invited well-established leaders to impart their wisdom and experiences to Navy leaders in Hawaii.