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2006 fades into history as a 'New Year' begins

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As 2006 unfolded, family and friends welcomed back more than 390 Sailors of the Pearl Harbor-based, guided missile cruiser, USS Chosin (CG 65), when they returned from a six-month deployment Jan. 9.

During deployment, the Sailors from Chosin and Helicopter Anti-Submarine Light Squadron 37 Detachment Four supported Operation Iraqi Freedom, Operation Enduring Freedom and the global war on terrorism. While in the Arabian Gulf, Chosin's primary mission was to work with a multi-national coalition in support of maritime security operations. These operations set the conditions for security and stability in the maritime environment as well as complement the counter-terrorism and security efforts of regional nations. They also denied international terrorists use of the maritime environment as a venue for attack or to transport personnel, weapons, or other material.

Chosin made port calls to Singapore, Thailand, Bahrain, Dubai, Australia and American Samoa and participated in community relations projects in Thailand and Australia.

That same week, Chief of Naval Operations (CNO) announced on Jan. 6 that Navy Region Hawai'i, which oversees Hawai'i-based Navy installations, was selected winner of the CNO Environmental Quality Non-Industrial Installation Award. The award is one of 10 categories that recognizes ships, installations and individuals or teams for their exceptional environmental stewardship.

Navy Region Hawai'i manages a comprehensive environmental program, which balances the Navy's operational mission with the protection and preservation of Hawai'i's unique environment. The command provides direct fleet support to more than 25 ships and submarines, four aircraft squadrons, oversees and maintains all Navy facilities, buildings and more than 4,500 military family housing units in a region that extends over 23,000 acres of land and water.

On Feb. 10, three ships from USS Tarawa (LHA 1) Expeditionary Strike Group One (ESG 1), along with more



than 2,100 Marines from the 13th Marine Expeditionary Unit (MEU), arrived at Pearl Harbor for a planned port visit. Enroute to their homeport of San Diego, Tarawa, USS Pearl Harbor (LSD 52) and USS Cleveland (LPD 7) wrapped up a six-month deployment that included support of Operation Iraqi Freedom, humanitarian operations in Pakistan and the Philippines as well as maritime security operations in the Persian Gulf.

Family and friends said goodbye to more than 330 Sailors of the Pearl Harbor-based guided missile destroyer, USS Russell (DDG 59) as they departed for deployment on March 10.

Commanded by Cmdr. James W. Kilby, Russell departed Pearl Harbor to join the USS Abraham Lincoln Carrier Strike Group for a six-month

deployment in support of the global war on terrorism.

The Lincoln Carrier Strike Group included Carrier Air Wing Two, Destroyer Squadron Nine, the guided missile cruiser USS Mobile Bay (CG 53) and the guided missile destroyer USS Shoup (DDG 86).

Friends and shipmates of Operations Specialist 3rd Class Zachary Ryan Johnson gathered at the Naval Station Pearl Harbor base chapel to share remembrances and to honor the Sailor missing since March 11.

Extensive search and rescue efforts by the Honolulu Fire Department, U.S. Coast Guard and U.S. Navy search and rescue teams failed to locate the 21-year-old native of Windsor, Colo. who was lost while swimming at Spitting Rocks near

Hanauma Bay, Hawai'i. He was caught by currents and unable to swim to shore.

Commander, Navy Region Hawai'i hosted its third annual Earth Day Fair at the Navy Exchange Mall at Pearl Harbor on April 21-22.

The fair included exhibits and festivities planned for everyone to learn about ways to save our planet's natural resources. There was a mini expo of energy efficient products and services, including lighting, fuel cells, window tinting, ethanol fuel and electric vehicles.

Family and friends said goodbye to more than 100 Sailors as USS Salvor (ARS 52), a Safeguard-class rescue and salvage ship, deployed April 29. The ship traveled to various locations in the Western Pacific to take part in the Cooperation Afloat Readiness and

Training, or CARAT 2006 exercise. CARAT is a regularly scheduled series of military training exercises with Singapore, Thailand, Malaysia, Brunei and the Philippines, designed to enhance interoperability of the respective sea services.

In addition, USS Hopper (DDG 70) and USS Crommelin (FFG 37) departed Pearl Harbor on May 5 on a four-month deployment to the Seventh Fleet area of operations. They joined the California-based U.S. Coast Guard Cutter Sherman. The ships traveled to various locations in the Western Pacific took part in the CARAT 2006 exercise.

Family and friends welcomed back more than 350 Sailors of the Pearl Harbor-based guided missile destroyer, USS Chung-Hoon (DDG 93) as they returned from a four-month deployment May 25.

Chung-Hoon, commanded by Cmdr. David A. Welch, departed Pearl Harbor in January for its maiden deployment to the Western Pacific as part of U.S. Pacific Command Joint Task Force operations in support of the global war on terrorism.

During deployment, the Sailors from Chung-Hoon made several port visits including Malaysia, Saipan, Vanuatu, Australia and Tonga, where volunteers from the ship assisted in renovating facilities for youth groups.

More than 330 Sailors of the guided missile destroyer, USS Russell (DDG 59), returned June 30 to Pearl Harbor after completing a four month deployment.

The destroyer departed its homeport of Pearl Harbor in March to join the USS Abraham Lincoln Carrier Strike Group in support of the global war on terrorism. During the deployment, the crew of Russell took part in several Southeast Asian port visits and community service projects, including Hong Kong, China; Pattaya, Thailand; Singapore; and Sukumo, Japan.

More than 6,000 Sailors from USS Ronald Reagan (CVN 76), along with the staff and personnel assigned to Commander, Carrier Strike Group Seven (CCSG-7), Carrier Air Wing Fourteen (CVW-14) and Destroyer Squadron Seven (DESRON 7), arrived June 28 at Naval Station Pearl Harbor for a one-day port visit

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USS Chafee returns from COMPTUEX

Ensign Matt Appleton

USS Chafee (DDG 90)
Public Affairs Officer

The Pearl Harbor-based, guided missile destroyer USS Chafee (DDG 90) returned Dec. 23 from a nearly month long underway off the coast of southern California as a part of the Nimitz Strike Group.

Chafee, supported by an embarked detachment from the Kaneohe-based Helicopter Squadron Light 37, joined up with USS Nimitz (CVN 68) and USS Princeton (CG 59) and the Little Beavers of the historic Destroyer Squadron 23, comprised of USS Pinckney (DDG 91), USS John Paul Jones (DDG 53), and USS Higgins (DDG 76), to participate in the Nimitz Strike Group Combined Unit Training Exercise (COMPTUEX). The exercise was conducted throughout the month of



U.S. Navy photo

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December. COMPTUEX represented the culmination of more than a year's worth of individual unit level training in preparation for the group's upcoming deployment. Every warfare area was evaluated throughout the course of the exercise. Complex scenarios running the gamut from anti-submarine and anti-air warfare, to surface warfare, special operations, and maritime inter-

ception operations were developed and the ships were tasked to perform together as an integrated strike group for the first time.

COMPTUEX also provided many opportunities for the ships' watch teams to hone their tactics and procedures during the very busy and comprehensive training schedule. For Team Chafee, this challenging schedule started with sailing from Pearl Harbor the day after Thanksgiving and traveling through heavy winds and high seas to arrive in time to meet the San Diego-based Nimitz Strike Group for the exercise.

Once on station, Team Chafee excelled at fighting in multi-warfare mission areas against a national threat made up of opposing forces from other San Diego-based ships, submarines and aircraft.

During this 30-day period,

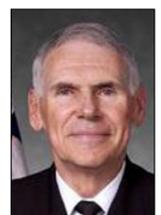
Chafee performed several plane guard operations with Nimitz, refueled at sea from USNS Bridge (T-AOE-10), hunted submarines, conducted countless helicopter launches and recoveries, controlled aircraft and performed many exercise driven engagements meant to flex each watch section and individual.

Chafee's efforts were rewarded by earning the first ever "Little Beavers Anti-Submarine Warfare Excellence Award," presented by Commodore Adam Levitt of Destroyer Squadron 23.

Returning home in time for the holidays, Chafee's crew can look back on a successful training opportunity in which all hands gave 110 percent effort, applied their expertise, polished their skills, and became part of a bigger team that will sail west in the months to come to support the nation's interests.

Admiral Fallon recommended to lead Central Command

U.S. Pacific Command
Public Affairs



Adm. William J. Fallon

The Secretary of Defense has recommended that presidential nominee Adm. William J. Fallon, U.S. Pacific Command, for reappointment to the rank of admiral and assignment as Commander, U.S. Central Command, Tampa, Fla.

"I am grateful for Secretary Gates' trust and confidence and look forward to the nomination and confirmation processes," said Fallon. "In the meantime, I remain focused on my duties at Pacific Command."



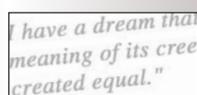
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on the return leg of its 2006 Western Pacific deployment.

The other ships that make up the Ronald Reagan Carrier Strike Group, USS Lake Champlain (CG 57), USS McCampbell (DDG 85), USS Decatur (DDG 73) and USNS Rainier (T-AOE 7), also came to Pearl Harbor.

While in port, many Ronald Reagan Sailors visited the USS Arizona Memorial and the Battleship Missouri Memorial.

Sailors, ships and navies working together was the theme of the Rim of the Pacific (RIMPAC) 2006 naval exercise, conducted June 26-July 28 in the Hawaiian waters.

This year's exercise was the 20th in a series of RIMPAC exercises conducted since 1971. Eight nations participated in RIMPAC, the world's largest biennial maritime exercise.

RIMPAC brought together military forces from Australia, Canada, Chile, Peru, Japan, the Republic of Korea, the United Kingdom and the United States. The Coalition Force comprised of eight nations, 35 ships, 160 aircraft and 19,000 personnel. The United States Third Fleet, commanded by Vice Adm. Barry Costello, was responsible for overall exercise coordination.

Rear Adm. T. G. "Tim" Alexander assumed command of Navy Region Hawai'i and Naval Surface Group Middle Pacific on Aug. 8 at a traditional change of command ceremony on board Naval Station Pearl Harbor. Alexander previously served as the commanding officer of Naval Base Coronado, Calif. from April 2004.

More than 1,000 Sailors of the Japan Training Squadron came to

Naval Station Pearl Harbor for a brief port visit. Members of the local Japanese community greeted them at the pier.

The participating ships were the training ship, JDS Kashima (TV 3508), and destroyers JDS Amagiri (DD 154) and JDS Yamagiri (TV 3515). Rear Adm. Takanobu Sasaki, Commander, Japan Training Squadron, the senior representative of the Japan Maritime Self Defense Force, was accompanied by 200 newly commissioned officers of Kashima.

While in Hawai'i, the squadron laid wreaths at the Arizona Memorial, the Makiki Japanese Naval Graveyard, and the National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific.

Family and friends welcomed home the more than 330 Sailors of the guided missile destroyer, USS Russell (DDG 59) on Sept. 5, when the ship returned to Pearl Harbor after completing a six-month deployment.

The destroyer departed its homeport of Pearl Harbor in March to join the USS Abraham Lincoln Carrier Strike Group in support of the global war on terrorism. USS Russell later joined USS Kitty Hawk Strike Group when another escort was required for their mission.

During the deployment, the crew of Russell took part in several Southeast Asian port visits and community service projects, including Hong Kong, China; Pattaya, Thailand; Singapore; and Sukumo, Japan, and Perth, Australia.

Two ships representing China's navy, the destroyer Qingdao (DDG 113) and the oiler Hongzhehu (AOR 881) arrived in Pearl Harbor on Sept.

6, for a routine port visit. During their visit, China's sailors had the opportunity to interact with their U.S. counterparts and experience the unique culture of Hawai'i. Upon conclusion of the port visit, a bilateral communications exercise was conducted in Hawaiian waters with the Pearl Harbor-based destroyer USS Chung-Hoon (DDG 93).

More than 500 Sailors of the frigate USS Crommelin (FFG 37) and the guided missile destroyer USS Hopper (DDG 70) returned to Naval Station Pearl Harbor on Sept. 15 following a four-month deployment to the Seventh Fleet area of operations.

The Hawai'i-based ships departed Pearl Harbor on May 5 and took part in the CARAT 2006 exercise.

Two ships of the Republic of Korea navy arrived at Naval Station Pearl Harbor on Sept. 21 for a brief port visit. The visiting ships included the destroyer, Dae Jo Yeong (DDG 977) and logistics support ship Dae Cheong (AOE 58). Rear Adm. Jung Mok Son, commander, Republic of Korea's navy training force, was the senior representative of the Korean navy and was accompanied by 648 Sailors representing both ships.

While in Hawai'i, the Korean sailors visited the National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific and held meetings with members of the local Korean community.

More than 100 Sailors of the crew of USS Salvor (ARS 52), a Safeguard-class rescue and salvage ship, returned Oct. 2 following a five-month deployment. The ship traveled to various locations in the Western Pacific taking part in the CARAT

2006 exercise. Divers from USS Salvor (ARS 52) conducted six days of diving to positively identify the World War II-era attack submarine USS Lagarto (SS 371) as part of the Thailand phase of CARAT.

Eighty-six submariners perished on Lagarto, which was last heard from May 3, 1945, as she was preparing to attack a Japanese convoy under heavy escorts in the Gulf of Thailand. Japanese war records later revealed that the minelayer Hatsutaka reported sinking a U.S. submarine at roughly the same time and location.

Naval Computer and Telecommunications Area Master Station, Pacific (NCTAMS PAC) sponsored the 17th annual "Operation Aloha" Thanksgiving Day dinner on Nov. 23 at the Waialua Community Center in Haleiwa.

More than 50 Sailors, civilians and family members from NCTAMS PAC were on hand, as well as Rear Adm. T. G. Alexander, Commander Navy Region Hawai'i, and Commander, Naval Surface Group Middle Pacific, to provide holiday meals and entertainment to those less fortunate on the North Shore.

For this year's Thanksgiving event, Sailors, civilian and family members volunteered more than 800 hours, raising funds and collecting more than a ton of canned foods for the local community in support of "Operation Aloha."

Finally, the biggest event of the year was held on Dec. 7, when the National Park Service and U.S. Navy hosted a joint memorial ceremony commemorating the 65th anniversary

of the attack on Pearl Harbor on board Naval Station Pearl Harbor's Kilo Pier.

The Kilo Pier venue looks directly out to the USS Arizona Memorial situated in Pearl Harbor approximately half a mile away.

More than 1,500 Pearl Harbor Survivors and their families and friends from around the nation joined 2,000 distinguished guests and the general public for the annual observance of the 1941 attack on Pearl Harbor.

Former NBC Nightly News anchor and managing editor Tom Brokaw served as the keynote speaker for the commemoration. Other guest speakers included the Hawai'i Governor, Linda Lingle; Secretary of the Department of the Interior, Dirk Kempthorne; and Adm. Gary Roughead, Commander, U.S. Pacific Fleet.

This was the last official reunion of the Pearl Harbor Survivors' Association. The theme, "A Nation Remembers," reflected how the remembrance of Pearl Harbor has evolved throughout the years since World War II.

As December drew to a close, Sailors, civilian employees and their families, took time to share holiday traditions, decorate their homes, and at last, amid the smoke-filled cool evening air and fireworks large and small, rang in the New Year at midnight Dec. 31. And with the New Year comes resolutions. As President Abraham Lincoln said, "Always bear in mind that your own resolution to succeed is more important than any one thing."

Military spouses honored

Honolulu Mayor Mufi Hannemann presented recipients of the Navy League Key Spouse Recognition Program with Key Spouse Awards on Jan. 5 at his office. Key Spouses from each branch of military service received a Navy League Honolulu Council plaque, a check for \$1,000 and a certificate of recognition signed and presented by the mayor. This is the third consecutive year that the Navy League, in conjunction with U.S. Pacific Command, has honored outstanding spouses of service members deployed around the world. These Key Spouses are from all branches of the military representing Hawai'i-based military commands and units.

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Correction

A front page article, "Brokaw meets nurse from 'Greatest Generation,'" which appeared in the Dec. 8, 2006 edition of Hawai'i Navy News, incorrectly spelled the name of Mrs. Benning. The correct name should be: 2nd Lt. Monica Conter-Benning. The erroneous information that was published was provided to our editorial staff. Hawai'i Navy News apologizes for the error and any inconvenience that this may have caused.



U.S. Navy photo by MCSN Byung Cho

Capt. Stephen Marr (left), Commander, Submarine Squadron One, presents the 2006 Battle "E" award to Cmdr. Nelson Hildreth, USS La Jolla (SSN 701) commanding officer. This marks the second year La Jolla has received the award.

Pacific Fleet submarines selected for Battle "E" awards

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Commander Submarine Force U.S. Pacific Fleet Public Affairs

Three Pearl Harbor based, nuclear-powered attack submarines were selected as winners of the 2006 Battle Efficiency Awards (Battle "E") for the Pacific Fleet Submarine Force, according to an announcement made Dec. 31, 2006 by Rear Adm. Joseph Walsh, Commander, Submarine Force Pacific Fleet.

The winners included USS

La Jolla (SSN 701) from Submarine Squadron One, which received the award for the second year in a row. USS Chicago (SSN 721) and USS Tucson (SSN 770) from Submarine Squadron Three and Seven, respectively, were the other Pearl Harbor-based winners.

Capt. Stephen Marr, Commodore, Submarine Squadron One, presented La Jolla's second consecutive Battle "E" on Jan. 5 to Cmdr. Nelson Hildreth, the commanding officer.

"The fact that you won the award two years in a row

epitomizes your superior work ethic," Marr said.

Walsh said that this year's competition was very tough and each winner achieved the highest readiness to carry out their missions. "Each crew member of an award winner can be justifiably proud of their contribution to improve Pacific Submarine Force readiness," he said.

Other Pacific Fleet submarines receiving the Battle "E" were USS Jefferson City (SSN 759) and the Floating Dry Dock Arco (ARDM-5) in San Diego, USS Houston

(SSN 713) and USS Frank Cable (AS 40) in Guam, and USS Kentucky (SSBN 737) and USS Nevada (SSBN 733) in Bangor, Wash.

The Battle "E" award recognizes sustained superior performance in all areas of combat readiness. As part of the competition, ships compete for command excellence in four combat areas: maritime warfare, engineering/survivability, command and control, and logistics management. To receive the nod for battle efficiency, a ship must excel in all four areas.

Make 'energy smart' New Year's resolutions

Krista Stehn

Naval Facilities Engineering Hawai'i Energy Team

At the beginning of a new year, many people resolve to make changes that will improve their lives. Some may choose to begin an exercise program, eat healthier, or spend more quality time with their family.

A simple resolution we often do not think about is to improve our environment. The Naval Facilities Engineering Command Hawai'i Energy Team encourages you to make a new year's resolution to improve the environment by becoming more energy and water efficient.

Here are some easy tips from the Department of the Navy Energy Efficiency Program to assist you:

- Wash only full loads in your dishwasher. The dishwasher will use around 17 gallons of hot water each time, whether you wash one dish or a full load of dishes. Not only do you save water, you save the energy to produce and process the water.

- Use compact fluorescent lights instead of incandescent bulbs. Compact fluorescents are three to four times more efficient than incandescent light bulbs and last up to 10 times longer.

- When buying a computer monitor, buy only as large a monitor as you need. Power consumption increases proportionately with the size of the monitor. For example, a 17-inch color monitor consumes approximately 35 percent more energy than a 14-inch color monitor. Flat screen monitors consume

significantly less energy than the bulky tube type monitors. They also produce less heat, making your work area cooler.

- Use fans to keep cool instead of an air conditioner. Portable, ceiling and whole-house fans consume only a small fraction of the energy used by an air conditioner.

- If you use night lights, select energy-conserving four-watt bulbs. Or better yet, purchase the new green or blue-green light night lights with back light technology. These night lights consume a mere 0.03 watts and cost only a few pennies a year to operate.

- Keep the lint screen of your clothes dryer clean and remove lint after each load. Lint impedes the flow of air in the dryer, which makes your clothes take longer to dry and requires the machine to use more energy. Removing lint from your dryer and dryer hose will also reduce the chances of fire.

- Use solar walkway and patio lights for outdoor accent lights. These are widely available and easy to install.

- Furnish your home with light-colored lamp shades. A lamp with a light-colored shade, especially one that's lined in white or highly transparent, will provide optimal light.

Take time to talk with all of the members of your family about making some simple changes to conserve energy. Not only will you assist Navy Region Hawai'i with its energy conservation efforts, but you will also start the new year off positively.

If you have any questions, please call the energy team at 474-7666.

2006 Pearl Harbor Highlights



U.S. Navy photo by MC2 Brian P. Billery
With the amphibious dock landing ship USS Harpers Ferry (LSD 49) in the background, Landing Craft Utility One Six Five One (LCU-1651) assigned to Assault Craft Unit One, (ACU-1) Detachment Western Pacific offloads equipment and personnel from the 31st Marine Expeditionary Unit (MEU).

U.S. Navy photo by MC2 Devin Wright
A Navy family member greets U.S. Coast Guard mascot Officer Snook during the Earth Day Fair at the NEX on April 22. The fair was held to promote energy conservation and environmental awareness.

U.S. Navy photo by MC2 Brian P. Billery
A pair of CH-53E Super Stallion helicopters land on the beach in Thailand to offload elements of the 31st Marine Expeditionary Unit (MEU) as part of the 25th anniversary of the annual U.S./Thai exercise Cobra Gold 2006.



U.S. Navy photo by MCC (SW/AW) David Rush
The 86 men lost aboard USS Lagarto (SS 371) were among submarine veterans who were honored in a Veterans' Day ceremony held onboard Naval Station Pearl Harbor at the Parche Memorial on Nov. 11. The Lagarto was discovered in May 2005 off the coast of Thailand where it was sunk on May 3, 1945.



U.S. Navy photo by MCC (SW) Joe Kane
The naval hospital ship, USNS Mercy (T-AH 19), arrived at Pearl Harbor on May 2, 2006, making its first stop during a humanitarian assistance mission to the Western Pacific and Southeast Asia.



U.S. Navy photo by MCC (SW) Joe Kane
Guided missile destroyer USS Hopper (DDG 70) departed Pearl Harbor for a four-month cruise to the 7th Fleet area of operation. The ship traveled to various locations in the Western Pacific to take part in the Cooperation Afloat Readiness and Training, or CARAT 2006 exercise. CARAT is a regularly scheduled series of military training exercises with Singapore, Thailand, Malaysia, Brunei and the Philippines, designed to enhance interoperability of the respective sea services.



U.S. Navy photo by MCC (SW) Joe Kane
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U.S. Navy photo by MC2 Devin Wright
Sailors from various commands throughout Hawai'i marched in the USO Military Appreciation Month Parade on May 6 in Waikiki.



U.S. Navy photo by MC1 James E. Foehl
Master Chief Petty Officer of the Navy (MCPON) Terry Scott speaks to the enlisted Sailors stationed on board Commander, Navy Region Hawai'i during an all-hands call.

Louisville leaves Pearl Harbor

The crew of USS Louisville (SSN 724) renders honors at the USS Arizona Memorial as they depart their homeport of Pearl Harbor, Hawai'i on Jan. 4. USS Louisville departed Pearl Harbor enroute to Portsmouth Naval Shipyard in Portsmouth, N.H. for a scheduled overhaul.



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USS Crommelin (FFG 37) holds change of command

Ensign Will Marden

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Cmdr. Patrick N. Huete relieved Cmdr. Mark S. Manfredi as commanding officer of USS Crommelin (FFG 37) in a change of command ceremony held at sea, south of Pearl Harbor, on Dec. 1.

Crommelin recently completed a deployment to Southeast Asia in support of Cooperation Afloat Readiness and Training (CARAT) 2006.

Capt. F. W. Pfirrmann, Commander Destroyer Squadron 31 (COMDESRON 31), was the guest speaker for the ceremony. Pfirrmann commands the eight Navy warships representing the "Sea Warriors" of COMDESRON 31. Pfirrmann praised Manfredi for a job well done. He also congratulated the Sailors who make up what he called "the hardest working crew on

the waterfront."

Manfredi assumed command of Crommelin in July 2005. Under his command, the ship participated in numerous exercises and events, including Exercise Northern Edge and the Seattle Sea Fair.

Throughout the recent CARAT deployment, Crommelin participated in various bi-lateral exercises with navies from Singapore, Thailand, Brunei, Indonesia, the Philippines, and Malaysia, showing the flag throughout the western Pacific and Southeast Asia.

Manfredi's next assignment is on the staff of the Commander, Pacific Fleet, Pearl Harbor, Hawai'i.

Huete is a native of New Orleans, La. His most recent assignment was as ballistic missile defense section head, theater air and missile defense branch, in the Surface Warfare Directorate of the Chief of Naval Operations staff (OPNAV N86).

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Construction projects around Pearl Harbor

Naval Facilities Engineering Command, Hawai'i

Crosswalk painting on base

A crosswalk painting project for Naval Station Pearl Harbor began in August 2006. Four Naval Facilities Engineering Command (NAVFAC) Hawai'i Seabees, along with Sailors from TPU/1st Lt. have been painting crosswalks, stop bars and turning arrows. The goal is to keep traffic interruptions to a minimum and visually improve base roads, making them safer for pedestrians and bicyclists. Completion of this project is estimated for March.

Treatment of waste paint

NAVFAC Hawai'i's public works department, Pearl Harbor environmental division; the NAVFAC engineering service center; and Navy Region Hawai'i are currently working on a full-scale demonstration plant at building 1424, near the shipyard's dry dock four, for the biological treatment of waste solvent-based paints. Every year, the Department of Defense disposes of over eight million

pounds of solvent-based paints as hazardous waste. The treatment process will reduce the quantity of hazardous waste paint shipped to the mainland for disposal. This reduces the Navy's liability from off-site transportation and disposal of the paint as hazardous waste. The demonstration plant is currently in the construction phase inside building 1424 and is expected to be operational in spring 2007.

Scheduled road closures:

- Pearl Harbor Naval Shipyard - Parking lot C will be closed for repaving through Feb. 2.

- Naval Station Pearl Harbor (submarine base area) - Fourteen parking stalls will be closed in the parking lot at the corner of Nimitz and Pierce Streets, for repairs to USS Parche Memorial, through Jan. 26.

- Fleet Industrial Supply Center Pearl Harbor - There will be a partial closure of Vincennes Avenue (down to two lanes) and parallel parking by buildings 474 and 475 will be unavailable due to the replacement of a water line. The project started Dec. 11 and will be ongoing through April 9.

USS Columbus back home after overhaul



U.S. Navy photo by MC1 (SW) Cynthia Clark

USS Columbus (SSN 762) returned to Naval Station Pearl Harbor on Dec. 22, just in time for the holidays. Columbus, homeported at Pearl Harbor, completed a two-year overhaul at Submarine Base Bangor, Wash.

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MCPON addresses Millington chiefs

MCCS (SW/AW) Bill Houlihan

MCPON Public Affairs

Master Chief Petty Officer of the Navy (MCPON)(SW/FMF) Joe R. Campa Jr. told an audience of more than 300 Millington chief petty officers Jan. 9 that he has planned a staggered roll-out of action items associated with his mission, vision and guiding principles.

Campa announced that it is his intention to make clear to the entire fleet that there is an intentional, effective separation between the wardroom and chief's mess.

"I do not believe in 'blurring the lines'. Our job is too important to blur the lines between chiefs and officers. A significant part of deckplate leadership is training those junior officers, then working in tandem to develop our Sailors."

MCPON also used the Millington chief's call as a vehicle to announce his decision to open the doors of the Navy's Senior Enlisted Academy (SEA) to chief petty officers, starting with class



MCPON (SW/FMF) Joe R. Campa Jr.

130, which convenes Feb. 26. The course had previously been offered only to senior chiefs and master chiefs. A small number of seats will be available to chiefs in that course iteration, followed by increasing numbers over the fiscal year.

"SEA content is as relevant for chiefs as it is for senior chiefs. We should provide the professional development necessary to ensure their success as naval leaders as early as possible in a chief's career."

Campa unveiled a number of initiatives at the CPO call and said a strategic working group he re-convened in December, the second in a span of three months, put the finishing touches on his guiding principles.

The working group, consisting of command master chiefs representing a wide range of communities

as well as a surface warfare officer, met for the second time in three months with a specific charter from Campa.

"The first meeting in September laid the foundation. The enduring goal is to strengthen our entire Navy through the strengthening of the mess. History has shown us that an effective chiefs mess is the key ingredient to any successful crew."

-MCPON (SW/FMF) Joe R. Campa Jr.

ation," said Campa. "Last month was focused on execution. It's time

to let the fleet know the direction of their chief's mess."

The strategic planning session, led by organizational development practitioners Master Chiefs Karen Sayers and Vincent Schutz, focused on clarification of the guiding principles and how to engrain them into the fleet.

During the two-day session, the group dissected each portion of the guiding principles to determine specific steps chief petty officers must take to ensure they are acting in accordance with the guidance.

"This is not a philosophy. It's a course of action," said Campa. "The success of our Navy hinges on the effectiveness of the chief on the deckplate. We've developed a strategy to incorporate the mission, vision and guiding principles into everything we do."

Enforcement of standards, deckplate leadership and the credibility of the chief's mess were common themes and focal points of much of the discussion. In a statement provided to All Hands magazine, Campa said Sailors of all ranks will soon see the results.

"In the next several months you are going to see mission, vision and guiding principles lessons inserted into the training plans of every leadership school the Navy offers. I'm going to task schools like the Senior Enlisted Academy with examining how it relates to our core values, our CPO Creed and our Sailor's Creed."

Campa said the guiding principles may seem to focus on the actions and responsibilities of chiefs, but the effect will be felt Navy-wide.

"The enduring goal," he said, "is to strengthen our entire Navy through the strengthening of the mess. History has shown us that an effective chiefs mess is the key ingredient to any successful crew."

Campa added that petty officers aspiring to wear anchors should use the guiding principles as a roadmap to get there. He emphasized that by the end of fiscal year 2007, performance indicators like evaluations and Sailor of the Year nominations will reflect how closely senior petty officers are following the guidance.

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