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## BLUE ANGELS TO PERFORM AT KANEOHE

### Marine Corps Base Hawai'i

The Blue Angels will perform at the 2006 Kaneohe Marine Corps-Navy Air Show on Saturday and Sunday. "The Blues on the Bay" will have a supporting cast of performers guaranteed to thrill the whole family.

The U.S. Navy's Blue Angels Flight Demonstration Squadron is among the most popular aviation acts in the world, entertaining 15 million people last air show season. Since they were formed in 1946, they have performed for more than 400 million people.

The F/A-18 Hornets are 56 feet long, more than 40 feet from wingtip to wingtip, and weigh 56,000 lbs. at take-off. A Hornet can hit speeds of 1,200 miles per hour (Mach 1.7+). Blue Angels' pilots hold their Hornets in formations just inches apart while performing complex maneuvers.

Their support aircraft, a U.S. Marine Corps C-130, also shows off with a spectacular jet-assisted take-off, reaching 1,500 feet at a 45-degree angle in just seconds. Known as "Fat Albert," it carries 25,000 pounds of cargo, 45,000 pounds of fuel, and transports the squadron's support and maintenance crew to each show site.

The Blue Angels' mission is to enhance

Navy and Marine Corps recruiting and to represent the Naval service to the United States civilian community, its elected leadership and foreign nations. The Blue Angels serve as positive role models and goodwill ambassadors for the U.S. Navy and Marine Corps.

A Blue Angels' flight demonstration exhibits the choreographed refinements of Navy-trained flying skills. It includes the graceful, aerobatic maneuvers of the four-plane diamond formation, in concert with fast-paced high performance maneuvers of its two solo pilots. Finally, the team illustrates the pinnacle of precision flying, performing maneuvers locked as a unit in the renowned, six-jet delta formation.

In addition to the Blue Angels, there will be aerobatic performances by Patty Wagstaff, Greg Poe, Mike Wiskus, Jill Long, Tim Weber and Red Bull Aviation Helicopter and Albatross. Also, demonstrations by H-60, USCG C-130, H-65, and C-17 aircraft as well as a Marine Air Ground Task Force (MAGTAF) demonstration by local military squadrons. Skydiving demonstrations by the U.S. Army Golden Knights and the U.S. Navy Leap Frogs.

The gates will open to the public at 9 a.m. on both days.



Photo illustration

The Pacific Aviation Museum is teaming up with the Blues on the Bay Air show on Saturday and Sunday. The museum will provide leeward residents parking and shuttle service to the Blues on the Bay Air Show at Marine Corps Base Hawai'i, Kaneohe Bay. The museum will be open from 7 a.m. to 9 p.m. for visitors wanting to have breakfast or dinner. The world famous Blue Angels will be the highlight of the star studded aviation performances between 11 a.m. - 5 p.m.. The air show hours are 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. with activities such as a car show and carnival rides in addition to the aviation and skydiving performances.

## CNO's first message to the fleet



Adm. Gary Roughead  
Chief of Naval Operations

Adm. Gary Roughead offered his first message to the fleet since assuming duties as the 29th Chief of Naval Operations on Sept 29. The text of his message is provided below:

The opportunity to continue to serve and to lead our Navy is the highest honor for any naval officer. Assuming the leadership of our Navy from Adm. Mike Mullen is a great privilege. His vision, drive and commitment to those who serve have positioned us well today and for tomorrow. I know all of you join me in wishing him and Deborah every success as he takes up his new responsibilities as Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff.

I am of the fleet. It is where I began and where, for the past four years in the Atlantic and Pacific, I have had the privilege of leading our operational forces, Navy and joint. I have watched our Sailors perform magnificently from the high end of warfare to the most extensive humanitarian operation ever undertaken by our military.

I am inspired by our individual augmentees and others on the ground. They are a new dimension of our Navy and one in which we can all take pride.

We are truly a ready, agile and global Navy.

My priorities have been and will remain, maintaining our current readiness, building a Navy for tomorrow, and that which underpins all we do - our people, our Sailors, our civilians and our very special families, whose hallmarks are sacrifice and self-reliance.

### Current readiness

Maintaining our warfighting readiness will ensure we are an agile, capable and ready force. We are continually generating forces for the current fight and are deploying and employing our Navy much differently than in years past. We are simultaneously providing ready naval forces and personnel for joint force commanders, sustaining forward presence, fulfilling commitments to allies, and responding to increasing demands in regions where we have not routinely operated, specifically South America and Africa. Our global blue-water Navy, centered around carrier strike groups, expeditionary strike groups and submarines is unmatched, and will continue to be our cornerstone. Our Fleet Response Plan will increase our operational availability and allow us to operate with more flexibility.

### A Navy for tomorrow

The means and methods of conflict and the security environment undergo constant change. Technology and new approaches are advancing rapidly. Our ships, submarines, aircraft, weapons and networks must outpace potential adversaries. The cost of future systems and the ability of our overall acquisition processes to pace the speed of technological innovation will challenge our ability to deliver a balanced force. Accordingly, we must be exact-

ing in developing requirements, mindful of the factors that increase cost, and disciplined in our process to be effective, efficient and timely in delivering future capability.

### People

Our people are the foundation for all we do. All we acquire is of little worth without the people who give it value. Our policies and practices must enable us to attract, recruit, retain and fulfill the men and women of America, and our Navy must reflect the diversity of our nation. The demographics, attitudes and expectations of our population are changing and we must understand that dynamic.

Our policies must advantage us and address the many rewards of service, and we must be unwavering in our obligation to take care of those who serve in our Navy and the families who support them. This is particularly important today for those serving in individual augmentation assignments.

Those are my priorities, but there is another dimension to our future. We have a unique historical, organizational and operational relationship with the U.S. Marine Corps. Our forces train, deploy and fight together. Our capabilities, programs and personnel issues are inextricably linked. I am committed to the Navy and Marine Corps partnership and to making it even stronger and more relevant for the future. We can do much for our country as a Navy-Marine Corps team.

Although we are at war, I see more opportunity than challenge and more in our future than in our past. I look forward to leading our Navy. I am eager to meet all that is before us, and to serving with you as we face the future and seize the opportunities ahead.



Rear Adm. T.G. Alexander, commander, Navy Region Hawai'i and commander, Naval Surface Group Middle Pacific, signs a Domestic Violence Proclamation at the Fleet Family Support Center on Oct. 2, to show his and the Navy's strong support behind the movement against domestic violence.

## CNRH proclaims October as Domestic Violence Awareness Month

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Rear Adm. T.G. Alexander, commander, Navy Region Hawai'i (CNRH) and commander, Naval Surface Group Middle Pacific, signed a Domestic Violence Awareness Month proclamation letter Oct. 3 during a ceremony held at Naval Station Pearl Harbor Fleet and Family Support Center.

The proclamation letter designated the month of October as Domestic Violence Awareness Month and called upon the Navy community to take action to make themselves aware of the negative effects of domestic violence and to become actively involved in its prevention.

"The signing of the document is a signature event for Domestic Violence Awareness Month. The more people we can make aware of domestic violence and the negative impacts that it has on families and on military readiness, the better off we will be as a Navy," said Alexander.

During the ceremony, Alexander talked about his personal stance on domestic violence.

"There is no place in my life for domestic violence, both personally and professionally. It's against the law, it's against military regulations, and it's just not the right thing to do," he said.

The document, which is signed annually by CNRH, helps begin the month with awareness about the issues of domestic violence and how it affects families and

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# Hawai'i Sailors measure up for wear test

Story and photo by  
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Commander, Navy Region  
Hawai'i Public Affairs

Seventy Sailors assigned to various commands throughout the Hawai'i region received their first measurement fittings Oct. 2-4 at the Navy Exchange Uniform Shop on board Naval Station Pearl Harbor in preparation for local wear testing of the new service dress white and service dress khaki uniforms this coming year.

The measurement fitting was the first in a set of two scheduled fittings that participating Sailors will have prior to receiving the new, ready-to-wear test uniforms.

"Because we wear whites year-round in Hawai'i, it is important for us to test them. Being personally involved means I can put in my input on the uniform," said Gunner's Mate 1st Class (SW) John Nichols, one of the participants in the wear test, assigned to Commander, Naval Surface Group Middle Pacific.

The wear test will allow Hawai'i Sailors to provide feedback on the new features, different types of fabrics and design of the new uniforms. "The feedback Sailors give is



Donna Zlotnick, senior clothing designer, Task Force Uniform team Lead, Navy Clothing and Textile Research Facility, measures the right arm of Yeoman 3rd Class (SW/AW) Brandon Javellana, assigned to U.S. Pacific Command, as part of a measurement fitting for the wear test of the new service dress white uniform.

extremely important to the process," stated Naval Station Pearl Harbor Command Master Chief (SW/SS/FMF) Stephen Mitchell. "Sailors look for an easy to maintain appearance, and if they don't think the uniform does that, there may be need to look into an alternative uniform."

"Sailors have expressed dissatisfaction with the material and the

design [of the previous uniform.] They didn't believe it had a nice sharp military appearance," said Robert Carroll, director, Navy Uniform Manners Office in Arlington, Va. "We redesigned it with new fabric that is more breathable and softer to touch, hoping it will be less maintenance intensive, along with some design modifications."

One of the new modifications to the dress white uniform is the addition of a side zipper, giving Sailors an easier way to put on and take off the jumper top.

"The zipper is a major change because getting in and out of the jumper can be challenging," said Carroll. "The new jumper permits easier entrance, allowing you to buy a jumper more your size and give a tapered appearance."

Along with the zipper, another major change to the dress white uniform is piping along the cuffs and the back flap of the jumper.

"We believe that if Sailors have to wear the uniform, they want to look good in the uniform," said Carroll. "When you look at the current uniform, it has no definition, just plain white flap with no cuffs and no piping, just a plain uniform. This new uniform will be more defined and give a similar appearance to the

crackerjacks [service dress blue]."

One of the concepts behind the new dress khaki uniforms is to minimize the number of uniforms officers and chief petty officers have in their sea bag.

"Officers and chiefs always have had to change uniforms because of the type of event," said Carroll. "Hopefully, these new uniforms will allow them to have one uniform for every event."

As a large fleet concentration area and one of the few geographic locations where the Navy wears white uniforms year-round, Hawai'i was seen as a prime location to conduct this new uniform wear test.

"Because of the climate and the large number of Sailors in the area, there's really no better place to conduct the test than Pearl Harbor," said Carroll.

The wear test is scheduled to take place later this year and will consist of a 90 to 120-day period in which each participating Hawai'i Sailor will be issued two test dress white or dress khaki uniforms. Sailors will be required to keep the uniform in proper working condition throughout the test period and provide feedback to the Navy Uniform Matters Office on the uniforms' functionality, appearance and acceptability.

## Proclamation

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communities everywhere it occurs.

"A lot of people think to themselves, 'It's not going to happen to me, it's not going to happen in my family,' but people don't realize that domestic violence affects the entire community, whether it exists in your family or not," said Chet Adessa, family advocacy program educator for Fleet and Family Support Center.

At the ceremony, Sen. Suzanne Chet-Oakland of Hawai'i's 13th senatorial district presented Alexander with a Senatorial Commendation Award for all of his hard work in helping to instill awareness of domestic violence prevention in his Sailors at CNRH.

The Family Advocacy Center, Fleet Family Support Center, Joint Military Family Abuse Shelters, and local law enforcement officials all have programs and information available to help prevent domestic violence and to help victims of domestic violence.

In February 2006, the Department of Defense (DoD) launched a nationwide program to increase awareness among service members and their families. DoD has been partnering for a number of years with the National Domestic Violence Coalition hotline and has campaigned with the 24-hour hotline whose theme is, "Take a stand against domestic violence."

# Hawai'i Navy News Editorial

## SECNAV's birthday message to the fleet

**Donald C. Winter**  
*Secretary of the Navy*

The Secretary of the Navy, Donald C. Winter, released his birthday message to the fleet.

Two hundred thirty-two years after the Continental Congress voted to commission a swift sailing vessel with 10 carriage guns and an appropriate number of swivels, the United States Navy now reigns supreme as the most powerful Navy in the world. But a Navy is only as good as the people who train, maintain and operate the fleet that the nation has built.

It is you, the Sailors and civilians of our Navy, who shoulder the burden and make the sacrifices that have made this success possible.

The U.S. Navy has an impact on the world that goes beyond what you may realize. From deterring aggression to protecting sea lanes to projecting power ashore to offering humanitarian assistance to victims of natural disasters, your work is vital to the security of the United States.

As those who have volunteered to serve, you put on the uniform every day and dedicate your lives to a noble cause. On this 232nd birthday of the United States Navy, take quiet



U.S. Navy photo by MC1 (AW/SW) James E. Foehl

Secretary of the Navy (SECNAV), the Honorable Dr. Donald C. Winter

pride in knowing that your service and your sacrifice will continue to do honor to a great nation.

Thank you for your service and may God bless you, your families and our nation.



U.S. Navy photo by MCC Steve Bansbach

Adm. Robert Willard, commander of U.S. Pacific Fleet, talks with BU3 Gary Blank about his home life and his work schedule while on deployment. During the luncheon, Willard thanked Sailors from Naval Mobile Construction Battalion (NMCB) 4 for their hard work and dedication.

## Pacific Fleet commander's podcast talks to Sailors

**MCSN Byung K. Cho**  
*Pacific Fleet Public Affairs*

Commander, U.S. Pacific Fleet Adm. Robert F. Willard's newest "Rat-Pac Report" podcast, posted Oct. 3, discusses the importance of leadership throughout the Navy.

This week's podcast focuses on the value and importance of good leadership, not only for senior enlisted and officers, but also for junior enlisted Sailors.

Pacific Fleet's guiding principles, developed this past summer, call for

Sailors to be decisive, lead from the front, and work to be professionally accomplished in order to display great leadership in the Navy.

Addressing individual Sailors in the Pacific Fleet, Willard emphasized the importance of credible leadership for all Sailors in the Navy, which includes qualities such as integrity and principles of leadership and teamwork.

"You are one of our Navy's leaders as am I," said Willard. "Our credibility, when we are exercising that leadership, is fundamental

to our being successful in our tasks."

"I think integrity enables good leadership by promoting trust," said Willard. "Integrity is fundamental to your inspiring trust from your Sailors and being recognized as a credible leader."

The latest podcast is available for download on the Pacific Fleet Web site, [www.cpf.navy.mil](http://www.cpf.navy.mil). A new "Rat-Pac Report" is scheduled to appear on the site every Wednesday. There is also an automatic update on the newest "Rat-Pac Report" available via RSS feed, also at [www.cpf.navy.mil](http://www.cpf.navy.mil).



### Smoke alarms are your best defense

**Navy Region Hawai'i Safety Office**

Fire is one of the leading causes of accidental deaths. It's important for everyone to take every preventative measure and precaution possible to be ready to deal with a fire emergency.

More than half of all fatal household fires occur between 10 p.m. and 6 a.m. when everyone in the home is usually asleep. A smoke alarm is necessary to alert you to fires when you are asleep. Smoke alarms detect the earliest stages of combustion to allow enough time to evacuate the home safely.

For minimum protection, detectors must be placed between the living areas and the sleeping areas to intercept smoke before it reaches the bedrooms. In multi-storied homes, detectors should be located on the ceilings of stairwells to separate the floor levels. However, the location of the smoke alarm in the vicinity of sleeping areas does not provide protection for the occupants from a fire starting in their bedroom with the door closed. It

may be wise to have additional alarms within each bedroom itself, especially if you smoke. A closed door can delay the movement of smoke preventing it from reaching a smoke detector, so place smoke alarms in hallways.

Fire confined to a large room often develops great intensity before it breaks out. The basement is one area that can be large, removed from the alarm, and isolated by some type of door closure at the top of the stairs. Because basements do account for a significant number of fires, it is recommended a smoke alarm be placed at the head of the stairs from the basement.

Smoke detectors should be located on or near the ceiling, away from doors and other obstructions. Avoid air currents from doors, windows, fans and vents because turbulent air may prevent combustion particles from reaching the alarm. Before installing, read the manufacturer's instructions carefully. Smoke detectors are a small price to pay for a good and safe night's sleep for you and your family.

## USS Houston (CL 81) off Formosa after torpedo hit



View looking aft, showing damage to the ship's stern area resulting from a torpedo hit amidships received off Formosa on Oct. 14, 1944. This photo was taken while Houston was under tow, but prior to the second torpedo hit on Oct. 16. Note OS2U floatplane that had been jarred off the port catapult, breaking its wing on impact with the aircraft crane.

Photograph from the Bureau of Ships Collection in the U.S. National Archives

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# Sailors build new homes during visit to Philippines

Lt. Rob Arellanes

USS Chung-Hoon (DDG 93)  
Public Affairs

Often when a ship pulls into a liberty port during deployment, crew members are on a mission to find the best restaurants, local pubs or the most exciting tour sites.

However, when USS Chung-Hoon (DDG 93), homeported at Pearl Harbor, and USS Milius (DDG 69) visited Manila for a brief port visit in September, they took on a much greater mission. During their short three-day stay, 160 crew members volunteered their off-duty time to help some of Manila's less fortunate by working with Gawad Kalinga (GK).

Gawad Kalinga, literally translated as "to give care," is a non-profit Christian group based in the Philippines that subsists by donations and volunteers founded on a program of "seven pillars of success." One of the primary goals of GK is to build 700,000 homes in 7,000 communities in seven years (2003-2010)



U.S. Navy photo

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to give land to the landless, homes for the homeless, food for the hungry, and provide peace and dignity for every Filipino. Another goal is to

eradicate slums, violence and poverty.

Each day for the Sailors began with a 40-minute bus ride from the ships followed

by a brief presentation by representatives from GK and a tour of the local area and two work sites. The Sailors then donned their

working gloves, rolled up their sleeves, and went to work moving hundreds of cinderblocks, transporting thousands of pounds of sand, cement and gravel hundreds of meters to two different work areas. The group was then split in half and worked to demolish unsafe shanty-like structures, remove debris, dig foundations, and begin clearing the way so they could start building houses.

GK is designed to assist the homeless and unemployed to take pride in themselves, their family, and their community with the mutual manual labor of building their houses from the ground up. According to one GK representative, cement mixers and other power tools have been offered as donations, but graciously declined so that the people building the homes that they will own and occupy will be less likely to sell once they have established themselves.

Some Sailors were able to interact with the children by quizzing math and exchanging words in Tagalog and English. One Sailor from the Chung-Hoon stated,

"This is the hardest work I have ever done, but also the most rewarding – to have so many people come up and thank me for helping them, this was great." This was a common theme from the sweat stained, sandy and very tired Sea Warriors at the end of the day. Some of the Sailors even volunteered for an additional day at the work site.

GK and Chung-Hoon even have similar tenants. As affirmed in part of GK's mission statement, "Everything we do begins with stewardship and moves towards community empowerment. The crucial starting point is the appointment of a caretaker team – a group of volunteers committed to visit the community to educate and train, but more importantly, to build relationships with the residents and learn with them."

The port call was an engagement opportunity for the Sailors to not only construct buildings, but also to build relationships and display the hard work and commitment to helping others that U.S. Navy Sailors have to offer.

## Military housing residents urged to conserve energy

### Naval Facilities Engineering Command Hawai'i Energy Team

The Naval Facilities Engineering Command (NAVFAC) Hawai'i Energy Program serves all Navy Region Hawaii Commands in the areas of energy operations, awareness, and technology. The Energy Program is instrumental in assisting Navy Region Hawai'i reduce energy use and attain energy consumption goals.

Electricity is vital to our quality of life. The

Department of Energy reports that Americans consume one-fourth of the world's energy resources even though we have less than five percent of the world's population. The growing demands and costs for energy have made conserving energy a critical issue.

Rear Adm. T.G. Alexander, commander, Navy Region Hawai'i and commander, Naval Surface Group Middle Pacific, has placed energy awareness as one of his top priorities for the region. He

requests that all housing residents who are part of the Navy community in Hawai'i take a more proactive role in conserving energy.

Here are some "common sense" energy-saving tips for housing residents from Hawai'ian Electric Company that will enable you to consume less electricity, protect the environment, and assist Navy Region Hawai'i with its energy conservation efforts.

#### Top six tips and tricks to save energy and money

- Use compact fluorescent

lights (CFL) instead of incandescent bulbs. Incandescent light is the most common lighting source in U.S. homes. It also wastes the most energy. Changing one 100-watt bulb to a CFL equivalent can save \$16 per year and will last up to 10 times longer.

- 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. For example, using two fans, rather than an 8,000 BTUH

room air conditioner running four hours a day, will save over 1, 150 kWh and \$172 per year.

- Wash clothes in cold water. Washing clothes in cold water instead of hot or warm water for just two loads a week can save \$34 per year.

- Install water-saving showerheads. Low-flow showerheads are an effective way of saving water and energy. Low-flow showerheads can reduce water consumption by as much as 40 percent.

- Report leaky faucets. A faucet leaking just one hot

water drop per second costs approximately \$60 per year.

- Turn it off. Get into the habit of turning off lights, televisions, air conditioners, fans, computer equipment, etc. when you leave a room.

Take some time to talk with all of the members of your family about pitching in to manage energy wisely and to conserve.

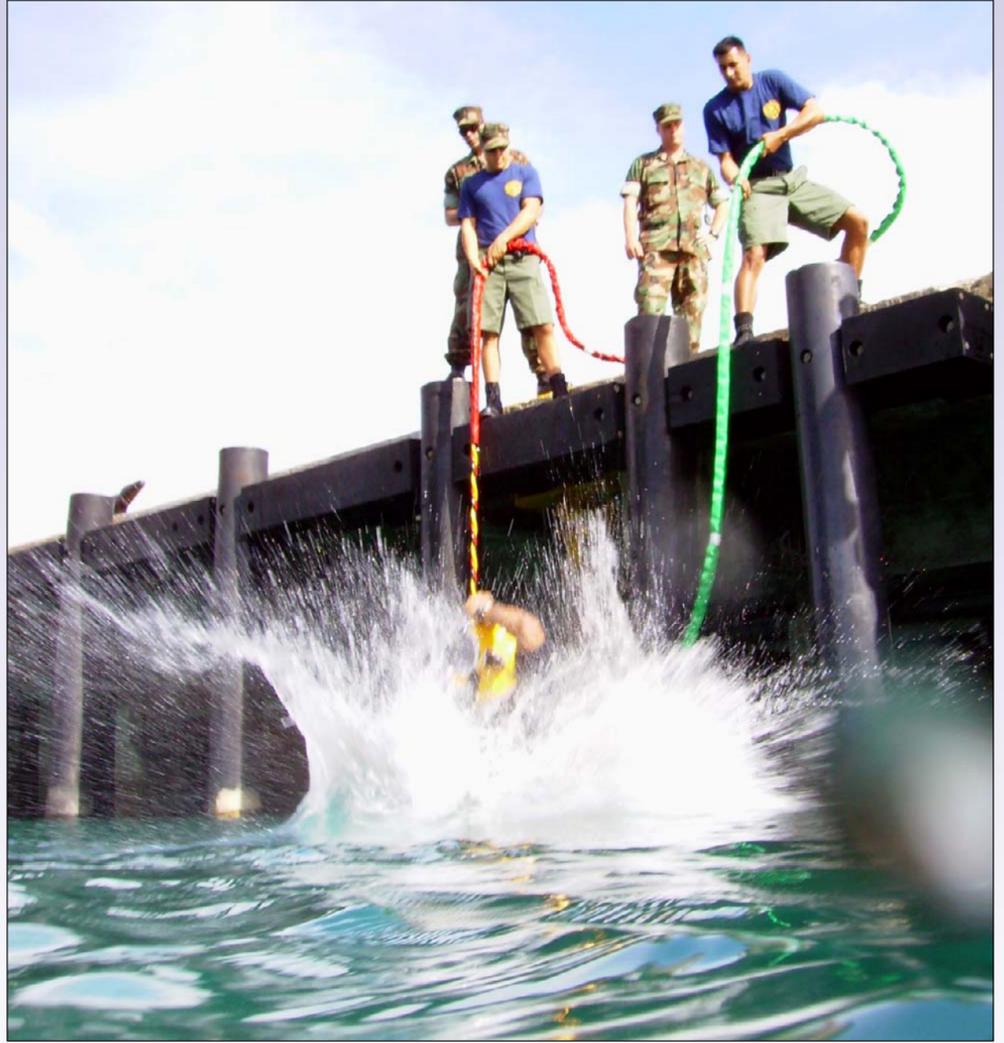
For more information on energy conservation, contact the Naval Facilities Engineering Command (NAVFAC) Hawai'i Energy Program at 471-0440.

# Pearl Harbor Highlights



U.S. Navy photo by MCC (SW/AW) David Rush

Capt. Humberto Ramirez Navarro, commanding officer of the Chilean tall ship Esmeralda (BE 43), speaks to local media shortly after arriving at Naval Station Pearl Harbor. Esmeralda acts as both a training ship for the Chilean navy and as a floating embassy for Chile, visiting more than 300 ports worldwide since its commissioning on May 12, 1953.



U.S. Navy photo by MCC (SW/AW) David Rush

Members of Mobile Diving and Salvage Unit One (MDSU-1) based at Pearl Harbor perform routine training dives with the MK-21 underwater breathing apparatus. MDSU-1 provides combat ready, expeditionary, rapidly deployable mobile diving and salvage detachments (MDSD) to conduct harbor clearance, salvage, underwater search and recovery, and underwater emergency repairs in any environment.



U.S. Navy photo by CTT2 (SW) Stephanie Brockman

Boatswain's Mate 2nd Class Charlie Sanderson of USS Chung-Hoon (DDG 93) totes load after load of sand that will be mixed with cement to build new homes. Every step in the process is done by hand through tough labor so that each new house will be appreciated by those who assisted in its construction. Chung-Hoon Sailors performed community relations projects during a recent port visit to Manila, Philippines.



Boatswain's Mate 1st Class (SW) Linwood Turner, brig counselor assigned to Navy Brig Pearl Harbor, donates blood during an Armed Services Blood Program blood drive at Navy Brig Pearl Harbor on Oct. 9. (See more on Armed Services Blood Program blood drive on B-1.)

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The Chilean tall ship Esmeralda (BE 43) makes her way pier side to Naval Station Pearl Harbor. Esmeralda acts as both a training ship for the Chilean Navy and as a floating embassy for Chile, visiting more than 300 ports worldwide since its commissioning on May 12, 1953.

U.S. Navy photo by MCC (SW/AW) David Rush

# USS Russell pulls into Everett, Wash.

Ensign Theresa Donnelly

USS Russell (DDG 59)  
Public Affairs

The Pearl Harbor-based, guided missile destroyer USS Russell (DDG 59) moored pierside at Everett, Wash. on Oct. 1 to perform a variety of operations, specifically to complete part of its engineering certification.

Following a highly successful Board of Inspection and Survey (INSURV), Russell set sail on Sept. 23 for an ambitious schedule that included a ballistic missile defense exercise, Unit Level Training Assessment, Engineering (ULTRA E), Tomahawk testing, communication drills and Composite Training Unit Exercise (COMPTUEX), a large-scale training exercise with the USS Abraham Lincoln Strike Group.

The ship's combat information center (CIC) team assisted the Missile Defense Agency in a successful intercept of a ground-based missile on Sept. 28. Using the ship's highly advanced air search radar, the team performed long-range surveillance and tracking and assisted with the shooting down of a dummy warhead that was designed to replicate a North Korean missile.

Upon arrival at Everett, the ship's engineering department completed its first step in certification by completing the administrative portion of ULTRA E. The inspection covers many different aspects of engineering programs, including electrical safety, fuel/lube oil quality management, and several different logs that the engineers are required to maintain.

Chief Engineman Reggie Williams, Afloat Training Group Pacific Northwest senior engineering inspector, said, "The fuel and lube oil quality management programs were one of the best I have seen."

The ship falls directly under the operational control of Commander, Destroyer



U.S. Navy photo

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Group Nine (DESRON Nine). Both DESRON Nine and the strike group are located at the Everett naval base. The ship took advantage of the time in port by meeting with several representatives from both the strike group and DESRON Nine.

Topics of discussion during these meetings focused mainly on COMPTUEX and the integration of Russell with the carrier during next year's deployment. DESRON Nine representatives gave a brief in Russell's conference room to key CIC watch standers.

The brief highlighted the battle rhythm between the ships and the carrier and how imperative it is that Russell and the strike group commanders communicate effectively to build a single cohesive battle group.

The ship has already shown that they are more than ready for this mission.

On Oct. 2, the ship demonstrated its capability to effectively electronically communicate with members of the strike group during a Combined Enterprise Regional Information System drill (CENTRIX). The ship performed extremely well and demonstrated its skills by meeting all circuit requirements.

"Through the drill, I am proud to say that we kept all of our circuits up and running," said Information Specialist 1st Class David Meno.

The crew also performed a refueling operation on Oct. 3, taking on approximately 200,000 gallons of fuel. Russell engineers manned all refueling stations, making sure that the fuel was clear of sediment and bright, indicating the absence of water.

Crew members monitored

the station, ensuring valves stopping or starting the fuel pump operated properly. Fuel samples were taken during the evolution to make sure that contaminated fuel didn't get into the tanks.

"We take fuel samples five minutes after starting, every 15 minutes, halfway through, and when we are almost finished," said Gas Turbine System Technician Mechanical 2nd Class Matt Squazza, who was monitoring station number seven, located on the ship's starboard aft missile deck.

"The samples are to make sure that the fuel is not discolored and that no sediment is present that could clog up the tanks," he explained.

The Tomahawk Strike team harnessed its flexibility by ensuring that their system was fully capable of performing strike planning scenarios. The team performed a pre-launch rehearsal to maintain its readiness for tasking. Testing all communications and connectivity between Russell, Third Fleet and nearby shore commands, crew members ensured that all parties will be able to effectively track and detect the missile once it is launched.

When not working to ensure all operational commitments were met, the crew enjoyed some well deserved liberty in port, visiting major attractions in Seattle, such as the Space Needle, Pike's Place Market and other nightlife and tourist hotspots.

"Overall, the port visit gave Russell the opportunity to accomplish some significant mission tasking and training and have some time off in a great city," said Cmdr. Brad Cooper, Russell commanding officer.

Russell plans to deploy with the USS Abraham Lincoln (CVN 72) Carrier Strike Group early next year and will continue to work with her in a variety of different training exercises and tactical scenarios in the coming months.

## USS Port Royal completes pre-deployment work

**Lt. j.g. Rachael Pitchford**

*USS Port Royal (CG 73)  
Public Affairs*

“Cover inbound track bearing 260!”

“Cover inbound track bearing 260, aye!”

One of USS Port Royal's (CG 73) small craft attack team (SCAT) members slewed his M-240B machine gun toward the inbound high speed boat, watching as it came closer and closer to the guided missile cruiser.

Although this was just another exercise as part of Port Royal's pre-deployment workups, the team knew that this practice could be a real threat in upcoming months. “The guys really get into the training phase,” explained Chief Gunner's Mate (SW) Jay'e Bell, who is responsible for training the team. “The level of enthusiasm is infectious and this time of the ship's cycle brings out the most requests to join the team,” said Bell.

On Aug. 1, Port Royal Sailors waved goodbye to their families and friends as they set sail for southern California. For the following two months, the crew's

stamina, knowledge and tactical prowess were scrutinized and tested as they worked to integrate Port Royal with the other units of Expeditionary Strike Group Three (ESG-3) to prepare for deployment.

During these pre-deployment workups, Port Royal tested every facet of her combat capabilities, including watch stander proficiency and knowledge through a tight schedule of exercises that mimicked ongoing threats in the global war on terrorism.

In just these two months alone, Operation Specialist 1st Class Gregory Holzwarth, Port Royal's anti-submarine tactical air controller logged over 200 hours of controlling helicopters and fixed wing aircraft to maintain an up-to-date tactical picture of surface units. “It's given me a good feel for the op-tempo of deployment,” Holzwarth explained. The aircraft controlled by Holzwarth were used to aid Port Royal in several anti-submarine exercises, surface surveillance and maritime interdiction operations.

In order to demonstrate how the tactics of the Navy's threats have

changed, the exercises expanded beyond traditional ship-to-ship and submarine engagements. Port Royal's visit, board, search and seizure (VBSS) team conducted four boardings of suspect vessels while SCAT maintained a vigilant watch for fast, inbound attack craft. “Considering our enemies' history of cheap but effective guerrilla tactics, SCAT is arguably one of the most important parts of this ship's self defense,” said Bell. “A ship needs an alert, highly-trained group of individuals to scan nearby contacts while transiting in and out of ports and narrow straits,” he added.

Teamwork was an essential part of these exercises, not only onboard Port Royal, but with other ships as well. Port Royal worked with USS Hopper (DDG 70), a Pearl Harbor-based destroyer, to locate an enemy submarine and practiced maneuvering through dangerous waters while protecting USS Tarawa (LHA 1) and USS Germantown (LSD 42).

At the end of the workups, Port Royal and the other ships of ESG-3 are ready to take part in the global war on terrorism.



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Sailors from Naval Information Operations Command, Hawai'i Personal Excellence Academy receive a detailed description of the elaborate weapons system of the Battleship Missouri Memorial from within her gun turret on Oct. 3.

## NIOC hosts Personal Excellence Academy aboard Battleship Missouri

**Naval Information Operations Command Hawai'i**

In early January, Cryptologic Technician Interpretive 1st Class Shauna Hunt from Naval Information Operations Command (NIOC) Hawai'i re-established the Personal Excellence Academy (PEA), an evolution that hadn't been active at the command since the late 1990s.

The PEA is a five-day training program held quarterly for a target audience of Sailors E-4 and below. The purpose of the PEA is to provide valuable leadership training to junior Sailors they may not otherwise receive until they are an E-5 or higher. By targeting the junior Sailors, they are given leadership tools to

utilize as they step forward into their first leadership roles.

The topics covered during the PEA include naval heritage and core values, physical fitness, financial responsibility, stress management, personnel records and professional conduct. Students participate in a color guard, conduct morning colors, and undergo a uniform inspection. Major events held during the week-long experience include an in-depth tour of the Battleship Missouri Memorial, a mock captain's mast and a graduation ceremony headed by the commanding officer and executive officer.

When asked why the command should continue holding the PEA, the answer was clear to Hunt. “Not one

of the nearly 60 Sailors that graduated [from] the PEA this year or those who were active in the legacy PEA have ever been to captain's mast,” Hunt said.

Hunt noted that she loved the entire evolution, from the first PEA she conducted in February to what it has become now. She used feedback from the previous academies to continuously shape the program to provide the most benefit. This iteration of the PEA was bittersweet for Hunt. She will be changing duty stations this month and passed the PEA reins to a new, yet similarly energetic petty officer. She said, “I will miss the program here at Kunia. The command and Sailors benefit from it and so do I,” said Hunt. Certainly the Navy does, too.

## Get involved in the semi-annual Hawaiian monk seal count

**National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration**

The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) is seeking volunteers, either groups or individuals, to help with its second semi-annual Hawaiian monk seal count. The count will take place from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Oct. 20.

The goal is to have volunteers and community members counting monk seals on the same date and time on each of the main

Hawaiian Islands

Volunteers will be assigned to a beach location and asked to fill out a sightings form. Digital images of seals will also be very important to send to NOAA.

This project is conducted by NOAA Fisheries, not NOAA's Hawaiian Islands Humpback Whale National Marine Sanctuary.

If you're interested in participating or for more information, contact David Schofield at david.schofield@noaa.gov.

