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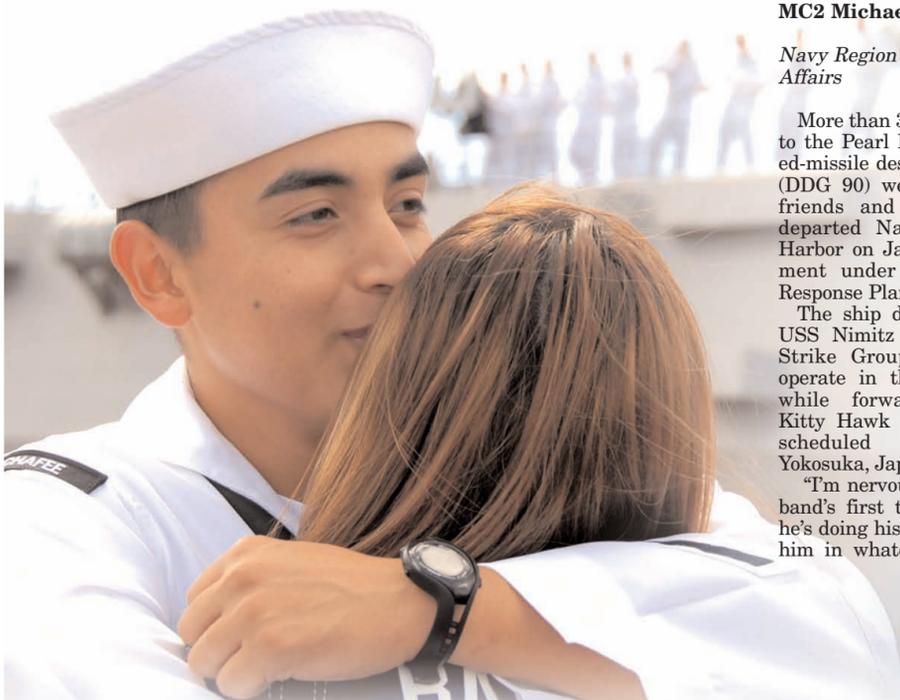
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## Chafee departs for Western Pacific



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More than 350 Sailors assigned to the Pearl Harbor-based, guided-missile destroyer USS Chafee (DDG 90) were joined by their friends and families as they departed Naval Station Pearl Harbor on Jan. 30 for a deployment under the Navy's Fleet Response Plan.

The ship deployed as part of USS Nimitz (CVN 68) Carrier Strike Group (CSG) and will operate in the Western Pacific while forward-deployed USS Kitty Hawk (CV 63) undergoes scheduled maintenance in Yokosuka, Japan.

"I'm nervous. This is my husband's first time deploying, but he's doing his job and I'll support him in whatever he does," said

the spouse of a Chafee Sailor.

In September 2007, the Nimitz CSG, which included USS Chafee, returned from a six-month deployment to the Persian Gulf and Western Pacific.

"The Chafee team has done an outstanding job in giving the ship a turnaround from the return in September to get ready for this deployment," said Cmdr. Robert Tortora, Chafee's commanding officer. "It takes a lot of hard work and the Sailors have done a great job in getting the ship ready."

Despite the quick turnaround to get the ship back underway for deployment, the crew looks forward to return to sea and operate

while underway.

"I love going out to sea and doing my job - driving the ship, standing lookout watch, and making sure the ship goes where it needs to go," said Boatswain's Mate 3rd Class Steven Bryant.

The Navy's Fleet Response Program (FRP) provides the U.S. with the ability to respond to any global commitment with flexible and sustainable forces and the ability to rapidly respond to a range of situations on short notice.

Chafee is 471 feet in length, 59 feet wide and has a maximum speed of 30 plus knots. The ship operates in support of carrier strike groups, surface action groups, amphibious groups and replenishment groups and is a multi-mission [anti-air warfare, anti-Submarine warfare and anti-surface warfare] surface combatant.



Information Systems Technician 2nd Class Richard Delgado, assigned to the Pearl Harbor-based guided-missile destroyer USS Chafee (DDG 90), embraces a loved one on the pier of Naval Station Pearl Harbor prior to boarding the ship for deployment.  
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## Joint basing release establishes framework for future

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The Office of the Secretary of Defense (OSD) published the Joint Basing Implementation Guidance (JBIG) on Jan. 22, officially establishing the framework of

the joint-base future of U.S. military facilities, including Pearl Harbor and Hickam.

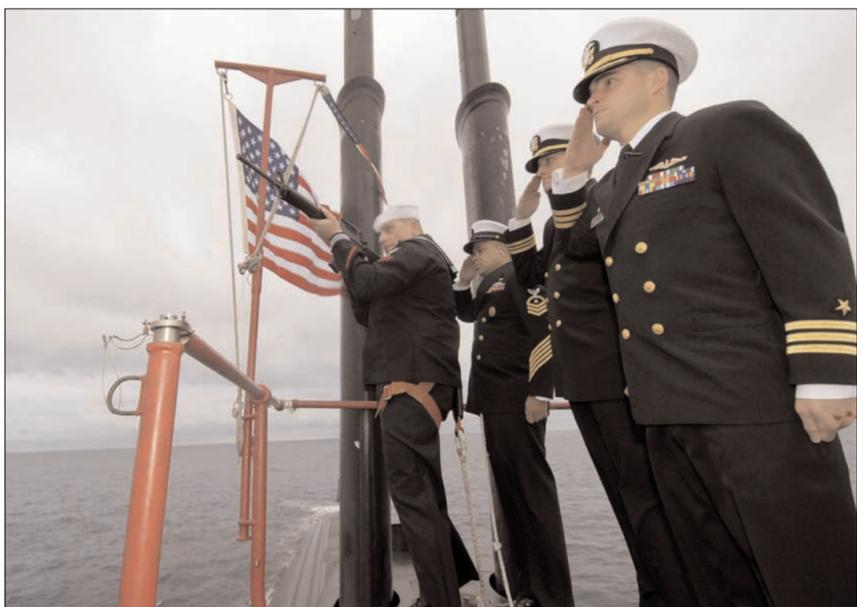
Commenting on the JBIG release, Capt. Taylor Skardon, commanding officer, Naval Station Pearl Harbor, and Col. J.J. Torres, commander, 15th Airlift Wing at Hickam Air Force Base, called it an important step forward.

"Joint basing is a partnership, not a take-over," said

Skardon. "We must all work together to build this partnership so that it makes sense to us and in order to be successful."

"The combined joint-basing effort between Hickam and Pearl Harbor had essentially stalled due to lack of OSD guidance," stated Torres. "Release of the JBIG allows

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U.S. Navy photo by MC2 Barry R. Hirayama

Sonar Technician (Submarine) 2nd Class Mike Micheli, assigned to the Los Angeles-class submarine USS Pasadena (SSN 752), homeported at Pearl Harbor, renders a 13-gun salute during a burial at sea in the South China Sea on Jan. 24 for retired Rear Adm. Eugene Fluckey. Fluckey's ashes were scattered at the same location where he and his crew rescued 14 allied POWs stranded at sea more than 60 years ago. Pasadena is on a scheduled six-month deployment to the western Pacific Ocean.

## Renowned submariner reaches final destination

MC2 Barry Hirayama

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USS Pasadena (SSN 752) bid farewell to the decorated submarine hero, retired Rear Adm. Eugene B. Fluckey, during a burial-at-sea Jan. 24 in the South China Sea.

Pasadena, half way through its six-month deployment, scattered Fluckey's ashes at the exact location Fluckey and the crew of USS Barb saved 14 prisoners of war during World War II. Cmdr. Doug Perry, Pasadena commanding officer, delivered words of remem-

brance from the bridge of the Los Angeles-class submarine while Lt. Cmdr. Lee P. Sisco, the ship's executive officer, committed Fluckey to the sea as the crew observed a moment of silence below decks.

Perry said that the admiral and the crew of the Barb are icons of the submarine force after their efforts during World War II.

"I think that everybody aboard the ship is pretty excited to have taken Adm. Gene Fluckey to his final resting place," Perry said.

The portion of Fluckey's remains has been traveling with

Pasadena since they departed Naval Station Pearl Harbor on Oct. 31. During a submarine warfare pinning ceremony held in Subic Bay, Philippines, Command Master Chief (SS) Jim Lyle, Pasadena's chief of the boat, read an excerpt from the book "Thunder Below!," an account of Fluckey's achievements during World War II. Sonar Technician (submarine) Seaman (SS) Joshua Coble, who was pinned with his "dolphins" during the ceremony, was selected to bring Fluckey's ashes aboard Pasadena. "This is an honor,"

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## Keating meets with Chinese officials



U.S. Navy photo by MC2 Elisia V. Gonzales

Adm. Timothy J. Keating, commander of U.S. Pacific Command, is greeted by Gen. Chen Bingde, director of the Peoples Liberation Army General Staff, before a meeting with military and government officials in Beijing on Jan. 14.



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# Paul Hamilton earns Retention Excellence Award

Ensign Abigail Adams

USS Paul Hamilton (DDG 60)  
Public Affairs

The Navy-wide battle for retention is fought and won on the command level. USS Paul Hamilton's (DDG 60) valiant efforts on this front have earned the command its fourth consecutive Retention Excellence Award.

Sailors aboard Paul Hamilton received a total of \$400,000 in bonuses in 2007. Fire Controlman 2nd Class (SW) Brandon Saul, a Paul Hamilton Sailor who recently re-enlisted said, "I got \$72,000, it was nice. Thanks, Navy."

When asked to what the command's consistent record of retention excellence could be attributed, the ship's Command Master Chief, CMDCM (SW) Bryan Diekman, said, "Keep the

routine, routine. If we as the leadership make sure our people are taken care of, their pay, housing and medical issues, maintain a culture of fitness, and proper continuous training, we can give them every reason to want to consider staying Navy. We are charged with looking out for their needs."

Paul Hamilton Sailors have consistently shown their commitment to the day-to-day excellence of the work that they do as well as their commitment to the long-term superiority of the United States Navy by choosing to contribute their skills and expertise and deciding to 'Stay Navy.'

Fire Controlman 2nd Class (SW) Brandon Saul re-enlists with Lt. Dana Beery, Paul Hamilton weapons officer, at the USS Arizona Memorial.

U.S. Navy photo



# Hawai'i Navy News Editorial

## Fans don't let fans drive drunk

### Commander Navy Installations Command

Super Bowl Sunday is one of the year's most dangerous days on the nation's roadways due to impaired driving.

According to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA), 130 people, representing 39 percent of all traffic fatalities, died during the 2006 Super Bowl weekend in crashes involving impaired drivers with blood alcohol concentration (BAC) levels of .08 or higher.

NHTSA reports that young males, ages 21 to 34, are most likely to be involved in automobile crashes, to drive while impaired, and to be among those least likely to wear their safety belts. Research also shows that this same demographic is the core audience for major sporting events such as the Super Bowl.

But alcohol-related crashes - and fatalities - can be prevented. Designating a sober driver before the Super Bowl party begins is just one of several easy steps to remember to help save lives.

If you are hosting a Super Bowl party:

- Remember, you can be held liable and prosecuted if someone you served ends up in an impaired driving crash.

- Make sure all of your guests designate their sober drivers in advance, or help arrange ride-sharing with other sober drivers.

- Serve lots of food and include lots of non-alcoholic beverages at the party.

- Stop serving alcohol at the end of the third quarter of the game and begin serving coffee and dessert.

- Keep the numbers for local cab companies handy and take the keys away from anyone who is thinking of driving while impaired.

If you are attending a Super Bowl party or watching at a sports bar or restaurant:



- Avoid drinking too much alcohol too fast. Pace yourself - eat enough food, take breaks, and alternate with non-alcoholic drinks.

- Designate your sober driver before the party begins and give that person your car keys.

- If you don't have a designated driver, ask a sober friend for a ride home; call a cab, friend or family member to come get you; or stay where you are and sleep it off until you are sober.

- Never let a friend leave your sight if you think they are about to drive while impaired. Remember, fans don't let fans drive drunk.

Always buckle up - it's still your best defense against other impaired drivers.

Impaired driving is deadly dangerous. Too many people still don't understand that alcohol, drugs and driving don't mix. Impaired driving is no accident, nor is it a victimless crime.

In 2006, 13,470 people died in highway crashes involving an impaired driver or motorcycle rider with an illegal BAC level of .08 percent or higher.

Driving a car or riding a motorcycle while impaired is not worth the risk. The consequences are serious and real. Not only do you risk killing yourself or someone else, but the trauma and financial costs of a crash or an arrest for driving while impaired can be significant.

The tragedies and costs from drinking and driving impaired do not just end at potential death, disfigurement, disability or injury. Violators who are caught will be spending their money on bail, court fees, lawyers and towing fees.

Plus there is the added embarrassment, humiliation and potential loss and consequence after informing family, friends and employers.

Act responsibly and pass your keys to a sober driver before the big game begins. The life you save might just be your own.

For more information, visit [www.StopImpairedDriving.org](http://www.StopImpairedDriving.org) or [www.TeamCoalition.org](http://www.TeamCoalition.org).



(Editor's note: The following statement was released on Jan. 29 in memory of Margaret Truman Daniel.)

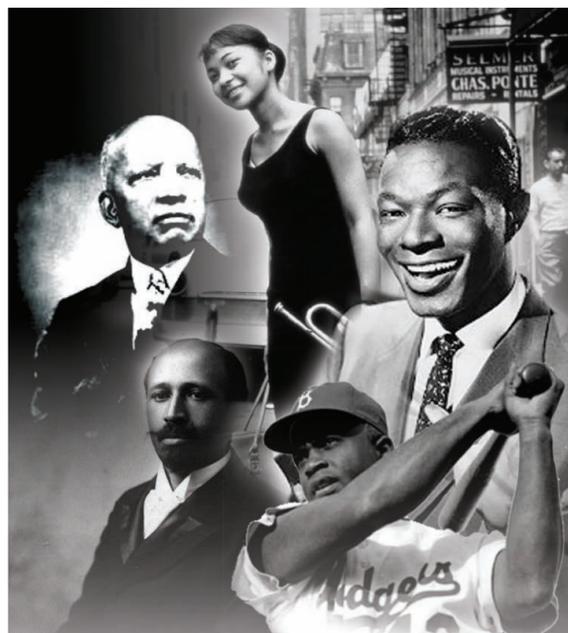
### Statement by Capt. Donald R. Hess, USN (Ret.), president and chief operating officer, Battleship Missouri Memorial, Pearl Harbor

Today, the flags of the Battleship Missouri Memorial are flying at half-staff in memory of Margaret Truman Daniel.

We, the board of directors, staff and volunteers of the Battleship Missouri, the "president's ship," are saddened by the loss of a beloved figure in our ship's history. Our hearts and prayers are with the Truman family.

Our veterans fondly remember that day when, exactly 64 years ago, Ms. Truman, 19, christened the USS Missouri in a traditional champagne launching ceremony in Brooklyn Navy Yard on Jan. 29, 1944 while her father, still the senator from Missouri, offered his remarks.

We have lost another link to our history, but she will live on in our hearts and memories, and in our efforts to preserve the continuing legacy of the Mighty Mo for future generations.



## National African American History Month, 2008

### A proclamation by the President of the United States of America

During National African American History Month, we honor the achievements and celebrate the rich heritage of African Americans.

Throughout our nation's history, African Americans from all walks of life have offered their talents to the betterment of American society. Scholars such as Frederick Douglass and W.E.B. DuBois were early leaders who placed great importance on educating all people about the need for justice and racial equality.

Athletes such as Jackie Robinson and Althea Gibson persevered while breaking the color barrier and competing at the highest levels of sports. Musicians like Nat King Cole and Billie Holiday lifted the American spirit with their creativity and musical gifts. Through their extraordinary accomplishments, these leaders helped bring our nation closer to fulfilling its founding ideals.

This year's theme, "Carter G. Woodson and the Origins of Multiculturalism," honors an educator who taught his fellow citizens about the traditions and contributions of African Americans. His dedication to educating Americans about cultural diversity initiated this celebration of African-

American history. Our nation is now stronger and more hopeful because generations of leaders like him have worked to help America live up to its promise of equality and the great truth that all of God's children are created equal.

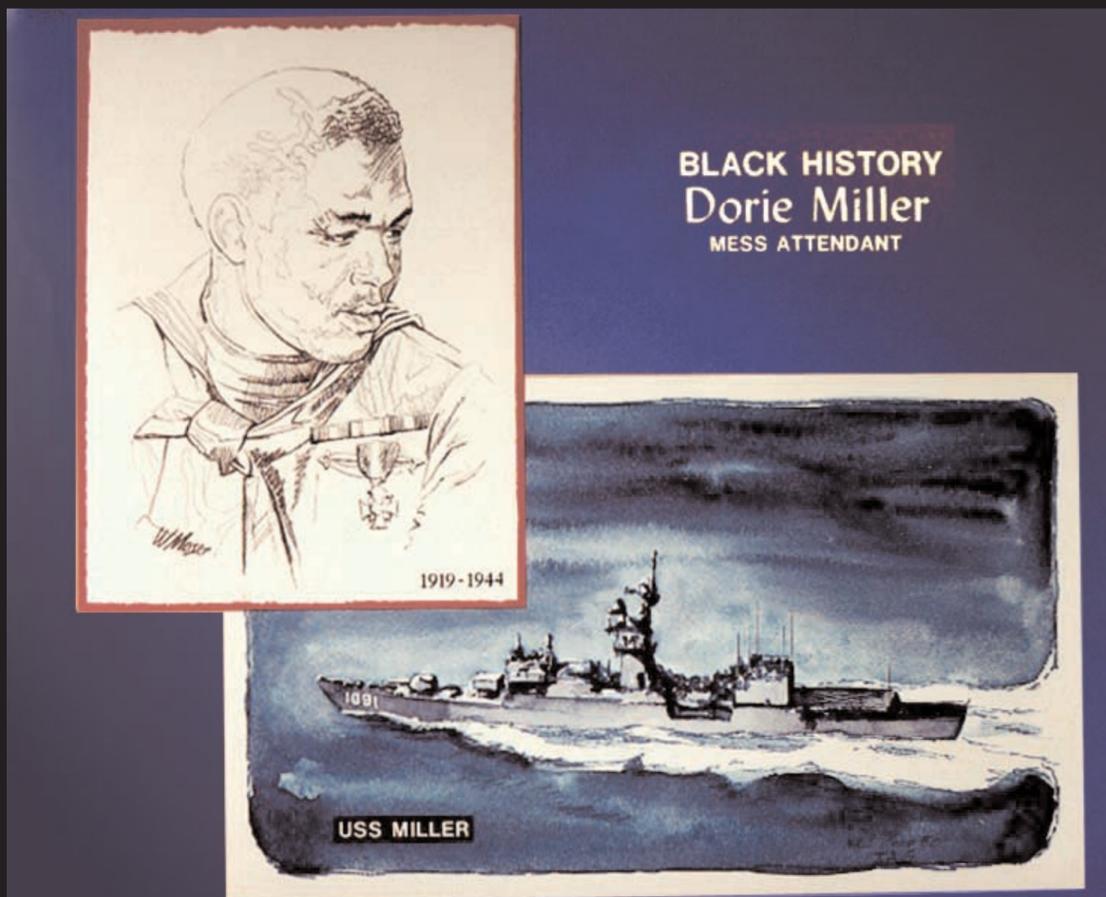
Throughout African American History Month, we celebrate the many contributions African Americans have made to our nation and we are reminded of their courage in their struggle to change the hearts and minds of our citizens. While much progress has been made, we must continue to work together to achieve the promise and vision of our great nation.

Now, therefore, I, George W. Bush, president of the United States of America, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and laws of the United States, do hereby proclaim February 2008 as National African American History Month. I call upon public officials, educators, and all the people of the United States to observe this month with appropriate programs and activities.

In witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand this twenty-eighth day of January, in the year of our Lord two thousand eight, and of the independence of the United States of America the two hundred and thirty-second.

George W. Bush

## Salute to Doris "Dorie" Miller, Navy Cross honoree



"Black History" poster featuring Navy Cross winner Doris "Dorie" Miller and the ship named in his honor, USS Miller (FF-1091). The original artwork was created circa 1976 by William M. Moser of the Navy Recruiting Command.

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# Survey may give Hawai'i service members raise in pay



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Stephen Westbrook, director of the per diem, Travel and Transportation allowance committee for Military Personnel Policy, spoke to 50 officers and senior enlisted from all military branches during an information session on Jan. 22 on Ford Island about the online living pattern survey that will take place in February.

## U.S. Pacific Command Public Affairs

Military personnel in Hawai'i have an opportunity to directly affect part of their paychecks this year by taking part in a living-pattern survey, said Maj. Gen. Stephen Tom, chief of staff for U.S. Pacific Command, on Jan. 22 on Ford Island.

The survey, which will take place in February, affects the cost of living allowance (COLA) that military personnel stationed in Hawai'i receive each month.

The final result of the survey could be an increase, decrease or no change to the COLA paid each month to military personnel, said Tom.

Tom and Stephen Westbrook, director of the per diem, travel and transportation allowance committee for Military Personnel Policy, spoke to 50 senior enlisted and officers from all military branches during an information session about COLA and the online survey that will take place in February.

COLA is an allowance designed to

compensate service members for the difference between the costs of goods and services in the continental United States and the same goods and services in an overseas area, which includes Alaska and Hawai'i.

The living-pattern survey collects information about locations where military families shop and dine, both on and off base. The results of this survey are used to form the retail price schedule (RPS), which takes place in March this year.

During the RPS, Hawai'i allowances survey teams conduct a market-basket survey for prices of 120 goods and services at on-base commissaries and exchanges and the top three off-base locations identified from the living-pattern survey. The market-basket data is then analyzed for each overseas location.

Other data, such as income, number of command-sponsored family members and the percentage of income military families spend on COLA-related items, is also factored into the amount service members receive in COLA.

The living-pattern survey is only conducted every three years and is the basis for COLA amounts received by service members. Therefore, maximum participation is critical, said Westbrook.

Currently, there are approximately 45,000 military personnel stationed throughout the Hawaiian Islands. In 2005, approximately 11,000 participants took the survey, said Westbrook.

This year's goal is to have maximum survey participation by all uniformed military, said Tom. This includes all Coast Guard, U.S. Public Health Services and Hawai'i National Army and Air Guard personnel who have been assigned to Hawai'i for at least three months.

But members in uniform are not the only ones urged to take the survey. "We really want the spouses who do the shopping (for a military family) to participate in the survey," said Westbrook.

A link to the survey will be active Feb. 1-29 on the U.S. Pacific Command Web site at [www.pacom.mil](http://www.pacom.mil).

# Pearl Harbor, Hickam get closer to joint basing realization

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this initiative to move forward smartly and in a timely fashion. Both sides were concerned that we were getting close to being put into a 'hurry-up' mode, at which point you 'get what you get.' (Pearl Harbor and Hickam) get one chance to do this right for the benefit for both services."

Ben Borth, 15th Mission Support Group deputy commander at Hickam, said the Pentagon's joint-basing strategy calls for 26 bases to be consolidated into a total of 12 joint bases by fiscal year 2011, and that the plan would merge multi-service base facilities and budgets under single-service commands.

"In the case of the consolidation of Hickam and Pearl Harbor, (the JBIG) calls for the transfer of real property - all real estate, buildings,



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

Rear Adm. T. G. Alexander, commander, Navy Region Hawai'i, and Commander, 15th airlift Wing at Hickam Air Force Base, Col. J. J. Torres discuss some of the points made during the Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam Table Top Exercise Initial Planning Conference held on June 18, 2007.

infrastructure, etc. - and total obligation authority funding to operate the joint base to the Navy," he said. "In terms of joint-base command authority, the plan stipulates that the Naval Station [Pearl Harbor]

commanding officer will serve as overall base commander and that, in theory, a senior Air Force officer will assume the role of deputy base commander."

Borth also noted that joint-

basing plan will affect current Air Force civilians, many of whom will transition to Navy authority, while adding that other issues and details have yet to be nailed down.

"Some things won't be

decided until we're further into the process - for instance, what's going to happen with the fence line between Pearl and Hickam ... things like that. As we address the major issues, leadership in both services will become more involved in these decisions," he explained.

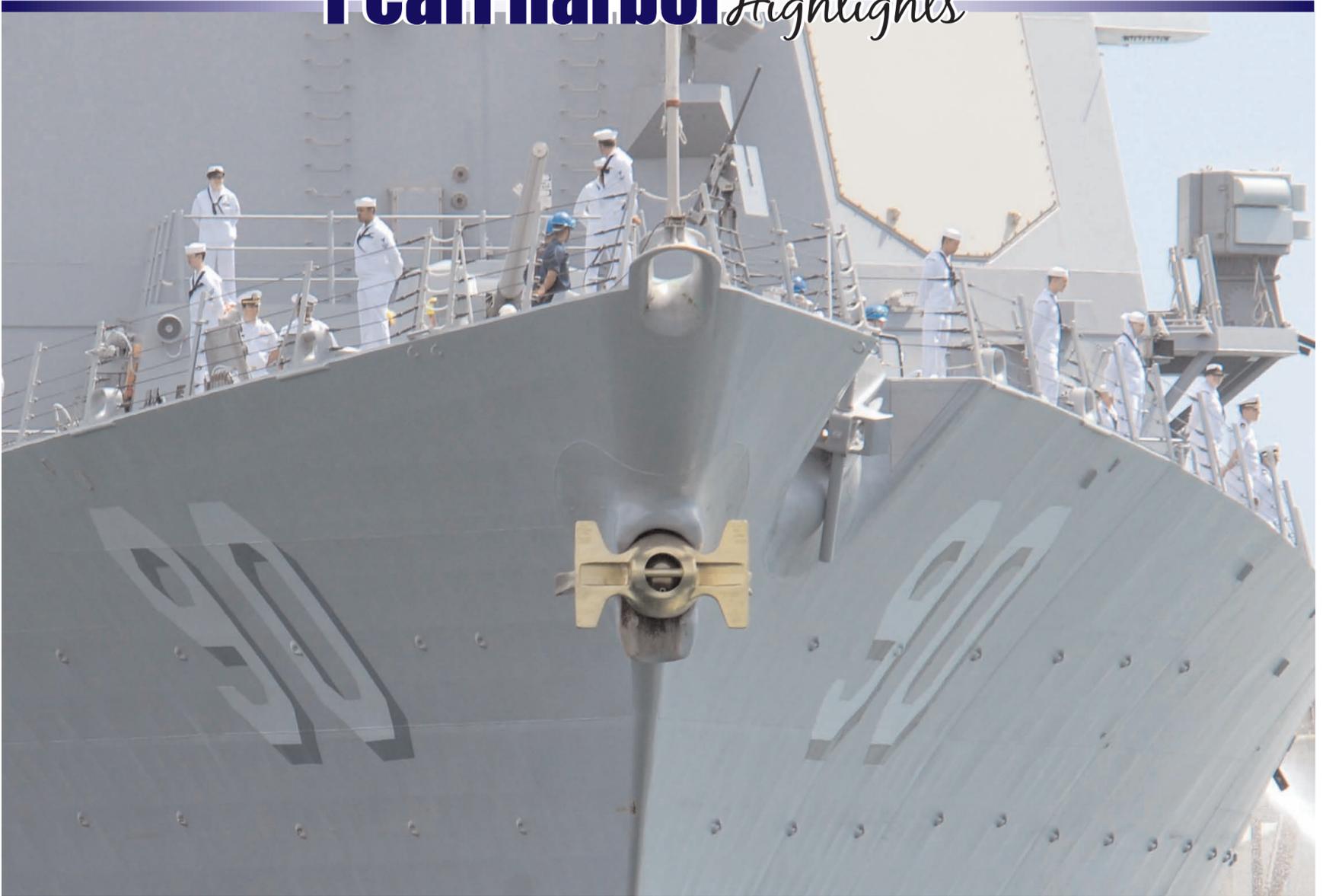
Deb Jordan, executive director, Navy Region Hawai'i, said that while many questions remain concerning the impact on jobs that joint basing will create, a few things are known.

"The DoD [Department of Defense] Civilian Personnel Sub-Working Group is addressing personnel issues and will provide guidance to ensure that employees from both bases are treated equitably for job selection, promotion and retention purposes," said Jordan. "Normal attrition will be used to the maximum

extent possible for any workforce reshaping. Just because there's a duplicate function at each base does not necessarily mean that a job will be eliminated. Many other factors such as workload and capacity will be considered as well," Jordan added.

Now that the JBIG has been released, Borth and Jordan anticipate there will be a lot of questions from teams Hickam and Pearl about how joint basing will affect them. To that end, they and other command staff members would take active steps to keep everyone informed. As more details are released, a number of tools will be used to communicate joint basing to teams Hickam and Pearl Harbor, including the base newspapers, town hall meetings and hopefully, a Web site with the latest information and frequently asked questions.

# Pearl Harbor Highlights



U.S. Navy photo by MC2 Michael A. Lantron

Sailors aboard the Arleigh-Burke class guided-missile destroyer USS Chafee (DDG 90) man the rails as the ship departs its homeport of Naval Station Pearl Harbor. Chafee departed Jan. 30 as part of USS Nimitz (CVN 68) Carrier Strike Group to perform operations in the Western Pacific in support of U.S. commitments in the region.



(Left and right) Pier side, friends and family members watch as Sailors man the rails on board the Pearl Harbor-based guided-missile destroyer USS Chafee (DDG 90) prior to a deployment. Chafee departed Pearl Harbor on Jan. 30 as part of USS Nimitz (CVN 68) Carrier Strike Group to perform operations in the Western Pacific in support of U.S. commitments in the region.

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

(Below) Pearl Harbor harbor security provides security escort through the Pearl Harbor channel for Arleigh Burke-class guided missile destroyer USS Chafee (DDG 90) as the ship departs its homeport of NAVSTA Pearl Harbor on Jan. 30.

U.S. Navy photo by MC2 Michael A. Lantron



# Naval Station Pearl Harbor recognized for historic trail cleanup

MC2 Michael A. Lantron

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Naval Station (NAVSTA) Pearl Harbor was recognized with a certificate from Hawai'i State Legislators for their cleanup effort of the Pearl Harbor Historic Trail during a legislative recognition ceremony on Jan. 24.

For the past two years, NAVSTA Pearl Harbor, in conjunction with other organizations, has led the cleanup effort of the Pearl Harbor Historic Trail. This has resulted in an improved quality of life for Sailors stationed in Pearl

Harbor and the Hawai'i community.

"Our Sailors have put in lots of backbreaking work over the past two years to help make the harbor and community safer," said Lt. Maria Navarro, first lieutenant, NAVSTA Pearl Harbor. "Cleaning the path was simply put, the right thing to do."

Hawai'i Sen. Norman Sakamoto and Hawai'i Reps. Lynn Finnegan and K. Mark Takai were on hand to personally thank NAVSTA Pearl Harbor for its efforts in the community.

"A few years ago, we were unable to see this area [because of the dense man-

grove] and now it's a suitable environment for all because of what you did," said Takai. "What you do truly represents the aloha spirit."

The 13.5-mile path, which runs from the Commander, U.S. Pacific Fleet boathouse to Waipahu Point, was once covered with trees, mangrove and trash. Thanks to more than 3,000 Sailor man hours, the path is, according to Capt. Taylor Skardon, commanding officer, NAVSTA Pearl Harbor, now a safer place for the Navy and the community.

"Clearing the path helps the security of the base and the people in the area. I would much rather have this used for

riding bikes and pushing baby carriages than for drug deals," said Skardon.

The most recent cleanup effort took place on April 7, 2007, involving more than 250 Sailors. The next scheduled cleanup is April 19 and approximately 275 Sailors are expected to participate. If you would like to help, contact Navarro at 473-0686.

Sailors assigned to NAVSTA Pearl Harbor received a plaque during a legislative recognition ceremony at Rainbow Bay Park for their contributions to the Aiea community. Sailors removed the invasive mangrove and debris along the Pearl Harbor Historic Trail.



U.S. Navy photo by MC2 Michael A. Lantron

# NEPMU 6 breaks ground for facility

## Naval Facilities Engineering Command Hawai'i

Personnel from Naval Facilities Engineering Command (NAVFAC), Hawai'i and Navy Environmental and Preventative Medicine Unit 6 (NEPMU 6) gathered on Dec. 21 to officially break ground for NEPMU 6's new replacement building.

The new, 20,165 square foot, state-of-the-art facility will be located on the former site of Smedley Hall Bachelor Enlisted Quarters (BEQ), old Marine Barracks, Pearl Harbor. Due to current BEQ standards, including living area and anti-terrorism/force protection setback requirements, the hall was demol-

ished. (Note: Smedley Hall was replaced by Nevada Hall.)

Primatech Construction Company was awarded the \$6.8 million contract in July 2007. The military construction (MILCON) project will provide laboratories (industrial hygiene, environmental health, epidemiology, microbiology, entomology and force health protection), administrative and logistics areas, education/training classrooms, and environmentally controlled storage for expeditionary equipment and supplies.

The new structure will assist NEPMU 6 in the consolidation of command assets currently scattered across the Navy base. The project is scheduled for completion in November 2008.



Personnel from Naval Facilities Engineering Command (NAVFAC), Hawai'i and Navy Environmental and Preventative Medicine Unit 6 (NEPMU 6) gathered on Dec. 21 to officially mark the start of a military construction (MILCON) project. (Left to right) Capt. William Grip, executive officer NAVFAC Hawai'i; Senior Chief Hospital Corpsman Barbara Cooper, senior enlisted leader NEPMU 6; and Capt. William Upham, officer in charge NEPMU 6, turned dirt, breaking ground for NEPMU 6's new replacement building.

U.S. Navy photo by HMC Hipolito Olaes

# Armed Services Blood Program hosts recognition ceremony



Hospital Corpsman 3rd Class Christina Perez receives the first place trophy for the unit participation award on behalf of Naval Health Clinic Hawai'i during the fourth Annual Armed Services Blood Program (ASBP) Donor Recognition Ceremony held at the Ford Island Conference Center on Jan. 25. The ASBP plays a key role in providing quality blood products for service members and their families in both peace and war time. As a joint operation among the military services, the ASBP has many components working together to collect, process, store, distribute and transfuse blood worldwide.

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The Armed Services Blood Program (ASBP) held its fourth annual Donors' Recognition Ceremony at the Ford Island Conference Center on Jan 25.

Awardees were recognized in group and individual categories by the ASBP for their sacrifices to help save lives at Tripler Army Medical Center (TAMC) and other military hospitals around the world. Their contributions totaled 4,156 pints of blood and 479 platelets in 2007.

"We want to recognize the commanders who encouraged service members and their families to donate blood," said Lt. Col. Emmett Gourdine, chief of blood bank services at TAMC. "The blood drive coordinators do a great job marketing the blood program and the staff works long hours to ensure the safety of blood products to patients."

Naval Station (NAVSTA) Pearl Harbor received the first place award for top installation award

for highest blood collection on an installation, donating 900 pints of blood.

"Donating is important to me because we have Sailors that are supporting ground forces in Operation Iraqi Freedom," said Boatswain's Mate 1st Class (SW) Nathan Ellsworth, assigned to Pearl Harbor Naval Shipyard.

Naval Health Clinic Hawai'i won the award for top unit participation, donating 220 pints of blood. Pearl Harbor Naval Shipyard came in second place, donating 203 pints of blood.

"The ASBP is important to the Navy because we can send blood directly to our deployed troops" said Hospital Corpsman 3rd Class Christina Perez, assigned to Naval Health Clinic Hawai'i.

The one-gallon plus donors awards were presented to Personnel Specialist 1st Class (SW) Lloyd Billionac, separations section leading petty officer, Navy Personnel Pay Support Center, and Hospital Corpsman 3rd Class Christopher Morrow, assigned to Naval Health Clinic Hawai'i.

"It's important to be recognized for giving blood because it moti-

vates others to donate," said Morrow. "The ASBP is important for the Navy in the sense that everyone is going to need blood at some point and we have a lot of troops to support."

Tanya Jones, a civilian working in the obstetrics clinic at TAMC, was the keynote speaker for the ceremony. On Jan. 15, Jones had a caesarean section when she had her third child and required 21 units of blood to survive.

"I believe if it wasn't for God who touched the hearts of you who had donated, I would not be standing here," said Jones. "I thank you who donated and the staff of Tripler who made sure the blood was there for me."

The ASBP was originally known as the Military Blood Program and was established in 1952 by presidential order as part of the National Blood Program. Today it consists of 81 blood banks and blood donor centers worldwide. The ASBP provides more than two million blood products to service members worldwide, including more than 150 blood transfusions for Operation Enduring Freedom and Operation Iraqi Freedom.

## Adm. Fluckey: Navy Bids farewell to a distinguished submariner

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Coble said. "I can't really put it into words what this actually means to me. First, I got my dolphins pinned on, then to be picked out of 154 crew members to carry Adm. Fluckey's ashes aboard, it is something I will remember, I'm sure, the rest of my life."

According to Lyle, a reading from distinguished submariners during pinning ceremonies is a Pasadena tradition.

"This is how we remember and honor those from the past and make sure the new submariners know the great history of our force," he said.

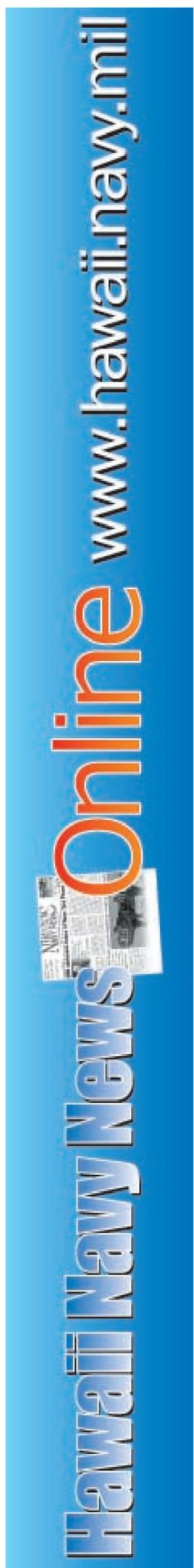
Pasadena posted Fluckey's biography, his Medal of Honor citation and other accomplishments throughout the boat to inform the crew of his legacy as a submariner.

"I think during this deployment we honor him more," said Lyle. "Normally, there are seven Medal of Honor winners we discuss. But in particular on this deployment, we have the right to talk a little more about one than any other and that is Fluckey."

Fluckey is responsible for the most tonnage destroyed in World War II and received the Medal of Honor, four Navy Crosses, the Presidential Unit Citation Ribbon, and numerous other awards and decorations throughout his illustrious career.

According to Lyle, Fluckey's "Thunder Below!" is one of three books that submariners most commonly read.

Pasadena is on a scheduled six-month deployment to the western Pacific Ocean and is homeported at Naval Station Pearl Harbor.



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