

CNO, MCPON visit Pearl Harbor

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Chief of Naval Operations (CNO) Adm. Gary Roughead and Master Chief Petty Officer of the Navy (MCPON) Joe R. Campa Jr. visited Naval Station Pearl Harbor Aug. 18, to talk with Sailors and answer questions concerning current Navy affairs.

Roughead, along with Campa, made several stops while at Pearl Harbor visiting Los Angeles-class submarine USS Columbia (SSN-771), Arleigh Burke-class guided missile destroyer USS Chafee (DDG-90) and Sharkey Theater.

"One of the reasons we're out and about is really to thank you for the great work that you do. What I have seen throughout our Navy is that there is a whole range of capabilities that our Navy provides that, quite frankly, no other Navy, and I'd even submit that no other service could do," said Roughead.

Among the things the CNO and MCPON discussed were the new uniform policy, the new GI Bill, and the direction the Navy is headed.

"When I go out on the road, one of the most important things that I come away with is the views from the deckplates; the issues that you see, or questions that you may have. When the MCPON and I go back to Washington we can take all that into account as we look to the future and shape the Navy of tomorrow."



Chief of Naval Operations (CNO) Adm. Gary Roughead answers questions from Sailors aboard the Arleigh Burke-class guided missile destroyer USS Chafee (DDG 90) during an all-hands call on the ship's flight deck. Roughead and Master Chief Petty Officer of the Navy (MCPON) Joe R. Campa Jr. are completing a 10-day, around-the-world trip to visit Sailors, thank them for their contributions and hear their thoughts firsthand.

The CNO and MCPON also answered questions that Sailors had and took down e-mail information of Sailors that they would need to get back to with a response.

"It's a pretty good opportunity," said Interior Communications Electrician 1st Class (SW) Stephen Biggie, assigned to Chafee. "Those two people really get around, but how often do you get to see them in person and get to ask them ques-

tions? It makes a big difference for the crew's morale for those two to come out to the ship and take time out from their schedule."

The CNO and MCPON made stops in the Middle East prior to Pearl Harbor

where the Navy has about 15,000 Sailors serving on the ground in Iraq and Afghanistan.

"The Navy is out there everyday in every corner of the world on watch and making things happen that are

truly extraordinary," said Roughead. "Across the board the Navy is doing unbelievable things, doing them extremely well, and being part of the fight that is extraordinarily important to our country."



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USS Key West earns Arleigh Burke trophy

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Willard credited Key West's teamwork, as well as their leadership, for getting the boat in the special position

it is today.

"When the whole crew, chiefs mess and wardroom come together behind a boat, it takes that boat to a level that becomes sustainable and pretty soon, it becomes that good and stays that good," said Willard. "In a remarkable number of months you've been able to bring this boat to a place that we'd like all of our ships and boats to be. I have to say thanks to all of you for what you've done for Key West, you should all be immensely proud of yourselves."

The trophy is presented each year to

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Obama visits Arizona Memorial



U.S. Navy photo by MC2 Michael A. Lantron
Sen. Barack Obama tells the story of what happened to USS Arizona during the Dec. 7, 1941 attack on Pearl Harbor to family and friends while on a tour of the USS Arizona Memorial Aug. 14. Obama and guests visited the memorial as part of Obama's vacation to Hawaii.



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Adm. Gary Roughead, tours a schoolhouse construction site with members of Provincial Reconstruction Team (PRT) Ghazni. Roughead, and Master Chief Petty Officer of the Navy (MCPON) Joe R. Campa Jr. traveled throughout the Central Command Area of Operation to visit Sailors, thank them for their contributions and hear their thoughts firsthand.

Chief of Naval Operations and MCPON Visit Sailors in Afghanistan

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Combined Security Transition Command-Afghanistan Public Affairs

KABUL, Afghanistan – The Navy's top officer and enlisted leader visited the Soldiers, Sailors, Airmen and Marines of Combined Security Transition Command-Afghanistan (CSTC-A), Kabul Aug 15.

Chief of Naval Operations (CNO) Adm. Gary Roughead and Master Chief Petty Officer of the Navy Joe R. Campa toured the camp and conducted a town hall meeting with the service members stationed at Camp Eggers.

"Our future world and Navy will be a better place because of your sacrifices," Roughead said. "Men and women like you make our military strong."

Throughout his 35-year career, Roughead served in

every officer leadership position, from division officer and Commandant of the Naval Academy to his current position as Chief of Naval Operations.

"It is inspiring to meet the leaders of your organization," said Chief (Sel.) Wayne Holloman, a communications technician. "Seeing Master Chief Campa was especially important for me."

"He is definitely someone that has been in our shoes. He cares about Sailors," said Holloman.

Campa said he was impressed by the strength and resolve of all the services, especially his fellow Sailors.

"The Navy really brings a lot of technical experience to bear in dealing with complex situations," said Campa. "You are all doing great things on behalf of your nation," said Campa. "I'm proud of each and every one of you."

"We've invested a lot time and effort into our individual augmentees and global support augmentee Sailors and none of you have let us down yet, said Campa."

During the town hall meeting, Roughead recognized the CSTC-A Sailor of the Quarter Petty Officer 1st Class Alan Kellogg and Bluejacket of the Quarter Seaman Timothy Newborn.

"It was a distinct honor," said Newborn. "It's not often that you are given an award by the CNO."

Roughead and Campa answered questions that ranged from promotion to deployment issues.

"It's a morale booster for the service members here," said Lt. Cmdr. Craig Trent. "It's always good for troops to see their top leaders. It is their job to make sure they are getting correct information from the Sailors, to make correct decisions that directly affect them."

USNS Mercy team treats over 25K in Papua New Guinea

MC3 Michael C. Barton

Pacific Partnership Public Affairs

PORT MORESBY, Papua New Guinea – U.S. Naval Hospital Ship USNS Mercy (T-AH 19) completed its two-week humanitarian and civic assistance mission in Papua New Guinea Aug. 17.

In addition to Papua New Guinea, the Mercy has traveled to the Republic of the Philippines, Vietnam and Timor-Leste to provide humanitarian assistance as part of Pacific Partnership 2008 since leaving San Diego on May 1. While in these countries the Mercy provided medical, dental, engineering

and veterinarian assistance.

Pacific Partnership medical teams provided a variety of services in Papua New Guinea, treating 25,179 patients and performing 346 medical procedures for the people of the region.

The mission lasted 14 days, and according to the Honorable Powes Parkop, Governor of the National District, the Pacific Partnership team accomplished "miracles."

"I never thought I would witness such quality service in my life time, even though I know it is possible in Papua New Guinea," said Parkop.

Sailors from Naval Mobile Construction Battalion 133, of Gulfport, Miss., and Naval

Amphibious Construction Battalion One, San Diego, Calif., completed nine repair and construction projects at Popondetta and Port Moresby. The U.S. Pacific Fleet band also performed concerts during the visit.

For Chief Equipment Operator (SCW) James Brock, there's a sure way to tell the difference the project has made, thanks to the combined efforts of the multinational team and host nation participants.

"Just come and look at the kids' faces when they're able to receive healthcare treatment at their newly restored clinic," he said.



U.S. Navy photo by MC3 Derek R. Sanchez

A woman and child wait to receive medical attention at a Pacific Partnership 2008 medical civic action program. The Military Sealift Command hospital ship USNS Mercy (T-AH 19) is the main platform for Pacific Partnership 2008 and has embarked a multinational group of medical and engineering professionals from military and non-governmental organizations to provide humanitarian assistance to several countries within the Pacific region.

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Hawaii Navy News Editorial

Sailor's Creed: What does it really mean?



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Aloha, shipmates! As you may imagine by now, we're going to talk about the Sailor's Creed this week. Before we jump into the article, however, please take a moment and reread the Sailor's Creed available above. This time, really pay attention to the words and the meaning behind this passage. This Sailor's Creed is not just a bunch of words thrown together that your chain of command requires you to recite at

quarters, selection boards, awards quarters, or all-hands calls (although all of the above should be done). These words symbolize the Sailors of our past, the Sailors of today, and the Sailors who will lead our Navy into the future. These words should symbolize your commitment to the Navy and who you are as a Sailor.

In 1993, Chief of Naval Operations Adm. Frank Kelso directed and personally participated with a recruit training panel to create a creed for all bluejackets. Every recruit was given a copy of the final product and was tasked to commit it to memory. The mission was unity and esprit de corps. A year later, the new Chief of Naval Operations, Adm. Jeremy Boorda, tweaked the passage, replacing the word "bluejacket" with "Navy," to best describe all Sailors. Another change in 1997 called for the replacement of "my superiors" to "those appointed over me."

Today, the Sailor's Creed is recited by all Sailors, no matter what profession in the Navy they have chosen, and the mission remains to promote unity and esprit de corps. But, even more so, shipmates, the Sailor's Creed should invoke pride in all of us. Each time I recite our creed, it gives me goose bumps on my arms. When I recite our creed and watch other Sailors recite it, you can tell

*I am a United States Sailor.
I will support and defend
the Constitution of the United States of America
and I will obey the orders of those appointed over me.
I represent the fighting spirit of the Navy
and those who have gone before me to defend freedom
and democracy around the world.
I proudly serve my country's Navy combat team
with Honor, Courage and Commitment.
I am committed to excellence
and the fair treatment of all.*

when they feel it, when they really feel it. The pride rises up in their voice and they truly stand taller.

No matter what rank I wear on my collar, I am a United States Sailor. No matter what medals, ribbons or warfare devices I have on my chest, I am a United States Sailor. No matter how many hash marks I have on my sleeve, I am a United States Sailor. If you wear the cloth of the world's finest Navy and have taken the oath, you, too, are a United States Sailor. With honor, courage and commitment, we must stand with pride as

"represent the fighting spirit of the Navy and those who have gone before (us) to defend freedom and democracy around the world." It is who we are, what we do!

When Master Chief Petty Officer of the Navy Joe Campa first became our MCPON, he spoke of what it meant for him to be a Sailor. More specifically, he told a sea story that took him back to the time when he was a young seaman aboard the dock-landing ship Ogden. While on a port visit to Hawaii, his chief took his division to visit the USS Arizona

Memorial in Pearl Harbor. The trip to the historic site was not just a lesson in naval history, but instead Seaman Campa's chief told his division about the "service and sacrifice" that those Sailors made that day. On that day, the MCPON said he gained the understanding of what it meant to be a U.S. Sailor.

Each day I'm able to look out the window in my office, I stare over at the USS Arizona memorial and USS Missouri memorials and think back to the sacrifices our Navy family has made over the years. I think of the Sailors who gave their lives in defense of our freedoms, both then and now. They may not have had a Sailor's Creed then, but by god, because of their blood, sweat and tears, we are able to have one now. And, if each of us --you and I -- is able and committed to the nation and our future, we'll have the Sailor's Creed for our children's children and those who relieve us as we "go ashore" when the time comes. This creed is for them; this creed is for us.

Until next time, shipmates, sail safe and sail together! I urge you to never stop believing in what it is we stand for.

Remember, if you have any questions or comments regarding my messages to you, drop me a line at cpf.fleetfeedback@navy.mil.

Commentary

Speed kills...

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For most of us, a speeding ticket is little more than an annoyance – a hundred bucks or more down the drain for fines and court costs, and higher insurance rates down the road. However, each and every summer, Sailors and Marines are killed on the highways and the number one reason for their fatal crashes is excessive speed.

Speed is considered one of the "fatal four" factors that lead to traffic fatalities, said Dan Dray, a traffic safety specialist at the Naval Safety Center.

"Our number one killer of Sailors and Marines each summer is personal motor vehicle mishaps, and the biggest reason those fatalities occur is speed," Dray said.

He said that for every single mile per hour driven over the speed limit, the risk of being in an accident increases by five percent.

Statistics prove that slowing down is an effective way to reduce the risk of traffic accidents this summer. Not only does reduced speed reduce the potential severity of an accident that does occur, it also gives you a better opportunity to avoid accidents altogether. Slowing down gives you more time to react to hazards such as highway debris and unexpected actions by other drivers.

The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration and the Insurance Institute for

Highway Safety report that single-vehicle crashes, such as cars that run off the road or hit an embankment, are most likely to occur at speeds in excess of 70 miles per hour. The risk of injury with all types of crashes increases with speed. Studies have shown that the risk of injury is lowest when the driver is going at or just below the posted speed limit and the risk increases exponentially at higher speeds.

However, Dray said there's another reason to slow down. Speed can hit Sailors and Marines where it hurts – their wallets.

"I urge people to take the rising gas prices into consideration," he said. "The faster you drive, the higher your fuel consumption rate, lowering your overall fuel economy."

Translation: Speed equals more money at the gas pump.

Summer is a great time to practice risk management skills by reducing speed, Dray said.

"School's out and kids are out playing. We all need to be more mindful when we're driving," he said.

For more information on speeding and other traffic safety topics, visit the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration website at:

<http://www.nhtsa.dot.gov/>

The Naval Safety Center's website has tools and resources to help you and your command reduce motor-vehicle mishaps, visit us at: <http://www.safetycenter.navy.mil/ashore/motorvehicle>.

Navy astronaut reaches for the stars



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Launch of Gemini 5 on Aug. 21, 1965, piloted by LCDR Charles Conrad Jr., USN, who completed 120 orbits in almost eight days at an altitude of 349.8 km. Recovery was by helicopter from USS Lake Champlain (CVS-39).

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Navy College hosts electronic tuition assistance brief

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The Naval Station (NAVSTA) Pearl Harbor Navy College Office (NCO) hosted an electronic tuition assistance (ETA) brief for active duty Sailors assigned to commands in the Hawaii region during the 2008 Education Fair on Aug. 15.

The brief provided Sailors with the information necessary to complete the application online as all navy commands in Hawaii transition to the internet-based system.

"The idea of ETA is to expedite the process of the tuition assistance (TA) application," said Ernest Poe, director of Pearl Harbor NCO. "By going to ETA, a Sailor can easily get an application through their chain of command and the NCO."

ETA is designed to eliminate

the paper-base TA application by allowing Sailors the ability to electronically transmit an application to their commanding officer or "by direction" designee for approval.

Once approved, the command electronically forwards the application to the NCO for review and processing. The service member can either pick up the payment voucher or request that it be faxed or emailed back to them.

"The brief was very informative and it seems like it'll be easier to use the ETA rather than the TA," said Electronics Technician 1st Class (SS) Edward Chacon, assigned to Commander, Submarine Force, U.S. Pacific Fleet.

A key feature to ETA is the ability for Sailors to view any alerts they must take care of, such as grades being posted or necessary payments, before submitting an application without having to view their Sailor/Marine Corps ACE Registry Transcript (SMART)

or going to the local NCO.

Compared to a few working days for the normal TA, Poe stated that ETA should take a Sailor approximately five minutes to complete once they have all their information and the application can be done at any time.

"The hope is that a Sailor can go through the whole process in a more expeditious and efficient process," said Poe. "If the process is quick and easy, it's extremely beneficial to the Sailor. Also, shipboard Sailors who work longer hours can submit ETA 24/7, which is a tremendous benefit to them."

Poe also added that all Hawai'i region naval commands should be completely converted to using ETA within six months to a year.

For more information on how to achieve a college degree, visit the Navy College Office at Building 679 on Naval Station Pearl Harbor or call (808) 473-5705.



Fabiola Hurtado De Mendoza, education counselor at the Naval Station (NAVSTA) Pearl Harbor Navy College Office (NCO), gives an electronic tuition assistance (ETA) brief to Sailors assigned to commands in the Hawaii region at the NAVSTA Pearl Harbor NCO Aug. 15. ETA is designed to eliminate the paper-base tuition assistance application by allowing Sailors the ability to electronically transmit an application to their commanding officer or "by direction" designee for approval.

Sailors lend a hand...

U.S. Coast Guard Intelligence Specialist 1st Class Richard McCulley and Navy Cryptologic Technician (Technical) 3rd Class Kirk Williamson shake hands for charity and a world Saturday, Aug. 16 at Aloha Stadium. The two petty officers shook hands for a Guinness Book world record breaking time of 10 hours, smashing the old record of 9 hours and 19 minutes set in 2006. The official record was broken at 3:42 p.m. In addition to the record, they raised \$1,337 for a local charity. "I feel amazing that I can contribute something back to the community and it just goes to show that anybody, if they take the time, can offer something in their own unique way," said McCulley. "Not only did the event generate a positive fund raising effort but it also brought awareness and some potential future volunteers to the program. It is really great to be able to raise some money for such a worthy cause and it really shows how the Navy and the Coast Guard can work together to contribute in a positive way in our community," added Williamson.

U.S. Coast Guard photo by PA3 Michael De Nyse



2008 Armed Forces Voters Week

With the November 4, 2008 General Election quickly approaching, Voting Assistance Officers (VAOs) must make their last push to get out absentee voting information.

The 2008 Armed Forces Voters Week (AFVW) is the perfect opportunity for VAOs to coordinate workshops and information sessions in order to provide absentee voting assistance.

Held Aug. 31 through Sept. 7, the AFVW is a time where military service members can request an absentee ballot for this year's Presidential election.

AFVW also marks the last safe week when military and overseas citizens can send in Federal Post Card Application (FPCA) (SF-76) to register as an absentee voter with their Local Election Offices as well as expect to receive their absentee ballot in time to vote in the November election.

Information regarding registration and absentee ballot request form deadlines can be obtained by contacting your unit's VAO at the Region Legal Service Office at 808-473-1379 or at www.fvap.gov, searching under State by State Instructions.

Pearl Harbor Highlights



U.S. Navy photo by Blair Martin
U.S. Air Force Master Sergeant Jeff Wheeler receives an American flag from Navy honor guard detail during a scattering of ashes ceremony honoring his grandfather and Pearl Harbor survivor, Major Wheeler. Wheeler was a U.S. Navy Chief Petty Officer and assigned to USS Widgeon (AM-22) during the Pearl Harbor attacks. The ceremony was held Aug. 19 and included a religious ceremony, a three-volley rifle salute and a bugler sounding Taps. Also in attendance was Wheeler's local church choir who sang the Navy Hymn.



(Above) Master Chief Petty Officer of the Navy (MCPON) Joe R. Campa Jr. speaks with Sailors while visiting the Los Angeles-class fast-attack submarine USS Columbia (SSN 771) with Chief of Naval Operations (CNO) Adm. Gary Roughead. MCPON and CNO are completing a 10-day, around-the-world trip to visit Sailors, thank them for their contributions and hear their thoughts firsthand.

U.S. Navy photo by MC1 Tiffini M. Jones



Ensign 2nd Class Jerry Valdez has second class petty officer crow pinned on him by Chief of Naval Operations (CNO) Adm. Gary Roughead, right, and his wife and daughter after Valdez is promoted through the command advancement program aboard the Arleigh Burke-class destroyer USS Chafee (DDG 90).

U.S. Navy photo by MC1 Tiffini M. Jones



U.S. Navy photo by MC1 Tiffini M. Jones
Chief of Naval Operations (CNO) Adm. Gary Roughead is piped ashore after visiting with Sailors aboard the Los Angeles-class attack submarine USS Columbia (SSN 771).

(Left) Sen. Barack Obama looks down into the USS Arizona Memorial well as part of a tour of the memorial Aug. 14. Obama, family and friends toured the memorial during his vacation to Hawai'i.

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



IA gram messages inform commands, Sailors on IA issues

U.S. Fleet Forces Public Affairs

NORFOLK (NNS) – Individual augmentee (IA) Sailors continue to be an integral part of the Navy's support of the war on terrorism. With approximately 13,000 Sailors on IA orders, one of Navy leadership's top priorities is to continue supporting this mission and communicating all facets of the IA process to Sailors and their families.

U.S. Fleet Forces Command (USFF), designated as the executive agent for the IA Continuum, is streamlining a direct line of communication to the fleet and Navy families through a new product called IA Grams.

These messages from USFF will serve as a single resource for information and policy updates to commands, Sailors and their families on all IA matters. Topics and issues to be covered in future IA Grams will include deployment health assessment policy, individual readiness, 'parent command' responsibility, and family support.

"Communicating the Navy's IA policies, support programs and updates has been challenging, with many commands having different roles in the IA process," said Al Gonzales, USFF deputy chief of staff for personnel development and allocation. "Our primary goal is ensuring we have a



Culinary Specialist 1st Class Oliver Puckyk, an Individual Augmentee (IA) Sailor attached to Provincial Reconstruction Team Khost, mans the .50-cal machine gun during a recent convoy to conduct quality assurance of road construction in and around Khost province. U.S. Navy photo by Ensign Christopher Weis

clearly defined standard guidance and common operating picture, and communicating that to

the fleet. IA Grams are one of the tools we'll use to accomplish that."

Under the new construct of USFF acting as the executive agent for the IA Continuum, they

will now assume the duties and tasks previously performed by Task Force IA.

Task Force IA and USFF will complete the transition of responsibility at a joint conference later this month. Some key areas leaders at the conference will focus on improving for Sailors and their families include the Continuum of Care and Operational Stress Control, IA family support programs, the IA and GSA detailing processes, and post-deployment reintegration efforts.

Additionally, a forthcoming OPNAV instruction will provide the overarching policy guidance Sailors and their families need for a clear process through the IA Continuum. Until its release, all commands should continue to operate in accordance with current policy and coordinate with USFF.

"It is essential that command leaders ensure our actions supporting IAs and their families embody the top-level support that is expected for all of our Navy families," said Gonzales. "Commands have diligently answered the bell with increasing IA requirements, and we will continue to improve our lines of communication and support to the commands, the Sailors, and Navy families."



Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Navy (Safety) Tom Rollow presented the Secretary of the Navy's safety flag and plaque to Pearl Harbor Naval Shipyard Aug. 12, 2008, in honor of the command being selected as one of nine winners throughout the Navy and Marine Corps of Fiscal Year 2007 Achievement in Ashore Safety awards.

Navy-wide Safety Ashore Award presented to Pearl Harbor Naval Shipyard

Story and photo by
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Pearl Harbor Naval
Shipyard Public Affairs

Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Navy (Safety) Tom Rollow presented Pearl Harbor Naval Shipyard with a Fiscal Year 2007 Navy Achievement in Ashore Safety Award during a visit Aug. 12. The Shipyard was one of only nine award recipients selected throughout the Navy and Marine Corps.

"I commend you for being champions of safety," Rollow said during a presentation ceremony in the Building 2 auditorium. "In the Navy's vernacular, 'Bravo Zulu' on winning ... in the Large Industrial award category."

The annual awards recognize Navy and Marine Corps shore activities and fleet occupational support units located ashore for their outstanding occupational safety and health programs. Secretary of the Navy Donald Winter announced the winners in mid-May. Honorees are personally presented their award plaques by a representative of Winters and have the honor of flying the Secretary of the Navy's safety flag over their commands for one year.

"The Secretary of the Navy doesn't just give these awards away. They are earned – with hard work, commitment, innovation, and attention to detail," Rollow said. "That's what you've done here – a superb job!"

He noted total injuries in the Shipyard have dropped by more than half over the past

five years. "That's 56 percent below the 2006 national industry average for shipbuilding and repair," he said.

Rollow recalled that last year the federal Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) gave the Shipyard its highest rating under its Voluntary Protection Programs (VPP) to reduce injuries. "You are one of only seven Department of the Navy installations that has earned Voluntary Protection Program 'Star' status," he said. "You are truly a model for other industrial activities to follow."

Rollow told the audience "the problem resting on your shoulders now is continuous improvement." He challenged the Shipyard to "keep bringing down those (personnel injury) numbers every year."

Richard Anderson, director of the Shipyard's Occupational Safety, Health and Environment Office, said of the award, "The Shipyard Commander and senior management continuously stress that safety is the No. 1 priority in our Shipyard. That shared management commitment, coupled with union support and employee involvement at all levels, has strengthened our safety program and resulted in the Shipyard being recognized."

"This is truly a shared 'Team Pearl' award for all Shipyard employees to be very proud of."

Lyrta Gochenouer, head of the Shipyard's Safety Branch, said the Shipyard demonstrated continuing improvement in safety during the last fiscal year. "The Star played a big part," she said, referring to the

VPP designation by OSHA.

Aldon Kaopuiki, financial secretary-treasurer for the Metal Trades Council that represents Shipyard trade unions, said, "We're happy to be part of this program that helps keep our members safe."

Rollow, concluding his speech, said, "It would be my pleasure to come back next year to give you the same award. Congratulations."

Pearl Harbor Naval Shipyard is the largest industrial employer in the state of Hawai'i with a combined civilian and military workforce of about 4,700. It has an operating budget of \$600 million, of which more than \$390 million is payroll for civilian employees. The Shipyard, strategically located in the Pacific Ocean, is a full-service naval shipyard and regional maintenance center for the U.S. Navy's surface ships and submarines.



Ship gets 'Royal' treatment...

Seaman Afelisha Wiltshire paints equipment on the weather deck of the guided-missile cruiser USS Port Royal (CG 73). Port Royal is conducting a docked planned maintenance after returning from a scheduled deployment.

U.S. Navy photo by MCI Class Jason Swink

USS Key West

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the ship or aviation squadron in both the Atlantic and Pacific fleets that has achieved the greatest improvement during the preceding year. Among the factors considered are operational accomplishments, performance in inspections, awards and retention.

The ship deployed from Pearl Harbor in January 2007, and was extended while deployed, returning in August 2007. During its seven months

in the Western Pacific, Key West participated in joint operations supporting international. The ship was awarded the Commander, Submarine Squadron Three Battle "E" Efficiency for 2007.

"No one likes getting extended, but I hope you've got some professional satisfaction from your deployment; you all did a great job," said Rear Adm. Joe Walsh, Commander, Submarine Force, U.S. Pacific Fleet. "You've come a long way

over the past few years and I am certainly proud of you. Constantly maintain that steady stream of excellence; you're on top; keep on doing what you know is right."

The Arleigh Burke Fleet Trophy is named in honor of Adm. Arleigh Burke, who served 42 years in the U.S. Navy, including six years as Chief of Naval Operations, making him the youngest and longest serving CNO in American history.

Pearl Harbor Shipyard provides multinational fleet maintenance support for RIMPAC

Pearl Harbor Naval Shipyard Public Affairs

Pearl Harbor Naval Shipyard supported nine foreign and U.S. Navy ships during the month-long Rim of the Pacific (RIMPAC) maritime exercise that ended July 31. RIMPAC is the world's largest naval exercise and involved 41 surface ships and submarines and more than 20,000 military personnel from 10 countries.

"Most of the repairs done during the exercise were of an urgent nature and required rapid response," said Tyson Livingston, assistant project superintendent for the Shipyard's Fleet Maintenance Project - Surface Craft.

Five of the nine vessels requesting maintenance support were U.S. Navy ships, including the carrier USS Kitty Hawk (CV 63). The others were two ships from Canada and two from Australia.

Shipyard business, engineering, planning and contracting offices and production shops teamed with an array of contractors to handle repair requests.

According to Livingston, priorities were established, funding was negotiated and work was allocated based on funding, material availability, and capabilities.

One of the most challenging ships that the Shipyard's

surface craft maintenance division worked on was the Royal Australian Navy's HMAS Tobruk. The amphibious ship is a multi-purpose roll-on/roll-off troop and heavy vehicle carrier with both stern and bow doors. Tobruk had several items that required immediate repair so she could perform her mission during RIMPAC.

Tobruk was taking in water from her bow door and needed the lower section of the bow seal replaced. She also required additional temporary support structures welded onto the door.

The shipfitting, welding, shipwright, plastic fabricator and temporary services shops performed outstanding work on these jobs, Livingston said. The ship was able to participate in her RIMPAC mission as scheduled and reported zero leakage during the operation.

Tobruk also had an inoperable gantry crane. The motor that operated the main hook had burned out on the way to Hawai'i. The Australian navy's port engineer ordered a new motor prior to her arrival and it was waiting on the pier for installation.

The Shipyard's Engineering and Planning Department performed a ship check and determined that gears first had to be checked for cracks, then dressed and inspected for proper alignment.

The Shipyard's Outside Machine Shop, Nondestructive Test Division, Fluid and Mechanical Division, and Rigging Shop made short work of this tasking and the motor was installed as planned.

Weight-testing the crane required following Australian navy procedures and testing to a total weight of 77 tons. The test needed to be performed in increments, requiring the individual weights to be distributed over several areas of the deck.

The weights first had to be gathered and landed on floating crane YD-261, then relocated from the floating crane onto Tobruk. The ship's gantry crane then picked up the weights, swung them over the side and held them for 10 minutes at each phase of testing. After a successful test, Tobruk was ready for sea and joined the RIMPAC exercise.

Pearl Harbor Naval Shipyard is the largest industrial employer in the state of Hawai'i with a combined civilian and military workforce of about 4,700. It has an operating budget of \$600 million, of which more than \$390 million is payroll for civilian employees. The Shipyard, strategically located in the Pacific Ocean, is a full-service naval shipyard and regional maintenance center for the U.S. Navy's surface ships and submarines.

2008 FBI career presentation schedule

For those interested in a career with the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI), FBI recruitment team will be conducting career presentations on the following dates in September 2008:

- Sept. 3** - Joint Employment Management System (JEMS) Job Fair from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at Club Pearl, Bldg. 1314, located at 915 North Road, Pearl Harbor Naval Base. FMI: 473-0190.
- Sept. 4** - U. S. Army Schofield Barracks at 10:00 a.m. from Soldiers' Support Center, Bldg. 750. FMI: 655-1028.
- Sept. 8** - U. S. Marine Corps Transition Assistance Program at 10:00 a.m. at Family Service Center, Kaneohe Bay. FMI: 257-7790/7795.
- Sept. 12** - U. S. Navy Pearl Harbor, 9:00 a.m. at Fleet and Family Support Center, 4827 Bougainville Drive. FMI: 474-1999.
- Sept. 23** - U. S. Air Force Hickam Air Force Base at 10:00 a.m. for Family Support Center, Bldg. 1105. FMI: 449-0300.

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