

## President honors veterans, families at USS Intrepid ceremony

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On his last Veterans Day as commander-in-chief, President Bush paid tribute to all those who have worn the uniform of the Army, Navy, Air Force, Marine Corps and Coast Guard during a speech at the USS Intrepid Sea, Air & Space Museum in New York City on Nov. 11.

"Today we send a clear message to all who have worn the uniform: Thank you for your courage, thank you for your sacrifice, and thank you for standing up when your nation needed you most," he told the crowd of about 5,000, which included 2,500 veterans and about 500 members of the active military.

Like the many veterans who have served in the military, Bush noted that the Intrepid has also served the nation well. Launched on April 26, 1943 and commissioned on Aug. 16, 1943, the Intrepid took part in the World War II invasion of the Marshall Islands and played a key role in the amphibious assault on Okinawa and the Battles of Leyte Gulf.

Following the war's end, the Intrepid continued to serve, Bush said.

"As the United States raced into the new frontier of space, the Intrepid stood by to retrieve astronauts returning to earth," Bush said. "During the Cold War, she patrolled the Mediterranean and helped force the surrender of pro-Castro terrorists who had hijacked a freighter in the



Photo illustration

Caribbean, and did three tours off the waters of Vietnam."

After more than 30 years at sea, the Intrepid was decommissioned in 1974, destined to be scrapped. But thanks to the work of the Intrepid Museum Foundation, Bush said, the Intrepid moved to New York City, and "since 1982, she has been a museum that educates new generations of Americans about the high price that those who came before them paid for their freedom."

"Even as a museum, the Intrepid still answered the call to service," the president said. On Sept. 11, 2001, following the terrorist attack on New York, the Intrepid was used as an emergency command center, with first responders launching helicopters from the decks. Bush said the ship, "which helped defeat the great totalitarian threats of the 20th century - was front and center in the opening moments of a new struggle against the forces of hatred and fear."

"The war on terror has required courage; it has required resolve equal to what previous generations of Americans brought to the fields of Europe and the deep waters of the Pacific," he said. "And I'm proud to report to my fellow citizens, our armed forces - the armed forces of this generation - have showed up for the fight and America is more secure for it."

"They are representative of the finest our nation offers. And they have the support of strong and

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## Remembering those on eternal patrol



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

A lei is placed on the plaque of each World War II submarine on 'eternal patrol' during a Veteran's Day ceremony held at Pearl Harbor Submarine Memorial Park, on Nov. 11.



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

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"Over the past year, we have implemented our maritime strategy around the

world. This year's guidance will highlight those accomplishments as well as expand on the progress we need to continue to make to remain a dominant force," Roughead said.

CNO said that one of last year's accomplishments was developing a Navy Ethos, a tangible statement of values integral to the Navy's mission accomplishment.

"It distinguishes those of us who serve in the Navy, active and reserve Sailors and Navy civilians, regardless of unit, command or community," Roughead said.

The CNOG reinstates CNO's three focus areas of building the future force,

maintaining warfighting readiness, and developing and supporting Sailors, Navy civilians and their families. He said over the past year the Navy has made significant progress in those areas, setting the stage for continued achievements in 2009.

Some of those achievements include: Deploying of the first guided missile submarines, USS Ohio (SSGN 726) and USS Florida (SSGN 728), in less than six years from the start of their conversion from strategic service; embarking non-governmental organizations and international partners aboard Navy hospital

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# Forest City introduces new Energy Conservation Program

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Forest City Military Communities, in conjunction with Navy Region Hawai'i, has introduced the Utility Consumption Awareness and Conservation Program to Navy housing residents in an effort to conserve energy consumption in base housing.

The program is designed to promote the conscientious use of residential energy resources and protect the environment through awareness, sustainable practices and responsibility.

According to Gregory Raap, director of property management, electric usage in housing has increased 11 percent in the past three years. "The average monthly consumption in Navy housing is now nearly three times higher than a typical Oahu home and nearly twice that of a home of similar size with central air conditioning," he said.

Raap also noted that continued increases in electric consumption in housing will result in larger utility bills for Forest City which will ultimately lead to less dollars being available for other items such as resident activities, additional neighborhood improvements and other amenities.

The pilot program is expected to run for six months in the Halsey Terrace, Radford Terrace, Moanalua Terrace, Hokulani and McGrew Point communities. The communities were chosen because accurate energy consumption data was available, said Raap.

"The goal of this program is

to reduce energy consumption to a level that achieves a healthy balance between utility costs and other property expenses," he said. "We must reduce our utility consumption in order to restore this balance."

Forest City previously held two community meetings for residents on Nov. 4 and 5, explaining the program that includes: residents receiving a monthly consumption report showing amount of electricity consumed each month; monthly energy tips provided by Forest City showing tips and training on how to manage household electric consumption; and an incentive program for residents who reduce their consumption through conservation practices.

"The conservation program has incentives designed to encourage participation and reward residents who actively conserve electricity by paying a cash rebate back to that resident," Raap said. "As residents reduce their consumption from the previous month, a portion of the savings they created will be rebated directly back to them via check. Amounts will vary from \$15 to \$50 per month," he added.

Raap said families who already have good energy habits resulting in their household consumption being in the bottom five percent of homes in their community will earn an additional \$15 per month. Residents will receive their first consumption awareness reports around Nov. 15, he said.

In a letter to Navy housing residents, Capt. Donald Hodge, chief of staff for Navy Region Hawai'i, said the recent instability and growing

cost of fuel has made conserving energy a critical issue.

"Due to Hawai'i's isolated location, limited resources and fragile ecosystem, it is imperative that we develop ways to make energy conservation part of our daily life, at work, [in our] community and [in] our environment," he said in the letter. "Energy waste in our family housing negatively affects quality of life programs made available for our Sailors and their families. It is our obligation to be responsible stewards of taxpayer dollars and our environment," he added.

Raap said he hopes the new program will prompt residents to become more conscientious energy consumers.

"The six-month pilot program should provide sufficient time to determine the effectiveness of the program and changes necessary for its long-term success," he said. "Forest City's ultimate goal is to maintain an on-going energy awareness and conservation program."

For more information about the utility consumption awareness and conservation program, visit [www.fcnavy-hawaii.com](http://www.fcnavy-hawaii.com) or contact your neighborhood resident services office.

## Tips for energy conservation

### Information provided by Forest City Military Communities

- Replace incandescent light bulbs with compact fluorescent light (CFL) bulbs. CFLs use approximately one-fourth the energy of regular incandescent light bulbs. Changing one 100-watt bulb to an equivalent 26-watt CFL saves 81 kWh and \$24 per year per bulb based on three hours use per day.
- Use fans instead of air conditioners. Portable, ceiling and whole-house fans do not remove heat from a room, but they do provide a cooling effect by circulating air and consume only a small fraction of the energy used by an air conditioner. Two fans, rather than an 8,000 BTU room air conditioner, running four hours a day, will save over 1,150 kWh and \$345 per year.
- Shorten showers. Cutting just two minutes per shower can save up to 1,533 kWh and \$460 per year.
- Wash clothes in cold water. Washing clothes in cold water for just two loads a week can



Photo courtesy of Forest City

Senior Chief Electronics Technician (SS/DV) Matthew Cole, assigned to Naval Computer and Telecommunications Area Master Station Pacific, adjusts the thermostat at Forest City.

save 225 kWh and \$68 per year.

- Report leaky faucets. A leaking faucet with just one hot water drop per second can waste 2,000 gallons of water and can cost up to \$120 per year.

- Eliminate energy sneakers (phantom loads). Even when turned off, things like cell phone chargers and televisions use energy. Use a power strip to turn off computers (ensure proper logoff), monitors, printers, cell phone chargers, PDAs, camera bat-

teries, etc., all of which use standby power when not in use. By turning off your computer using a power strip, you can save 50 kWh and \$15 per year.

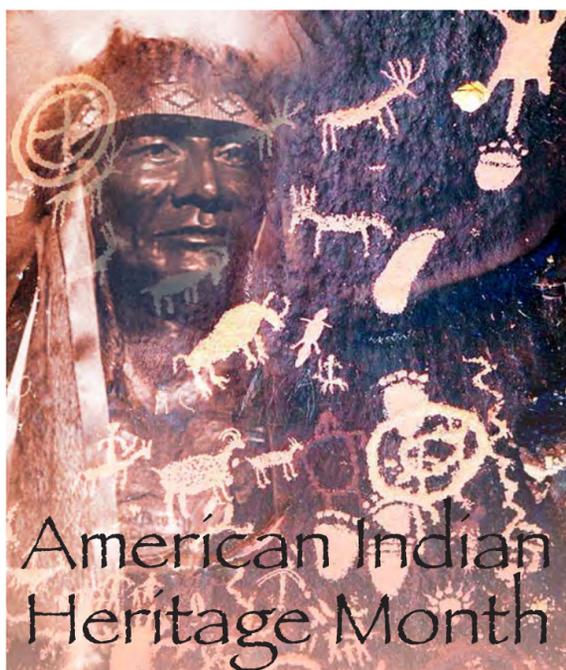
- Turn it off. Get into the habit of turning off lights, televisions, air conditioners, fans, computer equipment, etc. when you leave a room.

- Set your thermostat to the warmest comfortable setting. Each degree above 75 degrees F saves approximately three percent of the energy used to cool your home.

- Maintain appropriate temperatures in your refrigerator and freezer. Set refrigerator temperatures between 37 degrees and 40 degrees F in the refrigerator section and 0 degrees F in the freezer section.

- If a second freezer is necessary, consider using a chest-type freezer. Chest-type freezers are less likely to lose cold air when the door is open than an upright freezer. Chest freezers can use 11 to 27 percent less energy than an upright freezer.

# Hawai'i Navy News Editorial



## American Indian Heritage Month

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Each November marks National American Indian Heritage Month, a time when the nation celebrates the rich ancestry and contributions of our American Indians and Alaska Native brothers and sisters.

In a national proclamation, President George W. Bush called the month, "a time to recognize the native people as strengthening the diversity in our society." However, Native Americans have not only enriched the diverse American culture, but they have also defended the country for more than 200 years, during crucial times of war.

Their courage and fighting spirit were recognized by American military leaders as early as the 18th century. Many tribes were used as auxiliary troops during the War of 1812 and the Civil War. The Native Americans were especially adept at scouting the enemy.

Even President George Washington praised Native Americans for being excellent scouts and light troops for military forces. Native American scouts remained active with the military in the late 1800s and early 1900s, accompanying General John J. Pershing's expedition to Mexico in pursuit of Pancho Villa in 1916.

During World War I, an estimated 12,000 American Indians served in the U.S. military. At least 600 Oklahoma Indians, primarily Cherokee and Chotaw, served in the 142nd Infantry and would eventually be recognized for their contributions in battle. In 1924, American Indians

were eligible to be drafted thanks to the Snyder Act which gave American citizenship to Native Indians fighting in American troops.

Native Americans also played a crucial role in World War II. By using their native languages, they were able to create an unbreakable oral code. Also, their strong sense of patriotism and courage would emerge greatly during this period. During the war, more than 40,000 Indian people left their reservations to work in ordnance depots, factories and other war industries.

Native American contributions in U.S. military combat would continue during the Korean Conflict and Vietnam War as well as duty in Grenada, Panama and Persian Gulf in the 1980s and 1990s.

According to the Naval Historical Center, by the time the 20th century came to a close, there were nearly 190,000 Native American military veterans, the highest record of service per capita when compared to other ethnic groups. By bravely demonstrating their warrior mentality during military combat, Native Americans exemplified honor, pride, strength and wisdom, all qualities that align perfectly with today's military mantra.

So, as a nation gathers to celebrate other seasonal traditions this month, hopefully, they will also pause to pay homage to some of the many Native American service members who have so bravely served this country.

For more information about American Indian Heritage Month, visit [www.nps.gov/history/Nr/feature/indian/](http://www.nps.gov/history/Nr/feature/indian/).



U.S. Navy photo by MC3 Jhi L. Scott

The littoral combat ship USS Freedom (LCS 1), the first ship in the Navy's new littoral combat ship class, prepares to go to sea to begin acceptance trials. The Navy's Board of Inspection and Survey team will conduct the acceptance trials in Lake Michigan.

## Pacific Fleet commander discusses littoral combat ship

**MC1 Luke J. Perry**

*Commander, U.S. Pacific Fleet Public Affairs*

In his latest edition of the "Rat-Pac Report" podcast, posted Nov. 5, Adm. Robert F. Willard, commander, U.S. Pacific Fleet, discussed the importance of the Navy's latest addition to its surface forces, the littoral combat ship (LCS).

"The littoral combat ship is going to bring us a shal-

low draft ship that's very fast, carries a lot of capacity with a small crew size, that's going to be very, very efficient but also, we think, very, very effective," said Willard. "It's going to contribute what we need in terms of numbers of ships and unique capabilities of ships here in the Pacific Fleet."

Approximately 400 feet long, able to travel at speeds up to 45 knots and capable of operating in

water less than 20 feet deep, the LCS has flexible capabilities.

"LCS is a fast, agile and networked surface combatant with a modular, focused mission design providing the combatant commanders with warfighting abilities and operational flexibility," said Capt. Steve Kelly, U.S. 3rd Fleet assistant chief of staff for requirements. "The modular aspect of the LCS allows the minimally manned ships to focus on a

particular mission, while maximizing the ship's operational availability."

The LCS 1 recently completed its first sea trials and will make its way to its homeport in San Diego.

"We in the Navy are committed to this ship and to what it will bring to expeditionary warfare and littoral environments throughout the Pacific Fleet," said Willard. "I'm excited about the littoral combat ship and what she'll provide."

## Enjoying 'turkey day' aboard ship



Official U.S. Navy photograph, now in the collections of the National Archives

Adm. William F. Halsey, Commander, Third Fleet, eats Thanksgiving dinner with the crew of his flagship, USS New Jersey (BB 62), on Nov. 30, 1944.



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A Standard Missile - 3 (SM-3) is launched from the Pearl Harbor-based guided-missile destroyer USS Paul Hamilton (DDG 60) enroute to an intercept over an open ocean area northwest of Kauai, Hawai'i as part of Pacific Blitz 08. The SM-3 successfully collided with a ballistic missile target launched from the Pacific Missile Range Test Facility at Barking Sands, Kauai, Hawaii.

## USS Paul Hamilton conducts first fleet firing of SM-3

**Ensign Abigail Adams**

*USS Paul Hamilton (DDG 60) Public Affairs Officer*

USS Paul Hamilton (DDG 60), homeported at Pearl Harbor, Hawai'i, successfully conducted the first operational firing of the Standard Missile 3 (SM-3), intercepting a ballistic missile target in support of Commander 3rd Fleet's exercise Pacific Blitz 08 on Nov. 1.

The SM-3 is the Navy's primary ballistic missile engagement weapon and is designed to intercept short-intermediate range ballistic targets in the mid-course phase of flight.

Ballistic missile defense (BMD) is a Navy core mission and a key warfighting capability for the U.S. maritime strategy, which calls for credible combat power to be continuously postured to protect America's vital interests.

BMD provides the ability to

use international waters to defend against established and emergent threats, which underlies the importance of free and lawful use of the seas.

This engagement was the first of its kind in that the ship's firing team conducted all aspects of the engagement, from detection to intercept in a simulated operational environment. All previous SM-3 engagements were conducted as test and evaluation firings.

This successful demonstration of shipboard tracking and firing capability validates the fleet's readiness to conduct a full range of BMD operations immediately under the fleet operational chain of command. "Paul Hamilton's successful fleet firing of the SM-3 missile against a ballistic target was an historic event for the Navy and this emerging mission area," said Cmdr. Brent Smith, commanding officer, Paul Hamilton.

The launch was a multifaceted effort which took several months of planning, training, rehearsal and coordination with Navy and civilian subject matter experts. The culmination of a month-long scenario led up to this BMD exercise. The result was a flawless launch, timely post launch control, and eventual destruction of the intended target.

"The successful engagement of ballistic missile targets from ships at sea is extraordinary," said Vice Adm. Samuel J. Locklear, Commander, U.S. 3rd Fleet. "Pacific Blitz highlights the successful transition from developmental test flights to operational fleet execution."

This capability, along with the intense training associated with this launch, adds to the many missions Paul Hamilton is ready and able to complete as she prepares to deploy in support of future operations.

## President thanks those who served and sacrificed

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caring and loving families," he continued. "And so on this Veterans Day, not only do we honor those who have worn the uniform, those who are wearing the uniform -- we honor their families."

Bush said the nation has a moral obligation to support military families and veterans. He noted that he has worked with Congress to nearly double the funding for service members and to implement recommendations to ensure "we have a mental health care system and physical health care system worthy of the sacrifice of those who have worn the uniform."

"It has been my privilege to work with the United States Congress to expand education benefits for both members of our military as well as our veterans," he said. "It has been my privilege to say loud and clear to our veterans, 'We love you, we respect you, and we thank you for serving the United States of America.'"

Five service members accompanied the president to New York aboard Air Force One: Montana Army National Guard Staff Sgt. Michael Noyce-Merino, Marine Sgt. John Badon, Navy Chief Petty Officer Shenequa Cox, Coast Guard Petty Officer Chris Hutto and Air Force Senior Airman Alicia Goetschel.

Noyce-Merino is assigned to B Company, 1-163rd Cavalry Regiment, Montana Army National Guard; Badon is assigned to the Basic School for Martial Arts Center of Excellence, Quantico, Va.; Cox is assigned to Navy Information Operations Command, Kunia, Hawai'i; Hutto is assigned to the Aids to Navigation Team, Jacksonville, Fla.; and Goetschel is assigned to the 100th Security Forces Squadron, Royal Air Force Mildenhall, United Kingdom.

Upon arrival in New York, Bush said he was honored to travel with these men and women who volunteered to serve the nation in a time of war.

"Veterans have inspired troops such as these. Veterans have inspired me," the president said. "I was raised by a veteran. I appreciate the commitment to our country that the veterans have made. I am committed to making sure that today's veterans get all the health care and support they need from the federal government for agreeing to serve in a time of danger."

"Our nation is blessed because our liberties have been defended by brave men and women in the past," he said. "And we are blessed to have brave men and women defend our liberties today."

During his speech, Bush noted that he is often asked what he's going to miss about the presidency once he leaves office.

"The truth of the matter is, I will miss being the commander-in-chief of such a fabulous group of men and women -- those who wear the uniform of the United States military," he said.

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# Pearl Harbor Highlights



**U.S. Navy photo by MC2 Michael Hight**  
Members of the Navy Region Hawai'i ceremonial guard perform a 21-gun salute during a Veterans Day sunset service aboard the Battleship Missouri Memorial. Veterans, along with friends and family members, gathered with service members from all branches of the military to honor those who have served.



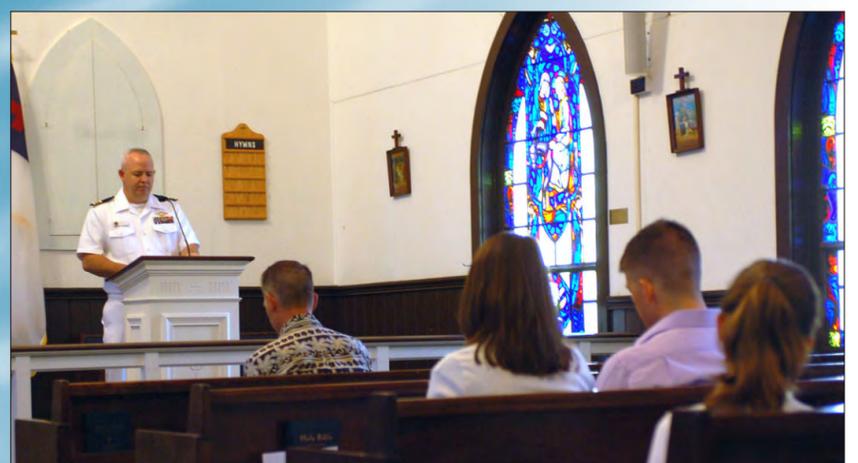
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**U.S. Navy photo by Marshall Fukuki**  
USS Port Royal (CG 73), on the left in photo, and USS Crommelin (FFG 37) rest on the blocks in dry dock four at Pearl Harbor Naval Shipyard on Oct. 20. The dual docking of the ships Oct. 15, 2008, versus docking them separately saved the Navy about \$100,000, and enabled repairs to Crommelin that otherwise would have had to be deferred until mid-2009.



**U.S. Navy photo by Liane Nakahara**  
Students from eight navies visited USS Paul Hamilton (DDG 60) on Oct. 17, as part of their training during a six-week International Shipyard Management Course at Pearl Harbor Naval Shipyard. (Photo, from left) Paul Hamilton's Chief Gas Turbine System Technician (electrical) (SW) Derek Monks of Havre de Grace, Md., explains damage control and engineering procedures to Lt. Cmdr. Awad Abdulrahman A. Al Qarni of the Saudi Arabian navy, Commodore Gamini M. Goonesekere of the Sri Lankan navy; Lt. Cmdr. Kyung-Ug Choi of the South Korean navy, Lt. Cmdr. Ali Ahmed J. Alsheri of the Saudi Arabian navy, and Themba Goduka of the South African navy, as the International Military Students pass through the ship's central control station. The course is designed to familiarize participants with various management concepts about the efficient, economical and environmentally sound operation of a naval shipyard. In addition to those already mentioned, other countries represented by students in the course are India, Bulgaria, Dominican Republic and Ireland.



**U.S. Navy photo by MCSN Luciano Marano**  
Lt. Cmdr. Timothy Moore, Naval Submarine Support Command (NSSC) chaplain, reads aloud the names of the six submarines lost in the month of November throughout World War II during a special bell tolling service held at Naval Station Pearl Harbor Submarine Base Chapel on Nov. 2. The service was the first of its kind conducted at the chapel in more than a year and is slated to become a traditional part of the contemporary Christian worship service held every Sunday at 9:30 a.m.



Boatswain's Mate 2nd Class Joe Mendoza, of Commander, Pacific Fleet (COMPACFLT) boathouse staff, answers questions and describes artifacts in the boathouse museum during a special remembrance tour for surviving USS Houston (CA-30) veterans and their families, Nov. 10. Accompanied by crew members of the fast-attack, nuclear-powered submarine USS Houston (SSN 713), participants also toured the Arizona and Utah memorials during the harbor portion of the cruise. The earlier Houston was a heavy-cruiser commissioned in 1930, which was sunk in battle by Japanese forces in March 1942.

**U.S. Navy photo by MCSN Luciano Marano**

# Ceremony honors women who served in Vietnam

John J. Krugel

American Forces Press Service

Each of the 58,000 names of fallen troops etched into the granite Vietnam Veterans Memorial Wall here tells a story. Many of these tales end in the arms of a female nurse.

These Vietnam veteran military women, roughly 90 percent of whom as nurses, received special recognition Nov. 11 at a ceremony honoring the 15th anniversary of the Vietnam Women's Memorial.

The memorial sculpture features three women, one of whom is tending to a wounded warrior sprawled across a pile of sandbags in agony. Though only eight of the 58,260 names inscribed on the glossy black granite slabs belong to women, this sculpture located in a wooded area near the much-visited wall, is an apt metaphor

for the females whose scarifies often occurred behind the scenes.

Army Command Sgt. Maj. Cynthia A. Pritchett, the Army's most senior-ranking female non-commissioned officer, said the women who served during Vietnam were courageous patriots and role models for women in uniform today.

"The women who served during Vietnam have given the women who serve today a great legacy to uphold and continue," Pritchett told the audience of thousands gathered on the lawn facing the Memorial Wall.

"I personally owe so much to the women who have gone before me, for their outstanding service and sacrifice. For they have opened so many opportunities for me and my fellow service women," said Pritchett, who is currently the Army's command sergeant major at U.S. Central Command at MacDill Air Force Base, Florida.



DoD photo by Army Staff Sgt. Michael J. Carden

Visitors gather around the Vietnam Women's Memorial as part of the Veteran's Day Observance at the Vietnam Wall on Monday in Washington, D.C. It also marks the 15th anniversary Vietnam Women's Memorial opening.

About 238,500 women in Vietnam were Army, Navy or Air Force nurses - those who "provided comfort, care and a human touch for those who are suffering and dying," Pritchett said.

"I wish to express to them

what I believe are the sentiments of the women who serve today that you have our deepest respect and admiration for your service for your example and professionalism, and for your continued strength and dignity,"

she said. "Know that we are determined to carry on that inheritance and to make you and America proud."

Diane Carlson Evans, a former Army nurse in Vietnam who served in the surgical and burn wards at Vung Tau and later as head nurse in a surgical unit at Pleiku, developed the vision for the memorial that was dedicated in 1993.

Evans, the founder and president of the Vietnam Women's Memorial Foundation, described to the crowd the creative intention of Glenna Goodacre, the memorial's sculptor. The artist sought to create a lasting tribute to the American women of Vietnam, a striving that was founded upon her deep respect for each of them, Evans said.

"That my hands could shape the clay which might touch the hearts and heal the wounds of those who served, fills with me humility and deep satisfaction," said

Evans, quoting Goodacre.

At a small podium near the statue was Marsha Guenzler-Stevens, who has hosted story-telling sessions here for the past 13 years. She shared an anecdote with the small crowd before opening the microphone.

The concept of the speaker's platform, she said, is to make the figures of the sculpture come to life. But the story-sharing opportunity has grown to encompass more than that, Guenzler-Stevens said.

Three years ago on Memorial Day, a man arrived to a story-telling session wearing a button that featured the face of his son who died while serving in Iraq.

"There was a woman coming to tell her story who had been a trauma nurse in Iraq and she looked at that button, recognized the face," Guenzler-Stevens said. "She had been the nurse that was with him when he died."

## Shipyard Training Program qualifies 80 employees for Project Management

Bradley Mayural

Pearl Harbor Naval Shipyard Operations Department Training Manager

Since July, Pearl Harbor Naval Shipyard's operations department (code 300) and nuclear production department (code 300N) Project Management Training and Qualification Program enrolled 137 personnel to become qualified as project superintendents, assistant project superintendents, zone managers, cost advocates, ships schedulers, ships safety officer and work integration leaders. Within the past 11 months, 80 shipyarders completed their mandatory self-



U.S. Navy photo by Jessalyn Lau

Pearl Harbor Naval Shipyard combined trades supervisor II Ravyn Boots receives his zone manager certification from Capt. Brian Osgood, shipyard operations officer, at a recent expanded staff meeting.

readings, experiential and classroom qualification training and passed both written and oral board examinations.

Their participation supported a successful, concerted effort to expand the resource pool of qualified project man-

agers. It also met the shipyard's Vision 2012 fiscal year (FY) 2008 target of qualifying 90 percent of project managers starting FY '08 Chief of Naval Operations (CNO) availabilities.

Presently, all five FY '08 CNO availabilities and the FY09 USS La Jolla pre-inactivation restricted availability (PIRA) have achieved 100 percent formal qualification of their respective code 300 project team members. The bar for FY '09 has been raised to 95 percent for project teams and 70 percent for resource shop general foremen.

Who are these people? They are highly motivated men and women, military and civilian, nuclear or non-nuclear qualified, superviso-

ry and non-supervisory, from all production shops and the quality assurance, engineering and planning, and radiological control departments. In other words, they are you and me.

How can you enroll and what are the expectations of the program? All potential candidates should contact program manager, Brad Mayural, for an orientation briefing. Once you determine this is what you want to do, you will need the approval of your immediate supervisor and your respective department head to ensure you are supported in the lengthy qualification training process.

Candidates commit to completing the program in nine

months by signing an enrollment contract. The qualification card for all project management positions requires completion of five training elements: self-reading of corporate and local instructions, experiential training, formal classroom training, a written examination, and a two-hour oral board examination.

For all non-qualification seeking supervisors, the corporate zone manager training class is an excellent opportunity to learn various project management skills and tools, such as performance measurement and control (PMC), project sequence and scheduling (PSS), baseline project management plan (BPMP), and job summary review.

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and amphibious ships to provide humanitarian assistance to local populations, treating more than 320,000 patients in Southeast Asia, South America and Africa; and transitioning many short-notice, midtour, temporary-duty individual augmentation assignments to permanent change of station GWOT support assignments (GSA) negotiated in a Sailor's normal detailing window, thereby improving Sailors' ability to plan and develop their careers while balancing family needs and quality of life.

The 2009 Guidance explains Roughead's 18 intentions, refining the initiatives and measures set forth in the 2007-2008 Guidance.

The 18 intentions include global maritime partnerships, leveraging science and technology initiatives to ensure warfighting benefits accrue to future Sailors, and competent and dedicated Sailors and Navy civilians, supported by strong families, being the heart of the Navy as the pre-eminent global maritime power.

To read the CNO's Guidance for 2009, visit [www.navy.mil](http://www.navy.mil).

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Hawaii Navy News

# Chairman promises wounded will be cared for, remembered

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American Forces Press Service

The United States will remember the service members who have made incredible sacrifices on the nation's behalf, the chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff said during the "A Salute to Our Troops" dinner sponsored by United Service Organizations and Microsoft on Nov. 8.

"I promise you we will never, ever forget," Navy Adm. Mike Mullen told the 25 wounded warriors, their guests and corporate representatives. "You are our inspiration, and we care for you, and we will always care for you."

Nor, Mullen said, would the country forget the families who have stood beside the service members.

"I give equal praise to the family members ... as well as those who sacrificed so much," he added. "You're very special people. You have given more than any of us really know."

Mullen had said earlier that as with many other events where he has the opportunity to interact with service members, he would take away far more from the night than he would give.

Elaine Rogers, president of USO of Metropolitan Washington, echoed that sentiment.

"You all are so incredibly special," she told the wounded warriors during the dinner. "For us to share a day like today with you is the greatest gift that we have."

The wounded warriors - on a weekend trip from Walter Reed Army Medical Center in Washington, D.C., the National Naval Medical Center in Bethesda, Md., and Brooke Army Medical Center in San Antonio - will have



Department of Defense photo by Samantha L. Quigley  
Navy Adm. Mike Mullen, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, speaks to wounded warriors and their guests at a dinner hosted by United Service Organizations and Microsoft on Nov. 8, in New York. He emphasized the country would never forget them or their sacrifices.

some great experiences to take home, as well.

They arrived Nov. 7 and were warmly welcomed during a reception at the Hard Rock Café in Times Square. Hosted by the USO in partnership with Microsoft, the troops were treated to one-on-one time with celebrities such as James Brown, host of CBS television's "The NFL Today," comedian Ben Bailey, actress Carmen Electra and country music singer-songwriter Stephen Cochran, a former Marine who broke his back in six places when he was ambushed while serving in Afghanistan.

That however, was just the warm-up for the rest of the weekend.

The group also took a chilly, but cheery, boat tour past many historical sites including the Statue of

Liberty, Ellis Island and Ground Zero. Then it was off to Little Italy for lunch and a brief performance by the USO Liberty Belles.

Despite the threatening weather, the majority of the group elected to attend a scheduled ceremony at Ground Zero after lunch. It was brief and emotional for many, yet still a highlight, for many of the service members.

"It was kind of emotional, because ... that's where it all started - the wars," said Army Cpl. Taylor Harder. "I've been there before, but I've never actually got to see down inside."

Harder's right foot was shattered in January when a roadside bomb detonated during a route-clearing mission in Iraq. He's currently recovering at Walter Reed.

"This afternoon, being at Ground Zero, that's very emotional," said Army Spc. Catherine Neary. "It's something that I won't forget."

Neary was diagnosed with pancreatic cancer in the spring while serving at Camp Victory, Iraq.

The experience of visiting the site where it all began may have been tough for the troops, but the evening was downright fun. With American tenor Roberto Larussi singing the national anthem and a brief operatic selection and some heartfelt country tunes from Cochran, the evening ended on an "up" note.

Before heading for home, the service members attended a special performance of the Radio City Music Hall's "Christmas Spectacular," featuring the Rockettes. They were part of an audience of 5,000 service members and their families invited to the show as a larger piece of USO and Microsoft's "A Salute to Our Troops" weekend.

# Navy seeks nominations for MCPON

Navy Personnel Command Public Affairs

The Navy is seeking nominations for candidates to be considered for selection as Master Chief Petty Officer of the Navy (MCPON) and Sailors from the fleet are sounding off on what they feel is important for the senior enlisted Sailor who represents them.

"I want to move fairly quickly because his departure is based on the end of his EOAS (end of obligated service). We have gone out and asked commanders around the world to nominate those that they believe would be able to serve as the MCPON.

"I will look at those, I will interview several of those candidates, and then I will make a decision on who the next MCPON of the Navy will be," said Adm. Gary Roughead, Chief of Naval Operations during a stop at Naval Station Great Lakes.

NAVADMIN 313/08 released Nov. 5 contains nomination requirements, which are due to the Chief of Naval Personnel no later than Nov. 15.

"I'd really like to see somebody with a diverse background, including some sea time, overseas duty, maybe a tour in Iraq or Afghanistan. It is important that we have somebody who knows what we are going through," said Chattanooga, Tenn., native Hospital Corpsman 1st Class (FMF) Shannon Browdy, assigned to Naval Hospital Pensacola's Naval Branch Health Clinic Mid-South. Browdy says he has been inspired by the current MCPON, who served as a hospital corpsman before being selected as a command master chief.

The NAVADMIN comes after current MCPON (SW/FMF) Joe R. Campa Jr., the 11th Sailor to serve in that capacity, announced his plans to retire from active



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MCPON (SW/FMF) Joe R. Campa Jr. announced his plans to retire from active duty at the end of his EOAS on April 1, 2009.

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"This generation of Sailors is unlike any other. Our men and women serve a war-time Navy and I have a deep sense of pride in each one of them," said Campa. "Their values, their effort and their contribution to the defense of our nation continue to humble me. Leading them has been the greatest privilege of my career."

As the Navy's senior enlisted leader, MCPON reports directly to and serves as the principal enlisted advisor to the Chief of Naval Operations. This position's many functions include accompanying the CNO on visits to Navy installations and units; congressional testimony; serving as the Navy's enlisted representative on presidential, Department of Defense, Department of the Navy, military services, executive level working groups; and a wide range of enlisted personnel and program matters.

"I never met him, but I heard great things about him, about the educational issue. You can't force people to go to school. They have to choose to," said Damage Controlman 1st Class (SW/AW) Mohamed Kabba. Kabba is a New York City native serving on board the Navy's only permanently forward-deployed aircraft carrier,

USS George Washington (CVN 73).

Individual qualities required of nominees for MCPON include a high degree of personal dignity and a keen sense of service etiquette. The candidate must be of unquestionable moral character with a genuine commitment to all Navy goals and standards including military appearance and physical fitness.

"The current MCPON really inspired me with the mission, vision and guiding principles for chiefs. He laid it out there in a way that everybody can understand," said Chief Intelligence Specialist (SW/AW) Stacey Pond, an Oxnard, Calif. native assigned to Navy Personnel Command. Pond was selected for chief during Campa's tour as MCPON and says she learned a lot from the path he set for the chief's mess.

According to the NAVADMIN, prior experience as a command master chief is essential for MCPON. Commanders and commanding officers are encouraged to nominate those fleet, force or command master chiefs they consider qualified.

"The MCPON is the senior enlisted advisor to the CNO and must always remember the E-1. It is too easy these days to focus on the chief's mess and high level policy, forgetting how that policy affects the junior Sailor," said Yeoman 2nd Class (AW) Laconda Harrison, a Biloxi, Miss. native assigned to the Navy's Center for Career Development.

The office of MCPON was established in 1967 and serves to represent the enlisted force.

Preliminary screening of nominees will be conducted by a selection board of leaders convened by the Chief of Naval Personnel followed by a final interview process by the CNO, organized by the director of Navy Staff.