

## City officials presents Navy with Good Neighbor Award

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The City and County of Honolulu presented the Navy in Hawai'i with the 2009 Good Neighbor Award during a ceremony at Kapolei Hale on March 4.

The award was presented for Sailors' numerous contributions to the local environment over the past year, including clean-up projects at the Pearl Harbor bike path and the marshes surrounding the harbor.

Four Sailors accepted the award on behalf of the Navy.

"I'm just accepting the award on behalf of all the hard work that the Sailors do every week here at Pearl Harbor," said Lt. Benjamin Abney, officer-in-charge of the Naval Station Pearl Harbor Transient Personnel Unit. "It's important for the Sailors to get out there and show that they're part of the community because we are part of the community, and it's important for the command to go out there and show that we are stewards of the natural resources and that we are good neighbors."

Over the past year, Sailors from the region have participated in several projects in the community as part of the city's adopt-a-block and adopt-a-stream projects.

"In the few months that I've been here, we've done clean-ups on the bike path, we've done clean-ups at the marshes, we've done adopt-a-stream programs,



Sailors representing the Navy in Hawai'i accept the 2009 Good Neighbor Award from City and County of Honolulu officials during a ceremony held at Kapolei Hale on March 4. The Good Neighbor Award recognizes the ongoing efforts of citizens in the city's adopt-a-block and adopt-a-stream programs who are committed to improving the local environment and quality of life in their communities.

we've partnered with some of the schools and we've actually gone out to the schools and done programs with the [students]," said Abney.

Recently, Sailors and Aiea Intermediate School students participated in a pocket wetlands project at Neal S. Blaisdell

Park in Aiea, Hawai'i.

"It was an overgrown area that was just full of trash and full of invasive weeds, just a pretty nasty area. If you go out there today, it's a nice area. We've cut down all the weeds that were out there, we've actually planted some native species out there, and

we've, more importantly, given some of the middle school students in the neighborhood a place where they can go and see their efforts every day," said Abney.

Culinary Specialist 1st Class (SW) Tracy Mayweather, leading petty officer of Naval Station Pearl Harbor Transient

Personnel Unit, helped coordinate transportation and work trucks for the projects in which they have participated.

"It's very important for us to come out here and support the community to show that we care, to show the community that we care while we're here, whether it be long term or short term, and just to be proactive out in the community," said Mayweather.

The Good Neighbor Award program is an annual event that recognizes the continuous and ongoing efforts of citizens in the adopt-a-stream and adopt-a-block program who are committed to improving the local environment and improving quality of life in their communities.

This is the third award the Navy has received since the program's inception in 2007.

After the award presentations, Mayor Mufi Hannemann congratulated all of the award recipients.

"I'm very pleased to be here tonight to congratulate all of you for making our home, O'ahu, a better place to live, work and raise our families," said Hannemann.

Hannemann encouraged the award recipients to continue setting an example in their communities on how to treat the environment.

"Use tonight and the recognition that you're going to receive as an incentive to do better; use tonight as just the beginning of an ongoing journey to educate others to understand the importance of the environment," he said.

## Chinese vessels shadow, harass unarmed U.S. surveillance ship

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WASHINGTON (NNS) -- Five Chinese vessels shadowed and aggressively maneuvered close to the USNS Impeccable in the South China Sea on March 8, a senior Pentagon official said March 9.

The U.S. oceanographic ship was 70 miles south off Hainan Island conducting routine operations in international waters when the ships approached, Pentagon spokesman Bryan Whitman said.

"We view these as unprofessional maneuvers by the Chinese vessels and violations under international law to operate with due regard for the rights and safety of other lawful users of the ocean," Whitman said.

A civilian crew mans the ship, which operates under the auspices of the Military Sealift Command.

The incident began as the ships surrounded the Impeccable and two craft closed to within 50 feet, Whitman said. The Chinese ships included a Chinese navy intelligence collection ship, a Bureau of Maritime Fisheries patrol vessel, a State Oceanographic Administration patrol vessel and two small Chinese-flagged trawlers.

Crewmen aboard the Impeccable used fire hoses to spray one of the vessels as a protective measure. The Chinese crew members disrobed to their underwear and continued closing



A crew member on a Chinese trawler uses a grapple hook in an apparent attempt to snag the towed acoustic array of the military Sealift Command ocean surveillance ship USNS Impeccable (T-AGOS-23). Impeccable was conducting routine survey operations in international waters 75 miles south of Hainan Island when it was harassed by five Chinese vessels.

to within 25 feet.

The Chinese vessels dropped pieces of wood in the water directly in the Impeccable's path, and two of the ships stopped directly in the U.S. vessel's path forcing it to stop.

Whitman said the Chinese used poles in an attempt to snag the Impeccable's towed acoustic array sonars. Impeccable's master used bridge-to-bridge radio circuits to inform the Chinese ships in a friendly manner that it was leaving the area and requested a safe path to navigate.

"These are dangerous close maneuvers that these vessels engaged in," Whitman said.

The incident was the culmination of earlier harassment. A Chinese patrol vessel shined a high-intensity spotlight March 4 on the USNS Victorious operating in the Yellow Sea 125 miles from China's coast. Chinese maritime aircraft "buzzed" the ship 12 times March 5.

A Chinese frigate crossed the bow of the Impeccable at a range of about 100 yards March 5. Maritime aircraft buzzed the ship after that incident.

Another Chinese ship challenged Impeccable over bridge-to-bridge radio March 7, calling its operations illegal and directing the American ship to leave the area or "suffer the conse-

quences," officials said.

The Impeccable is one of six surveillance ships that gather underwater acoustical data, Whitman said. U.S. ships routinely operate in the area.

"We expect Chinese ships to act responsibly and refrain from provocative activities that could lead to miscalculation or a collision at sea, endangering vessels and the lives of U.S. and Chinese mariners," a Defense Department official said.

U.S. embassy officials lodged a protest against these actions with the Foreign Ministry in China, and Defense Department officials have protested with the Chinese embassy here.



U.S. Navy photo  
Army Master Sgt. Donnie Blanding leads Momilani Elementary School students in exercises during "Green Day" on Nov. 25, 2008.

## School partnership earns Flagship Award for FISC Pearl Harbor

Jim Murray

Fleet and Industrial Supply  
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Affairs

For the past 10 years, the Fleet and Industrial Supply Center, Pearl Harbor (FISC-CPH) has played a large role in the lives of students at Momilani Elementary School, and on Feb. 27, that role was recognized when FISC-CPH received an honorable mention (medium shore command) in the Navy's Health, Safety and Fitness Flagship awards program.

The award recognizes commands with the best

overall community service programs that teach and encourage individuals, especially youth, to lead healthy and active lives.

In 1999, FISC-CPH and Momilani Elementary established a rewarding educational partnership that is highlighted by weekly visits to the school by military and civilian volunteers. During these visits, FISC personnel read to the students, tutor, lead the youngsters in physical education, conduct drug-free assemblies, do yard work, paint everything that doesn't move, and generally

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## Pearl Harbor Shipyard Job Fair is set for March 28

### Pearl Harbor Naval Shipyard Public Affairs

Pearl Harbor Naval Shipyard will hold an apprentice and engineering job fair from 8:30 a.m. to noon March 28 at Honolulu Community College (HCC), 874 Dillingham Blvd.

The shipyard will be hiring a minimum of 100 apprentices in January 2010. It also wants to fill up to 80 engineer and engineering support positions.

Representatives from 18 trades and the engineering department will set up displays at the job fair and be on hand to answer questions about their occupations.

Apprenticeships are four-year, work-study programs that pay trainees while they earn an associate's degree in applied science from HCC and learn a trade on the job. Starting pay is \$18.30 or more an hour and,

at the end of four years, can be \$27 or more an hour.

Eligibility requirements include being at least 18 years old by Jan. 10, 2010, a U.S. citizen and a high school graduate. Applicants must also pass a physical exam, academic skills test and security clearance review.

Applications for apprenticeships will be accepted online from March 28 to April 11 at <https://acep.hawaii.navy.mil>.

Starting pay for engineers, depending on their qualifications, ranges from \$54,000 to \$91,000 a year. The shipyard employs naval architects, mechanical, structural, welding, electrical and nuclear engineers. Engineering support positions include physical science technicians, engineering technicians and equipment specialists.

Persons interested in engineer and engineering

support positions should e-mail their resumé to [dave.alison@navy.mil](mailto:dave.alison@navy.mil). The deadline is April 5. Access to computers is available at HCC, work link centers on Oahu and one stop centers on the neighbor islands. For more information about the job fair, go to <https://acep.hawaii.navy.mil>.

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 \$620 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.

For more information about the shipyard, go to [www.phnsy.navy.mil](http://www.phnsy.navy.mil).

## Navy dedicates new satellite communications facility at NCTAMS

James Johnson

Naval Facilities Engineering Command Hawai'i Public Affairs

Development of the first global third generation (3G) cellular communications network reached an important milestone on March 3 with the dedication of an antenna site at Naval Computer and Telecommunications Area Master Station, Pacific (NCTAMS PAC) in Wahiawa, Hawai'i.

The Hawai'i site is the first of four antenna installations that are part of a state-of-the-art satellite communications program called mobile user objective system (MUOS).

The system is intended to improve ground communications capabilities for U.S. forces on the move by adapting a commercial 3G wide-band cellular phone network with geosynchronous satellites. It was developed by a partnership that included the Navy Program Executive Office (PEO) for Space Systems, Lockheed Martin Corporation and General Dynamics Corporation.

"We're all really excited about providing this 3G capability to the warfighter," said Wayne Curles, PEO Space System's MUOS program manager. "It will provide a significant improvement of communication (resources) to the warfighter. Think about the special operations guys in Afghanistan getting more communications than they get today. Sailors, Soldiers in the field and Airmen can get the services they so desperately need and really, we all hope that translates into saving lives."

Site preparation was completed by Watts Constructors, LLC, a local Hawai'i contractor. Work included the building of three



U.S. Navy photo by Denise Emsley

Three massive antenna dishes sit atop "earth terminals" at Naval Computer and Telecommunications Area Master Station, Pacific (NCTAMS PAC) in Wahiawa, Hawai'i. The antennas will be connected by satellite to three other sites around the world as part of the Mobile User Objective System (MUOS). The new global third generation (3G) cellular communications system facility was dedicated on March 3.

"earth terminals" used to support the new antennas and renovating other buildings. They also poured large concrete pads to support the structures and built a security fence around the facility.

The \$10.8 million firm-fixed price contract was awarded to Watts Constructors, LLC by Naval Facilities Engineering Command (NAVFAC) Pacific in March 2007 and administered by NAVFAC Hawai'i resident officer in charge of construction, Wahiawa.

"I wanted to remark on the absolutely outstanding partnering effort between the contractor, the Navy and everyone involved in the project," said Vince Fragomene, construction manager, Watts Constructors, LLC. "To look at how [the facility] looks right now, it's just incredible."

The Wahiawa site, the first to be completed, boasts three large antenna dishes that are 60 feet across and weigh approximately 500,000 pounds each. The antennas will eventually be intercon-

nected by satellite with antenna sites in Virginia, Italy and Australia.

"This is just the tip of the iceberg, what you see here," said John Weidman, vice president, General Dynamics, referring to the antennas. "You don't see all the software and the millions of lines of code that have been written that go behind it."

Capt. Jack Nicholson, deputy program manager, Navy Communications Satellite Programs, led the dedication. Representatives from Lockheed Martin Corporation, General Dynamics Corporation, the Navy Program Executive Office for Space Systems, Watts Constructors, LLC, and NAVFAC Pacific and Hawai'i attended the dedication. Rev. William Kaina offered a traditional Hawaiian blessing.

The MUOS is scheduled to provide initial on-orbit capability in 2011 and achieve full operational capability in 2014.

## FISC volunteers help students

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serve as models of citizenship and patriotism.

In addition, FISC has donated textbooks, gardening tools, rubbish bins and air conditioners; and it has completed numerous beautification projects, including the construction of a spacious Hawaiian garden. In October 2008, under the leadership of Capt. Randy Moore, commanding officer,

FISC donated math textbooks valued at \$4,500.

"You name it and FISC is right there," said Doreen Higa, Momilani principal. "Some commands enter school partnerships out of obligation. FISC does it from the heart. It's a matter of pride."

Situated in the cool highlands overlooking Pearl Harbor, Momilani Elementary has won two national Blue Ribbon

School awards and is admired across the state for the quality of its academic program. It is ranked at the very top of Hawai'i public schools in math and reading test scores, but its rigorous academics are balanced by an equal emphasis on character education. Honolulu Magazine ranked Momilani as number one in its article, "Grading of Public Schools."

# Hawai'i Navy News Editorial

## Pacific Fleet announces Pacific Partnership 2009

### U.S. Pacific Fleet Public Affairs

Preparations are underway for Pacific Partnership 2009, the fourth in a series of annual U.S. Pacific Fleet humanitarian civic assistance missions, the commander of the U.S. Pacific Fleet (COMPACFLT) announced on his blog March 3.

"This year we plan to head to Oceania and bring much needed supplies, medical, dental, veterinary and engineering aid to this region that has such a rich history with the United States," said Adm. Robert F. Willard in his blog posting. The mission will visit Kiribati, Marshall Islands, Samoa, Solomon Islands and Tonga.

"For the past three years, COMPACFLT has conducted this important humanitarian civic assistance mission in concert with allies, partners, friends and NGOs



U.S. Navy photo by MC2 Paul D. Williams

Schoolchildren watch as Builder 2nd Class Mike Carman, with Naval Mobile Construction Battalion (NMCB) Seven, uses a circular saw to cut out posts to be used as a frame for a new playground at Rairok Elementary School.

(non-governmental organizations) throughout the Asia-Pacific region," said Willard. "Lives have been saved and quality of life improved in many of the regions we've visited."

Pacific Partnership works by, with and through partner nations, non-governmental organizations and other U.S. government agencies to execute a variety of humanitarian civic action (HCA) missions in the Pacific Fleet area of responsibility from a ship dedicated to this HCA mission.

The mission is being coordinated with several partner nations and will be carried out in conjunction with non-governmental relief organizations. A number of military and civilian agencies are planning myriad details that go into a months-long mission which includes a variety of engineering, medical and dental civic-action programs to

provide humanitarian assistance to nations in the Oceania region.

This year's mission will be based on board USS Dubuque (LPD 8), an Austin-class amphibious transport dock ship homeported in San Diego.

This year's mission will be more engineering focused, taking advantage of the unique capabilities Dubuque provides to transport and expeditiously unload construction equipment and supplies. Medical and dental civic action programs will be conducted ashore.

In 2008, USNS Mercy (T-AH 19), one of the U.S. Navy's two hospital ships, conducted a four-month humanitarian mission, visiting the Republic of the Philippines, Vietnam, the Federated States of Micronesia, Timor-Leste and Papua New Guinea. The Pacific Partnership 2008 team provided a vari-

ety of medical, dental, educational and preventive medicine services to more than 90,000 patients.

In 2007, amphibious assault ship USS Peleliu (LHA 5) conducted a four-month humanitarian mission, visiting the Philippines, Vietnam, Solomon Islands, Papua New Guinea and the Republic of the Marshall Islands. During these humanitarian missions, the Pacific Partnership 2007 team provided a variety of medical, dental, educational and preventive medicine services to more than 31,600 patients.

For this mission, Dubuque will be configured with humanitarian civic assistance equipment and a robust multi-specialized team of preventive medicine personnel, veterinarians, medical and dental teams, a construction battalion and engineering personnel.

### Do your part for energy conservation at Navy Region Hawai'i

**Krista Stehn**  
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Hawai'i Energy Team

One of the key components to meeting federal water reduction requirements is to eliminate waste. While Navy Region Hawai'i is taking several steps to reduce waste, you can assist the region by doing the following:

- Report malfunctioning plumbing fixtures, such as leaking faucets, defective toilet flush valves, and
- leaking shower heads to the building's manager.
- Irrigate landscaping three times a week, maximum, between sundown and sunrise.
- Terminate, reduce or refrain from irrigating during rainy weather/season.
- When washing vehicles or equipment, use a handheld spray nozzle to reduce consumption.
- Refrain from using a water hose to clean debris from floors, sidewalks or parking lot areas.

## USS Galveston launches Talos missile

USS Galveston launches a Talos guided missile during Vietnam War on Feb. 24, 1959.

U.S. Navy historical photo

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Cmdr. Brian Teets (center), commanding officer of HSL-37, had the chance to speak to the aircrew of the MH-60Rs during a brief walk through the hangar.

## Easy Riders get glimpse of future

Story and photo by  
Lt. Kevin Yost

*Helicopter Anti-Submarine Squadron Light Public Affairs Officer*

It isn't every day that you get a chance to help out your brothers in arms and get a glimpse of your future at the same time. However, the Helicopter Anti-Submarine Squadron Light (HSL-37) Easy Riders at Marine Corps Base Hawai'i (MCHB) – Kaneohe had that opportunity recently when they hosted the Helicopter Maritime Strike Squadron 71 (HSM-71) Raptors for a brief visit.

The HSM-71 Raptors, established in October 2007, are the first squadron in the Navy to deploy with the MH-60R Seahawk. The MH-60R, or "Romeo," is an upgrade to the SH-60B, the helicopter

flown by HSL-37 as well as the 10 other HSL squadrons in the Navy. The Romeo provides several advancements in technology, including improved optical sensors, radar, a dipping sonar and a state-of-the-art digital cockpit displays.

HSM-71 is embarked on the Stennis Strike Group, with their helicopters split between the aircraft carrier and detachments located on other ships in the strike group. The Stennis Strike Group is deploying with a total of 19 helicopters, comprised of MH-60Rs, MH-60Ss and HH-60Hs, a major increase over the usual complement of 12 helicopters for a carrier strike group.

The Easy Riders provided HSM-71 with assistance in coordinating arrival and then provided the line personnel necessary for the Raptors to refuel and stop on the line for a few min-

utes. The Easy Riders had the chance to welcome back some familiar faces with HSM-71's visit. Among them was Lt. Cmdr. Carey Castelein, who was previously stationed aboard MCBH with the Easy Riders during his first tour as an HSL pilot.

In addition to being reunited with old friends, the Raptors had the opportunity to briefly visit with the Easy Riders to discuss some of the unique flying opportunities available here on Oahu. Areas like the tactical flight training area (TFTA) can provide visiting aircrews great opportunities to complete events in environments unlike any they can find back in their homeport of San Diego.

The MH-60R is scheduled for staggered integration into the fleet, with HSL-37 scheduled to transition after 2015.

## Navy captain was once an NMCRS beneficiary

Jim Murray

*Fleet and Industrial Supply Center*

The 2009 Navy-Marine Corps Relief Society (NMCRS) Fund Drive kicked off on March 2 and will run through April 3.

Capt. Randy Moore, commanding officer of Fleet and Industrial Supply Center (FISC) Pearl Harbor, is the fund drive chairman. It marks the 24th year out of the last 25 that FISC has chaired the drive.

The role of chairman is not a task that Moore regards as a burden. In fact, NMCRS has held a special place in his heart ever since the organization granted him an \$1,800 student loan when he was an E-5 submarine electronics technician nearly 30 years ago.

"When I needed financial help to pay for college, the NMCRS was there for my family. We used the Navy Relief Society's interest-free loan to help fund my attendance at Jacksonville University in Jacksonville, Fla.," said Moore.

NMCRS has been serving the needs of Marines and Sailors like Moore for 105 years, ever since President Theodore Roosevelt donated one-third of the gate receipts of the 1903 Army-Navy game to create this worthy organization. Since that day, NMCRS has donated more than half-a-billion dollars to thousands of active duty and retired Sailors and Marines as well as their family members and survivors.

Most people don't realize it, but NMCRS receives no government funding. It is a private, non-profit organization that derives most of its money from private donations; in other words, its funding comes from people just like you.

Prudent readers might be wondering how much of their donation will go to needy



tance was to cover bills resulting from vehicle repairs, medical and dental expenses, or funerals.

A new program, Quick Asset Loans, was started in 2008 and offers interest-free loans of up to \$300 to help with emergency needs. One intent of the Quick Asset Loans is to lessen the likelihood that a Sailor or Marine will go outside the gate for a high-interest "predatory" payday loan. In 2008, NMCRS Hawai'i provided \$83,000 in Quick Asset Loans.

The Navy-Marine Corps Relief Society offers much more than financial assistance. It also has thrift shops, including a Pearl Harbor location in building 1492, layettes for newborns, a food locker and even a "visiting nurse" program.

Readers may be pleased to know that the relief society does not provide income to those Sailors or Marines whose largest problem is that they lack sufficient discipline to live within their means; however, it will provide them with budget counseling. Of the 861 cases that NMCRS Hawai'i handled last year, it denied financial aid on only 19 of those occasions.

Between now and April 3, you should be contacted by an NMCRS representative and you will probably be provided an opportunity to help fund the organization by having your car washed, buying brownies at a bake sale, etc.

No one, of course, should feel the slightest pressure to donate; however, please bear in mind that by making a contribution, you are directly benefiting your fellow Sailors, Marines and their families.

And maybe, as we have already seen at FISC Pearl Harbor, your donation may end up funding the student loan an E-5 needs to set him or her on the path to becoming a commanding officer.

Sailors and Marines and how much will go to executive perks, such as lavish salaries and private Gulfstream jets. Fortunately, even the most cynical readers can rest assured that their donations will not be earmarked for executive salaries or lavish living. In fact, every cent donated is applied to direct services.

One reason for this is that 90 percent of the relief society's work force are volunteers. Last year, the Pearl Harbor NMCRS office was staffed by 102 of these volunteers.

NMCRS focuses its energies on service members with temporary hardships or emergency situations. Typically, funds are provided as an interest-free loan if it appears that a needy service member has the ability to repay the loan. If it appears that repayment would cause a severe hardship, the financial assistance is provided with a grant that does not require repayment. In 2008, NMCRS Hawai'i provided \$31,000 in grants and approximately \$590,000 in interest-free loans.

More than 80 percent of the financial assistance provided in 2008 was to cover basic living expenses - such as food, shelter and utilities - or to pay for emergency transportation, such as airline tickets to the mainland due to the death or illness of an immediate family member. Other assis-

# Pearl Harbor Highlights



The Los Angeles-class submarine USS Louisville (SSN 724) returned to Naval Station Pearl Harbor on March 6, following an extensive shipyard maintenance period at the Portsmouth Naval Shipyard in Kittery, Maine. Louisville is the fourth vessel of the U.S. Navy to be named after the Kentucky city.

U.S. Navy photo by MC3 Luciano Marano

(Below) Newly acquired ferry boat John W. Finn enters the channel to Naval Station Pearl Harbor. The boat is named after Medal of Honor recipient John W. Finn and is the first of five bio-diesel fueled boats that will be used to shuttle visitors to the Arizona Memorial. (U.S.)

Navy photo by MC3 Eric J. Cutright



(Below) Navy-Marine Golf Course employees pull panels of the tent from one side of the structure to the other and secure them. The tent will be used temporarily to house equipment for the Navy-Marine Golf Course after its 18,000 square foot warehouse was destroyed in a fire.

U.S. Navy photo by Denise Emsley



U.S. Navy photo by Randy Dela Cruz  
Boatswain's Mate 2nd Class Brian White, a guard for Naval Station Pearl Harbor (NAVSTA) basketball team; goes up for a shot over two defenders during an intramural basketball game between NAVSTA and Navy Information Operations Command Hawai'i (NIOC) at Bloch Arena on March 7. NAVSTA was forced into overtime by NIOC; but still came away with a 50-47 victory to remain unbeaten.

(Below) More than 300 Second Class Petty Officers from various commands throughout the Pearl Harbor area take the Navy-wide E-6 advancement exam at Club Pearl onboard Naval Station Pearl Harbor

U.S. Navy photo by MC3 Robert Stirrup



# Unbeaten Naval Station survives scare in overtime

Story and photo by  
Randy Dela Cruz

Contributing Writer

## Navy News Sports

In its biggest challenge to date, the Naval Station Pearl Harbor (NAVSTA) basketball team nearly saw its season-long perfect record go up in smoke at the hands of the Navy Information Operations Command Hawai'i (NIOC) hoops squad at Bloch Arena on March 7.

Entering the game with an 11-0 regular-season mark, NAVSTA had to rally in the second half to overcome NIOC, 50-47, in overtime. NIOC's record now stands at 9-5.

"We thought it was going to be an easy game. We'll put a little defense on them and just run the floor," said Lt. Jason Jones. "Instead, it was a reality check. We're good, but on any given day, somebody can challenge us and play just as good as us or better."

Led by point guard Ensign Uh Koh and towering-center Lt. j.g. Mark Green, NIOC pushed NAVSTA to the brink. And when Green sank back-to-back baskets inside the paint, NIOC held a seven-point lead at 34-27 with only 8:24 left in the game.

Chief Mass Communications Specialist

Troy McCloud of NAVSTA said that Green used his size and bulk very effectively in controlling the post, as NIOC built its advantage.

"He takes up a lot of space," noted McCloud. "He just put up his arms straight up and didn't need to jump. And his wide body made it hard for us to get around him, as he was boxing out for rebounds."

Still, with time running down, NAVSTA took care of some bad passes by NIOC and inched to within 36-33 on back-to-back shots by Boatswain's Mate 2nd Class Brian White.

Then with only 2:14 remaining in the game, Personnel Specialist 2nd Class Josh Kelly came up with the team's biggest basket in regulation, as his three-point bulls-eye splashed down the hoop to bring NAVSTA even with NIOC at 36-36.

"My team needed it and I got ice water in my veins," stated Kelly. "When the game is on the line, I want the ball in a clutch situation like that."



Ensign Uh Koh of Information Operations Command (NIOC) Hawai'i splits the defense of Naval Station Pearl Harbor (NAVSTA) players, Boatswain's Mate 2nd Class Brian White (left) and Chief Mass Communications Specialist Troy McCloud, during an intramural game at Bloch Arena on March 7.

The key to the comeback, said Jones, was made possible when NAVSTA's backcourt was finally able to put the clamps on Koh.

The NIOC point guard was at his best in burning the undefeated team with drives inside the lane and lob passes to Green for easy baskets.

"We were having a lot of trouble with their point guard (Koh)," claimed Jones. "He was pretty quick and once he got the ball and could get somebody, he could dish off to their three-point shooters and their big man. Once we got him in check, they had to have other people bring up the ball and shoot it."

With the game going down to the wire, Koh sank two free throws to give NIOC a 41-37 lead with 1:18 left on the clock.

However, back came NAVSTA once more, as Jones scored a goal and McCloud, on an assist from Kelly, threw down two more points to knot up the game at 41-41 at the 40-second mark.

Kelly had a chance to end it all in regulation, but his shot from the right corner missed the mark to send the game into overtime.

In the 5:00 overtime period, NIOC clung to a 44-43

lead with 1:10 remaining. But that's when Jones came up with NAVSTA's second big three-pointer of the game to put his team out in front for good at 46-44.

"I hadn't shot a three all game, and it was my turn to try one," said Jones. "As soon as it left, I was like, yeah it's good."

Green said that even though NIOC entered the game missing five of its 12 players, he felt that the team could pose a strong threat to NAVSTA.

His teammate Koh agreed, but added that it didn't help, when NIOC tried to outdo NAVSTA at what it does best.

"They like to run and we got caught up in playing their game," pointed out Koh. "We tried to slow things, but when you get caught up in a team that runs, it's going to be a quick turnaround."

McCloud, who cautioned that NAVSTA could get knocked off its pedestal if it took teams lightly, said that he wasn't surprised that NIOC came out to play — especially with the postseason right around the corner.

"Teams get better during the season," he maintained. "Everybody wants to knock us off to gain confidence going into the playoffs."

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Hawaii Navy News

# Navy erects temporary storage facility at Navy-Marine Golf Course

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Following a fire that destroyed an 18,000 square foot warehouse at the Navy-Marine Golf Course (NMGC) on Sept. 13, 2008, a temporary building has been raised to house golf course equipment until a new permanent storage facility is built.

The temporary structure is a large tent, purchased by Navy Hawaii's Morale Welfare and Recreation (MWR) which operates the golf course. It can be seen from Nimitz Highway and stores equipment needed to run the golf course, such as lawn mowers, fertilizer spreaders, and other maintenance vehicles and tools.

"The tent is a very satisfactory solution to house our equipment for a year or so until we rebuild a permanent structure," said Todd Nicely, MWR golf program director. "The location is convenient and also allows room for the staging and construction of the new building."

Naval Facilities Engineering Command, (NAVFAC) Hawaii's demolition and environmental personnel cleaned up the burned out building. Facilities maintenance workers were called in to prepare an area for the temporary structure that is expected to house heavy equipment for the next year.

To provide the necessary support for this equipment, crews compacted 700 tons of base course gravel and erected a fence to secure the area. Utilities workers installed power lines and fixtures.

With the help of NAVFAC Hawaii's workers, Navy-Marine Golf Course employees erected the temporary structure under the direction of a representative of Anchor Industries, which supplied the tent.

The temporary and permanent structure projects were initiated in response to the aftermath of a fire which destroyed the golf course's



The Navy has constructed a temporary facility to replace the 18,000 square foot warehouse that was destroyed in a fire on Sept. 13, 2008. Naval Facilities Engineering Command (NAVFAC) Hawaii's employees prepare the foundation area by packing down 700 tons of gravel where the temporary structure was erected.

warehouse used to store equipment. The fire received local news media attention and became a visible issue for MWR.

"When an emergency happens, you have to jump on it," said Vernon Sato, civil engineer and facilities manager, NAVFAC Hawaii. "We got a lot of cooperation from the golf course personnel and this relationship will continue."

Because the fire occurred at the end of the fiscal year, there were worries that funding would not be readily available to rebuild. A good working relationship developed between NAVFAC Hawaii and MWR to find a solution to both appropriating funds and the construction effort.

The result gave the Navy-Marine Golf Course a temporary storage facility in a short amount of time. "The

tent and associated pad and anchors were installed quite quickly," said Nicely. "We appreciate the help and involvement by NAVFAC. They have been very supportive."

Seabees will construct the new \$500,000 structure during fiscal year 2009. The 9,000 square foot pre-engineered building will sit on the same foundation as the old warehouse. The new building, designed by NAVFAC Hawaii's structural engineers, will feature a water sprinkler system and roll-up doors.

Upon completion of the new building, the tent will be taken down. However, the gravel foundation will remain and power lines left in place. In the future, the tent will be used for special events held at the golf course and around Pearl Harbor.

## USS Chung-Hoon participates in USWEX 09-1

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USS Chung-Hoon (DDG 93)  
Public Affairs

YOKOSUKA, JAPAN – The Arleigh Burke-class, guided missile destroyer USS Chung-Hoon (DDG 93) recently finished an undersea warfare exercise (USWEX) with the John C. Stennis Strike Group. Chung-Hoon's performance was both notable and provided useful lessons learned.

Throughout the exercise, the anti-submarine warfare (ASW) team of Chung-Hoon was actively engaged. Initially, USS Chung-Hoon and other Combined Task Force 74 assets were assigned to pre-search the operating area from which John C. Stennis would conduct air operations.

Chung-Hoon made full use of ASW tactics and sensors to maximize detections of opposing submarines while simultaneously minimizing the risk for being targeted by submarines designated as hostile.

Following arrival of the John C. Stennis Strike Group, Chung-Hoon was assigned escort duty of the surveillance towed array sensor system (SURTASS) ship USNS Able. This proved both a challenging and rewarding training opportunity for Chung-Hoon, marking the first time the command had operated with a SURTASS ship.

SURTASS ships are designed to employ an array of sensors that increase submarine detections. The anti-submarine warfare team on Chung-Hoon made tactical recommendations and decisions that successfully leveraged USNS Able capabilities in combination with mar-

itime patrol reconnaissance aircraft, anti-submarine warfare helicopters and Chung-Hoon's own sonar system in order to execute the detect to engage sequence against hostile submarines.

Sonar Technician (surface) 3rd Class Brock Warren, a sonar technician on Chung-Hoon, commented on the amount of contact time that the sonar team achieved, "It was a very valuable training experience to track the opposing force submarines for extended periods and I feel our entire division benefited from this opportunity."

At the end of the exercise, Chung-Hoon accumulated hours of valid contact time and racked up several kills on the opposing force submarines through self-simulated weapon attacks from the ship or embarked helicopters under Chung-Hoon control. Simulated attack data was sent off-ship to an exercise monitor and arbitrator for judgment on attack success.

On exercise conclusion, Rear Adm. Michael J. Connor, CTF 74 commander, rewarded

Destroyer Squadron 31 sister ships with a bravo zulu that stated, "Well done to the ASW teams of USS Chung-Hoon and USS Hopper for their outstanding performance while operating in support of the TASWC [theater anti-submarine warfare commander] during USWEX 09-1. Your smooth coordination of MPRA [maritime patrol reconnaissance aircraft] searches, dogged prosecution of submarine DATUMS [last known location of a submarine] and tenacious defense of critical SURTASS assets played a key role to our success in this challenging exercise."