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Barrett relinquishes command, welcomes Roscoe

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The 15th Wing guidon was passed July 6 to Col. Johnny Roscoe, 15th Wing commander, and symbolized the formal transfer of leadership of the wing from Col. Sam Barrett during a ceremony at the Missing Man Formation at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam.

While addressing his new Airmen, Roscoe promised to give 100 percent toward ensuring the wing never loses focus of the mission, upholds AF standards, core values and traditions, and takes care of each other and their families.

During the change of command ceremony, Barrett was awarded the Legion of Merit for exceptional meritorious conduct and performance of outstanding services as the vice commander of the 15th Airlift Wing and later as the commander of the 15th Wing.

The list of the wing's accomplishments under his leadership include humanitarian assistance during the 2010 Pakistan floods and Operation Tomadachi in Japan, four presidential visits, commanding air opera-



U.S. Air Force photo by Staff Sgt. Nathan Allen

Col. Sam Barrett, outgoing 15th Wing commander, delivers a speech during the 15th Wing change of command ceremony July 6 at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam. During the ceremony, command of the 15th Wing passed from Barrett to Col. Johnny Roscoe.

tions during the 2011 Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation including the arrival of delegates from more than 21 countries, and

setting the example in total force integration and joint base operations.

The presiding officer of the ceremony, Lt. Gen.

Stanley T. Kresge, 13th Air Force commander, said that he was privileged to oversee what he named the transition from the best commander

der the wing has ever had to the best commander it will ever have.

"It is a personal honor for me to preside at this cere-

mony," Kresge said. "Not only do I get to pass the flag between two extraordinary officers, but it's at Hickam, and it's at the 15th Wing, arguably the most important wing in the United States Air Force."

Roscoe is a 1988 graduate of the United States Air Force Academy and a command pilot with more than 4,200 flight hours in the C-17A, C-130E, KC-10A, T-37 and T-38. Prior to taking command of the 15th Wing, he commanded the 305th Operations Group, Joint Base McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst, N.J., where he directed four squadrons with 800 personnel.

Roscoe thanked Barrett for his leadership and all that his family has done for the 15th Wing before he turned his attention to the Airmen of his wing.

"Thank you for your hard work, your service, dedication and commitment to your country ... you have set the bar very high. I want you to know that I am ready to join you in maintaining that same expectation of excellence that you already demand of yourselves."

(See additional photo on page A-5.)

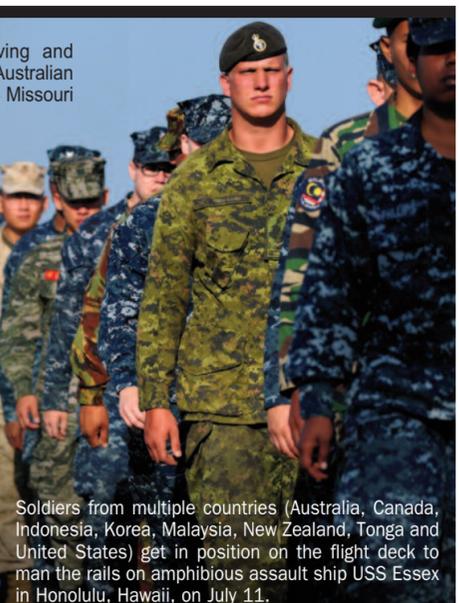


A Canadian soldier assigned to Princess Patricia Canada Light Infantry returns fire during force on force training on the windward side of Oahu during RIMPAC 2012.

U.S. Navy photo by MC1 Paul Seeber

A Navy diver, assigned to Mobile Diving and Salvage Unit (MDSU) 1 (left), and a Royal Australian Navy diver swim under the Battleship USS Missouri Memorial as part of a familiarization dive.

U.S. Navy photo by MC1 Anderson C. Bomjardim



Soldiers from multiple countries (Australia, Canada, Indonesia, Korea, Malaysia, New Zealand, Tonga and United States) get in position on the flight deck to man the rails on amphibious assault ship USS Essex in Honolulu, Hawaii, on July 11.

Canadian Forces photo by MCpl Marc-Andre Gaudreault



RIMPAC HIGHLIGHTS

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See something suspicious? On with VEST: Vigilance, Engagement, Speed, Together

Bill Doughty

Navy Region Hawaii Public Affairs

Last week an alleged incident in housing brought an immediate response from base security - a be on the lookout (BOLO), gate checks, and an investigation that is still ongoing.

A young boy walking alone on a sidewalk near Hickam was approached by the male passenger in a white sedan, who allegedly reached out toward the child. The boy ran home and the car drove away.

"The victim did the right thing by running home and telling his parents," said CWO3 Dave Muehlhauser, security operations officer for Joint Base Pearl

Harbor-Hickam. "His parents called security, and we immediately initiated the BOLO. We dispatched all available units and began checking vehicles at all gates at the main base."

The white car, allegedly driven by a woman, with the male passenger, was not found. Security is coordinating with Honolulu Police Department and conducting an ongoing investigation, which includes a review of video from various locations.

JBPHH posted information via Facebook, generating discussion and suggestions from the community. The recommendations can be summarized in the acronym VEST: Vigilance, Engagement, Speed, Together.

- Vigilance: The single best thing everyone can do, say local leaders and community residents, is be vigilant-parents watching children, residents watching neighborhoods, everyone looking out for each other. Security patrols have been stepped up to maintain vigilance, and they are ready to respond immediately.

- Engagement: If housing residents see suspicious activity in their neighborhood, they should call 911, according to base security. When witnesses step forward, it helps an investigation. Security can't be everywhere at once, so it is very important that residents are willing to engage and support.

- Speed: An immediate

response is needed in a crisis, emergency or suspected criminal activity. Call 911 immediately in those situations. Studies show that the best way to get emergency information out to a community quickly is through social media. Other media - TV, radio, Giant Voice and newspapers - can be used, depending on the incident, but social media is instantaneous and can be shared widely.

- Together: While there are a few people interested only in complaining, there are many more who step forward to work together to prevent incidents and respond appropriately when they occur.

See VEST, A-8

Community meetings for housing residents

Housing residents in Forest City communities had opportunities to meet with Navy and Forest City representatives at community meetings held July 10 at Moanalua Terrace and July 12 at Hokulani.

Rear Adm. Frank Ponds, commander of Navy Region Hawaii and Naval Surface Group Middle Pacific; Tom Carter, vice president of military housing for Forest City; and Capt. Jeffrey James, commander of Joint Base Pearl

Harbor-Hickam led the meetings which provided residents with an opportunity to ask questions and offer their ideas.

Information was also provided about changes to the Resident Energy Conservation Program.

Additional meetings will be held in September. Dates and locations will be announced as they become available.

Complete coverage of the community meetings will be featured in next week's Ho'okele.



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15 OSS gears up for RIMPAC

Senior Airman
Lauren Main

15th Wing Public Affairs



With more than 850 Airmen at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam for the Rim of the Pacific military exercise and the bed-down of aircraft on the 15th Wing flightline, it's likely to be a busy few weeks for the 15th Operations Support Squadron.

On a normal day, approximately 30 sorties are flown in and out of Hickam, but on an average RIMPAC exercise day more than 85 sorties are flown. This increase equates to 183 percent more activity during the week and a 275 percent boost of activity throughout the week-end.

"It maxes us out, but it's a good test of our capabilities. We've been working closely with our joint base partners, and we've been receiving great support from them, too," said Lt. Col. Kevin Eastland, 15th OSS commander.

According to Eastland, supporting the arrival of so many foreign aircraft and other RIMPAC specific requirements - along with

maintaining responsibility for normal day-to-day missions including distinguished visitor arrivals, routine sorties, and general airlift support of the Pacific theater - isn't anything the Airmen of the 15th OSS can't handle.

"We have to be ready for any contingency," said Eastland. "If any natural disaster occurs, or humanitarian relief is needed, we have to be able to support that, too. We're ready for anything."

The 15th Operations Support Squadron's mission statement vows to supply world-class combat

aircrew support across the full spectrum of air operations throughout the Pacific theater with a

dedicated team of motivated military and civilian professionals who constantly strive for excellence and the opportunity to meet challenges head-on. This latest trial on the 15th OSS's radar, in the form of RIMPAC 2012, does indeed appear to be challenging.

"The [Air Force portion of the] exercise is way bigger this year," Eastland said. "It's almost twice the size of the last exercise. In the past, we had approximately 30 aircraft on our ramp. This year it's more than 50 aircraft."

RIMPAC is the world's largest maritime exercise, occurring every two years in and around the Hawaiian Islands, Canada, Republic of Korea, Australia and 19 other countries, including the United States, are all players in the joint-force naval exercise.

RIMPAC consists of international force integration training to build partnership capacity and interoperability between the multilateral navies and air forces. Should any contingency requiring global efforts arise in the Pacific, the nations could work together to resolve the issue without conflict.



Seven businesses are placed off limits to Navy personnel

Navy Region Hawaii Public Affairs

Navy leadership has placed several businesses off limits to Navy personnel.

"Commanding officers have the power under OPNAVINST 1620.2A to declare areas off-limits in order to maintain good order and discipline and to protect the health, welfare and safety of service members," according to Lt. Cmdr. Kathleen Elkins, Staff Judge Advocate for Navy Region Hawaii. Navy Region Legal Services Office.

"Based on information these businesses are selling spice and/or drug paraphernalia, the following establishments are off-limits to all Navy personnel," Elkins said.

- Hawaii Natural High, 343 Saratoga Road, Honolulu, Hawaii 96826.
- The Dungeon/Flesh/Sexopolis/After Hours/The Shelter.

- Smokies, 159 Kailulani Ave., #101, Honolulu, Hawaii 96815.

- Hawaiian Holy Smokes II, 719 Kamehameha Hwy., Pearl City, Hawaii 96782.

- Hawaiian Holy Smokes, 2239 South King St., Honolulu, Hawaii 96826.

- South Shore Glass, 945 Kapahulu Ave., Honolulu, Hawaii 96816.

- Oahu Glass, 418 Kuulei Road, suite 102, Kailua, Hawaii 96734.

"Navy members are not allowed to visit these establishments, even in civilian clothes. Visiting an off-limits establishment is an orders violation. Any Navy members seen entering or leaving these establishments may be punished under the Uniform Code of Military Justice," Elkins explained.

Family members of Navy personnel and other people who are associated with the Navy or installation should also be aware of these off-limits restrictions.

When you speak, JPPSO listens

Richard Rohr

Joint Personal Property Shipping Office-Hawaii

When you undergo a household goods move, the folks at your transportation office will ask you to complete a customer satisfaction survey (CSS) at your destination because CSS surveys help to ensure quality moves.

Do you really believe them? Do you actually think your voice matters? Well, the results are in and the survey says... yes!

The Military Surface

Deployment and Distribution Command (SDDC) is the overall Department of Defense manager of the household goods program.

According to database analytics on household goods shipments leaving Hawaii, eight of the top 10 transportation service providers (TSPs) that Joint Personal Property Shipping Office (JPPSO) uses to arrange moves are not in the top 10 of the least expensive TSPs.

In fact, the second most used TSP is way down the

list at number 60. This means the government pays that TSP more money to perform your move. Why? It's simple. In the long run, that TSP will perform your move with less damage, which results in an overall lower cost as well as a higher quality move for you, the service member.

So, the next time you move and you are asked to complete a customer satisfaction survey on-line at www.move.mil, please take the time to do so. The proof is in the results. Your voice does matter!



Bloggers visit SBX



Local bloggers receive an international tour of Sea-based X-band Radar (SBX) during a routine port visit. (SBX is not providing general tours to the public.)

U.S. Navy by ET2 Allyson Khou

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RIMPAC, sustainability and ... Philadelphia?

Bill Doughty

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The Navy's Rim of the Pacific exercise is in full swing now with more than 20 nations, 46 ships and submarines and 25,000 service members converging in and around Hawaii to train together, learn from each other and build cooperative relationships to preserve peace.

It's the first RIMPAC with non-U.S. officers in charge of major components (Australia for maritime, Canada for air). It's the first to feature humanitarian assistance/disaster relief training as part of the exercise. And, RIMPAC 2012 will include the first demonstration of green fleet technologies on a large scale, with U.S. surface ships and carrier-based aircraft using biofuels and other energy-saving and sustainability initiatives.

The theme this year is "Capable, Adaptive, Partners."

RIMPAC is the world's largest maritime exercise and involves nations as diverse as Russia, Chile, India, France, Singapore, Mexico, Japan, United States and the Republic of Korea. So, what does it have to do with one of the nation's smallest "schools" in Philadelphia?

At the Sustainability Workshop, located at



Photo courtesy of <http://navyreads.blogspot.com>

Philadelphia's Navy Yard, urban high school seniors learn by doing hands-on real-world projects, with the world as their classroom. While not affiliated directly with the U.S. Navy, the Sustainability Workshop shares some of the same values, including developing capable, adaptive partnerships. Participants work together to apply innovative critical thinking as members of a team.

The school is the brainchild of engineer/teacher Simon Hauger, who was featured recently on Dr. Sanjay Gupta's "The Next List" on CNN. Hauger's philosophy of teaching

involves incentivizing learning; the incentives are the students' own sense of accomplishment, project achievement and a feeling of community they achieve by working together. School work reinforces the students' natural idealism and desire to work hard.

According to Hauger, students read more because they want to read more: "Maybe the most fascinating aspect of this work is that the academic skills follow," Hauger said. "Most of our students will tell you that they have done more reading and writing this school year than they had done in their entire high school career. Many will tell you they have done real science for the first time, and some will even tell you that they finally understand why math is useful."

Students learn and apply STEM (science, technology, engineering and mathematics). For example, over the

past year they installed and then activated a solar rig, worked on a car to try to achieve 100 miles per gallon, and tested their own hypotheses for increasing

energy efficiency initiatives for city buildings.

Teachers are more like facilitators and coaches than traditional instructors or disciplinarians. Co-

founder Michael Clapper is one of the teachers who helps them interact with private companies and government agencies.

"We went to Urban Outfitters one day," recalls Clapper. "...Then the next day we're at the Navy hearing about their power cell approach. We walk in and they say, 'We're so looking forward to interfacing with you today.'"

The program has a side effect of pointing students in a positive direction toward common goals.

Globally or locally, RIMPAC and the "Sustainability Workshop" showcase cool ideas: a willingness to work together cooperatively to prevent conflict and a commitment to achieve greater sustainability and conserve resources.

A version of this article was published on the Navy Reads blog at <http://www.navyreads.blogspot.com/>.



Photo courtesy of <http://navyreads.blogspot.com>

Teacher and Sustainability Workshop co-founder Michael Clapper.

Diverse Views



What's your favorite "app?" (computer or phone application). How does it help you?

Master Sgt. Frederick Jackson
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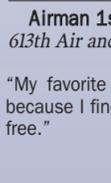


"Kindle app on cell phone, great for reading when I'm forced to go shopping."



ABH3 Crystal Jackson
USS Essex

"I use the Google app to look up everything. If I can't remember the name of someone in a movie, I Google it. Google and the Navy Federal Credit Union app are the ones I use the most."



Airman 1st Class Jamie Blatchford
613th Air and Space Operations Center

"My favorite app is Pandora. I love it because I find new music and it's free."



ABH3 Jeremy Fuller
USS Essex

"Safari is my default Internet browsing app. I love sports, so I use it all the time to check the latest scores."

Master Sgt. Russell Raymond
PACAF/A7



"I don't use any "apps." The less I'm around my cell phone, the happier I am."



Airman Apprentice Jesse Kingsbury
USS Chafee

"All I do is text."



Lisa Clark
Pearl Harbor Navy Exchange



"I use the Facebook app during my breaks because I have lots of family overseas, and it makes it easier for me to check in on them."

(Provided by Brandon Bosworth and David Underwood Jr.)

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C-39 aircraft at former Hickam Field



Photo courtesy of the State of Hawaii Department of Transportation Airports Division

A C-39 aircraft with the 6th Fighter Squadron emblem is shown here in front of hangars at the former Hickam Field around 1940.

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Personnel from the Royal New Zealand Navy Mine Counter Measures Team (MCOMT) work alongside the crew from JDS Bungo (MST 464), Japan Maritime Self Defense Force. The two nations are working together to launch the RNZN Rigid Hulled Inflatable Boat (RHIB) from the stern ramp of the JDS Bungo. The USS Princeton (CG 59) and the USS Chosin (CG 59) are in the background.
 New Zealand Defence Force photo by LAC Amanda McErich



Visitors tour an MH-60S Sea Hawk helicopter assigned to the "Wildcards" of Helicopter Sea Combat Squadron (HSC) 23 on the flight deck of the amphibious assault ship USS Essex (LHD 2).
 U.S. Navy photo by MC3 Raul Moreno Jr.

Safety tips during RIMPAC

John Burns

Navy Region Hawaii

With many countries and personnel here at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam for RIMPAC, here's a reminder for local command military personnel, civilian employees, contractors and dependents to be extra vigilant while driving on base.

Be on the alert for thousands of visiting sailors from the U.S. and other countries while they walk on base, and be sure to stop for pedestrians in crosswalks.

Many sailors from other countries, such as

those from Australia, Japan, Singapore and New Zealand, drive on the opposite side of the road and might be accustomed to first looking right before they cross the street. For example, in Japan, some American Sailors have been struck by cars as a result of first looking left and then being hit from a car coming from the right.

Drivers should always be prepared to stop at an unexpected moment's notice and to stop slowly and safely so that other vehicles behind don't rear-end them.

For many sailors, this might be their first visit

to Hawaii. As a result, they might be excited to be here. They could be hurrying to catch a taxi or bus to Waikiki or to go to other locations, so be sure to always be aware of personnel who are crossing the street.

At night, especially be on the lookout for joggers who may not be wearing reflective clothing or markings.

Please remember to watch out for our visiting sailors during the next few weeks.

But also continue to watch out throughout the year for those who live here who are walking near or crossing the roads on base.

RIMPAC stats this week

This week, the Rim of the Pacific Exercise entered an operational phase as the 36 remaining ships and submarines departed Pearl Harbor to begin the 23rd RIMPAC.

Twenty-two nations, more than 40 ships and submarines, more than 200 aircraft and 25,000 personnel are participating now through Aug. 3, in and around the Hawaiian Islands to foster and sustain cooperative relationships.

By 9 July, Adm. Frank Ponds, commander of Navy Region Hawaii, had joined other leaders in 11 receptions aboard visiting RIMPAC ships and host ships, including with the Russian Navy aboard RFS Admiral Panteleyev.

During RIMPAC, Morale, Welfare and Recreation at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam arranged for a 5K run, sailing regatta, soccer games, indoor triathlon, golf tournament and other events and offered guided tours, transportation, information booths, and hiking, snorkeling and other outdoor activities.

Pearl Harbor Navy Exchange provided free lei to RIMPAC participants and coordinated hula performances, an appearance by Miss Hawaii, local artists' shows, and 27 food-tasting demonstrations to introduce local Hawaiian culture.

Additional buses were provided to the piers to assist RIMPAC visitors.

Crash course in Hawaiian terms

Here is a handy reference to some of the most frequently used Hawaiian words, especially those that you may come across during your time here in Hawaii:

Aloha – hello, good-bye, love.

Mahalo – thank you

Ono – yummy or delicious

Shaka – hang loose or chill, or be laid back, a greeting used in Hawaii. To give the *shaka*, extend the thumb and smallest finger while holding the three middle fingers curled. Raise the hand in greeting while extending the back; it can be rotated back and forth for extra emphasis.

Pau hana – end of the work day

Ohana – extended family

Kane – man or male

Wahine – woman or female

Keiki – children

Mauka – toward the mountain

Makai – toward the sea

Luuu – traditional Hawaiian feast or party which usually also includes entertainment

Pupu – finger food, appetizer, or hors d'oeuvres

Malama pono – take good care with or take good care of yourself

A hui ho – until we meet again

E komo mai – welcome

Hawaiian pronunciations: As you travel throughout the state of Hawaii, you will notice many street names, places and venues using Hawaiian words. There are only 13 letters in the Hawaiian alphabet, five vowels (a, e, i, o and u) and eight consonants (h, k, l, m, n, p, w, `). The final Hawaiian consonant, the `okina (`), indicates a glottal stop which means your breath stops briefly as between the two parts of the English term "oh-oh." For the most part, all vowels are pronounced.

Got it? Then try twisting your tongue around the pronunciation of one of Hawaii's fish, the *Humuhumunukunukuapua'a*. It is also called the Hawaiian trigger fish.

To our RIMPAC visitors, *e komo mai*, which means come in or welcome, to Hawaii.



Aircraft technicians from 19 Wing Comox, British Columbia, proceed with the after flight checks July 5 on a Canadian Forces CP-140 Aurora aircraft at Marine Corps Base Hawaii, Kaneohe Bay.
 Canadian Forces photo by MCpl Marc-Andre Gaudreault

RIMPAC Central events

Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam Morale, Welfare and Recreation has scheduled activities to welcome all RIMPAC commands to Hawaii which feature many unique experiences available in the *aloha* state.

Events planned for August include snorkeling, scuba diving, kayaking and hiking, as well as trips to the Arizona Memorial, Kualoa Ranch and Ala Moana Center. For more

information, visit "RIMPAC Central" located across the street from Bravo Piers 23 and 24 and Hotel Pier.

There will also be special rates on bowling during RIMPAC. Monday through Friday from 11 a.m. to 9:30 p.m. open bowling will be \$2 per game. Cosmic bowling on Friday nights from 5 to 11 p.m. will be \$2 per game.

For more information, visit www.greatlifehawaii.com.

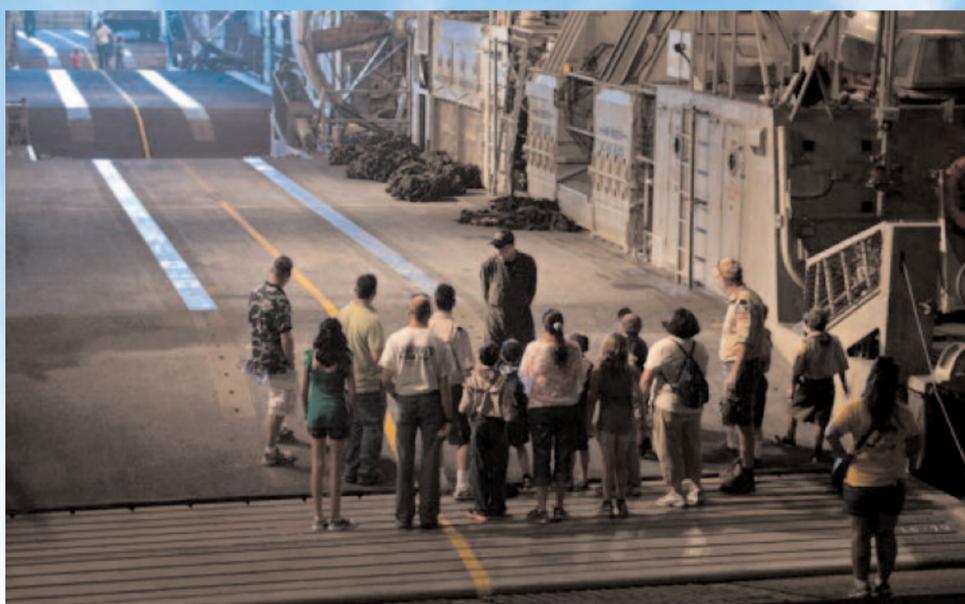


Morale, Welfare and Recreation hosted a 5K run for all of the Sailors taking part in Rim of the Pacific (RIMPAC) exercise.
 Canadian Forces photo by MCpl Marc-Andre Gaudreault

Pearl Harbor-Hickam *Highlights*

Lt. Gen. Ted Kresge, 13th Air Force commander (left), and Col. Sam Barrett, outgoing 15th Wing commander, applaud Col. Johnny Roscoe, incoming 15th Wing commander, upon his assumption of command during the start of the 15th Wing change of Command ceremony July 6 at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam. During the ceremony, command of the 15th Wing passed from Barrett to Roscoe.

U.S. Air Force photo by Staff Sgt. Nathan Allen



Boatswain's Mate 2nd Class Ian Cochran, assigned to Assault Craft Unit (ACU) 5, gives a tour of the well deck to families and friends aboard the amphibious assault ship USS Essex (LHD 2).

U.S. Navy photo by MC3 Raul Moreno Jr.

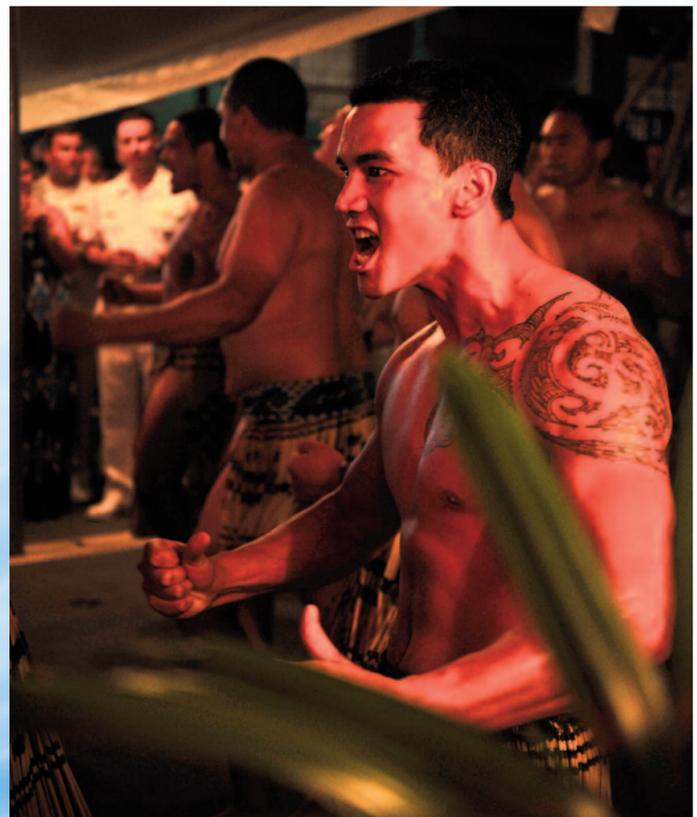
(Right) Members of the Maori Cultural Group from Her Majesty's New Zealand Ship (HMNZS) Te Kaha (F77) and HMNZS Endeavor (A11) perform a *Haka*, a traditional New Zealand war dance during a reception held on board Te Kaha.

U.S. Navy photo by MC2 Phillip Pavlovich



U.S. Navy Photo by MC3 (SCW/DV) Jumar T. Balacy

Leading Seaman Underwater Medic Samone Black, assigned to the Royal Australian Navy's Clearance Diving Team One, tours the Battleship Missouri Memorial during RIMPAC 2012.



(Right) Personnel from Alpha Company, New Zealand Army, play an impromptu game of touch rugby on the wharf while waiting for their transport to arrive.

New Zealand Defence Force Photo by LAC Amanda McErich





RIMPAC HIGHLIGHTS



(Above) HMAS Darwin and HMAS Perth are pierside at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam during Rim of the Pacific (RIMPAC) 2012.

Photo by Australian CPL Chris Dickson

(Right) Vice Adm. Gerald R. Beaman, commander of Combined Task Force, shakes hands with Rear Adm. Tony Parr, New Zealand Chief of Navy, during a reception held on board Her Majesty's New Zealand Ship (HMNZS) Te Kaha (F77).

U.S. Navy photo by MC2 Phillip Pavlovich



(Below) A member of Japan's Maritime Self-Defense Force performs aircraft maintenance.

Japan Maritime Self-Defense Force photo by Photographer P01 Takahiro Ito



(Below) Royal Australian Navy divers, participating in Rim of the Pacific (RIMPAC) 2012, swim under the Battleship USS Missouri Memorial as part of a familiarization dive with Mobile Diving and Salvage Unit One Navy divers, who are also participating in RIMPAC.

U.S. Navy photo by MC1 Anderson C. Bomjardim

(Below) Pvt. Shilo Francis-Ardub, a platoon signaller with Canadian Army, Princess Patricia's Light Infantry Regiment, 2nd Battalion, provides security while his fire team clears a bridge during a military operations on urban terrain exercise at Marine Corps Training Area at Bellows Air Force Station on July, 6.

U.S. Marine Corps photo by Cpl. Tyler Main



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(Above) Members attached to Mobile Diving and Salvage Unit One and Royal Australian Navy's Clearance Diving team tour the Battleship Missouri Memorial during RIMPAC 2012.

U.S. Navy Photo by MC3 (SCW/DV) Jumar T. Balacy



(Left) Lt. Ryan Mcgoldrick, assigned to Helicopter Squadron 75 "Wolf Pack," shows Korean navy pilots the inside of a Seahawk MH-60R helicopter, aboard the guided-missile destroyer USS Stockdale (DDG 106).

U.S. Navy photo by MCI Anderson C. Bomjardim

(Right) Mexican Sailors assigned to ARM Usumacinta (A-412) prepare the ship for departure during RIMPAC 2012.

U.S. Navy photo by MCI Paul Seeber



(Below) Crew members of RSS Formidable of Republic of Singapore participate in a ship tour aboard the Battleship Missouri Memorial. The Formidable crew also visited the USS Arizona Memorial, as well as USS Bowfin, to gain understanding of the pivotal events in World War II.

Republic of Singapore photo by Ong Hong Tat



Soldiers from many countries (Australia, Canada, Indonesia, Korea, Malaysia, New Zealand, Tonga and United States) stand on the flight deck for manning the rails July 11 on amphibious assault ship USS Essex in Honolulu, Hawaii during RIMPAC 2012.

Canadian Forces photo by MCpl Marc-Andre Gaudreault

VP-4 holds safety pause and summer picnic

Lt. Jenna Rose

Patrol Squadron Four
Public Affairs Officer

The Skinny Dragons of Patrol Squadron Four (VP-4) took time out of their busy schedule recently to hold a safety pause. The event focused on summer safety and included a variety of topics such as fire, hiking, water and motorcycle safety.

Following the safety pause, the Skinny Dragons held their annual summer picnic featuring local dishes such as *huli huli* chicken, garlic shrimp, rice, salad, pineapple and *kalua* pork.

"The food was refreshing, and the caterers were very nice," said Lt. Ruth Roberson. "It was a beautiful day, and it was great to see everyone get a chance to relax and enjoy the day."

While enjoying time in the sun, the Skinny Dragons participated in a variety of activities including volleyball, softball, football and soccer.

There were also activities for the children, such as slip and slides, cookie decorating, face painting, bouncy castles and a bal-



loonist. Participants enjoyed an inflatable gladiator challenge mat and a sumo wrestling ring.

"It was good to have the entire squadron be able to spend time together outside of the workplace," said Airman Recruit McCoy Cardoza.

To cap off the day, the Skinny Dragons hosted the first annual officer tug-of-war contest. The junior officers were victorious over the squadron's senior leadership. The Skinny Dragons enjoyed a safe day in the sun with their families and close friends.

Patrol Squadron Four is located at Marine Corps Base Hawaii, Kaneohe Bay. The squadron flies the P-3C Orion and is better known as the Skinny Dragons.

The P-3C is land-based and the Navy's premier long-range maritime patrol and reconnaissance aircraft, operating from locations throughout the world. The P-3C Orion missions range from submarine tracking to search and rescue, as well as overland missions, working alongside Navy, Army and Marine ground units.

VP 9 participates in beautification project in Italy

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Patrol Squadron Nine
Public Affairs

NAVAL AIR STATION SIGONELLA, Sigonella, Italy – Service members from Patrol Squadron (VP) Nine recently participated in a historical cleaning and beautification project in Catania, Sicily.

The project was part of a community relations event headed by service members from VP-9. It focused on cleaning an area where old ruins of a Roman amphitheater, thermal baths and road beneath the ground rest in the center of Catania. This was the first time in NAS Sigonella history (base opened in 1959) that U.S. military personnel were involved in cleaning a historic archeological site in Sicily.

"Participating in the cleanup of the Catania Roman amphitheater, in partnership with the Catania Rotary Club, was a memorable event which will resonate with all Sailors of VP-9," said Cmdr. Craig Mattingly, VP-9 commanding officer.

"We are honored in having the opportunity to give back to a host nation that has been so generous. I would also like to take just a moment to thank the Catania Department of Archeological Heritage for allowing VP-9 to partici-



U.S. Navy photo courtesy of VP-9

Sailors from Patrol Squadron Nine at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam participate in a beautification project in Catania, Sicily.

pate. I look forward to the continued relationship with Dr. Buda of the Archeological Heritage and the wonderful leadership of the Catania Rotary Club,"

Mattingly said. The project was sponsored by the Catania Public Health Department and the Catania Rotary Club Duomo 150 who adopted

the archeological sites. Service members from VP-9 are working with the community to coordinate additional cleanup projects of this nature.

Be prepared with VEST

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In response to a statement about the alleged incident, Christine Hawkins posted this to Facebook: "There is a simple thing that we all can do to help make all of the children in housing safer. Sit outside or even just on your front porch and watch your kids play, no matter what their age. If perpetrators see that there are a bunch of parents present throughout our neighborhoods, they will be less inclined to try something stupid."

"We balance our

response based on the situation," said Muehlhauser. "The bottom line is, we take the safety and security of our families very seriously, and we will continue to work together to ensure the community is protected."

Billy Lowe posted this to Facebook, "Remember this is the *aloha* state. *Ohana* has always been #1, always, so remember that one incident that happens rarely does not constitute an epidemic. Just be kind – to others. Mahalos. Common sense and communication always prevails."

'Point of use' set to increase workers' efficiency at PHNSY

Pearl Harbor Naval Shipyard Public Affairs

Pearl Harbor Naval Shipyard is implementing a new waterfront initiative that is expected to increase productivity and improve efficiency, allowing mechanics more time to apply their trade skills on the deckplate.

The point of use (POU) program will provide specially designed storage containers on project sites. The containers will carry a two-weeks' supply of the most frequently used tooling, consumable materials and equipment, saving the mechanics from having to travel to their home shop, tool room or a shop store and pick up

these essentials.

The initial phase of POU has been implemented on the USS Texas (SSN 775) extended maintenance docking period. To date, the POU program has manufactured or refurbished 17 storage containers for three shops assigned to Texas.

"I've received a lot of positive feedback from the mechanics," said Clay Shimazu, POU project superintendent.

Diane Tagovailoa, fabric worker, who is responsible for stocking her shop's POU containers with the most-needed items for her co-workers, said, "It's fabulous. I haven't had to go back to my shop in two weeks."

"It's a good thing. We should've had this 10

years ago," said Marine Machinery Mechanic Alvin Lee, who has been assigned similar POU responsibilities for his trade.

In the weeks ahead, more POU containers will be set up so every shop working on Texas will be able to benefit from this productivity initiative. The long-term goal is to have POU implemented on every major ship availability throughout the shipyard.

"POU is a great initiative for our shipyard," Shimazu said. "I have a great team that I'm working with, and this is an exciting time for us."

For more information on the shipyard, go to www.navsea.navy.mil/shipyards/pearl/default.aspx.

Pacific Partnership welcomes newcomers

MC2 Kristopher Regan

Pacific Partnership 2012
Public Affairs

PACIFIC OCEAN (NNS) – Nearly half way through the Pacific Partnership 2012 (PP12) mission, another wave of participants from various countries and non-governmental organizations (NGOs) joined the ship's team July 7 while in port in Subic Bay, Philippines.

While in Subic Bay, 131 staff finished their role in the mission and were replaced by 139 new team members eager to start their Pacific Partnership experience.

Lt. Cmdr. James MacIsaac, PP12 administrative officer, said the new team has personnel from all different groups and walks of life.

"We have a well-rounded group to cover our mission," he said. "The nice thing is that everyone had their piece of the puzzle to make this work."

"We (administrative office) are the ones who take care of the paper work those leaving or arriving to the mission. The supply department sets up the logistical area to transport them from the airport to the ship. It's an all-hands effort when we bring people on board," MacIsaac said.

The new participants all have unique experiences and skill sets to bring to the mission and are eager to put their knowledge to use.

New Zealand Army Maj. Paul Kendall, a new member of the PP12 team, said, "I feel very privileged that we can work with partners and host nations to assist with humanitarian aid and also look at disaster relief planning."

"New Zealand is placed in the South Pacific and



U.S. Navy photo by Camelia Montay

Forklift teams stand by as a SA-330J Puma helicopter delivers cargo July 9 to the Military Sealift Command hospital ship USNS Mercy (T-AH-19) during an underway replenishment while supporting Pacific Partnership 2012.

has a commitment to humanitarian assistance and disaster relief in the Pacific. We see this as a good exercise to ensure interoperability between the different services and organizations," said Kendall.

The remaining Pacific Partnership 2012 mission ports include Vinh, Vietnam and Sihanoukville, Cambodia. Through active engagement with host nation officials and militaries, subject matter expert exchanges, civil action

projects and medical exchanges, the mission will continue to build the regional partnerships and collective abilities needed to respond to natural disasters.

Sponsored by the U.S. Navy Pacific Fleet and now in its seventh year, Pacific Partnership is the largest annual humanitarian civic assistance mission in the Asia-Pacific region.

For more information, visit www.navy.mil, www.facebook.com/usnavy, or www.twitter.com/usnavy.

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Navy weeds out users of designer drugs

**Navy Personnel
Command Public Affairs**

MILLINGTON, Tenn. (NNS) – Navy's implementation of synthetic drug testing for synthetic chemical compounds like "Spice" and "bath salts" is helping the service close ranks on Sailors who use these prohibited and dangerous substances, officials said.

"Navy has zero tolerance for drug abuse. Drug abuse, including use of designer drugs and synthetic compounds, by members of the Navy is incompatible with high standards of performance, military discipline, and readiness as embodied by of 21st Century Sailors and Marines," said Rear Adm. Tony Kurta, director, military personnel plans and policy.

Navy reviews its testing of synthetic compounds continuously and also continually responds to production of new controlled and synthetic compounds, changing testing procedures and pacing the



U.S. Navy photo by MC2 Mark Logico

The criminal investigative division at Navy Region Hawaii, displays examples of seized evidences of synthetic drugs, commonly known as "Spice," as part of an awareness campaign and training against its usage.

changes being made by producers.

Navy has analyzed more than 3,300 urine samples for synthetic chemical compounds since testing began in March with 101 samples

testing positive. Authorized testing under the synthetic drug testing program is conducted under member consent, command directed, unit and/or subunit sweep.

NCIS will be notified of

every positive sample for possible further investigation with a view toward potential disciplinary or adverse administrative action by the service member's command.

Spice is a synthetic chemical compound that is sold as herbal incense and mimics the effects of the drug marijuana. A ban was placed on five synthetic cannabis compounds commonly found in the designer drug Spice, but also sold under different names.

Some of the short-term effects include auditory and visual hallucinations, painless head pressure, panic attacks, time distortion and delirium. Long-term effects from the designer drug can include permanent physical impairment, mental illness or death.

Another synthetic chemical compound, bath salts, are sold under the common names: Vanilla Sky, Ivory Wave, Pure Ivory, Purple Wave, Charge+, Ocean Burst and Sextacy. Bath salts are a potentially addictive powdered substance that is snorted, smoked or injected. They can have an adverse effect on the heart, circulation, nervous system, similar to ecstasy or cocaine, and result in lethal overdose.

The unlawful possession

or use by Department of the Navy personnel of controlled substance analogues (designer drugs), natural substances, chemicals wrongfully used as inhalants, propellants, prescribed or over-the-counter medication or pharmaceutical compound with the intent to induce intoxication, excitement or stupefaction of the central nervous system is prohibited via SECNAVINST 5300.28D. Violators are subject to punitive action under the Uniform Code of Military Justice, Article 92.

Navy's Synthetic Drug Testing Operating Guide is posted on the Navy Alcohol and Drug Abuse Prevention Office (NADAP) website and contains procedures for commands to request synthetic drug testing and synthetic drug testing information.

The Navy's zero-tolerance policy toward drug use is a key contributor to the readiness area of the 21st Century Sailor and Marine.

To view the guide or for more news from NADAP, visit www.nadap.navy.mil.

Feds Feed Families helps those in need across America

Brandon Bosworth

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Navy and Marine personnel are aiming to collect nearly 400,000 pounds of food for the fourth annual Feds Feed Families campaign.

"Feds Feed Families is a charitable campaign that is led by the Office of Personnel Management. Federal agencies participate by donating canned goods and non-perishable food items to those in need," said Lt. Thea Lopez, Department of the Navy component champi-

on for Feds Feed Families. "This year's goal for the Department of Defense is 1.5 million pounds and, within the Department of the Navy, it is 396,000 pounds."

Although all non-perishable goods are appreciated, there are 12 items that appear on the campaign's "most wanted" list, indicating that they are in high demand. These items include canned fruit in light syrup or its own juices, low sodium canned vegetables, multi-grain cereals, grains such as brown rice, canned proteins, soups, 100 percent

juices, condiments, snacks, baking goods and hygiene items.

Religious Programs Specialist 2nd Class Brian Schoffstal, assigned to Pearl Harbor Memorial Chapel, is helping coordinate the Feds Feed Families program at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam.

"The goal for us is 7,000 pounds," he said. "Charities benefitting from local collection efforts include the River of Life Mission, the Hawaii Food Bank and Goodwill."

Donations can be

brought to the Pearl Harbor Memorial Chapel. However, there are plans for additional drop-off locations. "We are working on setting up a network of donation spots around the base," Schoffstal said.

John Berry, director of the Office of Personnel Management, stressed why this program is so important. The need is not going away," he said. "In too many families, one or both parents are still searching for work. Children are now out of

school, and so they aren't benefiting from school nutrition programs. The need is even greater throughout our country this year."

The Feds Feed Families program will be accepting donations through Aug. 31.

For more information about the local program, call Schoffstal at 473-4512.

For more information, visit www.navy.mil, www.facebook.com/usnavy, or www.twitter.com/usnavy.

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