

# USS Reuben James makes final return today

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The Oliver Hazard Perry-class, guided-missile frigate USS Reuben James (FFG 57) returns today to its homeport at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam from a deployment to the western Pacific.

During the ship's seven-month deployment, the crew of Reuben James participated in a series of bilateral maritime exercises or Cooperative Afloat Readiness and Training (CARAT) while conducting at-sea security scenarios, helicopter operations, a search and rescue practical, and surface gunfire drills in the U.S. 7th Fleet area of responsibility (AOR).

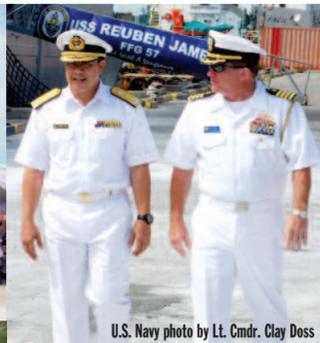
"First and foremost, thank you to the crew of USS Reuben James for your outstanding performance," said Cmdr. Daniel Valascho, Reuben James commanding officer.

"Our motto is 'Back with a Vengeance,' but now we're back with a sense of satisfaction, knowing we did our part operating forward, strengthening partnerships and protecting freedom," Valascho said.

After completing its final deployment, Reuben James



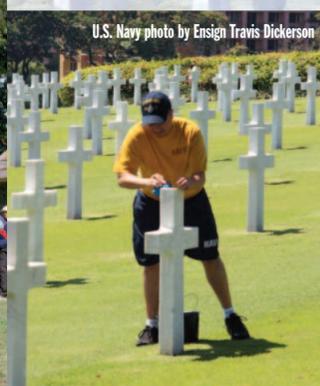
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(Top left) Sailors, Marines and Royal Brunei Armed Forces personnel attend the closing ceremony of Cooperation Afloat Readiness and Training (CARAT) Brunei 2012. (Top right) First Admiral Dato Seri Pahlawan Abd Aziz Hj Mohd Tamit, joint force commander at the Royal Brunei Armed Forces and Capt. Michael Taylor, Chief of Staff for Commander, Task Force 73 walk along the pier before the closing ceremony of Cooperation Afloat Readiness and Training (CARAT) Brunei 2012. (Bottom left) Sailors assigned to the guided-missile frigate USS Reuben James (FFG 57) and Royal Brunei Armed Forces compete during a sports day event. (Bottom right) USS Reuben James Sailors participate in a cleanup of American Cemetery in Manila, Philippines.

will be decommissioned this summer after 27 years of service to the fleet.

I cannot think of a better

crew to represent Reuben James on her final deployment."

"They maintained readi-

ness, showed their pride and professionalism and always looked out for each other on and off duty," said

Reuben James Command Master Chief CMDMC (SW) Johannes J. Gonzalez. "I'm very proud of them all.

During the ship's history, it has completed deployments to the Arabian Gulf in support of Operations Enduring and Iraqi Freedom, to the eastern Pacific in support of counter-drug operations, and it appeared in the 1990 motion picture "The Hunt for Red October."

"I also want to thank all the families and friends who stood by us and prepared a Native Hawaiian welcome for the entire crew. It will be great to see you all pierside," added Valascho.

Guided-missile frigates are multi-mission surface combatants, capable of undersea warfare (USW) and surface warfare (SW) missions. Reuben James is assigned to Commander, Destroyer Squadron 31 under Naval Surface Group Middle Pacific, in Hawaii.

U.S. 3rd Fleet leads naval forces in the eastern Pacific from the west coast of North America to the international date line. Joint, interagency and international relationships strengthen U.S. 3rd Fleet's ability to respond to crises and protect the collective maritime interests of the U.S. and its allies and partners.

For more information, visit the ship's website: <http://www.public.navy.mil/surfor/ffg57/Pages/default.aspx>.

# Aloha: Sailors of USS Chosin deploy

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Sailors aboard the Hawaii-based, Ticonderoga-class guided-missile cruiser USS Chosin (CG 65) departed April 30 from their homeport of Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam (JBPHH) for a scheduled western Pacific deployment.

While deployed, Chosin is scheduled to conduct theater security operations with partner nations while providing deterrence, promoting peace and security, preserving freedom of the seas, and providing humanitarian assistance/disaster response.

Chosin is one of 11 surface ships of Commander, Naval Surface Group Middle Pacific. It is the first U.S. Navy warship named in commemoration of the First Marine Division's heroism at the Chosin Reservoir in the Korean War. The ship's motto is "Invictus," Latin for invincible or unconquered.

"The fine team aboard USS Chosin, led by Capt. Kelly, is well-trained, well-equipped and exceptionally capable of carrying out their mission," said Rear Adm. Frank Ponds, commander of Navy Region Hawaii and Naval Surface



The guided-missile cruiser USS Chosin (CG 65) departs Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam for a scheduled Western Pacific deployment.

Group Middle Pacific.

"They have my complete confidence. I also want to recognize and thank the family members and shipmates here on the waterfront for their support of this fine warship and all that she stands for," Ponds said.

"USS Chosin represents our commitment to the CNO's (Chief of Naval Operations) Sailing Directions: Warfighting first, oper-

ate forward, be ready," Ponds added.

"A little over a year ago, I realized a lifelong dream when I assumed command of this mighty warship and its exceptional crew," said Capt. Patrick Kelly, Chosin commanding officer. "The crew of Chosin has prepared well for this deployment. We are trained, we are focused, and we are ready to operate forward."

"We are privileged to be part of the Navy's presence in the Asia-Pacific Region and to represent Surface Group MDPAC and U.S. Pacific Fleet. We look forward to operating with our allies, partners and friends in the months ahead, wherever we are needed," Kelly added.

Seaman Victor Pass, assigned to Chosin, expressed his feelings about going on his

first deployment.

"I know a lot of people that got to say bye to their families, and it's going to be real hard on them, I'm sure," said Pass. "But we're getting ready to go on deployment, so we're pretty excited, kind of nervous, but we're doing a good thing for this country, so it's worth it."

U.S. Navy guided-missile cruisers perform primarily multi-mission [air warfare (AW), undersea warfare (USW), naval surface fire support (NSFS) and surface warfare (SUW)] surface combatants capable of supporting carrier strike groups, amphibious forces, or of operating independently and as flagships of surface action groups.

Commander, U.S. Naval Surface Group Middle Pacific leads and manages the overall warfighting capability of the surface combatant force homeported at JBPHH to achieve the highest levels of combat readiness; to coordinate with external organizations for products and services to directly support surface combatant force mission readiness; and to support the type commanders and numbered fleet commanders in the development of surface warfare requirements, policies, programs, standards, and business practices to meet operational readiness goals.

## Toby Keith to play Ward Field tonight: Parking will be limited

Country music singer-songwriter Toby Keith will perform at a free concert tonight at Ward Field, Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam.

The USO will sponsor the Toby Keith Hammer Down Tour event. Gates will open at 5:30 p.m. and the concert will be held from 7:30 to 9 p.m.

The following parking areas, fields and streets will be closed.

Bloch Arena parking lot will be closed to 11 p.m. May 3.

Parking stalls in Bloch Arena parking lot next to Ward Field and across from building 150 will be closed until 11 p.m. May 3. Ward Field will be closed until May 6 at noon. The parking stalls on Battleship Road next to the laundromat will be closed from 11 a.m. to 11 p.m. May 3.

On May 3, military-affiliated personnel (including family members and civil service employees), with appropriate Department of Defense decals or temporary stickers) may enter through Nimitz Gate and park at the Paul Hamilton Avenue parking lot or enter through Makalapa Gate and park at Mike Pier or Bravo Piers. The following items are pro-

hibited: backpacks, totes, purses or bags of any kind (other than small clutch purses), food, beverages, tents, umbrellas, pets, glass containers, coolers, and audio and video recording devices.

Authorized items (but subject to search) include: cameras, cell phones, folding chairs, blankets and strollers (containing only items that are necessities for

childcare such as diaper bags and formula in a plastic container.)

Toby Keith will also perform at 7 p.m. May 4 at Schofield Barracks Weyand Field, and 5 p.m. May 5 at Marine Corps Base Kaneohe Bay Dewey Square.

For more information visit [greatlifehawaii.com](http://greatlifehawaii.com) or [facebook.com/greatlifehawaii](https://www.facebook.com/greatlifehawaii).



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## School children honor Pearl Harbor survivor with Heart of a Hero award

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Navy Region Hawaii Public  
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The Young Patriot's Club of Navy Hale Keiki School (NHKS) presented the "Heart of a Hero" award to a retired Navy chief during an awards ceremony April 26.

NHKS students in first through fourth grades from the Young Patriot's Club designed and generated the idea of the Heart of a Hero award to honor local military heroes.

The event started with the arrival of the honored guest, the playing of the National Anthem and a flag presentation. Students took turns reading a bio of Chief Quartermaster Michael Ganitch and his accomplishments.

The students introduced Ganitch, who talked about growing up as a child, his enlistment in the Navy, and



The Young Patriot's Club of Navy Hale Keiki School (NHKS) presents the second annual "Heart of a Hero" award to Pearl Harbor survivor and WWII veteran retired Senior Chief Quartermaster Michael Ganitch.

the attack on Pearl Harbor. Ganitch was chosen based on his military ser-

vice and heroic attributes such as bravery, honesty and selfless contributions

the community.

"They voted for him because his energy is conta-

gious and his service so loyal," said Shari Gullledge, Navy Hale Keiki school director.

Ganitch is the second recipient to receive the Heart of a Hero award.

He was born in 1919 as the youngest boy of 14 children in Mongadore, Ohio. Ganitch enlisted in the Navy in January 1941 and was stationed on USS Pennsylvania at Pearl Harbor. He retired in 1963 after 23 years of service.

"It's outstanding to do something with these kids because these kids are the future of our country," said Ganitch.

In 2007, Monique Raduziner, NHKS Young Patriot's Club founder and group mentor, created the club to offer students a chance to recognize and increase their awareness and importance of the school's history.

"I'm just proud that I can be here to help them grow and maybe inspire them a

little bit," said Ganitch. "Hopefully from my actions, it'll help them with their future. These kids are the future and I love them."

According to the Navy Hale Keiki School, "NHKS Young Patriot's Club was created to support students affected by military deployments. The club helps students feel productive during a stressful time by offering an opportunity to actively support the military community. Members strive to be role models for their peers with outstanding citizenship and service to the community."

"I am always humbled by the pure patriotism, spirit and love the kids in Young Patriot's demonstrate for their country and those who serve it," said Raduziner. "They understand the gift that freedom is. They understand the sacrifices that are made to have freedom. They give me the greatest hope for our future."

## Airman returns to Indonesian roots during operation Pacific Angel

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Pacific Angel 13-2 Public Affairs

YOGYAKARTA, Indonesia – Staff Sgt. Endro Accettola, an electrical systems journeyman from Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, Hawaii, left his hometown of Balikpapan, Indonesia, in 2002 at the age of 14. His first time back to Indonesia was with the U.S. Air Force on a humanitarian operation called Pacific Angel (PACANGEL).

PACANGEL is a joint and combined humanitarian assistance mission held in various countries several times a year and includes medical, dental, optometry, engineering programs and various subject-matter expert exchanges.

"I really didn't expect to come back here as part of an Air Force operation," said Accettola. "When I first joined the Air Force, my dad told me I might get to come

back through the Air Force. I always told him I didn't think that would happen."

During Pacific Angel, Accettola is the site lead for a clinic that U.S. and Indonesian service members are renovating.

"I feel like I'm giving back to my home country by helping out. It makes me want to come here more often. After being in the U.S. for 10 years, I'm starting to lose my culture and my native language. I understand what my Indonesian counterparts are saying, but my language skills have become quite limited, so it's a little hard to talk to them as well as I would like," Accettola explained.

Accettola said working side-by-side with members of the Indonesian military is a great experience.

"The members of the Indonesian Armed Forces that I am working with are really good guys," he said. "They are hard workers and never complain.



U.S. Air Force Staff Sgt. Endro Accettola (right), an electrical systems journeyman, talks to Tech. Sgt. John Graham, site three lead, during Pacific Angel 13-2 at Yogyakarta, Indonesia on April 25.

They are very comfortable with the materials, and they have so much experience and knowledge."

Accettola said Pacific Angel is a great operation to show the world that the U.S. military is here to lend a helping hand and hopes operations like this will continue to happen in order to further improve relations in the Pacific region.

"Once we leave here, these locals are going to remember that the U.S. military came here and helped them," said Accettola. "The job might not be huge, but it's enough to impact a community, and they're going to see this and remember this for a long time."

Operation Pacific Angel missions were previously conducted in Indonesia in 2009 and 2011. The first Pacific Angel of this year was conducted in the Philippines in March, and others are scheduled for Vietnam, Sri Lanka and Cambodia.

## Henry Kapono to perform May 10 at Hawaii Theatre to honor troops

As a salute to the troops for Military Appreciation Month, Henry Kapono and friends will perform in concert at 7:30 p.m. May 10 at the Hawaii Theatre, 1130 Bethel St., Honolulu.

The USO event is titled "Home in the Islands: I'm Coming Home, a Salute to Our Troops." VIP (a whole package with meet and greet) costs \$78 or \$63.75 for military, level two tickets are \$48 and \$41.25 for military, level three tickets are \$38 and \$32.75 for military.

Kapono and USO Hawaii are offering a limited number of free concert tickets for active duty military personnel and their guests. Those who are interested in attending should send an email request to cnrh.pao@navy.mil. The email



must include the active duty member's name, rank and command.

If tickets are available, a confirmation reply will be sent. Tickets must be picked up by May 7, no later than 4 p.m. from the Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam Public Affairs office (building 150). Any tickets not picked up by May 7 will be distributed to the next authorized person on the waiting list.

Due to the limited number of free tickets, requests are limited to two tickets per person, per military email address. Requests will be honored on a first come, first served basis,

as available.

Requests for tickets will be accepted via email only. For more information, call 473-2920, JBPHH Public Affairs.

The concert with Kapono's band of "Power-Hitters," will include his classic hits, a salute to the troops who he honors, and a showcase of rock with a special presentation of The Wild Hawaiian Experience, a multi-cast show where he brings artists together to create a new sound.

The concert is open to the public, and it will provide a special tribute to the military including a presentation of Kapono's

hit song "I'm Coming Home," inspired by Air Force Maj. Eddie Besta.

Kapono is a Grammy-nominated and multiple award winning singer/songwriter. He formed a collaboration with Cecilio Rodriguez which became the duo "Cecilio and Kapono." In 1981, Kapono pursued a solo career with the release of "Kapono: Stand in the Light." Since then he has recorded 17 solo albums.

For more information on the concert and to purchase tickets, call 528-0506 or visit the websites www.hawaiiitheatre.com and www.HenryKapono.com.

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# Energy security: Where future horizon leads Navy in Hawaii



**Rear Adm. Frank Ponds**  
Commander, Navy Region Hawaii and Naval Surface Group Middle Pacific

Next week Navy Region Hawaii and Marine Corps Base Hawaii will showcase a remarkable partnership as part of our joint energy security initiative here in Hawaii—on behalf of residents in military communities and on behalf of all of us who are doing their part in helping our nation to break free of its dependence on foreign fossil fuels. Thank you! You are making a difference!

As part of our grand strategy to reduce fossil fuel dependence through reduced consumption and alternative fuel sources, we are participating in the first phase of a significant solar project and rooftop photovoltaic power purchase agreement. This agreement will help the state and Navy meet renewable energy goals. More details about this endeavor will appear in next week's Ho'okele. Despite our nation's budget challenges, we continue to move forward wherever we can to embrace innovative new technologies in

energy. The future horizon for our economy, health and security leads toward renewable energy with solar energy out in front as one of our most promising sources. Meantime, our Navy in Hawaii has already led the way in conserving energy. The Residential Energy Conservation Program was piloted here in Hawaii and is proving to be a way to encourage people to save

energy by offering positive incentives. Thanks to all our residents who make it a point to reduce energy consumption, and thanks for taking the time to share best practices and conservation tips with your neighbors. Also, we're making great strides on reducing consumption and using renewable energy along the waterfront, in our office spaces and in our facilities.

History has proven that we can do even more when we work together, and our building energy managers (BEMs) are here to show us how. Through the joint energy security initiative here in Hawaii, we have a strong commitment to solar energy as well as other promising alternative and renewable energy sources and solutions. We are moving forward

together at every opportunity to promote sustainability and security. Energy security needs to become a "way of life," and that way of life must start here, in Hawaii—the gateway to the Asia Pacific region. This is the right thing to do for our nation, for our Navy, for Hawaii and for our *ohana*—not only now, but also for generations to come.

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# Customs and courtesies: It's who we are

**Chief Master Sgt. Leslie Bramlett**

15th Wing Command Chief



Chief Master Sgt. Leslie Bramlett

According to the Professional Development Guide, "Military customs and courtesies are proven traditions that explain what should and should not be done in many situations. They are acts of respect and courtesy when dealing with other people and have evolved as a result of the need for order, mutual respect and sense of fraternity among military personnel.

"Military customs and courtesies go beyond basic politeness. They play an extremely important role in building morale, esprit de corps, discipline and mission effectiveness. Customs and courtesies ensure proper respect for the military members and build the foundation for

self-discipline." It is impossible for our military services to be successful based upon technology alone. Undergirding our technical expertise is professionalism, and the cornerstone of that professionalism are customs and courtesies. A SNCO [senior non commissioned officer] once corrected a junior enlisted member for a courtesy lapse at the customer service desk while visiting a laboratory in

Ohio. Guess who later had to draw that SNCO's blood? Yes, that same junior enlisted member.

Would the junior member do the right thing when drawing and processing the specimen sample or "miss" on purpose? The junior enlisted member delivered textbook service to the SNCO. Why? It was because of his professionalism.

Remember, before the junior enlisted could earn his career-field badge, he had to earn the title, "Airman." It's just like that old TV slogan, "... the quality goes in, before the name goes on." In other words, professionalism was his foundation. He simply had a lapse in customs and courtesies.

Recently it has been noted that service members fail to salute staff cars, pause for Taps, reveille and retreat, or render proper customs and courtesies.

While it's easy to rationalize the behavior away, we must embrace our customs and courtesies.

They remind us "who we are" and easily translate from the shore to the airfield, the cruiser to the battlefield. In peacetime and war, we are required to maintain professionalism, etiquette, situational awareness, respect for authority and faith with our country and comrades.

Practicing these precepts is impossible if we have a "self before service" mentality instead of "service before self."

I'm proud to be an Airman, wear this uniform and stand next to Sailors, Soldiers and Marines as we project peace and power in the Pacific. Together, let's stand on the foundation of professionalism when it comes to rendering customs and courtesies ... it's who we are.

## Diverse Views



"What energizes you?"

**Staff Sgt. Nicholas White**  
647th Security Forces Squadron

"Knowing that when I come to work, I can make JBPHH a safer environment for all to enjoy."



**Quartermaster 2nd Class (SW) Caroline Balagtas**  
Port Ops Harbor Control

"What energizes me is my mom. She constantly gives me the inspiration to work and I also try to (use her) advice in the military."

**Maj. Jeffrey Holley**  
HQ PACAF

"Having a sense of purpose from being a great father to being an excellent Airman."



**Master-at-Arms 3rd Class Abrel Smith**  
Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam

"When I put on this uniform, come to work every day, serve our country and working with a diversity of people."

**Tech. Sgt. Kristina Reese**  
647th Security Forces Squadron

"Setting the example for my troops and being a good role model for my daughters."



**Builder 1st Class Jeremy Harman**  
Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam

"Coffee in the morning and my family is what energizes me."

(Provided by David Underwood Jr. and MC2 Nardel Gervacio)

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# Ships spell out Einstein's energy equation



Official U.S. Navy photograph

A task group of nuclear-powered surface ships is shown in this photo, operating in formation in the Mediterranean Sea on June 18, 1964. The ships are the aircraft carrier Enterprise (CVAN-65), (at left) the guided-missile cruiser Long Beach (CGN-9), (in center) and the guided-missile frigate Bainbridge (DLGN-25), (at right). Enterprise crew members are spelling out Albert Einstein's equation for energy (E=mc<sup>2</sup>) on the flight deck.

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## U.S. Rep. Hanabusa recounts experiences at heritage month event

**Brandon Bosworth**

*Staff Writer*

Navy Region Hawaii marked the start of Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month with an observance held May 1 at Pearl Harbor Memorial Chapel.

Speaking at the event were Rear Adm. Frank L. Ponds, commander of Navy Region Hawaii and Naval Surface Group Middle Pacific; Quartermaster 2nd Class Caroline Balagtas, Port Operations, Joint Base Pearl Harbor Hickam; and U.S. Rep. Colleen Hanabusa, who represents Hawaii in the U.S. House of Representatives.

President Jimmy Carter signed a joint resolution designating Asian-Pacific Heritage Week in October 1978. In 1990, President George H.W. Bush signed an extension expanding the week-long event into a month-long celebration. In 1992, the official designation of May as Asian-Pacific American Heritage Month was signed into law.

The month of May was chosen to commemorate the immigration of the first Japanese to the United

States on May 7, 1843 and to mark the anniversary of the completion of the transcontinental railroad on May 10, 1869. The majority of the workers who laid the tracks were Chinese immigrants.

"Asian-Pacific DNA is woven into the very fabric of our country," said Ponds. "Today it is fitting we set aside some time to recognize our fellow Americans."

Balagtas spoke about being born and raised in the Philippines and her journey to the United States. Her father was a U.S. Navy Sailor who died when she was age four. She eventually made her way to California and became a U.S. citizen herself in 2005.

One day Balagtas found herself talking on the phone to a Navy recruiter after someone made a mistake transferring her call to a local business.

"He began talking about the opportunities and programs the military offered," she said.

She enlisted and was soon off to Naval Station Great Lakes for basic training.

"Great Lakes opened my eyes to the diversity of the U.S.," she said.

Balagtas came to JBP HH in 2012 and works as a harbor patrol



U.S. Navy photo by MC2 Nardel Gervacio

Sailors and civilians assigned to various commands aboard Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam listen as U.S. Rep for Hawaii's 1st Congressional District Colleen Hanabusa talks about the accomplishments of Asian Americans past and present during an Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage event held at JBP HH Memorial Chapel.

dispatcher for Port Operations.

"As a Filipino woman, I am proud of my accomplishments," she said. "As an American, I am proud to serve and will continue to serve as long as they let me."

The event ended with a speech by Hanabusa, who recounted her own experiences as a fourth generation Japanese American growing up in Hawaii.

"It is a unique place to grow up, since we are a state composed of all minorities," she said.

Hanabusa also talked about the 442nd Regimental Combat Team, an Army unit composed almost entirely of American Soldiers of Japanese descent who volunteered to fight in World War II. It is also the most decorated infantry regiment in the history of the United States Army. She explained how the 442nd reflects the sacrifices Asian Americans have made to the nation.

"Why do Asian Americans commit so much to this country?" she asked.

"It is their sense of family, their sense of loyalty, and their sense of obligation. They are grateful to have a chance at the American dream," she said.

## Naval Facilities Engineering Command Hawaii conducts office energy study

**Sila Manahane**

*Naval Facilities Engineering Command Hawaii*

Naval Facilities Engineering Command Hawaii (NAVFAC Hawaii) monitored 90 smart surge protectors and 100 occupancy sensors throughout the command's headquarters building, as part of a multi-month long energy demonstration project which continued through Environmental Awareness Month in April.

"This action is to collect data on energy plug load usage in an effort to promote energy consciousness and reduce energy consumption in an office-style workplace," said Amy Hanada, NAVFAC Hawaii energy team manager. "It is believed the demonstration will show how a low-cost smart electronic device will help the Navy control excess energy use, especially during non-business



U.S. Navy photo by Denise Emsley

Amy Hanada, NAVFAC Hawaii energy team, checks an occupancy sensor with a data logger reader April 11 in building A4 at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam.

hours when equipment may be inadvertently left on."

The pilot project began in November 2012. Building A4 was selected by the energy team as a representative office facility at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam

(JBP HH) complete with work spaces, break rooms and kitchens. As part of the demonstration, all power-drawing equipment such as computers, printers, copiers, fax machines, water fountains, refrigerators and other pluggable electronics in the building were analyzed.

"This initiative was to reduce energy consumption in Building A4 by 5 percent overall," said Hanada. "Preliminary data indicates that we will reach this goal."

The energy team and contractor, National Renewable Laboratories (NREL), identified 689 plug loads and 11 electrical panels. Panel meters were installed into electrical panels throughout the building to collect baseline data for energy usage. These meters collected data wirelessly and transmitted it to the contractor.

In mid-February the NREL team returned to building A4 and installed additional equipment

including sub-meters, advanced power converters (APCs) or smart surge protectors, and occupancy sensors to collect actual work space data and compare it to the initial baseline information already gathered.

The contractor team revisited the building in mid-March and used the collected data to implement a power schedule for occupant APCs. The APC strips were configured as needed for each individual user based on their work schedule. This scheduling can reap significant energy savings since the power strips have the capability to de-energize during evenings and weekends while the plugged-in devices are least used but could be still pulling small amounts of power.

"Although energy savings as a result of this pilot project in this particular building may be minimal since personnel were already following energy reduction directions, if

implemented throughout the JBP HH, the Navy's savings could be huge," said Hanada.

"In the long-term, this study will educate other building occupants about their energy consumption and provides an inexpensive solution on how to reduce and conserve energy," she said.

The NREL team is scheduled to return to Building A4 the first week of May to obtain feedback from personnel on their APCs schedules. A report on the pilot project and the amount of energy saved will be provided to the NAVFAC Hawaii energy team in summer 2013.

"These smart APCs retail for approximately \$20 from various sources and would be great for personal use," said Hanada. "They are easy to program and will help reduce energy consumption and power bills for all of the electronic equipment plugged in throughout your home."

# Pearl Harbor-Hickam *Highlights*

(Right) The guided-missile cruiser USS Chosin (CG 65) departs Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam for a scheduled western Pacific deployment.

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(Below) Vice Adm. Luis Alano, Republic of the Philippines flag officer in command, listens to Henry Mata, code 103 fleet maintenance surface project superintendent at Pearl Harbor Naval Shipyard, explain the inner workings of the gas turbine shop. Alano and his staff toured the shipyard April 22 to gain a better understanding of the importance of maintenance to a naval fleet.

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A Sailor bids his family farewell before departing Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam on the guided-missile cruiser USS Chosin (CG 65) for a scheduled western Pacific deployment.



(Left) An honor detail of joint military members prepares to escort the remains of fallen service members who died during World War II and the Vietnam War during an arrival ceremony hosted by the U.S. Joint POW/MIA Accounting Command April 26.

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Radford High School juniors Andrew Davis (left) and Torey Bowman (center) receive flight instructions while on a C-17 Globemaster III reconfigured desktop simulator from Capt. Angela Kimler, 535th Airlift Squadron training flight commander and Radford High School alumna. The session took place during a career day April 25 at Joint Base Pearl-Harbor-Hickam. The purpose of the event was to offer possible recruits a glimpse of daily duties performed by Airmen.

U.S. Air Force photo Tech. Sgt. Jerome S. Tayborn



(Below) The 15th Operations Group at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam held an Amazing Race Challenge in honor of Wingman Day on April 26. Wingman Day is a day for Airmen to take a break away from the mission and focus on morale building and resiliency type training activities such as sexual assault awareness and suicide prevention.

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# Earth Day fair displays Navy's environmental protection efforts

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From water conservation to hydrogen-powered vehicles and even to insect control, an April 22 Earth Day fair offered visitors a chance to view some of the Navy's most ambitious and visionary efforts to preserve the environment.

Held at Kilo 8 Pier, the fair was coordinated by Naval Supply (NAVSUP) Fleet Logistics Center Pearl Harbor (FLCPH) with assistance from Naval Facilities Engineering Command Pacific, Naval Facilities Engineering Command Hawaii, the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) and Joint Base Pearl Harbor Hickam.

Visitors to the event were greeted by a cluster of booths and exhibits that covered subjects such as installation restoration, storm water pollution prevention, the Waianae watershed and the control of invasive species. A life-sized carving of a green sea turtle attracted passers-by to the NOAA display, where they could view a video of monk seals, feel the molted pelt of a young monk



Becky Hommon, environmental attorney for Navy Region Hawaii (right), fields a question regarding the geography of Ford Island during the NAVSUP FLCPH 2013 Earth Day, held April 22.

seal, and even walk away with a free dog leash, a reminder that loose dogs and monk seals don't make good playmates.

At the far end of the booths was an auto show—minus the “muscle cars.” This was an alternative energy car show, and the main attractions were hybrids, electric vehicles and

even vehicles powered by hydrogen.

If there was a common trait among the volunteers who were manning booths, it was their passion for the environment, a passion they wanted to share with visitors. One of those volunteers was Becky Hommon, environmental attorney for Navy Region Hawaii, and

Hommon always had a group of people clustered around her table.

She had a detailed map in front of her, and she used it to explain the history and geography of Pearl Harbor. How many streams flow into Pearl Harbor? Nine. How many fishponds did Pearl Harbor once have? More than 20, including two that

might have dated from the 1300s, but were filled to enable NAVSUP FLCPH to be built on the reclaimed land. How many fishponds remain today? Two. If you dump your used motor oil into a Mililani storm drain, where will it end up? Pearl Harbor.

Ever mindful of the need to instill environmental awareness among our nation's youth, NAVSUP FLCPH also sponsored an Earth Day coloring contest for Navy Hale Keiki School students. Anyone entering the fair could not miss the scores of colorful entries mounted along the walkway.

Choosing just three winners from all the submissions turned out to be a much more difficult task than the judges had anticipated, and they were impressed with the skill of the artwork and the proficiency of the writing. Eventually, the judges reluctantly made their selections, and, prior to the fair's end, Capt. Paul Verrastro, commanding officer of NAVSUP FLCPH, presented medals and certificates to the winners.

Although the April 22 event marked the world's 43rd observance of Earth Day, NAVSUP FLCPH prefers to think of it as its 15,695th Earth Day . . . and

that's because the command regards every day as Earth Day. This is not just lip service. The command has a long and accountable history of environmental stewardship, and the recognition it has received provides marked testimony to its success.

Last February, for example, the command was notified that it had won the CNO's Environmental Sustainability Team Award and in March, it learned it had won the Secretary of the Navy Environmental Quality Team Award. In May, it capped things off when it received word that it had won the Secretary of Defense Environmental Quality Team Award.

“Earth Day is a reminder that we all share the same planet,” said Lt. j.g. Luke Dragovich, NAVSUP FLCPH facilities engineer. “And when you share something, it implies that you also take responsibility for it.”

“That's part of the reason why we are having this event today. It allows everyone to see what the Navy, NOAA—and many other worthy organizations—are doing to keep our skies blue, our oceans clean, and our lands a place where children can safely play,” Dragovich said.

## Connecting the warfighter at Naval Computer and Telecommunications Area Master Station

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Naval Computer and Telecommunications Area Master Station, Pacific (NCTAMS PAC) and the Pacific Regional Network Operation Center (PRNOC) are the focal point for all networks and communications services for Pacific Fleet ships, submarines, aircraft, and other deployable forces, spanning all limits of the cyber

domain. The command ensures the connectivity that enables warfighters to execute their mission.

To ensure it is up to this task, NCTAMS PAC recently underwent a rigorous five-day inspection under U.S. Cyber Command's Cyber Security Inspection Compliance Program (CSICP), which ensures the security of Navy networks and connections to the global information grid are secure.

A team of technical and security experts from U.S. Fleet Cyber Command Office of Compliance

and Assessment descended upon the Wahiawa facility to examine every facet of the command's cyber security posture, from policy compliance and information assurance training to network vulnerability and physical security.

Anything that could affect the security, integrity or availability of the warfighters' networks was fair game. “Nothing was off-limits,” according to Sheila Miller, security management department head.

NCTAMS PAC's system administrators, operators, tech-

nicians and security team came together months ahead of time to self-assess and make sure every risk was known and addressed. “It was truly a team effort,” Miller said.

However, this process didn't end with one meeting. “The risks are constantly changing. Every day, someone is looking for a new way to get into our systems,” said Ensign Marc Sunby, Pacific Region Network Operations Center division officer.

This means that the NCTAMS PAC team has to reassess and re-

secure fleet networks on a constant basis while maintaining greater than 99 percent operational availability to its customers.

The NCTAMS PAC PRNOC team received a passing score and their personnel and physical security records, building structure and design and their fire control system were denoted a “model facility” by the traditional security inspector.

In the end, the NCTAMS PAC team score bested their last inspection by 20 points on both the secret and unclassified networks.