

Hagel talks to troops during stop in Hawaii

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The tight integration in Hawaii between active duty service members, civilian defense employees and National Guardsmen points to the future of the overall force, Defense Secretary Chuck Hagel

told troops at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam yesterday. "That's as much value added as I think we can get in our system," Hagel said. An Air Force F-22 Raptor served as the secretary's backdrop as he spoke to about 200 personnel representing the Navy, Air Force, Marines, Army, National Guard and Coast Guard. "Thank you, on behalf of our president and our country," the secretary said. "I know sometimes you feel stuck out here in the

Pacific, that no one knows who you are or what you're doing. Let me assure you, we do, and we're grateful."

Hagel asked the group—mostly made up of junior enlisted service members—to also thank their families for the support they give the military.

"I think the families are often just taken for granted, and it's probably as difficult—maybe more difficult—for them as it is for you," he noted. "I ... extend my

thanks and best wishes."

U.S. forces in the Asia-Pacific region are a "central part of the larger plan" America is pursuing in the Pacific, Hagel said.

"Our interests are global," he added. "But ... I think the opportunities that abound in the world are probably centered as much in the Asia-Pacific as in any [other] one area."

Hagel said the unique opportunities present in the Asia-Pacific region hold "as much potential as maybe ever in the history of man."

He said to realize that potential leaders in the region must govern wisely, respond to each other wisely, and form coalitions of common interests wisely.

"We all have common interests, [though] our governments are different," he said. "Our cultures are different; some of us look different; our languages are different. But still, the basic common interests of the human being don't change."

People everywhere need food and security, and they value their families, he said.

"I've never found a country yet, or religion, or culture, or tribe, that doesn't have the same feelings about their families," he said. "We start there. We all need the basics in life to survive. We start

there."

Following his remarks, Hagel invited service members to ask a few questions.

Questions were asked about cyber warfare, Veterans' Administration, pay and benefits, and rebalancing to Asia-Pacific. "It was an honor to for me to meet the secretary of defense and hear what he had to say," said Information Systems Technician 2nd Class (IDW) Whitney Prince, assigned to Naval Computer and Telecommunications Area Master Station.

"It's a big deal for all service members to have someone at our top of our chain of command come out and interact with us. It's awesome."

Prince added that it was also nice to hear information about sequestration, benefits and retirement.

"I'm still a few years out from retiring, but knowing what I know now is always good," said Prince.

Hagel's stop in Hawaii is the first leg of a trip that will also take him to Singapore and Brussels.

Hagel was sworn in as the 24th secretary of defense on Feb. 27, becoming the first enlisted combat veteran to lead the Department of Defense.



Department of Defense photo by U.S. Air Force Tech. Sgt. Michael R. Holzworth
Defense Secretary Chuck Hagel addresses more than 200 service members May 30 inside aircraft hangar 19 at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam.

USS Pearl Harbor honors fallen Sailors at Arizona Memorial

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USS Pearl Harbor (LSD 52)

Sailors and Marines embarked aboard the amphibious dock landing ship USS Pearl Harbor (LSD 52) for Pacific Partnership 2013 visited the USS Arizona Memorial on May 24 to pay their respects and lay a wreath in honor of Memorial Day.

USS Pearl Harbor, the command platform for this year's Pacific Partnership mission, had the opportunity to honor its namesake city and the Sailors who lost their lives in the Japanese attack on Dec. 7, 1941.

Before the ceremony, Pearl Harbor Sailors toured the memorial and gathered together to view the sunken ship and names of its fallen Sailors.

Capt. Wallace Lovely, the mission commander for Pacific Partnership, and Cmdr. Michael Harris, commanding officer of USS Pearl Harbor, led a wreath-laying ceremony to pay their respects.

"This is an absolute honor and a privilege," said Harris. "To be able to do this memorial for those who have gone before us is very humbling."

Sailors who attended the ceremony said they experienced a mixture of emotions.

"The feeling I got when I arrived

was beyond tranquility," said Hull Maintenance Technician 2nd Class Keith Doran. "I feel like I'm almost related to them in a way, like I'm part of family."

All those in attendance, some of whom were visiting the memorial for the first time, were humbled to celebrate the memory of those who fought and lost their lives for their country.

After the ceremony, Harris said that there was something really special about being deployed aboard USS Pearl Harbor, in Pearl Harbor on Memorial Day. "It's just incredible," Harris said.

Pacific Partnership is the largest disaster response-preparation mission in the Indo-Asia-Pacific region. This year's missions are taking place in Samoa, Tonga, Republic of Marshall Islands, Kiribati, Papua New Guinea and Solomon Islands and will partner the U.S. Navy with non-governmental organizations and regional partners including Australia, Canada, Colombia, France, Japan, Malaysia and New Zealand. The objective of Pacific Partnership is to improve maritime security, conduct humanitarian assistance and strengthen regional disaster response preparedness. Partner nations will lead individual phases for the first time in the history of the mission.



Capt. Wallace Lovely, mission commander of Pacific Partnership 2013, and Cmdr. Michael Harris, commanding officer of the amphibious dock landing ship USS Pearl Harbor, place a wreath at the USS Arizona Memorial.

Admiral in Hawaii sends BZ to his forward-deployed ships



USS Chung-Hoon



USS Chosin

USS Paul Hamilton

Naval Surface
Group Middle Pacific
Public Affairs

Rear Adm. Frank Ponds sent a Bravo Zulu message May 23 to commanding officers and crews of his forward-deployed ships from Hawaii operating in the U.S. 7th Fleet area of operations—USS Chosin (CG 65), USS Chung-Hoon (DDG 93) and USS Paul Hamilton (DDG 60).

As commander of Navy Region Hawaii and Naval Surface Group Middle Pacific, Ponds oversees 11 homeported ships at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam. His message to his three deployed ships was inspired by the Memorial Day commemoration and the anniversary of the Battle of Midway.

Ponds' message to commanding officers, Capt. Patrick Kelly, USS Chosin; Cmdr. Justin Orlich, USS

Chung-Hoon; and Cmdr. Luke

Frost, USS Paul Hamilton reads:

"Memorial Day is upon us and with Independence Day following closely in the wake, it is a fitting opportunity for me to express sincere appreciation for the outstanding job you and your crews are doing in executing our missions at sea and ashore.

"Memorial Day marks the start of the summer season for most Americans. As we prepare for vacations, family get-together, and barbecues, I want you to know that the sacrifices of your Sailors and their families is not lost on those of us back home. On behalf of all Americans, I thank you all for keeping our nation safe.

"It is fitting that our three deployed MIDPAC ships are all executing the mission in the [U.S.] 7th Fleet AOR, as June 4-7 marks the 71st anniversary of the Navy's and the

nation's most historically significant naval victory. The Battle of Midway changed the tide of the War in the Pacific and the course of world history. "While we are not currently at war in the Pacific, your actions in keeping our sea lanes open for commerce, providing a stabilizing force in the region, and engaging with regional partners and allies are no less meaningful and will also have a lasting effect on world history.

"Please share with your crews and their families our sincere appreciation. We anxiously look forward to welcoming you back to the Pearl Harbor waterfront. Continue to sail safe!"

Chosin and Chung-Hoon deployed from Pearl Harbor last month and are expected to be away from their homeport throughout the summer. Paul Hamilton deployed Sept. 21, 2012.



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Sailors clean USS Oklahoma Memorial

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More than 50 service members, along with families and friends, gathered May 26 to help clean the USS Oklahoma Memorial on Ford Island, Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam.

Chiefs of the Waterfront, a network of Hawaii chiefs brought together by Commander Navy Region Hawaii Command Master Chief Marc Sibal, coordinated the volunteer effort to help beautify the historic memorial.

“With the power of the chiefs mess, the first class petty officers and the petty officers they lead every day, we are getting this done and doing it to a high level,” said Senior Chief Gunner’s Mate Jaye Bell. “All these people are out here voluntarily and that speaks volumes about them.”

The memorial honors the 429 Sailors and Marines on

board the battleship USS Oklahoma (BB 37) who lost their lives during the Dec. 7, 1941 attack. The ship was hit by five torpedoes and ended up capsizing at Pearl Harbor.

crew member who perished during the attack. The white marble columns are arranged in a “V” shape, designed to resemble Sailors manning the rails. Surrounding the columns

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—NCCM Tyrone Jiles

“We wanted to make sure that on Memorial Day when people came to visit the memorial, we had a nice monument for them to look at,” said Bell. “It’s all about our Navy heritage.”

The memorial is constructed of 429 pieces of three-dimensional white marble columns, engraved with the names of each

are black marble slabs etched with notable quotes from Oklahoma survivors.

“We’re not just out here cleaning,” said Master Chief Navy Counselor Tyrone Jiles. “This is also an opportunity for our Sailors to come out and learn about our history and honor our brothers and sisters that have gone before us.”



Information Systems Technician Chief Rachele Larsen polishes the USS Oklahoma Memorial.



Capt. David Hughes, outgoing commanding officer of USS Lake Erie (CG-70) walks through sideboys at the start of a change of command ceremony May 24. Capt. John S. Banigan relieved Hughes as commanding officer during the ceremony.

USS Lake Erie (CG-70) holds change of command

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Capt. John S. Banigan relieved Capt. David Hughes as commanding officer of the Ticonderoga-class, guided-missile cruiser USS Lake Erie (CG 70) during a change of command ceremony held May 24 at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam.

The ceremony started with the arrival of the official party followed by the parading of the colors. The invocation was provided by Chaplain Lt. Daniel Zimmerman.

Rear Adm. Robert P. Girrier, guest speaker, praised Hughes for his exceptional performance while in command and also Lake Erie’s Sailors. Girrier also highlighted many of Lake Erie’s accomplishments under Hughes’ command.

During his farewell remarks, Hughes thanked family members and his Sailors for their hard work and dedication during his tour as commanding officer.

Hughes took command of Lake Erie in October 2011. Under his command, the ship conducted the first successful ballistic missile intercepts with the SM-3 Block 1B

interceptor, validating the expanded capabilities of the missile and the next generation Aegis ballistic missile defense (BMD) combat system.

He also led a task group of maritime missile defense forces from the United States, Japan and Republic of Korea during the largest multi-national BMD tracking event conducted to date.

As he prepared to take command of Lake Erie, Banigan thanked his family and the ship’s crew.

Banigan reported to Lake Erie as executive officer in September 2011. He previously served on the Chief of Naval Operations’ staff in the resources, requirements and assessments directorate, surface warfare division, as deputy for BMD and Aegis ashore head.

Lake Erie was commissioned July 24, 1993 as the 24th Ticonderoga-class guided-missile cruiser.

U.S. Navy guided-missile cruisers perform primarily in a battle force role. These ships are multi-mission air warfare, undersea warfare, naval surface fire support and surface warfare surface combatants capable of supporting carrier strike groups, amphibious forces, or of operating independently and as flagships of surface action groups.

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USS Michael Murphy holds first change of command

Sory and photo by
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The Arleigh Burke-class guided-missile destroyer USS Michael Murphy (DDG 112) held its first change of command ceremony May 23 at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam.

Cmdr. Thomas E. Shultz turned over command to Cmdr. Corey J. Turner.

The ceremony started with the arrival of the official party, the parade of colors, the National Anthem sung by Seaman Recruit Steven A. Martinez and the invocation by Lt. Cmdr. Carl Muehler, chaplain of Destroyer Squadron 31.

Among the attendees was Lt. Murphy's mother Maureen.

Former Secretary of the Navy Donald Winter, the guest speaker, praised Shultz for his exceptional performance while in command.

Capt. Wallace G. Lovely, commander of Destroyer Squadron 31, presented Shultz with the Meritorious Service Medal.

During his farewell remarks, Shultz thanked family members and shipmates. "The crew of Michael Murphy and the great ship they serve on, you've made this past two and a half years more rewarding than I could have ever imagined. In everything this crew

has done, they have always followed our motto, 'Lead the Fight,'" Shultz said.

Shultz ended his remarks with "Hooyah Michael Murphy."

Command Master Chief (SW) Matthew E. Danforth presented Shultz with the commissioning pennant.

Cmdr. Corey J. Turner thanked his family as well as the ship's crew.

"The men and women of the mighty 112, thank you for all you have done. I stand in awe of the awesome power of your tenacity and grit," said Turner.

"With your never-quit attitude, you embody excellence at every turn, in everything you do. I am standing by with you to answer all bells and look forward to our time together as a team," Turner said.

The guided-missile destroyer is named after Lt. (SEAL) Michael P. Murphy, the first person awarded the Medal of Honor posthumously for actions in Afghanistan and the first member of the U.S. Navy to receive the award since the Vietnam War.

"It has truly been an honor to lead such fine officers and Sailors aboard an extremely well-built ship with a storied namesake and legacy that inspires us all," said Shultz.

"I have the utmost confidence that Cmdr. Turner will be an exemplary commanding officer and will lead Michael Murphy and her crew to continued success," he said.

Shultz reports to Bahrain as deputy commander of Patrol Coastal Squadron One.



Cmdr. Thomas E. Shultz, outgoing commanding officer of USS Michael Murphy (DDG 112), walks through sideboys at the conclusion of a change of command ceremony May 23. Cmdr. Corey J. Turner relieved Shultz as commanding officer during the ceremony.

Diverse Views



"What is the worst weather event you have ever lived through? Why does it stand out in your mind?"

Boatswain's Mate 2nd Class Louie Dela Cruz
Region Operation Center
Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam

"It would be a typhoon in the Philippines I experienced. The heavy rains, flooding, the wind and the houses washing away is what stands out for me the most."



Capt. Harry James
613th Air and Space
Operations Center



"I myself have never endured a severe weather event. My wife and I evacuated for several hurricanes while in Mississippi, but never stuck around for the storms."

Boatswain's Mate 2nd Class Ozzie L. Anderson
Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam

"It would be a hail storm in South Carolina living in a trailer house with tin roofs. The hail came down very hard, damaged the roof to where it began leaking. It also damaged the one car we had."



Gloria Underwood
Pearl Harbor Commissary



"When I was young, I was in a typhoon in the Philippines. Our house was close to the ocean, and a big wave from the ocean came through our house. I remember this well because my dad almost drowned."

Machinist's Mate 2nd Class Michael Dunigan
Transient Personnel Unit
Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam



"That would be a blizzard in Wisconsin that stands out in my mind. I remember opening the door and realizing I couldn't walk outside."

2nd Lt. Jeremy Rhode
48th Aerial Port Squadron



"Hurricane Iniki stands out in my mind because as a young child, I vividly remember my father being activated as an officer in the Hawaii Army National Guard to render support to the citizens who were impacted by the storm. I felt a strong sense of pride knowing my father was serving those in need."

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David D. Underwood Jr.

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Col. Carlson bids aloha



Col. Dann S. Carlson (shown above welcoming members of the Wounded Warrior Amputee Softball Team) handed over command of the 647th Air Base Group to Col. David A Kirkendall during a change of command ceremony this morning at the Missing Man Memorial, Aloha Aina Park at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam (JBPHH). Carlson is also deputy commander of JBPHH. Watch next week's Ho'okele for complete coverage of the 647th Air Base Group change of command.

Hurricane Iniki strikes Kauai in 1992

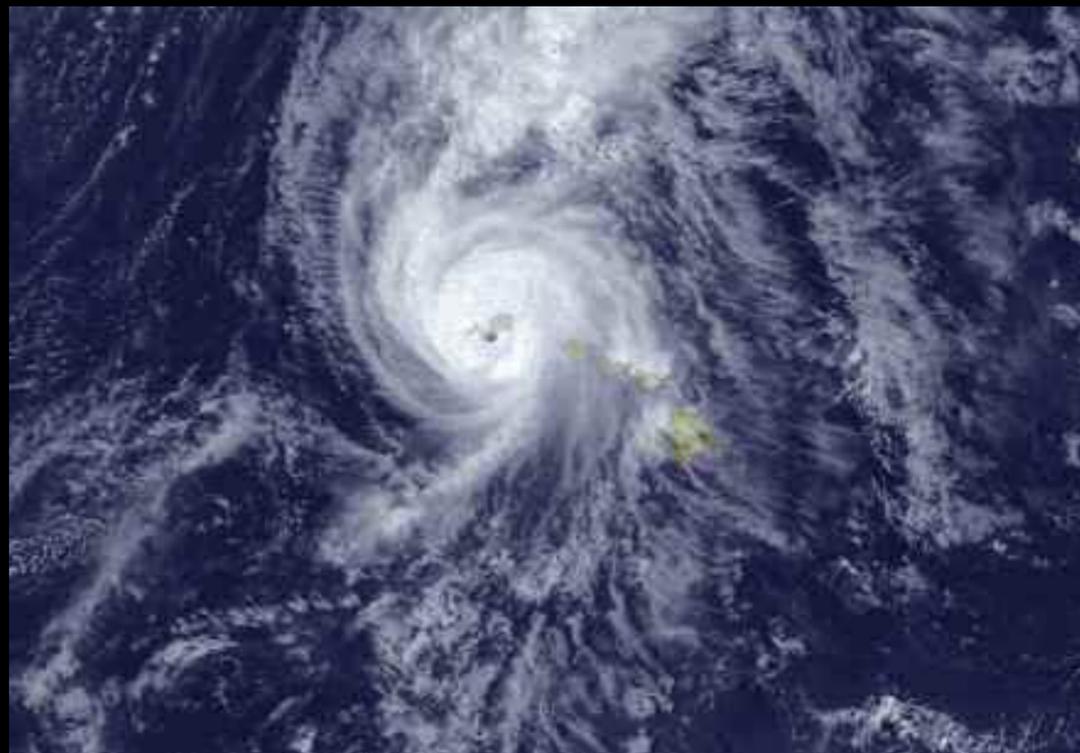


Photo courtesy of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration.

On the afternoon of Sept. 11, 1992, a small but intense Hurricane Iniki struck the state of Hawaii across the island of Kauai. Although all islands felt the storm, Kauai and Oahu were most impacted. Seven people were killed and about 100 injured. Total damage reached about \$1.8 billion.

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Pearl Harbor-Hickam *Highlights* Memorial Day events in Hawaii

Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps (JROTC) cadets from Kailua, Kalaheo, Leilaha and Nanakuli high schools participate in the posting of flags at The Mayor's Memorial Day ceremony at the National Cemetery of the Pacific at Punchbowl. The ceremony honored veterans who made the ultimate sacrifice in service to their nation.

U.S. Navy photo by MCSN Johans Chavarro



Sailors embarked aboard the amphibious dock landing ship USS Pearl Harbor (LSD 52) for Pacific Partnership 2013 tour the USS Arizona Memorial after a wreath-laying ceremony. Pacific Partnership is the largest humanitarian and disaster response-preparation mission in the Indo-Asia-Pacific region.

U.S. Navy photo by MC3 Tim D. Godbee



The Sounds of Aloha men's chorus performs in the Mayor's Memorial Day ceremony at the National Cemetery of the Pacific at Punchbowl.

U.S. Navy photo by MCSN Johans Chavarro



Guests walk along decorated grave markers at the Mayor's Memorial Day ceremony at the National Cemetery of the Pacific at Punchbowl. U.S. Navy photo by MCSN Johans Chavarro



Guests hold hands during a moment of silence at the Mayor's Memorial Day ceremony at the National Cemetery of the Pacific at Punchbowl. U.S. Navy photo by MCSN Johans Chavarro

Ceremony honors Pearl Harbor survivor

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A Pearl Harbor survivor, assigned to USS Pyro (AE1) during the Dec. 7, 1941 attack on Pearl Harbor, was remembered during a sunrise ceremony May 14. During the ceremony, his ashes were committed into the waters of Pearl Harbor near the Arizona Memorial.

Rear Adm. Frank Caldwell, commander of Submarine Force, U.S. Pacific Fleet, helped honor the late Donald Green and presided over the ceremony.

"As those shipmates who experienced World War II firsthand pass, it is important for us in service today to seek out their stories, share their experiences, and continue to 'never forget' the lessons of history," said Caldwell.

Green was a chief petty officer who, along with his twin brother George, served on the ammunition ship USS Pyro (AE1) which was docked in Pearl Harbor during the attack by the Japanese on Dec. 7, 1941. In an article by Kitsap Navy News published May 15, 2011, Green said he and his twin brother joined the Navy on their 18th birthdays to better themselves.

"It was just perfect for a guy like me," said Green in the article. "It was something I could do to give myself a good life."

On his last visit to Pearl Harbor, on Dec. 11, 2011, Green was interviewed by Commander Submarine Force Pacific Fleet (COM-SUBPAC) Public Affairs about his recollections about that infamous day. (To view the interview, go to this link: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KAJ>

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He described a scene of chaos and destruction. "That Sunday morning, all hell broke loose," said Green.

He explained that he had recently completed his duties as the petty officer of the watch from midnight to 4 a.m. and was sleeping in his bunk when around 8 a.m., he was awakened by a loud explosion. He thought the sound was from the Army practicing bomb runs, but soon found out the real horror when the bomb blasts started feeling all too real.

Green ran topside to investigate. To his disbelief, Japanese Zero planes were strafing Pearl Harbor. He remembered seeing the red scarf worn by the Japanese Zero pilot as the pilot discharged the bomb out of his plane and narrowly missed the Pyro by 10 feet. Green ran and manned his machine gun and fired at the Japanese planes. The Zero was eventually brought down by the same machine guns that had been fitted a few months earlier.

In another news clipping that Green had saved, it said that the overall effort by Green and the other crew members in warding off the attack by the Japanese played an important but little known part of the overall defense of Pearl Harbor and, in particular, the ammunition depot at West Loch.

Green said in the Kitsap Navy News article that his memories of fighting at Pearl Harbor were bitter-sweet. "On one hand, Pearl Harbor was a beautiful place," said Green. "But the loss of great lives during that war was hard to deal with."

The Pyro later steamed out of Pearl Harbor and three days later was



Rear Adm. Frank Caldwell, commander of Submarine Force, U.S. Pacific Fleet, presided over a sunrise ceremony May 14 to help honor the late Donald Green, a Pearl Harbor survivor and former USS Pyro (AE1) Sailor. Green's ashes were committed into the waters of Pearl Harbor near the Arizona Memorial.

attacked by a Japanese submarine. Three torpedoes were fired at his ship but missed due to the ship following a zigzag pattern. Pyro's five-inch gun ended the confrontation, and the ship and her crew survived the attack.

In the interview by COM-SUBPAC Public Affairs, Green, originally from New Bedford, Mass., said he and his brother George were fortunate to be stationed together on Pyro and fortunate to make it out alive that tragic day.

After sailing on Pyro, he continued his Navy career at other places such as Alaska, Washington, the South Pacific and New Hebrides Islands.

Green knew his decision to join the Navy was a move to better himself.

"What I like most is the

fact that you meet amazing people," said Green to Kitsap Navy News.

After 20 years of service, Green retired and continued working as a pipefitter foreman at the Puget Sound Naval Shipyard.

He said there were several reunions of former Pyro Sailors over the years. Noting the importance of unit reunions, Green said in another news clipping that each time they got together, the group learned something new about that historical day.

"I think it's important for all of us to know our history because it brought us to where we are today," said Green in that article. During his lifetime, he spoke at schools, Navy forums and other events about his experiences in Pearl Harbor.



The late Donald Green, a Pearl Harbor survivor and former USS Pyro (AE1) Sailor, was remembered during a sunrise ceremony May 14 in which his ashes were committed into the waters of Pearl Harbor near the Arizona Memorial.

Ashes of Pearl Harbor survivor, wife scattered at USS Utah

Brandon Bosworth

Staff Writer

The ashes of Chief Radioman Earl Selover, a survivor of the Dec. 7, 1941 attack on Pearl Harbor, along with those of his wife Ella Mae, were scattered in the waters near the USS Utah Memorial on Ford Island during a ceremony held May 22.

Among those in attendance was Selover's son, Earl Jr. Several Pearl Harbor chief petty officers were also on hand to pay respects to one of their own. Chaplain Lt. James Ragain, Pearl Harbor Memorial Chapel, presided over the services.

Earl Sr. was born March 18, 1917 in New Jersey. By the time he was 11, he knew he wanted to be a Sailor in the U.S. Navy, and he enlisted just four days after he graduated from high school. Already a licensed ham radio operator, Selover became a Navy radioman, a position in which he thrived.

"A hard charger from the get-go, he was able to become a chief radioman at the age of 23, unheard of in today's Navy," said Jim Taylor, Pearl Harbor sur-

vivor liaison, who spoke at the ceremony.

Selover eventually served as flag chief radioman on the USS Maryland which was homeported at Pearl Harbor.

"Life was good for Earl," said Taylor. "He was living in an apartment with his wife, Ella Mae, in Waikiki."

Selover was on liberty on Dec. 7, 1941 and was asleep in his apartment when the attack began. When he heard on the radio what was going on, he dressed and immediately caught a cab to Pearl Harbor, arriving at the same time as the second wave of Japanese aircraft.

Despite the chaos, Selover struggled to make it to his battle station aboard the Maryland. He first boarded the USS California, which was moored nearby, and then crossed a narrow pipe to finally make it to his ship. He then ran to his battle station in the radio shack where he spent the remainder of the day and that night.

After Pearl Harbor, Selover participated in 10 major naval engagements before being transferred to shore duty in September 1944. He left the Navy in 1954 and then worked as a quality control manager at

a Navy electronics overhaul facility in Norfolk, Va. until his retirement in 1979. Yet his time in service and his experiences on Dec. 7 were never far from his mind.

"For over 20 years, he enjoyed presenting programs about his Pearl Harbor experience to church, school, civic, library, veterans groups and hospitals," said Taylor.

"My father wore his USS Maryland hat every time he could," said Earl Sr.'s son, Earl Jr., a Navy veteran with 28 years of service. "Even if it was 80 or 90 degrees out, he still wore his Pearl Harbor survivor's jacket."

Earl Sr. died on Oct. 24, 2007. Even in his final days, his Navy experiences remained important to him.

"Pearl Harbor was the defining moment of his life," said Earl Jr. "The last week of his life, he was still talking about it like it was yesterday."

Earl Selover Jr. said that, though it was hard to say goodbye to his father, he and his family were very impressed by the memorial service.

"These people are awesome. The Sailors were outstanding," he said. "I can't thank them enough."



U.S. Navy photos by MC2 Tiarra Fulgham

A member of the Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam Honors and Ceremonial Guard presents a ceremonial flag to Earl Selover Jr. the son of, retired Chief Petty Officer Earl Selover following an ash scattering ceremony at the USS Utah Memorial on Ford Island. Chief Selover's remains joined the remains of more than 50 Sailors still aboard the wreckage of the USS Utah (BB 31) which was sunk during the 1941 attacks.



Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam Honors and Ceremonial Guard participates in the ash scattering ceremony of Pearl Harbor survivor Earl Selover at the USS Utah Memorial.