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Sailors remember Battle of Midway

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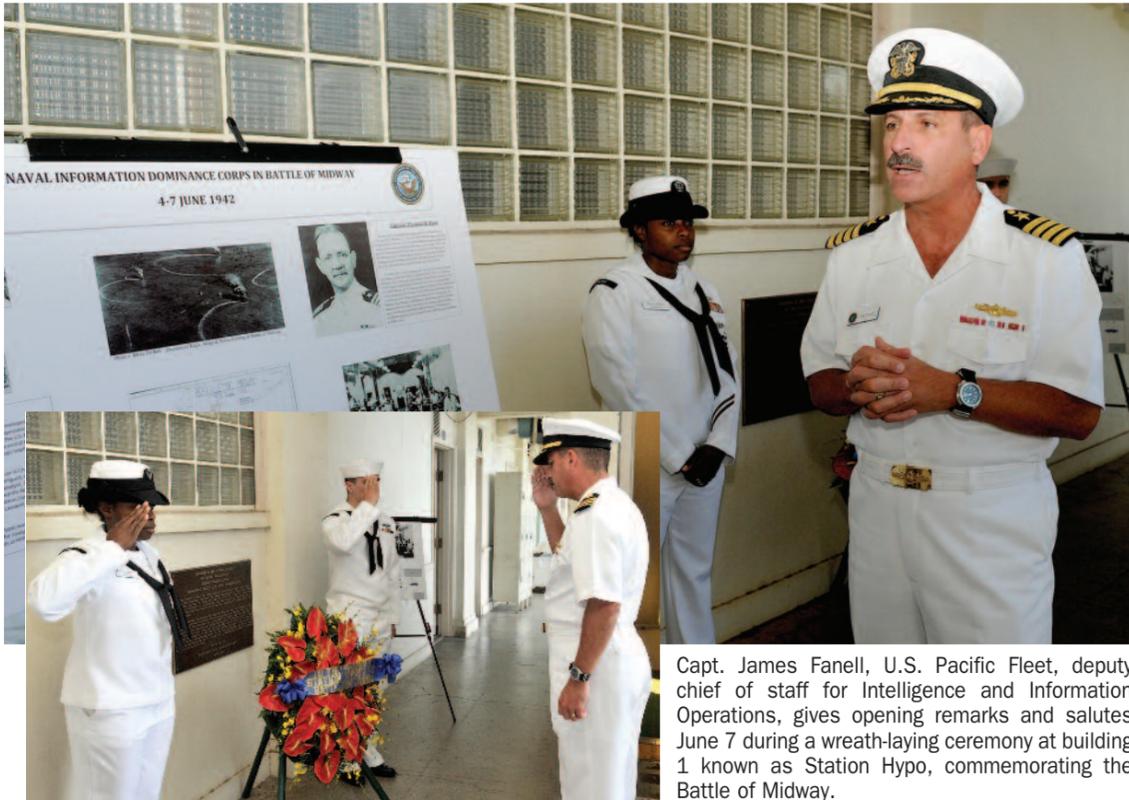
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Sailors assigned to Commander, U.S. Pacific Fleet and U.S. Pacific Command's Joint Intelligence Operations Center commemorated the Battle of Midway with a wreath-laying ceremony June 7 at Building 1, Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam.

The 14th Naval District Combat Intelligence Unit was known as Station Hypo which is located at Building 1.

Capt. James Fanell, U.S. Pacific Fleet, deputy chief of staff for Intelligence and Information Operations, reflected on the importance of intelligence gathering during the Battle of Midway. Fanell asked those in attendance "to remember those who have served."

Fanell spoke about the officers and men of the combat intelligence unit, 14th Naval District Combat Intelligence Unit under the leadership of Cmdr. Joseph J. Rochefort, and how they were able to "break the code, exposing the enemy's plans and operations enabling U.S. Naval Forces to attain



Capt. James Fanell, U.S. Pacific Fleet, deputy chief of staff for Intelligence and Information Operations, gives opening remarks and salutes June 7 during a wreath-laying ceremony at building 1 known as Station Hypo, commemorating the Battle of Midway.

victories in such battles as Coral Sea and Midway."

Station Hypo, also part of Fleet Radio Unit Pacific (FRUPAC), was the United States Navy Signals moni-

toring and cryptographic unit in Hawaii during World War II.

The key to the U.S. victory was the interception and decryption of Japanese plans

by naval intelligence specialists in Hawaii, including Station Hypo.

Station Hypo was one of three code breaking units managed by the Navy during

World War II.

"This is where people came to work (their watch section was a little different than ours), sometimes the watch (for Joe Rochefort)

was 24 hours, sometimes it was longer, sometimes he (Rochefort) just slept there. They slept or worked until they got the mission accomplished," said Fanell.

Knowledge of Japan's intent allowed Adm. Chester W. Nimitz, U.S. Pacific Fleet commander at the time, to have his carriers ready and waiting for the Japanese at Midway.

The Battle of Midway, considered the turning point during World War II in the Pacific was fought over a period of three days starting June 4, 1942 when U.S. Navy strike forces prevented the Japanese from taking control of the Midway Islands.

Following the 30-minute ceremony, a moment of silence was observed as Fanell saluted the wreath first followed by each Sailor, marking the end of the ceremony.

"It's important that we continue to build a memorial here for what happened and don't allow this basement to be forgotten," said Fanell.

Editor's note: For more information about the Battle of Midway, see the June 7, 2013 issue of Ho'okele.

USS Arizona survivor returns to Pearl Harbor

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The battleship USS Arizona (BB 39) was bombed as the ship sat in the waters of Pearl Harbor Dec. 7, 1941. She exploded and sank, killing 1,177 officers and crewmen. Of the more than 300 Sailors and Marines who survived the attack, only 13 are known to still be alive today.

Nearly 72 years following those fateful attacks one of those survivors, Lauren Bruner, returned to the final resting site of his fellow shipmates still entombed in the wreckage under the water.

Bruner, now 92 years old, returned to Pearl Harbor along with a film crew working on a project titled "Second to the Last to Leave." The film documents what Bruner remembers about that devastating day and the weeks that followed.

"The Arizona was my first assignment out of basic training, little did I know at the same time but both the Arizona and myself were destined for history, as I was assigned to the ship and we both would remain together to its end," Bruner said.

He was 21 years old during his time aboard USS Arizona, and recalled that many of the other Sailors he worked with considered him "dad" because so many of them were barely 17 years old.

Bruner talked about his memories of what he lived through during the 1941 attack.

"It was just after sunrise, I was getting ready for church service, which was always held on the Arizona's fantail. I just finished dressing and I remember it was just before eight when the battle alarms went off, both on the ship and throughout Pearl Harbor," Bruner said.

Bruner discussed how the ship had a full load of fuel and supplies and had been due to leave port to return home, but it was one day too late. The Hawaiian sky soon became filled with smoke and Japanese planes.

"We had just gotten to our battle stations, saw the planes coming in, awfully close, close enough that we could actually look out, see the pilots, grinning at us," Bruner said.

He remembered seeing a particu-



U.S. Navy photo by MC2 Nardel Gervacio

Rear Adm. Frank Ponds, commander, Navy Region Hawaii and Naval Surface Group Middle Pacific, pins one of his rank insignia stars on Lauren Bruner, a USS Arizona survivor during Bruner's visit to Hawaii. (Additional photos on page A-5)

lar pilot right before his plane crashed amidship.

"He was close enough that if he had a baseball he could smack you, Bruner said.

Although badly burned during the attack and aboard a now sinking ship, Bruner was able to escape with some help from Sailors aboard USS Vestal (AR 51).

"When the ship blew up, water was everywhere, we couldn't go down. When we got off, we got the attention of the gentlemen on the Vestal and they threw us a line, pulled it up, tied it up and everyone got off as fast as we could."

"Our hands fried along the way, it didn't take long to make it over there, soon as we got to the Vestal they saw us, myself and Warrack mostly hit, burned, rushed us immediately to the hospital ship, ambulance met us there."

Bruner recalled the women volunteers who helped that day. The volunteers gave them injections to help treat the burns and to help numb the pain. Bruner suffered burns to approximately 70 percent of his body and had to go through extensive recovery efforts.

"Our skin...the morphine was working, you didn't have to worry about pain, most of the pain was the treatment afterwards," said

Bruner. Looking at his arm, he added, "They waited about two to three weeks and your skin was just a solid scab, they would just peel it off. Sometimes it would get caught and pull your hair out.

"Wash it down with pure alcohol and after that was all gone, all they had was salt water. Wait three weeks to do it all over again."

Bruner eventually re-entered the fleet.

"Many of us were sent to the hospital. I got burned over most of my body that day, three of us survived the attacks and the hospital and everything else; the rest are gone-died in the hospital. As soon as I got out of the hospital, they were short, very short, of my rating," recalled Bruner. "I got out the hospital and the guys say come on, hey we need you. I said great I'm here, headed for a brand new destroyer."

Bruner received a Purple Heart along with many of his shipmates. He continued to serve in the Navy, participating in eight major Navy engagements. He considers the crew of the Arizona not only his shipmates but his buddies, and if that is their final resting place for a lot of them then it should be for him also. Bruner plans to be buried within the wreckage of USS Arizona when that time comes.

JBPHH to no longer issue DoD vehicle decals effective July 1, 2013

Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam Public Affairs

Effective July 1, 2013, Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam will no longer require, nor issue Department of Defense (DoD) decals for privately owned vehicles. As a result, the DoD vehicle decal sticker will not be required for access to JBPHH installations and annexes on Oahu.

Currently approved credentials, such as Common Access Card (CAC) or similar identification, will be required for access to JBPHH. Persons using privately owned vehicles are still required by state law and DoD regulations to maintain proof of insurance, registration and safety inspection documents. These items are subject to inspection and must be readily available.

The elimination of the decal sticker (DD form 2220) is directed by Commander, Navy Installations Command (CNIC). Until July 1, current requirements will remain in effect. Current decals may be left on the vehicle until the expiration date for ease of access to other installations requiring decals. In addition, all personnel must register their vehicles at the Pass and ID Office upon a permanent change-of-station transfer to JBPHH.

Rental vehicles will be treated as privately owned vehicles for purposes of base entry and access control. The vehicle rental contract will suffice as proof of valid registration and insurance for base access. Military and civilian motorcyclists entering the base must also comply with the policy, as well as all Navy traffic safety requirements.

Contractors are required to continue to apply for temporary passes for one-day visits or register under the Navy Commercial Access Control System (NCACS). NCACS provides background checks and periodic reviews so a contractor on official business may be issued an annual credential for access to Navy installations.

Parking placards for individuals with the ranks of E-9, O-6 and above will be issued by Pass and ID upon verification of rank. Parking placards will not be allowed as a sole means for base access and will not serve as a substitute for authorized base access credentials, but will be utilized to demonstrate eligibility for reserved parking spaces as applicable. Additional information on parking placard availability will be disseminated prior to July 1.

Since Sept. 11, 2001, 100 percent identification checks have been implemented at all DoD installations. Authorization to access any DoD installation is based on verification of a valid credential or I.D. card.

Vehicle decals were used to ensure vehicles on Navy installations complied with state requirements for vehicle registration and insurance. State programs have become more efficient and uniform, eliminating one of the main reasons for vehicle decals.

For more information, contact Pass and ID at 471-2131. Also, visit the JBPHH website at www.cnic.navy.mil/pearlharbor-hickam or the Navy Region Hawaii website at www.cnic.navy.mil/hawaii and see "Useful Information" on frequently asked questions on the new vehicle decal policy.



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Snee relieves Lopez as Hopper commanding officer

Ensign Matthew Conners

USS Hopper Public Affairs

Cmdr. David T. Snee relieved Cmdr. Abdel I. Lopez as commanding officer of the USS Hopper (DDG 70) during a change of command ceremony on May 31 at Pier B-23, Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam.

Capt. Christopher J. Bushnell, acting commander of Destroyer Squadron (DESRON) 31, lauded Hopper's numerous successes during Lopez's two-year tenure.

Lopez served with Hopper since 2010, first as executive officer and most recently as her commanding officer. As Hopper's executive officer he served through two U.S. 5th Fleet deployments.

Upon assuming command, he led Hopper through a board of inspection and survey, a surge



U.S. Navy photo by YN3 B.J. Oliver

Cmdr. David T. Snee relieves Cmdr. Abdel I. Lopez as commanding officer of the USS Hopper (DDG 70) as Capt. Sal Aguilera and Capt. Christopher J. Bushnell look on. The change of command ceremony took place May 31 at Pier B-23 at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam.

deployment to meet North Korean aggression, a \$25 million dry dock availability and a compressed 15-week training cycle.

Lopez departed Hopper to serve on the staff of Commander Carrier Strike Group Nine. He left his former crew with these words: "There is work to be done. Work worth doing."

Snee is a native of Millington, Tenn., the son of a retired force master chief petty officer, and a graduate of the University of Memphis. He served as Hopper's executive officer for 18 months since early 2012.

Snee will take Hopper on deployment following completion of the basic phase training cycle. In his first words to his new crew he said, "Follow me, I will lead you."

Hopper will deploy to the U.S. 5th Fleet later this year.

Solar hot water project completion expected in August

Story and photo by Denise Emsley

Naval Facilities Engineering Command Hawaii

The solar hot water installation project for nine buildings at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam (JBPHH) is expected to be completed and fully operational in August. The contract was awarded July 2012 for \$2,372,554 by Naval Facilities Engineering Command (NAVFAC) Hawaii to Raass Brothers Construction.

"This project has gone relatively smoothly," said Dennis Djou, construction manager, NAVFAC Hawaii Facilities Engineering and Acquisition Division.

"It is spread out over nine locations across both the Air Force and Navy sides of the base. Even though the work is similar for each location, there are significant nuances for panel and water heater installation at each building," he said.

Solar heaters are usually



On April 29, employees of Raass Brothers Construction installed 14 solar panels on the roof of visitors quarters, building 1168. This building is one of nine that were included in the solar hot water installation contract awarded to the contractor for work on Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam.

constructed for buildings with requirements for large amounts of hot water and that have roofs that receive consistent sunshine. Each

system is made up of a bank of multiple panels. Water from the system is circulated through each panel's internal passages so that the heat is

transferred from the hot panel to the water. As the water circulates from panel to panel, it gets hotter.

Solar heaters reduce the

amount of energy needed to keep a building's water supply hot. All of the systems installed for this project have also included insulated hot water tanks which keep the water warm at night.

In a typical building, a boiler is used to heat water for occupant use. Boilers use a lot of electricity because they have to heat water from ambient or room temperature. Solar panels pre-heat the water and, in most cases, transfer enough heat to the water so that the boiler never turns on. This is a real energy saving to the Navy, and the water user still receives hot water when needed.

"Similar to our own homes, a significant amount of energy cost goes into the heating of water," said Djou. "The ability to harness the sun's energy to reduce the amount of cost to heat our water only makes sense, especially here at JBPHH, where we have sunny conditions most of the time."

Buildings that are part of

this project include:

- Visitors quarters, building 920 (Hickam), 12 solar panels/800-gallon hot water tank.
- Visitors quarters, building 1168 (Hickam), 14 solar panels/900-gallon hot water tank.
- Bowling alley, building 1891 (Hickam), seven solar panels/462-gallon hot water tank.
- Swimming pool, building 1124 (Hickam), four solar panels/305-gallon hot water tank.
- BX building 1250 (Hickam), 16 solar panels/1,080-gallon hot water tank.
- Carport at parking lot of building 1488 (Pearl), 24 solar panels.
- Quarters building 1335A (Pearl), 27 solar panels/1,650-gallon hot water tank.
- Bachelors quarters, building 1497 (Pearl), 32 solar panels/1,950-gallon hot water tank.
- Bachelors quarters, building 1368 (Pearl), 27 solar panels/1,650-gallon hot water tank.

JMSDF gets hands-on training in Air Force simulator



U.S. Air Force photos by Tech. Sgt. Jerome S. Tayborn

(Left) Lt. Col. Mizuru Tanikawa, Pacific Air Forces/A51 Japanese liaison officer, left, flies a KC-135 Stratotanker in the flight simulator with the help of 1st Lt. Frank Martinez, 96th Air Refueling Squadron KC-135 pilot, right, at the KC-135 simulator building on Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam (JBPHH), June 7. (Right) Airman 1st Class Scott Willard, 96th Air Refueling Squadron boom operator, right, gives a KC-135 Stratotanker introduction brief to Japan Maritime Self Defense Force (JMSDF) P-3 crew members during a tour at JBPHH.



Commentary

An integrated team in the face of federal furloughs



Rear Adm. Frank Ponds

Commander, Navy Region Hawaii and Naval Surface Group Middle Pacific

When Secretary of Defense Chuck Hagel visited here two weeks ago this is one of the first and most important points he made: He saw a tight, integrated team of uniformed service members and civilians here in Hawaii.

He also addressed the important job our team has here "centered in Asia-Pacific," recognizing the opportunities here despite the challenges of tough fiscal times.

Foremost of those challenges is the "historic shortfall" caused by sequestration. Secretary Hagel spoke of how the services have significantly reduced facilities maintenance, shifted funds

where possible, and significantly reduced maintenance of non-deployed forces. Still, these initiatives were not enough to close the shortfall.

Our senior-most Navy leaders have continued to try to find offsets.

CNO Adm. Jonathan Greenert and CNIC Vice Adm. William French have kept us apprised and spoken with passion about the importance of the civilian members of our team.

Speaking for Region and MIDPAC, I can tell you that those of us who wear the uniform have

great respect and admiration for our hardworking, always-dedicated civilian staff.

"I also know you will stay focused on our mission and the vital work we do together. It's in your DNA."

—Rear Adm. Frank Ponds

Of course, words are often not sufficient in

times like these. But they are always heartfelt and sincere.

Notices of the proposed furlough have been issued. Most DoD civilian employees at the Joint Base and Barking Sands have received their notices and are facing a 20 percent reduction in their pay from July until the end of the fiscal year.

The fact is – our civilian colleagues are more than just members of our team. They are part of our family, part of our *ohana*.

To those of you personally affected, I recognize

the impact this will have on you and your individual families. It doesn't seem fair, especially in consideration of all you give, all you contribute in our important mission here. I also know you will stay focused on our mission and the vital work we do together. It's in your DNA. Finally, I pledge that you will be kept informed and updated with information and resources as soon as they become available.

Thank you for all you do, all you have done, and all you will do now and in the years ahead.

Commissaries plan for upcoming Monday furloughs

Kevin L. Robinson

Defense Commissary Agency public affairs specialist

When furloughs are implemented, most military commissaries will close one day a

week on Mondays, said the director and CEO of the Defense Commissary Agency (DeCA). The closures will be for up to 11 days between July 8 and Sept. 30.

Closing commissaries on Mondays would be in addition to any day stores are

routinely closed. The 148 stores that routinely close on Mondays would also close the next normal day of operation. Other than the furlough day, there are no other changes planned for store operation hours.

The announcement comes as DeCA follows Department of Defense (DoD) protocols related to the automatic federal government budget reductions, known as sequestration, which began March 1. Like most DoD activities, DeCA is mandated by the Department to furlough its civil service employees. Furlough notices were scheduled to be delivered to DeCA employees between May 28 and June 5.

DeCA has 247 commissaries with more than 16,000 employees operating in 13 countries and two U.S. territories. Furloughs will impact all of DeCA's more than 14,000 U.S. civilian employees.

"We know that any disruption in commissary operations will impact our patrons," said Joseph H. Jeu, DeCA's director and CEO.

"Also, we understand the tremendous burden this places on our employees, who, when furloughed, will lose 20 percent of their pay.

"We determined that Monday closures would present the least pain for our patrons, employees and industry partners."

As sequestration continues, commissary customers can quickly find out about any changes to their local store's operating schedule by going to www.commissaries.com, clicking on the "Locations" tab, then "Alphabetical Listing," finding their store and clicking on "local store information."

Patrons are reminded that because sequestration is so fluid, DeCA's plan for this budget-cutting measure is subject to change.

DeCA decided on Monday closures after weighing the potential disruption to patrons and suppliers of having rolling furloughs, where closure dates would differ from store to store. Universal Monday closures are less disruptive to shop-

pers and the agency's industry partners – vendors, suppliers and distributors – who deliver products daily to DeCA's commissaries.

Store staffs overseas include a mix of U.S. and local national employees. Because they are not U.S. government employees, local national employees are not subject to this furlough action. Select locations overseas will open if they have an adequate local national staff. However, if an overseas store is closed for furloughs, its local national staff will report to work and perform other store-related duties.

In January, DOD released guidance to allow defense components to plan for potential budget cuts by reducing operating costs. In line with that direction, DeCA later executed the following budget-cutting measures:

- A hiring freeze on all outside hires.
- Curtailment of official travel for all conferences, training and any other events and activities consid-

ered noncritical to the agency's mission.

- Cancellation of the agency's May Worldwide Case Lot Sales for all commissaries. Instead, stores are conducting smaller-scale events such as outdoor sidewalk sales.

- Curtailment of all overtime and compensatory time unless deemed mission-critical.

- Review of contract services to restrict any increases.

- Curtailment of all monetary awards unless legally required.

- Postponement of all National Guard and Reserve on-site sales scheduled after July 8 until further notice.

"We are in this together," Jeu said, "and though limited in our ability by circumstances we cannot control, I assure you we will do all we can to mitigate the impact of sequestration on our patrons, employees and industry partners, and on our mission."

For more information, visit www.commissaries.com and www.facebook.com/YourCommissary.



Diverse Views

"June 16 is Father's Day. What qualities should a good father have?"

Master-at-Arms 3rd Class Morgan Wolfe
Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam

"The qualities a good father should have are patience, good morals, doesn't drink excessively, non-abusive, adventurous, nice and spiritual."



Airman 1st Class Matteo Piruzza
15th Operations Support Squadron

"I would say dependability. I always looked up to my dad, and I could always depend on him to come through when I needed him."



Gas Turbine Systems (Mechanical) Fireman Sandra Gonzalez
USS Chung Hoon (DDG 93)

"I think a good father should always make time for their kids, even though there may be barriers. My parents got a divorce, but he doesn't let that get in the way of spending time with me and that's important."



Senior Master Sgt. Eric Dugger
15th Wing

"Patience. As military members, we get in the habit of wanting everything now since we're always in ops tempo. You have to allow your family to be themselves."



Electrician's Mate Fireman Cassandra Chenard
USS Chung Hoon (DDG 93)

"A good father should always be there for his kids no matter what and should have a strong firm hand on his children. Take disciplinary action towards them, but still be caring."



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President Hoover visits USS Arizona

This photo shows the USS Arizona (BB-39) underway with President Herbert Hoover on aboard, March 1931. The Presidential Flag is flying from its mainmast peak. June 14 is Flag Day.

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USS La Jolla holds change of command ceremony

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Cmdr. Kevin Roach relieved Cmdr. Jeff Bernard as commanding officer of Los Angeles-class submarine USS La Jolla (SSN 701) during a change of command ceremony held June 6 at the submarine at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam.

Capt. James Childs, the ceremony's guest speaker and commander of Submarine Squadron One, praised Bernard for his exceptional performance while in command of La Jolla.

"Congratulations on a great tour and in meeting every mission and ensuring your ship was ready to take the fight to the enemy every day," said Childs.

Bernard said he is proud of having had the opportunity to



Cmdr. Jeff Bernard is piped ashore June 6 after being relieved by Cmdr. Kevin Roach as commanding officer of the Los Angeles-class attack submarine USS La Jolla (SSN 701) at a change of command ceremony at the submarine piers at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam.

command La Jolla and working with a fantastic team of Sailors.

"To the Sailors of La Jolla: I say thank you very much for your hard work and dedication on a day-to-day basis. Your ability to persevere through each and every unexpected change of plans or tasking is phenomenal and can never really be appreciated by those who have never been to sea," said Bernard.

During the ceremony, Bernard received the Meritorious Service Medal for his performance as the commanding officer of La Jolla from February 2010 to June 2013.

Bernard's next duty station will be the Joint Chiefs of Staff at the Pentagon.

As Roach assumed command of La Jolla, he thanked Bernard for turning over a great ship and an even greater crew.

"To the warriors and families of La Jolla ... I feel especially honored and humbled to take

command on this day, the 69th anniversary of the invasion of Normandy. As we embark on our journey of preparing for and conducting our deployment, we will face many challenges. I am confident that we will make great things happen," said Roach.

Roach paraphrased Gen. Eisenhower in his address in the Battle of Normandy.

"I have full confidence in your courage, devotion to duty, and skill in battle – for fortune favors the brave," said Roach.

USS La Jolla is named for La Jolla, Calif., and is the first warship named after the township. Commissioned on Oct. 24, 1981, La Jolla is the 14th ship of the Los Angeles-class nuclear attack submarines. The submarine is 360 feet long, displaces 6,900 tons, and can be armed with sophisticated Mark-48 ADCAP anti-submarine torpedoes and Tomahawk cruise missiles.

Servicemembers participate in combat casualty training

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Sailors and Marines gathered to participate in Tactical Combat Casualty Care (TCCC) training at various military installations on Oahu May 29-31.

TCCC is intensive hands-on training designed to train military medics who are preparing to deploy in support of combat operations.

"The purpose of this class is to build on the basics of combat medicine," said Hospital Corpsman 2nd Class Justin Pollock, class facilitator for TCCC and facilities leading petty officer of Naval Health Clinic Hawaii. "We're preparing Marine Corps officers, Navy medical officers and Navy corpsmen to forward-deploy as Individual Augmentees (IA) or with Marine Corps units to provide effective combat medicine."

According to the Military

Health System, the TCCC program was designed to customize the principles of good trauma care for successful use on the battlefield.

"It's a three-day course. The first two days are more didactic in-class learning," said Hospital Corpsman 1st Class Trevor Wallace, a TCCC instructor. "The third day we bring it up to a field exercise where it's more intense. We get some real-life battle sounds and get everybody on their toes."

Students of TCCC not only learn combat medicine, but also practice tactical movements and how to stay calm during stressful situations.

"I've had the distinct pleasure of being a casualty, so I know that these skills are really important," said Pollock. "When these corpsman are out with their units they are the medical officer, they're the Independent Duty Corpsman (IDC), they're the super hero."

The culmination of the training happens on the third day where students take a written test and then participate in a real-life



Hospital Corpsman 1st Class Trevor Wallace, right, gives instruction to Hospitalman Edward Garlock during Tactical Combat Casualty Care (TCCC) training at Schofield Barracks. (See additional photos on page A-5)

functional exercise that involves a more intense training environment to put their skills to the test.

"We are forward and we are aggressive with our students, we want to pull them out of their comfort zone," said Wallace. "No matter what we do out here, it's never going to be the same as it is downrange, so the little bit that we can do, we like to make as realistic as possible."

Students of TCCC leave the training with the ability to treat a casualty, prevent additional casualties and complete the mission they have been assigned.

"What we learn in school is nothing like this. This is a totally different world," said Lt. j.g. Megan Yetter, a TCCC student and physician's assistant at the Makalapa Clinic on Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam. "Even though you think you know medicine, this is a different type of medicine. You have got to be quick and you have got to know what to do in stressful situations and know how to keep yourself calm, because if you're calm your team around you will be calm."

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Pearl Harbor-Hickam *Highlights*

Destroyer Squadron 31 and the Surface Navy Association hosted a barbecue June 7 at Tea House Lanai for more than 70 midshipman from the U.S. Naval Academy and NROTC units from around the country. Rear Adm. Frank Ponds, commander, Navy Region Hawaii and Naval Surface Group Middle Pacific (left) addressed the group and discussed the challenges and opportunities ahead of them in their Navy careers and how things have changed since he entered the Navy. Commander Destroyer Squadron 31 staff, midshipmen and their coordinators and leadership from Afloat Training Group Middle Pacific also participated. Representatives from USS Chafee (DDG 90), Hopper (DDG 70), O'Kane (DDG 77), Michael Murphy (DDG 112), Reuben James (FFG 57) and Halsey (DDG 97) took part in networking, career discussions and "talking story." Midshipmen are also deployed on Pearl Harbor-based ships USS Chosin (CG 65), Chung-Hoon (DDG 93) and Paul Hamilton (DDG 60). Phase one of Pacific Training for Midshipment ends June 24. Phases two and three continue through the summer with training complete in mid-August.

U.S. Navy photo by Lt. j.g. Chase Gentilhomme



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Battleship USS Arizona (BB-39) survivor Lauren Bruner observes a moment of silence in the shrine room of the USS Arizona Memorial, a marble wall with the names of 1,177 Sailors and Marines who perished during the attack of Dec. 7, 1941. Bruner was assigned to one of USS Arizona's anti-aircraft gun batteries on the ship's port side during the attack and was one of the last survivors to evacuate before the ship sank to the bottom of Pearl Harbor.

(Right) Capt. Jeffrey James, left, commander of Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, joins Arizona survivor Lauren Bruner, Bill Wickwire and National Park Service Historian Daniel Martinez in a floral tribute over the site of USS Arizona (BB 39).

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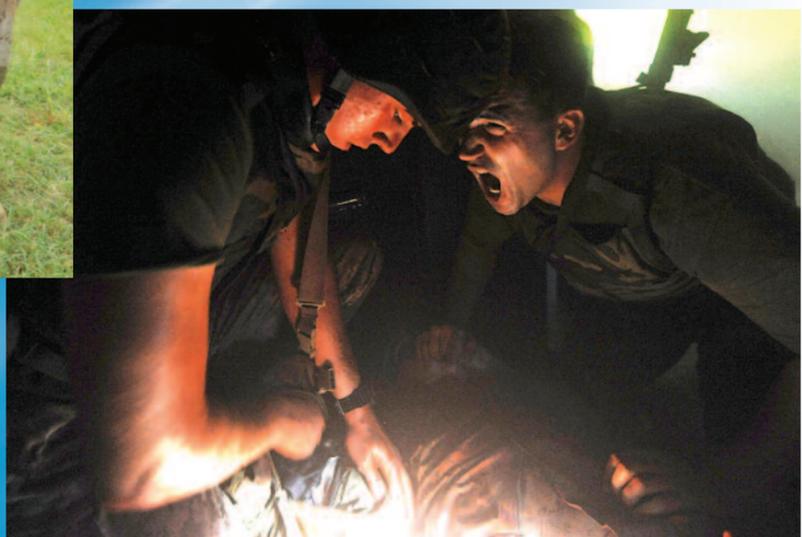
(Right and below) Sailors from various naval health commands around Hawaii participate in Tactical Combat Casualty Care (TCCC) training.

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(Right) Hospital Corpsman 3rd Class Adam Stangle, right, gives instruction to a student during Tactical Combat Casualty Care (TCCC) training.

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Career waypoints replaces Perform to Serve

MC1 Dave Hites

USS Harry S. Truman (CVN 75)

ATLANTIC OCEAN (NNS) -- The Nimitz-class aircraft carrier USS Harry S. Truman (CVN 75) initiated the Career Waypoints Program, replacing the Perform to Serve (PTS) process and other associated programs June 3.

The new system differs from the previous PTS as Sailors are guided toward a more decisive action instead of having to make a last-minute decision to reenlist, convert rates or join the selected Reserve.

"This program only starts to affect Sailors with [end of active obligated service (EAOS)] of July 2014 and later," said Chief Navy Career Counselor J.D. Jenkins.

Sailors whose EAOS falls before then will be under the old PTS system.

There are three phases to the program beginning 13 months from the expiration of a Sailor's soft EAOS. The first phase, consisting of two reviews, allows Sailors to reenlist in-rate, convert rates, or transition to selected Reserves.

The second phase, also four



U.S. Navy photo by MC3 Sean Furey

Sailors stationed aboard the Pearl Harbor-based guided-missile frigate USS Crommelin (FFG 37) handle lines as they return to Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam from the final underway before Crommelin's decommissioning.

reviews, gives Sailors a choice to convert or transition. The third and final phase, only three reviews, will only give Sailors the opportunity to transition.

Under the old PTS system, a Sailor could elect to keep trying for approval in-rate up through the final review. If approval was denied, the other options to con-

vert or transition were no longer available and they would be forced to separate.

"After those first four months, you already know you're going to have to make a decision as far as what other kind of job you're going to want or whether or not you're going to stay active duty or selective Reserve," said Jenkins. "It's cut and dried, black and white. It's a stricter system than it was before."

According to Navy officials, 100 percent of eligible, command-approved Sailors who are in undermanned or balanced skillsets will receive approval to reenlist on their first application and within 30 days. All command-approved first class petty officers will also be approved on their first review.

The new program will be accompanied by information technology (IT) changes giving Sailors and commands immediate confirmation upon submittal.

"Sailors can actually log on and check their own applications in Career Waypoints," said Jenkins.

Once the IT software is available at the end of 2013, Sailors can verify their requests and check their status.

"I've always been a proponent of empowerment for the Sailor," said Jenkins. "There's no question or confusion."

Another benefit is alignment with orders negotiation, giving Sailors more opportunity to choose orders they want.

"The way they did the timeline, it coincides with (Career Management System Interactive Detailing) CMS-ID, so now you can negotiate for orders instead of being deep in your negotiating window," said Jenkins. "You'll be approved prior to your window."

Before any Sailors enter their window, they need to inform either their divisional, departmental or command career counselor of their career intentions so they can accurately predict the number of billets that can be filled with the number of Sailors who want in-rate approval.

"We've got a lot of folks who are on the fence," said Jenkins. "But the sooner they make that decision, the better and easier it is for them, the better it is for their application to go in."

For more information on Career Waypoints and how these changes will affect you, see your career counselor.

Pacific Partnership departs Samoa, first mission port

MC3 Samantha Webb

Pacific Partnership Public Affairs

APIA, Samoa (NNS) -- The amphibious dock landing ship USS Pearl Harbor (LSD 52) departed Samoa, the first mission port on Pacific Partnership 2013, June 10.

Mission personnel consisting of U.S. service members, partner nation service members and non-governmental organizations conducted various projects throughout Samoa over seven days, including multiple community service projects totaling more than 1,600 man-hours.

"For the people in pain we could see that we were helping them," said Royal Australian Air Force Leading Aircraft Woman Kymberley Monck, a dental assistant who conducted exams and tooth extractions throughout the week.

Monck said the patients she saw couldn't always communicate because of language barriers, but they seemed to be appreciative.

U.S. Navy Hospital



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Pacific Partnership 2013 Sailors, partner nation service members and non-governmental organization volunteers row a Samoan long boat during a friendly race as part of a cultural exchange in Samoa.

Corpsman 3rd Class Harred Ang, who specializes in pediatric care, manned the rails as USS Pearl Harbor pulled

out of port. He spent the week providing care at a health clinic on the island of Savai'i, serving close to 250

children. "I'm really going to miss Samoa," said Ang. "I feel a bond with the local people."

U.S. Navy Capt. Wallace Lovely, Pacific Partnership 2013 mission commander, called the week-long efforts

in Samoa "a resounding success" during the June 8 closing ceremony.

In Samoa, Pacific Partnership medical and dental professionals triaged 2,633 patients, veterinary staff evaluated 430 animals and divers surveyed more than 500 underwater acres.

Throughout the week, dozens of subject matter expert exchanges were conducted between Pacific Partnership personnel and local Samoans for the purpose of sharing knowledge.

Pacific Partnership builds relationships with host countries and partner nations to improve maritime security, conduct humanitarian assistance and strengthen disaster preparedness with practiced and tested procedures. Partner nations this year include Australia, Canada, Colombia, France, Japan, Malaysia, New Zealand, Singapore and South Korea working at the invitation of host nation countries.

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USS Texas crew receives donation from namesake state

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Commander Submarine
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The crew of the Virginia-class attack submarine USS Texas (SSN 775) received a saddle as a donation from the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo during a ceremony May 20 at the USS Parche Submarine Memorial Park.

"This is something the crew will see every day that will remind them of the support they get from the community," said Cmdr. Andrew Hertel, commanding officer of USS Texas.

Hertel said the donation is a visible sign of support for the submarine from an organization with many ties to the military.



The crew of the Virginia-class attack submarine USS Texas (SSN 775) receives a saddle from the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo at USS Parche Memorial Park on May 20. The saddle donated by the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo show of support and appreciation for USS Texas and her crew.

Hertel believes donations such as this saddle reminds the Sailors of how much they are appreciated. "It's one thing to hear it, it's another to see it," said Hertel.

Hertel said this is the beginning of a long relationship between the submarine and the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo. Hertel met the organization through the USS Texas Commissioning Committee. He wants to see the saddle stay with the submarine for the next 30 years.

Currently, the submarine has 30 crew members from the state of Texas. Along with the saddle, the submarine also has eight-foot-long horn as well as tables in the crew's mess that are decorated to represent Texas heritage and

various other artwork that shows off Texas pride.

According to Hertel, the saddle is a fully functional and was handcrafted from thousands of man hours of work, consistent with the hard work of the crew members on the submarine.

For Machinist's Mate 3rd Class Brendan Abernathy from Plano, Texas, the saddle reminds him that his home state continues to care. "It makes me feel great that we have a lot of appreciation and support from organizations from my home state," said Abernathy.

Commissioned Sept. 9, 2006, Texas was the second Virginia-class attack submarine constructed and the first submarine to be named after the Lone Star State.

USS Bowfin Submarine Museum gives back to community

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MC2 Steven Khor

Commander Submarine Force
U.S. Pacific Fleet Public Affairs
Office

Sailors, families and friends recently gathered at the USS Bowfin Submarine Museum and Park for the annual awarding of the park's scholarships to eight recipients of the Pearl Harbor submarine community.

The ceremony was held in honor of the 3,505 Sailors and 52 submarines lost in World War II. The scholarships are awarded by the Pacific Fleet Submarine Memorial Association in conjunction with the Pearl Harbor Submarine Officer's Spouses' Association.

"We are trying to help submariners and their families go back to school," said Jerry Hofwolt, executive director of the USS Bowfin Submarine Museum and Park and retired Navy captain.

The recipients for the 2013-2014 scholarships were Jessie Ines,

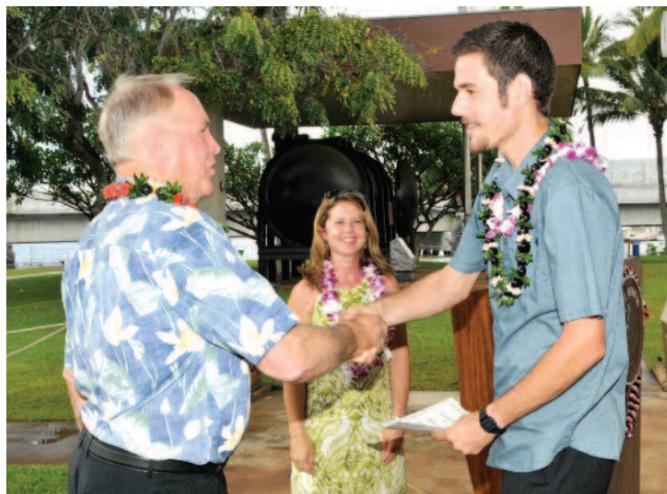
Leilani Gutierrez, Ashley Sara Waters-Otwell, Richard Goodwin III, Caroline Harris, Deanna Gradwell, Michael Howard and Nicole Sager.

Hofwolt believes part of the reason that the Bowfin Submarine Museum and Park exists is to support the community at large, and these scholarships play an important role in furthering people's education.

The scholarship program has operated for 28 years and is open to active duty submariners assigned to the Pearl Harbor area and all family members of those in the submarine community, whether active duty, retired or deceased.

Hofwolt believes the program is beneficial and said it has raised enough money to keep the scholarships going for a very long time. The program has given \$25,000 to \$30,000 a year. Since its inception, he said, they have given more than \$617,000 to people in the submarine *ohana* or family to help fund their educational expenses.

To be able to receive a scholar-



Michael Howard (right) a recipient of the Richard R. Decoster Scholarship, shakes hands with Jerry Hofwolt, executive director of the USS Bowfin Submarine Memorial and Park, as Sarah Santala, chairperson of the Pearl Harbor Officer's Spouses Association, looks on.

ship, applicants must reside in Hawaii and attend an accredited college, university or vocational school and have a good academic record. Potential recipients will be

interviewed by a scholarship selection committee.

High school graduate Jessie Ines, daughter of a retired submariner, has won the program's

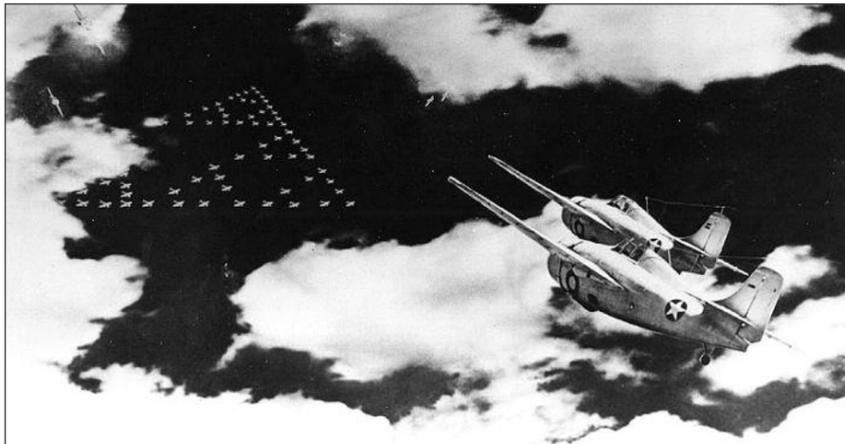
highest scholarship, the Adm. Bernard Chick Clarey Scholarship. She will attend Texas A&M University this fall.

"I feel very honored to receive this scholarship. I'm following in my dad's footsteps because he is a retired submariner. I plan on using this [scholarship] to go to college and make my family proud," Ines said.

Hofwolt said along with scholarships, the Bowfin Museum has an educational outreach program that offers presentations on the history and science of submarines to schools and educational groups, as well as a component piece as part of an engineering curriculum.

"It's a validation to know that what submariners are doing is important," said Hofwolt. "We see this as steps to success. The people in the submarine force recognize what I'm doing and want to see me succeed."

For more information on the scholarship, contact the USS Bowfin Submarine Museum and Park at info@bowfin.org.



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Diorama by Norman Bel Geddes, depicting the lead elements of Marine Fighting Squadron 221 (VMF-221) intercepting the Japanese air strike formation headed toward Midway on the morning of June 4, 1942. Planes in the foreground are F4F-3 "Wildcat" fighters.

Commentary

Station Hypo: A hidden legacy

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Just months before the infamous attack on Pearl Harbor, in the summer of 1941 a small collection of intelligence analysts, linguists and code-breakers would set up the newly renamed Combat Intelligence Unit in the nondescript basement of building 1, the administrative headquarters of the 14th Naval District.

The unit was also known by the code name Station Hypo. Hypo was charged with the collection and analysis of Japanese radio signals by which the United States hoped to keep a wary eye on the expansionist designs of the Japanese Empire.

The basement, affectionately known as the "dungeon," was described as a large windowless space crammed with tables full of boxes containing cards and printouts from tabulating machines that would continually spit out messages intercepted from the various receiving stations around the Pacific. There was one entrance in and out guarded at all times by an armed Marine.

Hypo was led by a brilliant officer named Cmdr. Joseph Rochefort who worked tirelessly with his small staff to keep abreast of Japanese

intentions. However, in 1941 the American code-breakers were still unable to read the Japanese operational code known as JN-25 and instead were forced to rely on diplomatic traffic, the inconclusive observation of ship movements and routine radio correspondence. As a result, the United States was caught by surprise when Japan launched their raid on the morning of Dec. 7, 1941. But Hypo's finest hour was yet to come.

By March of 1942 the JN-25 code had been broken and Rochefort and his staff were determined to keep close tabs on Japan's military forces and stay one step ahead of the enemy's intentions. From the "dungeon" it was determined that the Japanese would launch an invasion of an undisclosed location known only as "AF."

Rochefort reasoned that "AF" was Midway Island and that the Japanese would attempt an invasion around June 4. Many in Washington remained convinced that Japan's next move would be toward the Aleutians, leaving Adm. Chester W. Nimitz with the difficult decision of determining how to best use his limited forces.

Once again the answer came from the basement of building 1 when a brilliant scheme was devised to expose the enemy. A message was sent out across the

undersea cable instructing U.S. forces on Midway to send a false radio message in the clear stating that Midway's fresh water system had malfunctioned.

The Japanese took the bait and soon Hypo intercepted a Japanese message stating that "AF" was having trouble with its fresh water system. Soon Nimitz gave the order to send his available carriers north of Midway to intercept the Japanese strike force and a decisive battle was won, as much by the intelligent exploitation of perceived Japanese intentions as it was by the pilots and crew who sunk four of Japan's fleet carriers.

In April 1943 the Combat Intelligence Unit would move out of its cramped facilities at building 1 and move into a new home at Makalapa near the Pacific Fleet headquarters. The "dungeon" would lie vacant, serve as storage spaces or administrative offices for the next several decades until its legacy was rediscovered in the last few years. There are now two entrances into the space and a plaque hangs outside each stairway to mark the important events that happened in the darkest days of America's struggle against Imperial Japan.

Editor's note: For more information about the Battle of Midway, see the June 7, 2013, issue of Ho'okele.

Japanese sailors observe VBSS training

Story and photo by
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Sailors from the Japan Maritime Self Defense Force (JMSDF) visited the Center for Security Forces (CENSECFOR) Detachment Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam recently, to see firsthand the tactics involved in Non-Compliant Boarding - Visit, Board, Search and Seizure (NCB-VBSS) training.

Sailors from JMSDF ships JS Atago (DDG-177), JS Hyuga (DDH-181), and JS Shimokita (LST-4002) received an orientation tour from Lt. Cmdr. Donovan Rivera, CENSECFOR Detachment Pearl Harbor officer in charge, and Chief Fire Controlman Kenneth Ryan, NCB-VBSS Course Supervisor.

NCB-VBSS emerged after the initial 1990-91 Gulf War as a measure to support continued maritime interception operations imposed by United Nations (UN) resolutions.

NCB-VBSS training encompasses skills such as tactical team movements, self-defense tactics, boarding tactics, climbing and rappelling techniques, and more. In addition to Hawaii, this challenging high-risk training is also available at locations in California, Florida and Virginia.

Initially, JMSDF sailors received an introduction to NCB-VBSS where Ryan explained the mission and the scope of duties involved with maritime interception operations. During the introduction, the group witnessed a live demonstration of NCB-VBSS tactics given by a team of



Gunner's Mate 1st Class Nicholas Bokan, instructor for the Center for Security Forces Detachment at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, gives an overview on simunition training weapons for visiting sailors from the Japan Maritime Self-Defense Force.

CENSECFOR instructors. Among the demonstrations was the ladder climb, tactical communications and verbiage, tactical team movements, room clearing procedures, and detainee handling procedures.

The tour proceeded to a lab where Navy personnel learn defensive tactics to control subjects and use close-quarters combat techniques taught by instructors.

"The defensive tactics we teach are not intended to make Sailors martial arts experts, [but rather] they are intended to give them the confidence in their own ability to take control of a violent situation and neutralize a threat without resorting to deadly force," said Wolff while describing the training to the visiting Sailors.

Gunner's Mate 1st Class Nicholas Bokan and Sonar Technician 1st Class George Kohn, both NCB-VBSS instructors, explained the different types of gear and weapons used by boarding teams.

Kohn described the flotation vests worn by VBSS members and the simunition weapons used in training. Simunition is a dyed detergent-filled

round that simulates live fire ammunition designed to be fired through military training weapons. It allows students to the opportunity to conduct "force on force training" in a controlled, safe, and effective training environment.

"Familiarization with the gear we use is vitally important to our team members," said Bokan.

Following a brief facilities tour of the historic Hangar 54 on Ford Island, Rivera spoke to the visiting group emphasizing the importance of training and cooperation.

"This is the third consecutive year we have had the privilege of hosting our allies from Japan and we look forward to more opportunities in the future of providing this training," said Rivera.

Detachment Pearl Harbor is a component within the Center for Security Forces domain. The Center provides specialized training to more than 28,000 students each year and has 14 training locations across the U.S. and around the world.