

Furloughs reduced to 6 days for DoD civilians

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Savings and the ability to reprogram funds made possible the announcement Aug. 6 by Defense Secretary Chuck Hagel that unpaid furlough days for about 650,000 civilian employees are being reduced.

Hagel signed a memo cutting furlough days for about 650,000 Defense Department civilian employees from 11 to six. This means that for most employees, the furlough will be over Aug. 17.

Effective immediately, furloughs are over for all DOD Education Activity personnel on 10-month contracts—mostly teachers and support personnel working in the activity's school system—so the 2013 school year will not be affected, officials said.

In a message announcing the reduction, Hagel said that since he announced the 11-day furlough in May, “Congress has approved



Defense Secretary Chuck Hagel addresses more than 200 service members and Department of Defense civilians May 30 inside aircraft hangar 19 at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam.

most of a large reprogramming request that we submitted, ... giving us the flexibility to move funds across accounts. The military services have been aggressive in identifying ways to hold down costs, and we have been successful in shifting savings ... to meet our highest priority needs.”

When Hagel reluctantly decided to impose furloughs in May, the department faced an \$11 billion shortfall. The department already had imposed a hiring freeze, cut facility maintenance and laid off temporary employees before making the furlough decision.

The cuts severely affected readiness accounts, with Navy ships not sailing, Air Force squadrons not flying, and Army and Marine Corps units not training. Readiness of these units was so endangered that leaders determined that furloughs were the best way to find the last \$2 billion in savings needed.

“But even as [Hagel]

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Senior enlisted adviser to Joint Chiefs of Staff meets Hawaii troops



U.S. Navy photo by MC1(SW/AW) Danny Hayes

U.S. Pacific Command Master Chief Mark Rudes and Marine Corps Sgt. Maj. Bryan Battaglia, senior enlisted advisor to the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, record a message to service members following a recent visit to the Pacific region. During their visit, the two senior enlisted leaders spoke with troops about topics ranging from military forces rotating out through the area to leadership ideas for all levels of enlisted service members.



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Marine Corps Sgt. Maj. Bryan Battaglia, senior enlisted advisor (CEAC) to the chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, met with Sailors, Soldiers and Airmen during a town hall meeting at the Hickam Theater on Aug 6. During the event, Battaglia discussed the importance of the profession of arms and maintaining resiliency. The SEAC also shared his priorities and his expectations for service members in the Pacific Armed Forces region.

CPO selectees prepare for deckplate leadership



U.S. Navy photos by MC3 Diana Quinlan

Photo Illustration

Charlie the goat, representing the CPO organization.

Chief petty officer (CPO) selectees assigned to various commands at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam stand in formation by the Pearl Harbor Memorial Fountain next to the Commander, Navy Region Hawaii headquarters along with Charlie the goat, representing the CPO organization.

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Sawyer replaces Caldwell as SUBPAC commander

Story and photos by MC2 Steven Khor

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

The hand of leadership was passed on as Rear Adm. James F. Caldwell Jr. turned over duties as commander, Submarine Force, U.S. Pacific Fleet (COMSUBPAC) and Commander Task Force 134 to Rear Adm. Phillip G. Sawyer in a ceremony Aug. 7 at the submarine piers at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam.

Caldwell assumed command in December 2010 and ran the daily business of 60 percent of the U.S. Submarine Force. This included oversight of the Pacific portion of the nation's ballistic missile submarine force, on behalf of U.S. Strategic Command, and the oversight and execution of manning, training and properly equipping the integrated undersea surveillance system community.

"It's been an honor to be a part of this force for over 30 years. I am humbled to have commanded such a force. God bless the Pacific submarine force," said Caldwell.

During his command, Caldwell deployed 25 fast-attack submarines, two Navy Trident submarines, 34 ballistic missile submarines and 22 surveillance towed-array sensor system crews in support of national defense initiatives.

A visionary, Caldwell's forward-thinking and communication skills provided COMSUBPAC's undersea



U.S. Navy photos by MC2 Steven Khor
Rear Adm. Frank Caldwell Jr., (right), is relieved by Rear Adm. Phillip Sawyer as commander, Submarine Force, U.S. Pacific Fleet.

forces with a vision for maintaining dominance of the undersea domain while guiding the professional and personal development of submarine force personnel.

He was instrumental in sweeping changes to anti-submarine warfare (ASW) operations in the Pacific Fleet, including implementing a new concept of operations for theater ASW with forward-deployed submarines.

Caldwell led the submarine enterprise in research and development efforts with several units conducting one-of-a-kind missions that yielded extraordinary intelligence gathering unachievable with any

other platform. In addition, he was central to the development of the design for undersea warfare and its initial update which has generated submarine force-wide alignment.

In quality of life, Caldwell helped lead the effort to end smoking on submarines and planned and coordinated the incorporation of women in submarine crews, resulting in the success of these personnel initiatives. His leadership laid the groundwork for the future expansion of opportunities, including women on fast-attack submarines and female enlisted submarine Sailors.

Caldwell will be promoted to vice admiral and assigned

as the Navy's next inspector general.

Guest speakers Gen. C. Robert "Bob" Kehler, U.S. Air Force, commander of U.S. Strategic Command, and Adm. Cecil D. Haney, commander of U.S. Pacific Fleet.

"Frank, you have done a remarkable job. Thank you for everything you have done," said Kehler.

Kehler said that because of Caldwell, the country is safer and more secure.

Haney also commended Caldwell for his outstanding job while in command.

"Thank you, Frank, for your leadership, especially for the submarine force," said Haney.

Caldwell received the Distinguished Service Medal for his superior and loyal service.

Sawyer will be promoted to rear admiral (upper half) and most recently served as Commander, Submarine Group Seven in Yokosuka, Japan.

As Sawyer assumed command, he expressed how happy he is to be at COMSUBPAC.

"Our duty will be to continue delivering forces ready to execute. I am honored and humbled to be your new commander," said Sawyer.

The Pacific submarine force provides anti-submarine warfare, anti-surface ship warfare, precision land strike, intelligence, surveillance, reconnaissance and early warning and special warfare capabilities to U.S. Pacific Command and strategic deterrence capabilities to U.S. Strategic Command.



Rear Adm. Frank Caldwell Jr. is piped ashore after being relieved by Rear Adm. Phillip Sawyer as commander, Submarine Force, U.S. Pacific Fleet.

USS Jacksonville holds change of command ceremony

Story and photos by MC2 Steven Khor

Commander Submarine Force U.S. Pacific Fleet Public Affairs

Cmdr. Richard Seif, commanding officer of the Los Angeles-class attack submarine USS Jacksonville (SSN 699), was relieved by Cmdr. Matthew Boland at a change of command ceremony held Aug. 2 at the submarine piers, Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam.

The ceremony's guest speaker of commander submarine Squadron 1, Capt. James Childs praised Seif for his exceptional performance while in command of Jacksonville.

"Rick, congratulations on an exceptional job! We asked you to do one of the toughest things possible, especially in the wake of another long, challenging tour, and you responded to that call with tremendous energy, with unmatched professionalism, and with genuine respect for, and dedication to, the crew of Jacksonville," said Childs.

Seif said he is proud he



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had the opportunity to be in command of Jacksonville and working with a fantas-

tic team of Sailors. Seif said he was amazed by their resilience, energy and fight-

ing spirit, and the crew always exceeded his expectations no matter how big

the challenge.

"I've had the privilege to serve with the absolute

finest men in the country-Sailors who understand what the word sacrifice means, but gladly and proudly serve their nation. It has truly been an honor to serve with you and command this warship, and I'm grateful to all of you," said Seif.

During the ceremony, Seif received the Meritorious Service Medal for his performance as the commanding officer of Jacksonville from February to August 2013.

As Boland assumed command of Jacksonville, he thanked Seif for turning over a great command and an even greater crew.

"It is an honor and privilege to serve as your new commanding officer. I'm proud to be a part of the team and I'm ready to lead 'The Bold One,'" said Boland.

Commissioned in May 1981, Jacksonville is named for Jacksonville, Fla. Nicknamed "The Bold One," it is a Los Angeles-class nuclear attack submarine that is 360-feet long and displaces 6,900 tons. It can be fitted with Mk-48 torpedoes and harpoon missiles.

GI Jane/Joe Adventure added to Joint Spouses' Conference

Joint Spouses' Conference

The Joint Spouses' Conference (JSC) 2013: Operation Hooah! has added three new GI Jane/Joe Adventures classes to its list of workshops.

The JSC, an annual conference for Hawaii military spouses, will take place Oct. 5 at Schofield Barracks and includes more than 30 different workshops, a keynote speaker, networking opportunities and an information expo.

The newly added GI Jane Adventure classes will include an opportunity to experience a humvee driving simulator, a military firearms simulator, and an outdoor, hands-on problem-solving course that will test the participant's ability to lead and make decisions as a

member of a team.

Participants will use military vehicles and weapon systems in a hands-on and digitally simulated environment, the same systems U.S. service members used in preparation for deployments to Iraq and Afghanistan.

"It's a rare opportunity for civilians to see, touch, hear and feel what it's like to be a U.S. service member. The GI Jane/Joe Adventure classes are about as authentic a military experience as you can find without actually joining the military," said Sheila Johnson, JSC director.

The JSC is a non-profit organization whose purpose is to conduct educational and informational workshops for spouses of active duty, National Guard and retirees from armed services, as well as spouses of

international military officers assigned to a U.S. military unit.

The conference is designed to enrich, enlighten and empower attendees in their roles as spouses, parents, professionals and community leaders.

Participating in this annual event is a way for up to 400 spouses from all services to network while sharing their experiences in paradise and military life.

Those interested in the event can register online beginning at 7 p.m. Aug. 12. Attendees must be pre-registered to attend the conference, and spots are expected to fill up quickly.

For more information, go to the web page at <http://www.jschawaii.com/index.html> or the Joint Spouses' Conference 2013 Facebook page.

Hollywood comes to Hickam



U.S. Air Force photo by Tech. Sgt. Jerome S. Tayborn
Movie extras jump from the ramp of a C-17 Globemaster III near hangar 19 at Joint Base Pearl Harbor Hickam-Hawaii on July 1. The jump will be used in a scene for a major motion picture which is scheduled to premiere in 2014.

CPO selectees: Celebration and heritage touchstone

Rear Adm. Rick Williams

Commander, Navy Region Hawaii and Naval Surface Group Middle Pacific



Rear Adm. Rick Williams

Former Ohio State football coach Woody Hayes said, "You'll find out that nothing that comes easy is worth a dime. As a matter of fact, I never saw a football player make a tackle with a smile on his face. Never." The same may apply for our Sailors.

The results of this year's chief petty officer selection board are a testament that hard work, tenacity and the strive for success pay off.

More than 277 active duty ashore and afloat first class petty officers in Hawaii were selected, having successfully tackled the challenges faced in becoming a deckplate leader and

now they can smile. Congratulations to all our selectees, their families and the mentors who helped them get here.

A goal to strive for

Despite busy schedules, we cannot allow ourselves to become consumed in the daily routine and lose the opportunity to recognize this celebration – a heritage touchstone Navy-wide.

Sailors will become acutely aware of Navy life, tradition and career milestones through this process as they "tune in" to the announcements, congratulatory moments and celebratory events, culminating in the pinning of our new chiefs.

This is a crucial time as indelible impressions will be made on junior Sailors, enabling the chance to influence and inspire their future decisions.

This period of transition should not be viewed as only an important piece of Navy heritage; it is a rite of passage. It is our obligation to make this a priority and meaningful event. The next few weeks should be a reminder to all of the importance of the Navy and the "Goat Locker."

This is the time when Sailors have decided to

make the Navy a career and that the life of a warrior is their true passion. Now is the moment when our Sailors turn into leaders, when it is no longer what they want from the Navy but what the Navy needs from them.

The good news is that our chiefs and selectees crave this challenge; it defines them. It is a calling that emanates from both inside and out. There is no longer a transactional relationship of having job security, benefits packages or duty station assignments but a transformational need to hear this calling from both within themselves and from the brotherhood and sisterhood of what it means to be a Navy chief.

Adm. William "Bull" Halsey spoke to a journalist about the importance of

chief petty officers to the development of his own career and the careers of all Sailors.

"You see those battleships sitting there, and you think they float on the water, don't you? You are wrong," Halsey said. "They are carried to sea on the backs of those chief petty officers!"

Tackling setbacks

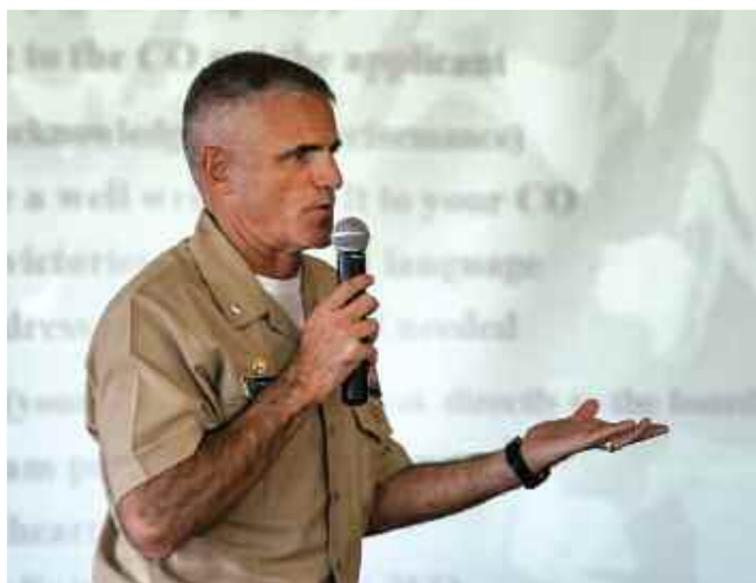
In recent years the road to chief petty officer has been increasingly difficult, and the journey ahead will continue to be challenging due to reduced resources Navy-wide.

Those selected will have emerged wiser and stronger from their pursuits and sacrifices along this tough road. Their achievements will give all those who serve more security in our ability to prevail.

The process is not perfect and does not always seem fair. Nothing in life is truly fair. However, this process does afford Sailors with opportunities, as it is not a one-shot deal. It is my deepest desire that these selectees are not alone in this experience.

For those Sailors not selected, may this teach you things never learned by not passing a test. A strong will and enhanced discipline offer valuable lessons for individuals and the Navy. Sailors are challenged with discovering themselves as they are tested with the next milestones of opportunity. Experience is a painful victory and makes achieving the goal more precious. As you continue on your journey, remember "nothing that comes easy is worth a dime."

Sailors learn at Mustang Round-up



U.S. Navy photo by MC3 Diana Quinlan
Cmdr. Tony Taranto, flag secretary/administration limited duty officer at Commander U.S. Pacific Fleet, addresses Sailors during a Mustang Round-Up Limited Duty Officer (LDO)/Chief Warrant Officer (CWO) Recruiting Drive. The event was organized by the Navy Mustang Association Hawaii Chapter at the Officers's Club, Marine Corps Base Hawaii. Sailors received an education on eligibility and prerequisites for the LDO/SWO program, mentoring, application process and board procedures as well as personal testimonials from the officers who used the program.

Diverse Views



If you could be a super-hero, what super-power would you choose?

Darci Miyasaki
Navy Region Hawaii



"My super power would be to be strong and be able to fly, so I don't have to buy airline tickets anymore. I can just pick up my bags and go."

Staff Sgt. Troy Griffin
Air Force Band of the Pacific



"I think I would like to have super strength. I would always get 100 on my physical fitness assessment and have the ability to save countless lives."

Fire Controlman 3rd Class Joseph Perkins
USS Paul Hamilton (DDG 60)
1 Fleet Sailor



"I would choose to control the electromagnetic spectrum, because all would be possible."

Denise Mattos
Transportation Management Office



"I would love the ability to teleport. I get anxious when I fly anywhere, so having this ability means I could go pretty much anywhere I wanted, and I would save a ton on travel costs."

Lt. Julie Holcomb
Navy Region Hawaii



"To be able to teleport wherever I want and whenever I want to, so I could be with my loved ones."

Senior Airman Brian Plank
Air Force Band of the Pacific



"I would like the ability to walk through solid objects, mainly because I have a horrible tendency of running into things."

MC1 Cynthia Clark
Defense Media Activity Hawaii



"I would want the superhuman thirst for knowledge. I love science and knowing random facts no one else knows. It would mainly be for me and my friends, but I would also probably use it to win Jeopardy."

(Provided by SrA Christopher Stoltz and MC2 Nardel Gervacio)

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'Waiting in the wings' at Hickam



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Lockheed P-38 Lightning aircraft are shown here after being cleaned at the Hawaiian Air Depot, Hickam Field in August 1944. Their engines and wings had not yet been installed.

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Exercise Reserve Black improves Navy's theater ASW capabilities

Commander Task Force 34 Public Affairs

This summer 68 Navy Reservists joined with Commander, Theater Anti-Submarine Warfare (ASW) Forces, Third Fleet (CTF-34) at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, to conduct

a pair of self-contained synthetic training events designed to improve the Navy's theater ASW capabilities.

"ASW is a perishable skill at the tactical and operational levels. It requires constant preparation and training," said

Cmdr. Scot Some, operations officer for the Naval Mine & Anti-Submarine Warfare Command's reserve detachment. "When the federal sequester led to cuts in the Navy's exercise schedule, we had to look for creative ways to maintain ASW pro-

iciency."

In a typical year, CTF-34 conducts about one ASW exercise per month, allowing theater ASW watchstanders to coordinate with ships and aircraft at sea. These exercises are a key part of the qualification process.

Junior personnel qualify as plotters and data-base managers. Senior petty officers and chiefs become watch supervisors. Officers strive to earn qualifications as theater ASW watch officers and battle watch captains.

Looking for a way to maintain ASW proficiency without real world assets, CTF-34 turned to synthetic training or war-gaming, a concept pioneered by the Naval War College in the 1880s. The CTF-34 staff developed a robust scenario, turning its conference room into a control center for the exercise scenario.

To enhance realism and to maximize training effectiveness, the Submarine Force Reserve Component augmented the CTF-34 staff with more than 40 qualified theater ASW watchstanders and about two dozen Sailors pursuing qualifications.

One of those watch-

standers, Information Systems Technician 1st Class Mari Lynn Raptis from San Diego, a qualified watch supervisor, said her interest in submarines, surface ships and airplanes makes theater ASW a natural fit. In the past three years she has supported six different ASW exercises. This one is rather unique.

"Although a synthetic exercise is not as exciting as one with real assets, I volunteered to support Reserve Black because I feel it is important to develop the next generation of theater ASW warriors," she said.

Reserve support is an essential element at each of the Navy's four theater ASW commands, but Raptis and others said that CTF-34 is particularly effective at employing integrated watchteams. According to Electronics Technician 1st Class Jose Camberos, whose civilian job is at the Pearl Harbor Naval Shipyard, CTF-34 makes Reservists feel like part of the team.

"It is great to be able to support exercises each year because we are able to learn new and more effective ways of doing things each time. For example, we are using a new data-base man-

agement system that is more capable and user friendly. But having experience on the previous system makes it much easier to learn the new one," said Camberos.

Cmdr. Adam Hunt, CTF-34's deputy chief of staff, said that his command couldn't support extended ASW operations without Reserve support.

"These exercises serve to close a critical gap in our annual training and qualification program, and the response has been very positive," Hunt said.

"Our active staff and reserve support teams worked very well together to provide quality classroom and practical training, culminating in a realistic scenario for the trainees that ran continuously for 96 hours. On the watch-floor, it very closely resembled a live training exercise in all respects."

CTF-34, Rear Adm. Frank Caldwell, is responsible for the tactical command and control of assigned ASW assets during operations and exercises in the U.S. 3rd area of operations.

For more information, visit the website <http://www.csp.navy.mil/CTF-34/index.shtml>.



U.S. Navy photo by MC2 Steven Khor

Staff members from Commander Task Force 34 use a chart to develop an operational scheme of maneuvering the enemy forces in order to test the reactions from the task force's watch floor personnel during the synthetic theater anti-submarine warfare (ASW) exercise Operation Reserve Black.

DESRON 31, USS Chafee host Royal Thai Navy for ship tour

Story and photo by Ensign Samantha Neirby

USS Chafee (DDG 90) Public Affairs

Destroyer Squadron 31 and USS Chafee (DDG 90) recently hosted Rear Adm. Pichet Tanaset of Naval Intelligence Department, Royal Thai Navy (RTN), and some of his staff for a luncheon and ship tour. This was the first time the RTN has toured the Chafee during their visits to Pearl Harbor.

The tour of the ship began on the bridge, where the admiral and his staff looked out onto Pearl Harbor, taking in the beauty that is home to Chafee and her sister ships.

Tanaset said he was eager to hear how the ship navigates the seas by radar and electronic charts.

The RTN also learned about the hierarchy of watchstanders and how the officer of the deck on the bridge coordinates with the tactical action officer (TAO) in the combat information

center (CIC) to ensure Chafee's success in missions and exercises.

The next stop on the diplomatic tour was in the CIC. CIC is the heart of operations and home to the TAO and warfare leads.

Ensign Temi Jones, the combat information center officer (CICO), instructed the visitors on Chafee's CIC watchstanders. In CIC, Chafee can operate weapon systems for both attack and defense.

Additionally, watchstanders use all of Chafee's sensors to detect and track various contacts including surface, sub-surface and air contacts. Warfare leads, such as electronic warfare leads, use their equipment to help identify friendly advisories and hostile forces.

Air warfare leads work with fixed wing aircraft for air defense in coordination with the surface warfare lead that controls helicopters to engage hostile forces with torpedoes, missiles and/or guns.

The last stop on the tour was in the central control station. Chief Warrant Officer Allen Pulido, the ship's main



Chief Warrant Officer Allen Pulido (right) explains Chafee's novel use of biofuels during RIMPAC 2012 to Rear Adm. Pichet Tanaset and his staff from the Royal Thai Navy.

propulsion assistant, provided insight on Chafee's gas turbine propulsion and controllable pitch propellers.

The Royal Thai delegation

and the Chafee's commanding officer also discussed the use of biofuels and other energy-saving technologies being experimented with on U.S.

Navy ships.

"It was a great honor to host our friends from the Royal Thai Navy, and we look forward to future events that

will strengthen the ties between our two nations," said Cmdr. Anthony C. Littmann, commanding officer of Chafee.

NIOD Kaneohe Bay Sailors make positive impact on local community

CT11 Melanie Johnson

Navy Information Operations Detachment

In addition to their training and deployment schedule, Sailors assigned to Navy Information Operations Detachment (NIOD) Kaneohe Bay have been working as a team to help the local community.

The command has supported a weekly shift at Honolulu International Airport USO, hosted dinners at the Ronald

McDonald House, and most recently worked with the island's AccessSurf event, supporting the Wounded Warrior Program.

The detachment has been supporting the local USO for almost two years now, with a dedicated four-hour period every Saturday. Sailors volunteer time to assist active-duty and retired service members while they travel to and from the Honolulu airport.

They provide a conduit for new arrivals who need

to reach their parent command and a comfortable lounge for those waiting on flights, ensuring it is clean, with food and beverages available free of charge.

NIOD Kaneohe Bay Sailors hosted two dinners for the Ronald McDonald House, providing meals for nearly 40 people on two separate occasions. "I really enjoyed hosting a dinner for the Ronald McDonald House. These families have enough to worry about, and it was a great feeling knowing that we are giving them

one less thing to worry about that day," said Cryptologic Technician Technical 1st Class Robert Elliott.

Recently, seven NIOD Kaneohe Bay Sailors supported AccessSurf, which is a local non-profit organization that empowers people with disabilities by providing them access to the beach and ocean in a barrier-free environment.

The organization provides adapted ocean activities including surfing, snorkeling, swimming and

floating.

Sailors were able to spend the day with AccessSurf, while it supported the Wounded Warrior Program. One of the volunteers, Chief Cryptologic Technician Interpretive Ralph Bass said, "I can't describe this event as anything other than awe-inspiring. From helping amazing people to the location, every aspect of this event was breathtaking and a true reward."

Hannah Walker, a recreational therapist at Naval

Health Clinic Hawaii and a long time volunteer with AccessSurf, said she could not believe the turnout of volunteers at the event that day.

"For many of our participants, this is the only time they are able to get in the ocean. We would not be able to provide these life-changing experiences without our volunteers. The Sailors we have had volunteer have made significant differences in our participants' lives and for that we thank you," Walker said.

Pearl Harbor-Hickam *Highlights*



Capt. Wallace Lovely, Pacific Partnership 2013 mission commander, and Royal New Zealand Navy Capt. Tony Millar, Pacific Partnership 2013 deputy mission commander, greet media before an interview on the bridge of the Royal New Zealand Navy multirole vessel HMNZS Canterbury (L421). Working at the invitation of each host nation, U.S. Navy forces are joined by non-governmental organizations and regional partners that include Australia, Canada, Colombia, France, Japan, Malaysia, Singapore, South Korea, and New Zealand to improve maritime security, conduct humanitarian assistance and strengthen disaster-response preparedness.

U.S. Navy photo by MC2 Carlos M. Vazquez II



The guided-missile destroyer USS Halsey (DDG 97) performs maneuvers off the coast of Oahu, Hawaii.

U.S. Navy photo by MCSN Johans Chavarro



USS Chung-Hoon (DDG 93) discharges a 5-inch cannon during a live fire exercise.

U.S. Navy photo by FC2 (SW) Nicholas Harman.



A camera crew from a major motion picture prepares to film a scene aboard a C-17 Globemaster III at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam on July 1. Production of the scenes involved 365 service members and Department of Defense civilians.

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

Capt. Wallace Lovely, Pacific Partnership 2013 mission commander, salutes prior to laying a wreath during a commemoration of the 71st anniversary of the Battle of Guadalcanal. Working at the invitation of each host nation, U.S. Navy forces are joined by non-governmental organizations (NGOs) and regional partners that include Australia, Canada, Colombia, France, Japan, Malaysia, Singapore, South Korea and New Zealand to improve maritime security, conduct humanitarian assistance and strengthen disaster-response preparedness.

U.S. Navy photo by MCC Chris Fowler



Pacific Partnership brings donations to Solomon Islands women's council

MC3 Samantha J. Webb

Pacific Partnership 2013
Public Affairs

GIZO, Solomon Islands (NNS) — Pacific Partnership 2013 Sailors and nongovernmental organization volunteers delivered Project Handclasp donations to the Solomon Islands Western Province Council of Women during a community service event Aug. 3.

The local group, which helps women in their communities through economic and educational empowerment, received hygiene items, school supplies and clothing to help the women and children of two smaller islands near Gizo.

Project Handclasp is a worldwide outreach program that accepts and transports educational, humanitarian and goodwill materials donated by America's private sector on a space-available basis aboard Navy ships.

Religious Programs Specialist 1st Class Alex Vinluan helped organize the event and said he was excited to meet the women's council.

"It's an opportunity for them to know that in many parts of the world women play a big role in society, not just men," said Vinluan.

U.S. Navy Lt. Bruce Hansen, a civil affairs officer who facilitated the donation, gave a brief overview of the Pacific Partnership 2013 mission. He asked each Sailor to introduce himself or herself to the women's council, putting special emphasis on the fact that many women and men perform the same duties and jobs in the U.S. Navy.

Randy Solomon, president of the Western Province Council of Women, said she was grateful that her organization was chosen to receive the donations as well as meet the people of Pacific Partnership. She also noted that the women of Solomon Islands do not have as much equal opportuni-



(Above) U.S. Navy Capt. Wallace Lovely, Pacific Partnership 2013 mission commander, dances with a teacher at Abaunamou Primary School during a donation ceremony July 23 in Tarawa, Kiribati. U.S. Navy photo by MC2 Laurie Dexter

(Right) Royal New Zealand Navy Cmdr. David Turner (right), commanding officer of the Royal New Zealand Navy multi-role vessel HMNZS Canterbury (L421), greets Capt. Wallace Lovely, Pacific Partnership 2013 mission commander, as he arrives aboard. U.S. Navy photo by MC2 Carlos M. Vazquez

ty as the women who introduced themselves at the event.

"We are so grateful to be recognized," said Solomon. "I know that the communities will really appreciate this."

Pacific Partnership 2013 is a collaborative effort of military members and civilians from 10 partner nations including Australia, Canada, Colombia, France, Japan, Malaysia,

Singapore, South Korea, New Zealand and the United States that improves maritime security through disaster preparedness.

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Service members help community at Convoy of Hope event

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Service members at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam came together to help the community on July 27 for Convoy of Hope's free events at Aloha Stadium and Kapolei Fairgrounds. Convoy of Hope is a movement of churches, local businesses, health care providers, government organizations and others working together to tangi-

bly meet needs of the local populace.

About 350 military volunteers and their families passed out groceries and backpacks to those in need.

"Backpacks were just one part of the community relation outreach at both the Aloha Stadium and Kapolei sites," said Chaplain Lt. James Ragain, Pearl Harbor Memorial Chapel. "Kids were given a backpack and were able to fill it with paper, crayons, pencils, pens, notebooks and

folders. Volunteers were able to distribute 1,735 backpacks."

In addition to the backpacks, 12,000 bags of groceries were distributed. Other services provided at the Convoy of Hope events included more than 600 free haircuts given and about 750 free family portraits taken.

Ragain considers these sorts of events an important part of what he does at Pearl Harbor Memorial Chapel.

"When I learned that I had orders to a chapel at a joint base, I envisioned the chapel communities coming together in service to reach the local Oahu community, and Convoy of Hope was the perfect venue for that," he said.

"Not only did the chapel communities have an opportunity to come together, but we did so partnering with leaders in the local community—leaders who may know more about the tangible needs of the com-

munity than we might.

Convoy of Hope offered us a wonderful opportunity to support a local community that does a wonderful job supporting our military," Ragain said.

While Convoy of Hope clearly benefitted those who received goods and services, Ragain believes volunteers also benefitted from the experience.

"In addition to the great connections that were made this year with leaders and local people in

need, serving also impacts us," he said.

"I am sure that every service member that packed groceries, helped set up, trekked around the island to raise awareness to the event, served on Saturday, or help tear down were blessed because of that service. We will definitely be involved in this again next year," he added.

To learn more about Hawaii Convoy of Hope, visit <http://hawaii.convoyoutreach.org/>.



Photo courtesy of Pearl Harbor Memorial.

About 350 military volunteers and their families passed out 12,000 bags of groceries to those in need as part of Convoy of Hope's July 27 event.

Alfred Thayer Mahan texts to 21st century readers

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It's hard to remember a world before cell phone technology, before the Internet, before globaliza-

tion. It's even harder to imagine what the world will be like a generation from now.

One thinker who imagined the future more than a century ago was Alfred Thayer Mahan, known as one of the world's greatest

geostrategists, a formal naval officer, historian and biographer who influenced the way nations conceived of national defense on the world's oceans.

The Naval Institute Press offers a new book edited by Lt. Cmdr. Benjamin F. Armstrong presenting Mahan's views on seapower in a globalized world: "21st Century Mahan: Sound Military Conclusions for the Modern Era." Collected from some of Mahan's published work in periodicals, the writing is more accessible than Mahan's deeper and more comprehensive texts.

With a deft hand, Armstrong puts the writing in context for today while acknowledging Mahan's place-in-time viewpoints.

Mahan (1840-1914) was rooted in the Industrial Revolution. He fought for Lincoln in the Civil War, participating in the attack on Port Royal, South Carolina. He was born 64 years after the birth of the United States in 1776, and he died during World War I, 101 years ago this year.

Armstrong shows us that despite some of Mahan's old world views and contorted

writing style, he remains relevant for what he says strategically about seapower in a globalized world — something Mahan saw developing as steam power and telegraph technology created "an articulated whole," or what Friedman would call "flattening" of the world.

In the second chapter of "21st Century Mahan," "Globalization and the Fleet," Mahan writes about China, Japan, Russia, Germany, Great Britain and the United States.

"It seems demonstrable, therefore, that as commerce is the engrossing and predominant interest of the world today, so, in consequence of its acquired expansion, oversea political acquisition and maritime commercial routes are now the primary objects of external policy among nations. The instrument for the maintenance of policy directed upon these objects is the Navy of the several States..."

Mahan might have contemplated a future maritime strategy and a goal of cooperation and interoperability. What would he think of a Rim of the Pacific

(RIMPAC) exercise that included Japan and China?

Along with the strategic treasure trove, Mahan offers tactical advice to future generations. Other chapters in "21st Century Mahan" discuss management, administration, training, leadership and the nature of command.

It's worth picking up this book just for the leadership advice and insights Mahan offers to naval officers. Interestingly, he values a study of the humanities — English, history, tactics and foreign language — over strict engineering classwork that can "promote caution unduly." In Mahan's view, judgment is preferable to calculation; trust and confidence is better than formulaic cookie-cutter thinking.

He saw reading as an antidote to Sailors getting into trouble.

"It seems evident, on the one hand that the long periods of comparative idleness in port or even at sea, which are now too often the parents of discontent; which lead to desertion, gambling, quarrelling (sic), rum drinking, might be made less tedious if the seaman

had acquired a taste for reading books connected with his profession, with the countries he visits, or any other healthful and interesting subjects ... As they will be much in foreign lands, lead them to such knowledge that they will no longer find the grog shop and the low dance house the most interesting features in a great city."

Mahan undoubtedly couldn't imagine Kindles, iPads, smart phones or social media. He would be amazed (and impressed) by Global Positioning System satellites, Aegis systems, littoral combat ships, nuclear powered submarines, unmanned aerial vehicles and the concept of cyber warfare.

The world has transformed from the industrial age to the information age, where ideas, symbols and words themselves can be weapons. Mahan did, however, see the value of an educated and aware naval force able, ready and equipped to operate forward.

(Doughty writes for <http://navyreads.blogspot.com> on weekends and holidays.)



Alfred Thayer Mahan looked toward the future in 1894.

Photo courtesy of Naval History and Heritage Command and posted at Navy Reads blog.

Furloughs to end Aug. 17

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made the announcement, the secretary said he would try to reduce the number of days without endangering training and maintenance," a senior defense official, speaking on background, told reporters after the memo was issued.

The savings and reprogramming allowed the department to accomplish two goals, he said. First, there were "modest improvements" in training. The Air Force has been able to return squadrons to fly-

ing, and the Army has been able to fund organizational training. Second, the department was able to reduce furlough days.

"While this is positive news for the department and for our valued civilian workers ... we're still facing some major challenges," the senior official said. "Military readiness is degraded heading into 2014. We still need several months and substantial funding to recover. And yet, 2014 is a year that will fea-

ture great uncertainty ... and it may feature some additional austerity."

The budget for fiscal year 2014 is up in the air.

"Secretary Hagel wants to assure our civilian employees that he will do everything possible to avoid imposing furloughs again next year," the official said.

In his memo, Hagel thanked the civilian workforce "for their patience and continued dedication to our mission during these extraordinarily tough times and for their continued service and devotion to our department and our country."

Aupaka Pedestrian Gate opened for school

Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam (JBPHH) security opened the Aupaka Pedestrian Gate beginning Aug. 5. The hours are 7 to 8:30 a.m. and 2 to 3:30 p.m. on Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays and 7 to 8:30 a.m. and 1 to 3:30 p.m. on Wednesdays. The gate is open on

that schedule throughout the school year. Drivers are reminded to be especially cautious in the vicinity of schools and crosswalks. In addition, JBPHH expects a high volume of traffic during the first few weeks of school, so drivers are encouraged to adjust their departure time accordingly.

