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## Combined unit inspection begins at joint base



With bags packed and eyes focused, deployers from the Hawaii National Guard's 154th Wing and active duty Air Force's 15th Wing arrive at the mobility line for an exercise deployment during a combined unit inspection Nov. 3 at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam. The inspection is the final step in more than 18 months of preparation and exercises by the two wings.

Air National Guard photo by Tech. Sgt. Andrew Jackson



## BNS Somudra Joy visits Pearl Harbor

The Bangladesh navy ship (BNS) Somudra Joy (F 28) arrives Nov. 7 at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam for a scheduled port visit. From 1972 to 2012, the ship was known as the U.S. Coast Guard Hamilton-class high endurance Cutter USCGC Jarvis (WHEC 725). Department of Defense CAC cardholders and sponsored guests are welcome to tour the ship at Bravo Pier 26 today from 9 to 11 a.m. Guests should be 8 years old or older and wear appropriate attire (pants and flat, covered shoes are recommended).

U.S. Navy photo by MCSN Johans Chavarro

## PMRF Sailors participate in Veterans Day event

Story and photo by MC2 Mathew Diendorf

Pacific Missile Range Facility

More than 30 Sailors assigned to the Pacific Missile Range Facility (PMRF) at Barking Sands, Kauai marched in the annual Veterans Day Parade in Kapa'a on Nov. 2.

"It feels good to see this many people out supporting our veterans," said Chief Hospital Corpsman James Oglesby, an Afghanistan war veteran and an active duty Sailor assigned to PMRF. "It's an honor to have PMRF participate in the parade each year."

PMRF's color guard unit led the parade, consisting of more than 60 marching units, floats, bands and military vehicles. The parade route started at the Kapa'a small boat harbor and finished at Kapa'a Beach Park. Spectators lined the streets to cheer on the participants, which



Sailors assigned to the Pacific Missile Range Facility participate in the Kauai Veterans Parade in Kapa'a.

included representatives of the Navy, Air Force, Army, Marines, Coast Guard and National Guard.

The theme for this year's parade was "Honoring the Men and Women Who Have Served and Are Serving the Hawaii Air National Guard and the Hawaii Army National Guard." The grand marshal was Richard Kashiwabara, one of Kauai's own who had served in both of these organizations.

The reviewing officer was Maj. Gen. Darryll Wong, the adjutant general for the state of Hawaii's National Guard. He said the United States has close to 380,000 National Guard members serving around the world.

Capt. Bruce Hay, PMRF commanding officer, will be the guest speaker at a Veterans Day ceremony, beginning at 11 a.m. Nov. 11 at Hanapepe Veterans Cemetery. Bernard Carvalho, Kauai mayor, will also provide remarks.

(See additional photo on page A-5)

## Veterans Day commemoration events planned for Nov. 11

Events planned to commemorate Veterans Day include:

- Nov. 11, 10 a.m., Wahiawa Veterans Day Parade will take place at California Avenue in Wahiawa.
- Nov. 11, 11 a.m., submarine veterans tribute at JBPHH Submarine and Parche Memorial. Sixty cadets from Radford High School NJROTC will participate. The guest speaker will be Rear Adm. Phillip Sawyer, commander Submarine Force, U.S. Pacific Fleet.
- Nov. 11, 1 p.m., Governor's Veterans Day Ceremony will take place at Hawaii State Veterans Cemetery in Kaneohe.
- Nov. 11, 4:30 p.m., Battleship Missouri Memorial ceremony. The ceremony will pay tribute to the bravery, sacrifice and legacy of America's Nisei (second-generation U.S.-born Japanese-American citizens) Soldiers of World War II.

The keynote speaker will be Adm. Harry B. Harris, Jr., commander, U.S. Pacific Fleet. Other speakers will include retired Vice Adm. Robert Kihune, chair of the USS Missouri Memorial Association and Ted Tsukiyama of the Military Intelligence Service, World War II.



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# USS City of Corpus Christi departs for western Pacific deployment

Story and photo by  
MC2 Steven Khor

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

Families and friends gathered on the submarine piers at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam as the Los Angeles-class, fast-attack submarine USS City of Corpus Christi (SSN 705) departed Nov. 4 for a deployment to the western Pacific region.

Cmdr. Christopher Buziak, commanding officer of USS City of Corpus Christi, said that the submarine is ready and the crew is excited to get underway and have the opportunity to operate in support of national objectives.

"The crew is really looking forward to seeing for themselves what deployment is about versus listening to their friend's sea stories," said Buziak.

Buziak, of Korean her-



Chief Electronics Technician Matthew Tuckett of the Los Angeles-class submarine USS City of Corpus Christi (SSN 705) plays with his daughter Isabella at a luncheon for the crew prior to the submarine's departure Nov. 4 from Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam for a western Pacific deployment. (See additional photo on page A-5).

itage, said that his submarine has the most diverse wardroom he has ever served with in his 20 years

of service. With two department heads, three junior officers and a chief of the boat all of diverse ethnicity,

Buziak feels the diverse culture brings unique problem-solving approaches and perspectives.

"Many of my leadership team actually spent a lot of time living abroad, and I think that sometimes brings a synergy of different viewpoints together to come up with potentially non-traditional solutions to problems," said Buziak.

"Our team here on City of Corpus Christi is a great example to people of diverse background that will succeed in the submarine force and find alignment with many of the values that they grew up with," he said.

The commander feels that as an ambassador of the United States and the Navy, it is important to show the allies how the United States is culturally sensitive to our partner's traditions and values. "My Sailors are a great combat team, and the diversity only adds to it since it helps symbolize the freedoms and opportunities that we are fighting for and representing," said Buziak.

"The submarine force embodies many of the same

values that most immigrant cultures possess: hard work, dedication, education and self-improvement."

Buziak said the goal is to improve the crew's day-to-day excellence. Throughout the deployment, the crew will stress the highest standards of operational readiness.

Of the 135 Sailors who will deploy, approximately 80 percent will be on their first deployment. For Fire Control Technician Seaman Joshua Zayac, a first deployment brings much enthusiasm and excitement.

"I'm excited to get out there and gain some once-in-a-lifetime experiences and see the world," said Zayac.

City of Corpus Christi is the second ship to be named after the Texas city and is capable of conducting anti-surface and anti-submarine operations along with guided missile strike operations using conventional Tomahawk land attack missiles.

## Joint base celebrates Native American Heritage Month on Nov. 13

Joint Base Pearl  
Harbor-Hickam Public  
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Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam will hold an American Indian and Alaska Native Heritage Month celebration with the Honolulu Powwow Association from 11 a.m. to noon Nov. 13 at Bloch Arena.

According to the office of the Chief of Naval Operations, American Indian and Alaska Native Heritage Month is observed during November. This month celebrates the cultures, histories and traditions of the indigenous peoples of the United States. This year's theme is "Guiding Our Destiny with Heritage and Traditions."

Recognized annually, Native American Heritage Month first began with the establishment of American Indian Day by the governor of New York in May of 1916.

Several additional states enacted celebrations during the fourth Friday in September, but the celebration did not gain official national recognition until President George H. W. Bush approved a joint resolution designating November 1990 as "National American Indian Heritage Month."

Similar proclamations under different names, including "Native American Heritage Month," and "National American Indian and Alaska Native Heritage Month," have been issued each year since 1994.

According to the office of the Chief of Naval Operations, today more than 12,000 Sailors and 1,500 civilians of Native American and Alaska Native heritage serve in the Navy. The country's population is composed of nearly 5.2 million American Indians and Alaska Natives, or 1.7 percent of the

nation's population.

Despite the fact that American Indians did not become citizens until 1924, their legacy of military service dates back to the American Revolutionary War when George Washington began enlisting them for his fledgling Army, Navy and Marines.

Since then, they have contributed their fighting spirit and warrior ethos to help U.S. military forces defend America's national interests. Both past and present, these members have made contributions to the Navy's legacy.

Adm. Joseph James Clark, the first Native American graduate of the Naval Academy and a veteran of both world wars, served at sea on several cruisers and destroyers before designating as a naval aviator in 1925.

Additionally, in the 20th century, three Sailors of American Indian heritage received the

Medal of Honor, the United States' highest military honor, including Boatswain's Mate 1st Class James E. Williams.

Williams, a Cherokee from South Carolina and one of the Navy's most highly decorated veterans, was awarded the Medal of Honor for actions while serving as boat captain and patrols officer aboard a river patrol boat during the Vietnam War.

In 2004, the United States Navy honored him by naming one of the guided missile destroyers after him, USS James E. Williams (DDG 95). Native American Sailors began serving on continental and state vessels during the War of Independence and have continued their proud service during every armed conflict since then, contributing to the lasting traditions and heritage of both the nation and the Navy.

Commands are strongly encouraged to support American Indian

and Alaska Native Heritage Month by increasing their knowledge of the American Indian and Alaska Native cultures and contributions through programs, exhibits, publications, and participation in military and community events.

A showcase of American Indians and Alaska Natives in naval history is available on the Naval History and Heritage Command website at <http://ow.ly/qBqtg>.

A presentation on the contributions of Native Americans in the military is available on the Defense Equal Opportunity Management Institute website at <http://ow.ly/qBq9o>.

More information on national commemorations is available on the Library of Congress website at <http://ow.ly/qBqhk>.

For more information on the Nov. 13 event at Bloch Arena, contact CSC (SW) Jason Barclay at 473-1195 or email [Jason.barclay@navy.mil](mailto:Jason.barclay@navy.mil).

Commentary

# Remember the value of your service in safeguarding freedom

**Gen. Herbert "Hawk" Carlisle**

Commander, Pacific Air Forces



Gen. Herbert "Hawk" Carlisle

To the men and women of Pacific Air Forces and to our veterans from all services, please accept my very sincere "thank you." You have answered our nation's call, and I'm humbled by your service. This Monday marks the 95th anniversary of the signing of the armistice which brought an end to World War I. That was the first year we commemorated what would become

Veterans Day. On this day, we take a break from our routines to honor the sacrifices our veterans have made in service to our nation.

Here in the Pacific, a little more than 68 years ago, World War II ended with Japan's formal surrender to Allied powers aboard the USS Missouri, which now rests in Pearl Harbor. That surrender came four years after the tragic attack on American soil here in Hawaii and after four long years of sacrifice from our service men and women. When President Franklin D. Roosevelt requested a decla-

ration of war, he said, "We are now in the midst of a war, not for conquest, not for vengeance, but for a world in which this nation and all that this nation represents will be safe for our children."

That conflict ended, but others emerged. Regardless of how or where U.S. service members step up to defend our country, the goal has always been the same - a better, safer world for our children. Generation after generation has witnessed brave American men and women lay down their lives in service to their nation.

Veterans Day presents an

opportunity to pay tribute to service members, past and present, while honoring the significance of their selfless service to our great nation. The heroes, whose shoulders we stand on, served as we do, as a part of something bigger than all of us in order to keep our people safe and our nation free.

Every generation has faced difficult challenges, and our generation is no exception. This Veterans Day, I ask that we reflect upon the importance of what we do. Every one of us—military and civilian; active duty, Reserve and Guard;

Soldier, Sailor, Marine, Airman and Coast Guardsman; each and every one of us plays a vital part in safeguarding our way of life.

I am honored to serve alongside our amazing PACAF resilient Airmen. We are part of a proud legacy of U.S. service members who stand together in the world's greatest fighting force and provide unmatched airpower capabilities throughout the vast Asia-Pacific region.

Our PACAF team, 46,000 Airmen strong, represents the values that make our service and our nation proud. Thank you for all you do.

Commentary

# Strong bond, shared history: Marine Corps-Navy team

**Rear Adm. Rick Williams**

Commander, Navy Region Hawaii and Naval Surface Group Middle Pacific

during the Second World War. We visit some of the same landmarks visited by Lt. Gen. Lewis B. "Chesty" Puller, a Marine's Marine, who led by example, championed combat readiness, and always supported his warfighters.

This Sunday, Nov. 10, we commemorate the 238th birthday of the United States

Marine Corps. The Marine Corps Birthday is our opportunity to reflect on the synergy and power of our Navy and Marine Corps team since 1775.

As Sailors, we salute all Marines, past and present, with whom we've had the privilege to serve.

I served as executive assistant to Marine Gen. James Mattis, then-commander of U.S. Central Command. Military Times called Gen. Mattis "the most revered Marine in a generation."

Like Lt. Gen. "Chesty" Puller, Gen. Mattis was a no-nonsense leader who valued warfighting readiness and operating forward, and it was one of the highlights of my career to serve as his EA.

Marines and Sailors have been side-by-side since the Revolutionary War and the Barbary Wars.

Navy ships, subs, aircraft and Sailors transported and supported Marines in battle in the War of 1812, Civil War and in World Wars I and II and in many other wars and campaigns.

Navy corpsmen, logistics and other support elements were with the Marines in Korea, Vietnam, Iraq and Afghanistan.

Amphibious, from-the-sea warfare personifies our interlocked partnership, in which Marines provide tip-of-the-



Rear Adm. Rick Williams

some of the fiercest fighting in the war.

Here is what military historian and author James D. Hornfischer says in his book on Guadalcanal, "Neptune's Inferno":

"The Marine Corps would compose a rousing institutional anthem from the notion, partly true, that the Navy had abandoned them in the fight's critical early going. But the full story of the campaign turns the tale in another direction, seldom appreciated. Soon enough, the fleet threw itself fully into the breach, and by the end of it all, almost three sailors had died in battle at sea for every infantryman who fell ashore.

The Corps' debt to the Navy was never greater. The human toll was horrific. Ashore U.S. Marine and Army killed in action were 1,592 (out of 60,000 landed). The number of Americans killed at sea topped five thousand."

Our history together is forged in blood, honor and duty, and Guadalcanal is a good example of our shared commitment.

Here's what Col. Chilton Cates, commander of 1st Marines and a hero of Belleau Wood, said about Guadalcanal and America's fight in the Pacific:

"We're fighting for a just cause; there is no doubt about

that. It is for right and freedom. We have enjoyed the many advantages given us under our form of government and, with the help of God, we will guarantee that same liberty and freedom to our loved ones and the people of America for generations to come."

As we prepare for future operations with the Navy and Marines from Hawaii, we will continue to be ready to fight "for right and freedom" as part of a greater naval team. Opportunities in the combined-arms concept provide new options and enhance readiness in unique ways, especially as the Marines reset from more than a decade of combat operations in Iraq and Afghanistan. Marines will always be the go-to ready reaction force and an important part of rebalancing here in the heart of the Pacific.

On this Sunday's birthday of the United States Marine Corps, I hope you'll join with me to reflect on the strong bond of our Marine Corps-Navy team; of the honor, courage and commitment Marines and Sailors share; of the sacrifice made on distant shores and at sea to provide the freedom we enjoy today; and of the even stronger team we will have in days to come.

Happy birthday, Marines. Semper Parati!

**Navy Region Hawaii featured in CNIC 'Shoreline' this month**

Photos and stories showcasing Navy Region Hawaii are featured in CNIC's newsletter "Shoreline" in the November issue. To see the November "Shoreline" visit <http://ow.ly/qBuuj>.

**Diverse Views**

What does Veterans Day mean to you?

**Lt. Heath Kennedy JPAC**

"A remembrance of those who have gone before us, ensuring our own freedom and the security of the United States."

**Airman 1st Class Daniel Sanders 15th Medical Group**

"Veterans Day is important to me because it remembers those who have served before us. My family has a long history of serving, and it is important to remember them along with everyone else who has dedicated their time for our country."

**BM2 Ian Sarreal Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam**

"Veterans Day is a day for me to remember all the prior and present service members and all the good things they do. It's a day for all people in the United States performing military service."

**Airman 1st Class Ashley Barajas 15th Medical Group**

"Veterans Day means a lot to me because it's a day to honor our veterans, past and present. It's also nice to know that veterans are acknowledged."

**Sgt. 1st Class Isaik Mathiesen JPAC**

"In short, it means to me honoring our veterans and the people who have sacrificed to make our country what it is today."

**Airman 1st Class Diana Guy 15th Medical Group**

"November 11 is an important day to me because it represents the chance to appreciate the men and women who helped get us to where we are today. It's more than just military discounts and a free meal at a local establishment."

**FC3 James Haskin USS Chung-Hoon**

"Veterans Day means honoring those who came before us and celebrating fallen loved ones and lost heroes."

Provided by Lt. j.g. Eric Galassi and SrA Christopher Stoltz

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**Fifth Air Force attacks Imperial Japanese at Rabaul**

Photo courtesy of Pacific Air Forces

On Nov. 2, 1943, the Fifth Air Force attacked Imperial Japanese shipping and bases at Rabaul on New Guinea. These raids helped protect the U.S. invasion of Bougainville in the Solomons Islands to the east. Three B-25 groups escorted by 70 P-38s sank three Japanese destroyers, eight merchant ships and destroyed 80 enemy aircraft. During this action, Maj. Raymond Wilkins earned a posthumous Medal of Honor. Wilkins led his B-25 squadron in the attack and put his own aircraft in the position of greatest risk.

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# Sailors encouraged to speak out against sexual assault

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Since July 25, Navy.mil and Marines.mil began publishing the results of special and general courts-martial, including sexual assault cases, in an effort to increase the transparency of the department's criminal proceedings.

"Sailors need to be made aware that Sailors take care of Sailors," said Pacific Fleet Master Chief Marco Ramirez.

"We count on each other to save our ship, our shipmates and ourselves. Sailors who hurt other Sailors violate our core values, and there is no room in the U.S. Navy for those Sailors," Ramirez added.



Fleet wide Sexual Assault Prevention and Response (SAPR) program training teaches Sailors the effective ways they can report and prevent sexual assault incidents.

A recent technological development that Sailors can take advantage of to mitigate a potentially risky situation is to download and use a free smartphone application

called "Circle of 6."

This app, which was initially developed for college students to provide an extra line of defense from violence, sexual assault and otherwise potential unsafe or uncomfortable situations, allows users to quickly send a distress text message to six people assigned to their "circle of six" – a group of six friends who can be trusted during an emergency.

According to Ramirez, it is not okay to turn a blind eye to the problem of sexual assault. "As I get out to the fleet and see what is acceptable in our society, I see a thin line out there of what acceptable behavior is. The way men treat women is something we need to discuss. There are people out there who look for the drunk-est one. This behavior is not consistent with our core val-

ues and is what gets a lot of Sailors in trouble," he explained.

Cryptologic Technician (Collection) 3rd Class Anthony Mehring echoed Ramirez's sentiments about the prevention of sexual assault.

"There are a few things you can do to prevent an incident, which basically comes down to doing what's right when the circumstances arrive," Mehring said. "Using the buddy system and looking out for signs of someone being a predator toward one of your shipmates are effective ways to stop something from happening."

Lt. j.g. Kelly Agha, training officer and sexual assault prevention and response (SAPR) coordinator on the Pearl Harbor-based, guided-missile destroyer USS Halsey (DDG 97), talked about the

importance of looking out for shipmates.

"You've got to put others before yourself," said Agha. "If you see something happening ... it is your obligation to stand up for that Sailor."

The Navy takes the consequences of perpetrators quite seriously, stressing that sexual harassment and assault will not be tolerated.

"The bottom line: Once a report has been substantiated, the offending Sailor is caught and will be prosecuted, disciplined and separated from the U.S. Navy," Ramirez said. "On the opposite side, the victim seeks counseling and may be transferred from their command. This affects Sailors, commands and families."

The fleet-wide SAPR training teaches Sailors the effective ways they can report sexual assault incidents.

# Navy urges Sailors to thrive, not just survive, during holidays

MC2 Sean Furey

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Military suicide incidents have risen in recent years.

A medical surveillance monthly report (MSMR) by the Armed Forces Health Surveillance Center showed that more than 2,900 active duty troops, Guardsmen and Reservists committed suicide between the years of 1998 and 2011. This puts suicide deaths higher than U.S. military deaths in Afghanistan.

According to Department of Defense research, from 2005 to 2010, service members were committing suicide at the rate of one every 36 hours.

With statistics like this, it is important to understand the causes of the increase in suicides and how we can prevent them in the future.

Research done by Cynthia LeardMann, senior epidemiologist, Naval Health Research Center,

San Diego, indicates that combat experience or lengthy/frequent deployments are not associated with increased risk in suicide. Some factors found by this study to increase risk of suicide were alcohol, drug abuse and depression, with the majority of casualties being males.

Other factors that are shown to play a role in suicide have financial problems, relationship issues and prior mental health issues.

To combat this growing problem the Navy introduced the "NavyThrive" and "Thrive During the Holidays" programs that aim to encourage Sailors to utilize support networks when in a time of crisis and also help their shipmates in times of need.

The "Thrive During the Holidays" campaign, which will continue through early January 2014, aims to provide Sailors and their families with proactive resources to get ahead of holiday chaos while focusing on building resilience for the New Year.

"This year's focus on thriving is focused on identifying and miti-

gating stressors before they reach the point of crisis," said Lt. Cmdr. Kaarin Coe, suicide prevention coordinator, Navy Region Hawaii.

"Anything that promotes development of healthy coping skills is by default a suicide prevention program. Although it may not help in every situation, taking the time to learn new ways to manage stress can help offset the development of additional stressors," she explained.

Many people find it hard to come forward and talk to someone about suicide. Master-at-Arms 3rd Class Eriel Ferrera, who lost a friend to suicide, knows firsthand how this reluctance to share one's feelings can end up.

"It was strange. One day she was there hanging out, the next day she was gone," said Ferrera. "She had issues at home that she kept to herself, so it was hard to know that she was so depressed. I feel like if she had reached out, her death could have been prevented. Sailors who are thinking of suicide should seek help from their

friends, family and programs made available by the Navy as much as they can."

Removing the stigma of mental health issues in the military is an important role to furthering progress in suicide prevention.

"I believe the more you talk about difficult topics, the more you reduce the stigma attached. This has helped to increase the number of Sailors coming forward asking for help with different stressors and utilizing resources like Military Family Support Center (MFSC) classes, contacting Military One Source or talking with chaplains," said Coe.

"No one knows how to manage every situation, so sometimes a professional can help teach the skills needed to improve coping with that stressor. Reaching out for support is a sign of courage. I see more and more Sailors recognizing this and seeking support," she said.

Sailors can also call upon the Chaplain Corps or mental health professionals in a time of need.

"We want Sailors to know that

there are many options for them," said Navy Chaplain Lt. Rick Tiff, Pearl Harbor Memorial Chapel. "A chaplain can be reached at any time, day or night, through your quarterdeck."

"Sometimes people need an empathetic voice to talk to, and we are here to provide that for them. We offer 100 percent confidentiality. Sailors can come here and be in a safe place to talk to us. Here on Pearl Harbor they can come to the many chapels on base," he added.

For more information on the "Thrive During the Holidays" campaign, visit the Navy Operational Stress Control's blog, [www.navynavstress.com](http://www.navynavstress.com), and the Navy Suicide Prevention website, [www.suicide.navy.mil](http://www.suicide.navy.mil).

More local resources include MFSC ([www.greatlifeflowhawaii.com](http://www.greatlifeflowhawaii.com)), mental health at Naval Health Clinic Hawaii, chaplains, Military One Source. Also available is the National Crisis Line at 800-273-TALK which is staffed 24/7.

The Pearl Harbor Quarterdeck can be reached at (808) 473-1222.

# Pearl Harbor-Hickam Highlights



U.S. Navy photo by MC2 Mathew J. Diendorf  
Sailors assigned to the Pacific Missile Range Facility participate in the Kauai Veterans Parade in Kapaa.



Staff Sgt. Courtney Clifford from Band of the Pacific-Hawaii's rock band Hana Hou encourages students to sing during a recent concert at an elementary school Oct. 22 near Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam.

U.S. Air Force courtesy photo

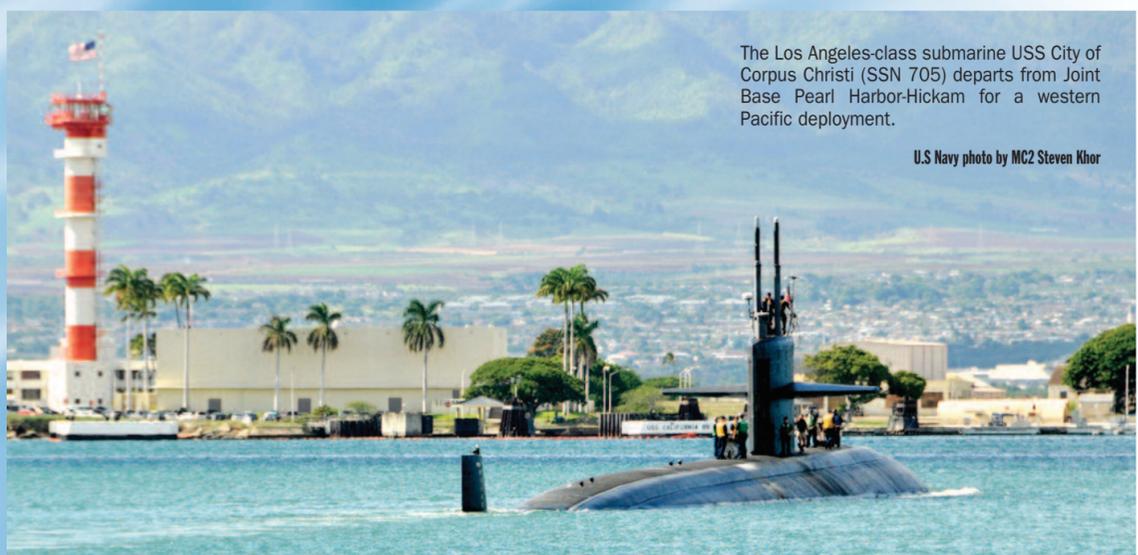
Col. Johnny Roscoe (left), 15th Wing commander, and Brig. Gen. Braden Sakai (right), 154th Wing commander, Hawaii Air National Guard, address the men and women of the 15th Wing and 154th Wing during the consolidated unit inspection right start brief at Hickam Memorial Theater on Oct. 31.

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



Members of the Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam chapter of the Coalition of Sailors Against Destructive Decisions (CSADD) rally in front of the Pearl Harbor Navy Exchange on Oct. 19 to raise awareness about breast cancer and domestic violence. As they passed by, service members, their families and civilians signed a domestic violence banner provided by Military and Family Support Center as a way to join the fight against domestic abuse.

Photo courtesy of CSADD



The Los Angeles-class submarine USS City of Corpus Christi (SSN 705) departs from Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam for a western Pacific deployment.

U.S. Navy photo by MC2 Steven Khor

# JBPHH 'Pumpkin Patrol' ensures Halloween is all treats, no tricks

Story and photo by  
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On Halloween, most people are either taking their children trick-or-treating, or handing candy out themselves. However, for more than 40 Airmen and Sailors from Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, this was a night where the treat they provided was safety.

According to a recent study from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, children are four times more likely to be injured or killed by a vehicle on Halloween, compared to the rest of the year. This is why the JBPHH Pumpkin Patrol, led by JBPHH Security Forces, plays a critical role in the community.

Created more than 10 years ago, the local pump-



On Halloween night, "pumpkin patrol" volunteer Master-at-Arms 3rd Class David Finch, Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam security, patrols a neighborhood on Hickam to help keep JBPHH trick-or-treaters safe. The patrol's mission is to monitor high-traffic areas on Pearl Harbor-Hickam and help prevent accidents.

kin patrol program was developed by the JBPHH security forces to ensure the safety of the children out "trick-or-treating" in installation housing. Every year, the volunteers cover multiple areas deemed "high traffic" including Makalapa compound housing, Hickam housing and Ford Island officer, senior enlisted and junior enlisted housing.

According to Master-at-Arms 2nd Class Michael Welch, pumpkin patrol event lead, the response to the program is positive every year and provides relief for parents who take their children trick-or-treating.

"This is my first year as event lead," he said. "The pumpkin patrol is a great program. The families knew that we were out there, and I believe it added an extra sense of security knowing we were there keeping watch."

One of the pumpkin

patrol members keeping watch was Master-at-Arms 3rd Class Rachael Robinson, who said the program was more than just a volunteer opportunity.

"It [the program] shows the community we care," she said. "Yes, we are working on our off-duty time and it isn't the most desirable thing to do. However, it is the selfless and right thing to do. Not only does it help children trick-or-treating, but also their parents, who just happen to be our fellow Sailors and Airmen."

Welch said the program has been successful so far and that this year's version was nothing out of the ordinary.

"Another year has gone by without a hitch," he said. "We are proud to say that we were part of such a great event. However, we are happier knowing we can provide a service to help keep the children of Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam safe."

# Air Force band rocks out at area elementary schools

Staff Sgt.  
Courtney Clifford

Air Force Band of the  
Pacific

The Band of the Pacific-Hawaii's rock band, Hana Hou, recently performed for more than 2,000 elementary students at Kaleiopuu and Waialua Elementary Schools near Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam. The performances were organized as part of a community outreach incentive program.

The students rose to their feet for the duration of the show as they sang along to songs including "Firework," "Mirrors," "Diamonds," and "The Cup Song."

"I really enjoyed all the songs that [the Band of the Pacific-Hawaii] played for us," said Apple Mae, an attending student. "I also

enjoyed [the band's] awesome voices, and I loved to sing and dance."

Mae said she felt shy at first but as the concert progressed, she felt comfortable enough to sing and dance in public for the first time.

"I think you guys took out my shyness, and I can now talk to all my classmates," she said.

During the show, an anti-bully message was relayed to the students, and then they were invited to play percussion and sing along to "Brave," by Sara Bareilles.

"The performance seemed to bring everyone together," said Heiley Fegaegen from Kaleiopuu Elementary.

"It doesn't matter what language you speak, or where you're from, it seems as if music is a language everyone understands," Fegaegen said.



The Band of the Pacific-Hawaii's rock band, Hana Hou, performs at an elementary school near Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam. (See additional photo on page A-5).

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## VP-4 Sailors and *ohana* embrace Halloween spirit in haunted hangar

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Patrol Squadron Four  
Public Affairs

Patrol Squadron Four (VP-4) Sailors lined the hangar halls and crowded in doorways, awaiting the arrival of the Skinny Dragon extended *ohana* for a Halloween celebration Oct. 30. Sailors were invited to bring their families to come trick-or-treat in the haunted hangar.

The Skinny Dragon mascot himself was present, lugging a huge satchel of candy as he roved the dimly lit hallways, greeting all of the families and handing out candy. The scene was complete with smoke, black lights, cobwebs and Halloween décor adorning nearly every door.

The command service department (CSD) hosted a Halloween door decorating competition. As the week leading up to Halloween progressed, the door schemes grew increasingly elaborate.

"The Sailors really embraced the idea of the competi-



U.S. Navy photo by MCSA Devin Menhardt  
Jack Vinson, age 3, reaches for a scoop of candy offered by Naval Air Crewman 2nd Class Kerry Kerns as little sister Ella, age 5, checks out the contents of her bag.

tion. I didn't expect such complex and elaborate door schemes. There is a lot of friendly rivalry between the shops and departments, so it was fun to watch them compete," said Cmdr. Eric Hanks, executive officer of VP-4.

The doors were judged based on five categories: creativity, use of space, theme and spooky factor. A four-man committee of judges from CSD was tasked with selecting the best door. "It was a really difficult choice," said Lt. Alex Bos, CSD division officer and committee judge.

"You could tell every shop put so much effort into it. There was such a wide variety of themes and decorations. I found the use of material to be particularly impressive," Bos said.

The winning door belonged to the flight engineers and was centered around a small skeleton in a casket. The skeleton was rigged with a pulley system so that it would "rise from the grave" when

the door was opened. The judges unanimously concluded that this was the best door, although they said there were many excellent runner-ups.

When asked about his experience trick-or-treating in the haunted hangar, 6-year-old Matthew Meinert, who dressed as Mario, said that it was "great" and said he even finished his homework early to attend the event.

"They really enjoyed meeting the Skinny Dragon and trick-or-treating out of the helmet. (The junior officers in the wardroom passed out candy from a flight helmet). The decorations were great. The kids were really taking it all in," said Roslyn Meinert, mother of Matthew (6) and Sofia (4).

"It is always fun to have children around. They remind us of what this holiday once meant for us and helps us to get back in the spirit, too," said Naval Air Crewman 2nd Class Sean Wawrzyniec.

## Fleet Master Chief Ramirez takes message to USS Texas Sailors

Story and photo by  
MC2 Steven Khor

COMSUBPAC Public Affairs

U.S. Pacific Fleet Master Chief Marco Ramirez paid a visit Oct. 23 to the Virginia-class, fast attack submarine USS Texas (SSN 775) at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam to talk with the crew.

Ramirez, the 16th fleet master chief for U.S. Pacific Fleet, said the purpose of the visit was to say hello to the Sailors, reinforce that they are doing a great job and to educate them on the current issues in the Pacific Fleet.

"I wanted to tell them that they have a great submarine, and I just wanted to come let them know that we are thinking about them and we know they are doing great

things," Ramirez said.

During his visit, he talked about topics such as the mission of the Pacific Fleet, sexual assault, lines of operation, drinking responsibly, leadership, and what he expects from Sailors.

Ramirez thanked the Sailors for their service in the Pacific Fleet and listened to what issues they have.

"I call it battlefield circulation, in which I take their hates and discontents with me and see if I can make some changes for them. We also try to identify the problems and see if we can fix them," Ramirez said.

One question came from Electronics Technician 3rd Class Michael Lacks who asked about the fleet master chief's career progression and what it took for him to be a master



U.S. Pacific Fleet Master Chief Marco Ramirez, (right), shakes hands with Sonar Technician Submarine 3rd Class Joseph Daniels Oct. 23, the Blue Jacket of the Year for the Virginia-class fast attack submarine USS Texas (SSN 775), while USS Texas chief of the boat, Master Chief Machinist's Mate Matt Harris looks on.

chief petty officer.

Another Texas Sailor, Electronics Technician 2nd Class Jonathan Day, asked about tuition assistance in the Navy.

Ramirez held an E5 call before having lunch with the crew as well as talks with the E6s and the chief petty officers.

"He was very open about what's going on, and definitely gave us a better idea of the future of the submarine force," said Culinary Specialist Seaman Cody Searfoss.

Prior to his selection into the command master chief program, Ramirez served aboard USS Enterprise (CVN 65) Carrier Airborne Early Warning Squadron (VAW 110) and USS Carl Vinson (CVN 70). He became the 16th fleet master chief for the U.S. Pacific Fleet on April 30.

# 15th Wing Safety warns motorcycle riders against complacency

Staff Sgt. Terri Paden

15th Wing Public Affairs

It was a typical day in Hawaii. The weather was warm and the sun was out, so I decided to ride my motorcycle to work. I was on my way to a meeting when out of nowhere, a truck sped into the parking lot ahead of me.

As I tried to make a quick stop, the truck's rear end clipped the front of my bike and down I went. Much to my surprise, the truck drove off, leaving me to pick myself and my bike up off the ground and assess the damage on my own.

Fortunately, except for a few minor scrapes and bruises, I was uninjured; however I learned a very valuable lesson that day: Every rider is truly responsible for their own personal safety. It doesn't matter if you're on base or off-base, it's up to you to ride defensively and prepare for the unexpected.

*(Editor's note: The above is a true story told by a 15th Wing Airman who was recently involved in a motorcycle incident. His identity has been withheld for privacy reasons.)*

Though the above story ended relatively well, recently there has been an increase



Jack Hughes, Cape Fox traffic safety program regional coordinator, tests a motorcycle course set up by a team of coaches June 26, 2012, for a "motorcycle track day" at Wheeler Army Airfield, Hawaii.

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

in motorcycle-related accidents involving Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam Airmen and Sailors. The accidents resulted in substantial injuries, loss of property and even death.

Not every single accident can be avoided, but the 15th Wing Safety Office encourages JBPHH motorcycle riders to go back to the basics of motorcycle safety.

"At a typical stateside base, people usually ride four or five months out of the year before the cold weather forces them to put their bikes away, but in Hawaii the weather is always great so we get to ride 365 days a year," said Staff Sgt. Brian Miles, 15th Wing ground

safety manager.

"But it's simple—the more time you spend on the road, the more likely you are to have an accident. Even though the increased ride time is enjoyable, it also means riders here are more susceptible to mishaps and accidents," Miles said.

He said during the summer months, the Air Force's 101 Critical Days of Summer campaign places an increased emphasis on motorcycle safety, but riders living in Hawaii should keep safety at the forefront of their minds year round.

"There are additional hazards to riders in Hawaii," he said. "One potential threat that is unique to Hawaii is

tourists. It's something many people don't give a second thought to, but if tourists are driving around lost, or looking for something, their attention is less likely to be on the road or other drivers around them."

Miles cautioned riders to be aware of this and always remember to drive defensively and exercise situational awareness.

"It's not just the tourists though, it's people who are texting while driving, messing with the radio, or engaged in deep conversation you have to look out for," he said.

"Riders need to have a heightened situational awareness. Don't ever

assume a driver sees you because nine times out of 10 they don't," Miles said.

Other hazards motorcyclist should be mindful of are the weather and road construction.

"Here, gravel is one of those things you have to be vigilant about," said Miles. "It comes out of nowhere, it seems sometimes. A road is clear one day, and the next day there's construction going on and it is covered in gravel."

"Likewise, the weather here can be unpredictable. It goes from wet to dry pretty quickly, and it usually changes, depending on which side of the island you're on. The bottom line is you have to make sure you're paying attention at all times when you're riding."

According to Miles, many motorcycle accidents are preventable and having the proper training and protective clothing goes a long way toward prevention.

"A lot of people think their riding experience is directly related to the amount of time they have been riding, but there really is no optimal time frame for experi-

ence," said Miles.

"No matter how long you have been riding, there's always risk associated, and you have to be careful not to become complacent over the years. Younger guys and newer riders typically want to go fast so that obviously poses a huge risk, but it's just as dangerous to be an older, experienced rider not taking the proper safety precautions.

It's really all about life choices. You're only as safe as you make yourself on the road in the end," he said.

Proper personal protective equipment for on base riders is as follows:

- Head protection.
- Eye protection.
- Protective clothing: A long-sleeved shirt or jacket, long pants and full-fingered gloves or mittens is required. Riders should select fluorescent or brightly colored, retro-reflective material.
- Foot protection: Includes sturdy, over the ankle foot wear.
- To become a trained motorcycle rider at JBPHH, visit navyrider.com or contact your squadron motorcycle safety representative.

## Navy window renovations completed at historic structural shop building 155

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Naval Facilities Engineering Command (NAVFAC) Hawaii recently completed a design-build project at Pearl Harbor Naval Shipyard/Intermediate Maintenance Facility's (PHNSY/IMF) building 155 while maintaining the structure's historic window features.

"Prior to this window replacement project, build-

ing 155 was not only aesthetically unappealing, but it was a safety hazard due to broken glass and the inability to open the windows for ventilation," said Jonathan Mizushima, PHNSY/IMF shop 11 branch head.

"The numerous window panes that were missing also gave birds additional ways to enter our building which posed a health concern because of the large amount of bird droppings."

In 2011, NAVFAC Hawaii awarded a \$15.8 million contract to Manson-

Nan Hawaii, J.V. to renovate the building's largest asset, its windows. The focus of the project was directed toward modernizing the building's profile as well as addressing safety concerns due to the windows' aging condition.

"This project was unique because we were working side-by-side with the PHNSY/IMF maintenance facility employees, who stayed clear of renovation areas so there was no disruption to their daily activities," said Ryan Tamashiro, NAVFAC Hawaii project manager.

"Large scale upgrades, such as with building 155 involve a lot of cooperation from all in order to ensure a culture of safety is retained in a construction area."

Until recent years, building 155 had been relatively untouched since its construction in 1941 and is classified as a category I historical structure. As a result, historical preservation stakeholders whose interest is to ensure the preservation



U.S. Navy photo by Danielle Jones

An overall view of the Pearl Harbor Naval Shipyard/ Intermediate Maintenance Facility's building 155 after completion of the structure's historic window renovations.



U.S. Navy photo by Danielle Jones

A partial section of Pearl Harbor Naval Shipyard/ Intermediate Maintenance Facility's building 155 original windows is preserved (left) and alongside of some new windows (right). The project replaced 1,700 windows.

of the building's significant physical features were involved in this project.

Currently, building 155 provides support to PHNSY/IMF personnel and houses the shipfitting shop, welding shop and lagging shop.

Today, 1,700 new steel-framed windows encompass

all four tiers of the facility on each side of the building. The new windows not only fit historic preservation

requirements, but are also aesthetically pleasing and allow for greater visibility for personnel working within.

"Employees are now able to open all the windows,

which make working in the building more pleasant, and the risk of falling glass has been removed," Mizushima said. "The biggest improvement is that our building is now a better representation of the pride PHNSY/IMF's structural shop takes in 'Keeping Our Fleet Fit To Fight!'"

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