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O'ahu hosts Navy's 'largest single bone marrow drive'

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Last week, over 2,749 military and civilian Department of Defense (DoD) personnel across O'ahu registered in the National Bone Marrow Registry, resulting in the largest single bone marrow drive the Navy has ever conducted. Commander Third Fleet, based in San Diego, Calif., hosted the series of drives on Oahu.

According to Lt. Cindy Campbell, Commander Third Fleet bone marrow donor drive coordinator, the drive was a terrific success.

"In comparison, most bases register about 200-300 personnel tops," she said "These numbers are truly remarkable."

The last time a DoD bone marrow drive was held on Oahu nearly three years ago, 900 people registered.

"This series of bone marrow drives will result in about five people receiving a match within the year," she said. "That's five people's lives that have been saved because of this drive."

At the Pearl Harbor Navy Exchange alone, 1,167 people registered. Information System Technician 1st Class (SW) Ryan Reed, from Commander, Submarine Forces Pacific, volunteered to help coordinate the drive held at the Pearl Harbor NEX.

"Registering is one of the most important things you can do," Reed said. "You could save someone's life - possibly your own."

An estimated 30,000 children and adults in the U.S. are diagnosed each year with leukemia, aplastic anemia or other fatal blood diseases.

There are nearly 500 military personnel and family members in the Department of Defense alone who need a match. Last year, bone marrow drives organized by Commander Third Fleet were responsible for 28 percent of the entire Department of Defense registry.

"I want to thank everyone who came out to support this drive and I strongly encourage those who have not registered to do so in the future," said Vice Adm. Michael J. McCabe, Commander Third Fleet. "A little bit of time and effort today will save lives tomorrow," he added.

Commands in Oahu interested in conducting a bone marrow drive should call 1-800-MARROW-3 for more information.

Taking care of Sailors

Latest safety stand down drives home lessons on safe motoring in Hawai'i



Honolulu Police closed the westbound lanes of H-1 Freeway Feb. 13 near Waipahu after a collision that killed four people. Witnesses said the two drivers of the Mitsubishi Eclipse appeared to be racing each other. Naval Station Pearl Harbor held a safety stand down Thursday to educate Sailors about traffic safety. Sailors at Sharkey Theater viewed a brief by a representative from the Honolulu Police Department. In addition, Sailors viewed "Red Asphalt III," a video discussing traffic collisions around the United States. There will be two briefs today at Sharkey. The first is at 9 a.m. and the second brief will be at 1 p.m.

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Staff Writer

Navy Region Hawai'i and the Honolulu Police Department hosted a series of information sessions at Sharkey Theater Thursday, to inform Sailors about the dangers of speeding

and other automobile related topics.

"The Honolulu Police Department traffic division feels that taking an educational approach is necessary," said Officer Mel Andres, spokesman for the HPD.

Topics covered at the meeting

included excessive speeding, road racing, driving under the influence and automobile and motorcycle fatalities.

"The emphasis (is) on racing and speeding due to the high amount of fatalities," said Andres. "Speeding was the result of 75 percent of our 2003 fatalities."

Andres said in 2003 the HPD issued close to 40,000 speed citations, over 200 racing citations, more than 150 exhibition of speeding citations and over 150 reckless driving tickets.

"Racing is currently our big problem on our roadways," said Andres. "Currently, our legislations are looking at ways to stiffen the penalty for racing; forfeiture of a vehicle is one idea so far."

The typical fine for speeding is \$5 multiplied by every mile-per-hour over the speed limit, plus additional costs for court fees.

A new Navy Region Hawai'i instruction details consequences for Sailors who are caught driving too fast on base or on public roads.

Penalties include revocation of base driving privileges for Sailors.

"Driving on base is a privilege, not a right," said CNOCM (AW/SW) L.R. Cruz, Navy Region Hawai'i command master chief. "If people don't respect that privilege, we will take it from them."

Navy Region and the HPD will also host information sessions today at 9 a.m. and 1 p.m. at Sharkey Theater.

Sailors get SAVI on sexual assault

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News Editor

Sexual assault is a crime. Naval Station Pearl Harbor is doing its part to make sure Sailors know about the crime, its consequences and how to prevent it.

"SAVI works with sexual assault and rape survivors," said Cleo V.H. Lloyd, coordinator for the Sexual Assault Victims Intervention program. "Anyone who gets through an assault is a survivor."

Lloyd said the program provides assistance in two ways. The first is an advocate, a volunteer who will aid the survivor in any way necessary. Last fiscal year, advocates responded to 29 cases.

This fiscal year, advocates have handled eight cases so far. Lloyd pointed out the number of cases is simply a reflection of how many survivors reported the incident to her office and requested an advocate.

Survivors are not only military members. Lloyd said civilians who are sexually assaulted on federal property are eligible to receive assistance from her office. They can be appointed an advocate for help.

Among the assistance advo-

catees provide to survivors is a "kind shoulder" when survivors go through the medical process or the NCIS investigation.

"Advocates don't work for the command," said Lloyd. "Advocates work for the survivor."

Command representatives, on the other hand, are direct liaisons for the survivor and the command he or she works with. Command representatives have the authority to speak on behalf of survivors in dealing with an individual's command with matters like relocating sexual assault offenders so the survivor is not put in the position of working with someone who had assaulted him or her.

Both positions are collateral duty position for Sailors and require command approval before a Sailor can volunteer.

Sailors have to run a chit through their chain of command and attend training for a position as either a command representative or advocate. Advocates go through a rotation where they are each on "pull call" duty.

For one week, an advocate will have a pager and if there is a case where an advocate is needed, he or she will be paged. The advocate must respond to that

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File photo of shear arm operating during mechanical demilitarization. Parsons-UXB Joint Venture is contracted by the Navy to undertake ordnance clearance operations on Kaho'olawe.

Ordnance explodes on Kaho'olawe

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Three civilian contractors were injured in an explosion Monday while conducting mechanical demilitarization operations on the island of Kaho'olawe. Mechanical demilitarization is the process of cutting and crushing inert ordnance to convert it into scrap metal.

The workers, ages 24, 33 and 59, were taken by helicopter to Maui Memorial Medical Center where all three were treated and released the same day.

"All three workers complained of ringing in their ears," said Lt. Cmdr. Jeff Davis, Navy Region Hawai'i public affairs officer. "One suffered a bruised shoulder, possibly from shrapnel or from a fall."

Two of the men work for Parsons-UXB, a joint-venture contractor the Navy hired to conduct ordnance clearance operations on Kaho'olawe. The third contractor works for Alliance Trucking, a subcontractor to Parsons.

The contractor's ordnance removal procedure first determines whether ordnance can be exploded where it was found or whether it was safe enough to be moved. Once the contractors determine the ordnance is safe,

they cut and crush it using a device called a "shear arm."

"Then all the pieces are run through a thermal processing unit to burn off any residue," Davis said.

The explosion occurred while the three men were using the "shear arm" to cut and crush the practice bomb, Davis said.

The Navy used Kaho'olawe as a target and training area from 1941 until 1990, when then-President George Bush ordered the exercises to end. Congress authorized the cleanup in 1993. In November 2003, the Navy turned control of the 11-mile-long island back to Hawai'i after spending more than \$460 million on the cleanup effort.

Parsons-UXB began the cleanup in July 1998. As of Oct. 31, it reported that 20,053 acres of the island's 28,788 acres have been cleared of unexploded ordnance. Civilian workers and ordnance specialists used metal detectors and magnetic devices to pick up any scrap metal - ordnance, shrapnel and target vehicles - found on the surface of the island.

An investigation of the incident is being conducted. Davis said the Navy hopes to wrap up its operations on Kaho'olawe in April.

MCPON does 'minute' at Greenville



Master Chief Petty of the Navy Terry Scott addresses Sailors for the MCPON Minute videotaped by crewmembers of the Naval Media Center, Washington, D.C. The segments were shot adjacent to and aboard USS Greenville (SSN 772), homeported in Pearl Harbor, Hawai'i. The nuclear-powered attack submarine recently returned from a successful deployment with the Navy's first Expeditionary Strike Group.

JOC(SW/AW) David Rush

New ratings' 5VMs go live

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Public Affairs

The Naval Personnel Development Command (NPDC) released the latest version of its 5 Vector Model (5VM) in March, to achieve its goal of providing every Sailor an active, tailored 5VM this year.

5VM has many new features within the Sailor View portion of the website and now includes both mentor and manager views to allow mentors and community managers to access individual models to conduct assessments of progress, and to become more fully involved in Sailor growth and development. Additionally, the certifications and qualifications vector is now available for all ratings having previously gone live, and will now be standard in the release of subsequent rating models.

However, Sailors should bear in mind the functionality of the 5VM is limited by the amount of data available to support the various features. 5VM is based only on occupational data collected through currently linked personnel and training databases, such as the electronic training jacket and NTMPS [Navy Training Management and Planning System].

As this initial data is validated, additional databases will be linked to the model to provide a broader spectrum of information available, thereby increasing functionality. While the current iteration of the model is not capable of promoting, detailing or determining



Photo by PH2 Felix Garza Jr.

Naval Mobile Construction Battalion Two Five (NMCB 25) and members of the Armed Forces of the Philippines (AFP) work on repairs of a deep well and water tank at the Bacungan Elementary School. Navy Knowledge Online has just completed the addition of new 5 vector Models. Seabees are among the Sailors who now have a 5VM on the NKO website.

performance rankings, additional training and education data will allow that functionality to be realized.

"Certainly this is an ongoing process, but with every iteration, the 5VM is becoming more functional, more intuitive and more robust," said NPDC Command Master Chief CNOCM (SS/SW/AW) John Snell. "The primary goal is to get the models live for everyone, then we will focus our attention on working out the bugs, then it will be on to further upgrades and integrations and adaptations. This truly is the career development and

management tool of the future."

Currently, 20 ratings are live, including most recently those within the cryptology and construction force communities. The Centers for Naval Cryptology, Seabees and Facilities Engineering, respectively, announced the release of their ratings' models earlier this year.

The Center for Naval Aviation Technical Training has also begun releasing their ratings' models (aircrew survival equipmentmen, aviation machinist's mates, aviation maintenance administrationmen, aviation structural mechanics [electrical] and aviation support equipment technicians) and is slated to have all within their community live by April. Additionally, the Center for Service Support will be releasing those for both legalmen and Navy career counselors within the coming weeks.

"The feedback has been tremendous," said Snell. "We have some data issues, to be sure, and there are technical issues that must be resolved. But I strongly encourage every Sailor to log onto NKO [Navy Knowledge Online] and become intimately familiar with the model, its functions and what it is going to mean to their future. That way, when their 5VM does go live, they will know what to expect."

Additional ratings are slated for release in the coming months, with those under the Centers for Submarine Learning, Surface Combat Systems, Intelligence and Anti-Terrorism/Force Protection being the next big push. For more information on the 5VM and to view the most recent tutorial, log on to NKO at www.nko.navy.mil.

Commentary

Chapel Pennant

Heroes and highways

Chaplain (Capt.) Gene Theriot

Navy Region Hawai'i

Recently I read an account of heroism by Sailors on board USS Stickleback (SS-415). While providing submerged ASW target services for USS Silverstein (DE-534) in the waters off Pearl Harbor, she suffered a casualty and headed toward the bottom. An emergency blow of the main ballast tanks was initiated and she started toward the surface. Just as Stickleback reached the surface, she was rammed amidsthips by Silverstein.

Sailors isolated in various parts of the flooding submarine began to make their way forward. By the time some of them got topside, USS Greenlet (ARS-10) had arrived. They provided scuba gear to SN Mike Fallet, Stickleback's only qualified diver. He went into the water at the site of the damaged hull. Looking for survivors and assessing the damage, he swam into the damaged ballast tanks and into the boat. That resulted in the survival of all hands, despite the loss of the boat.

I'm always amazed at the risks Sailors and Marines will take to rescue and care for one another. Unfortunately, I'm equally amazed at the dumb things they (we) do to endanger one another. Recently, there's been a rash of Soldiers and Sailors driving recklessly on the highways of our island home. The reports of fatal wrecks and the arrest of people speeding over twice the posted speed limit on the open highways and in residential areas have led many

people to the conclusion that we need to come to All Stop, have a safety stand down. After Cain killed his brother Abel, God brought him before the mast and asked him about it. "Where is your brother?" God asked, giving Cain an opportunity to confess. Cain, being dumb and evasive, smarted off to God, "How would I know? Am I my brother's keeper?"

That's one of life's basic questions and an important question for us to consider. When you look at the selfless heroism of SN Fallet, you come to the conclusion, "I most definitely am. I have such a responsibility to be my brother's keeper that it's worth risking my life for his. However, when you look at the actions of people who race on our highways or drink and drive, you might conclude that, not only am I not my brother's keeper, my brother's life isn't even worth me giving up a momentary rush from speeding or the inconvenience of having to call a cab when I've had too much to drink.

The correct answer to God's question to the world's first murderer is "yes." "Yes, you are your brother's keeper." Every person is of value to his family and shipmates and of unimaginable value to God. We are indeed expected to be one another's keepers. Keep your brothers and sisters safe when you're behind the wheel.

If you would like to talk to a chaplain about this or any other aspect of your relationship to God, please call the NSPH chaplains at 473-3971. We'll be glad to talk with you.

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Radford High participates in student transition pilot program

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As part of the ever-evolving venture to smooth the transition between schools for transferring students, three individuals from Arthur W. Radford High School attended a Military Child Education Coalition (MCEC) student training program in Dallas Feb. 18.

Jan Ikeda, Radford's transition center coordinator, attended the four-day meeting with students Lindsey Wooldridge and Diana Funk to represent Hawai'i. It was one of six school districts selected to participate in the Student 2 Student (S2S) pilot program, which is designed to bring an element of commonality to high-school-transition programs across the nation.

The Army's Child and Youth Services selected Radford after MCEC recommended the school for the pilot program. The schools currently participating in the nine-week S2S pilot program are located in Hawai'i, Pennsylvania, Arizona, Colorado and North and South Carolina.

"The pilot includes six school systems and, overall, four of them are joint-service areas," said Dr. Mary Keller, executive director of MCEC. "It doesn't only involve teaching military students and students that are residents of the area how to help new students transition in and out of the high school, it includes all mobile students."

"What we're finding at our school is that we are not just putting military kids through the transition program," said Ikeda. "We're putting all students transitioning into the school in it, even if they've spent their whole lives on the island. We're putting them all in because they need to learn about our school."

Through the S2S pilot program, each of the schools will develop a curriculum that addresses three areas of transition: "finding your way," "academics" and "relationships."

"The goal is to get these three curriculum modules written up so that we can pass it along to



Photo by JO2(SW) Alyssa Batarla

Lindsey Wooldridge, 17, Radford Transition Program student facilitator, demonstrates how the Interactive Counseling Center works by connecting Adm. Walter F. Doran, U.S. Pacific Fleet Commander, and his wife, Ginny, to Dr. Mary Keller, executive director of Military Child Education Coalition, in Texas Feb. 17. The Dorans were visiting Radford High School to learn about the school's transition program and computer laboratories.

other schools as a guide," said Ikeda.

"[Radford's transition program] is really important because a lot of new students, when they came before we had the program, they didn't know where to go and where their classes were, and, most importantly, they didn't have anyone to have lunch with," said Wooldridge, 17, a junior at Radford and a student facilitator. She said the program changed that, making life for students switching schools less stressful.

"Schools are about learning so when you move to a new school, if you don't know where to go and you're stressed about it, it's harder to learn," said Funk, 17, a senior and student facilitator. "I moved in the middle of last year and we didn't even have the program, and being involved, I get to see how I can help others."

Radford's transition program had already garnered attention before its selection for the S2S program. Commander, U.S. Pacific Fleet Adm. Walter F. Doran and his wife, Ginny, made a trip to the school Feb. 17 to witness the program in action.

During the visit, student fa-

ilitators involved in the transition program, including Wooldridge and Funk, gave the Dorans a presentation and showed them how the classes are run, and some of the activities the transition students participate in when they go through Radford's transition program.

To further demonstrate the transition program's capabilities, the students arranged for the Dorans to speak with Keller in Texas via Radford's Interactive Counseling Center (ICC), the same system the students at all six schools will use to communicate with each other during the field test of S2S.

ICCs are Web-based video conferencing systems MCEC installed that allow individuals to exchange information between schools. MCEC has installed 52 of these systems to connect schools throughout the world.

At the culmination of the pilot program, the students at all of the schools will work together to create a presentation about their programs and findings, which they will present at the sixth annual MCEC conference in Colorado Springs, Colo. July 21.

Running to victory

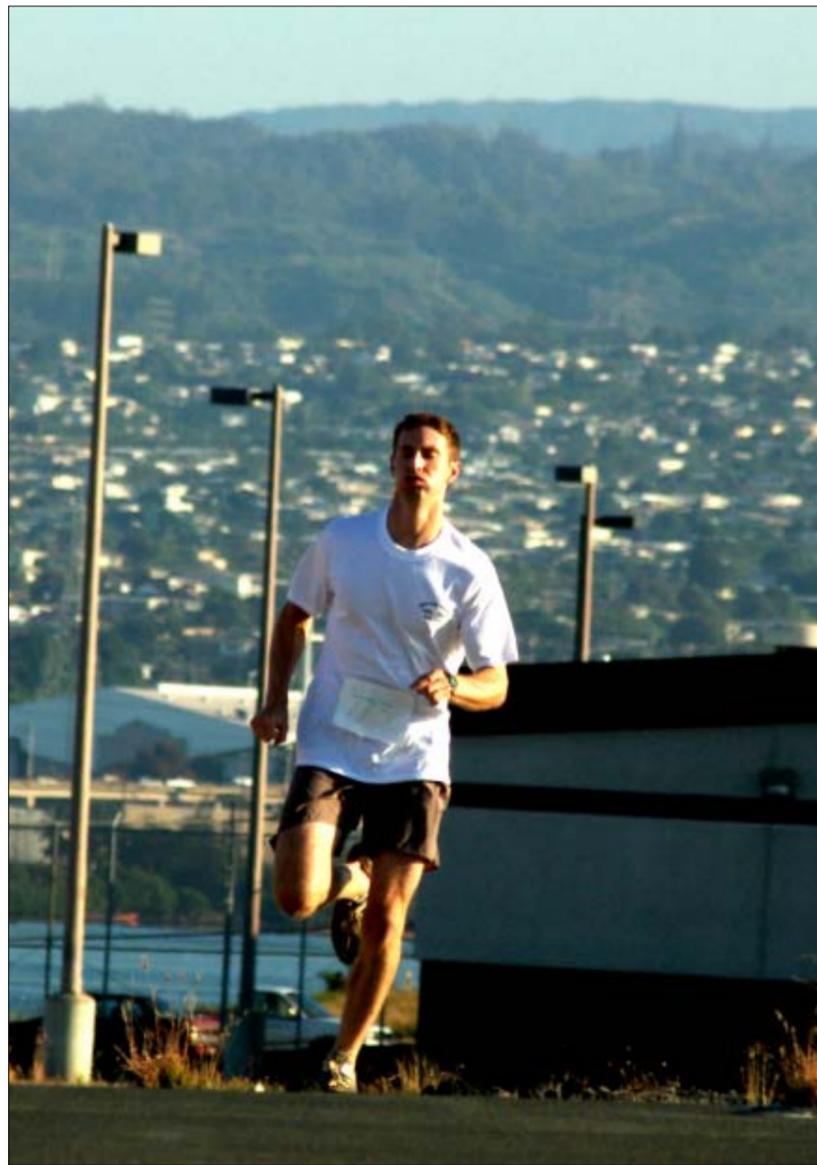


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Lt. j.g. Andrew Sause of USS Cheyenne (SSN 773) took first place in the third annual Commodore's Cup 5K run March 12. Submarine Squadron 7 hosted the run on Ford Island. More than 200 runners competed in the event. Ten commands were represented this year — USS Charlotte (SSN 766), USS Olympia (SSN 717), USS Los Angeles (SSN 688), USS Buffalo (SSN 715), USS Greenville (SSN 772), USS Key West (SSN 722), USS Pasadena (SSN 752), USS Tucson (SSN 770), USS Cheyenne and Submarine Squadron 1.

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page within half an hour.

Lloyd said it is important commands realize the significance of the duty and are fully informed about the level of responsibility so they can make an informed decision on whether or not to allow Sailors to volunteer as advocates or command representatives.

Lloyd said the number of assaults in the military closely mirrors that in the civilian community.

"There are times it seems higher, but that's because the military is such a tight community," she said. "That's not a good thing because of the core values of all our services. You would think this kind of thing wouldn't take place [in the military], but it does."

The problem is not restricted to Hawai'i. On March 13, two Sailors, John Michael Thomason, 19, and Christopher Peek, 19, both of the USS Frank Cable, were arrested on charges of third-degree criminal sexual conduct, felonious restraint and criminal mischief, Guam Police Department spokeswoman Sgt. Kim Santos said.

The Department of Defense announced March 4 that an additional toll-free telephone number has been established for individuals who want to contact or provide information to the Department of Defense Task Force on Care for Victims of Sexual Assault. The number, (800) 497-6261, is staffed from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. EST, Monday through Fri-



Established in 1992, SAVI's mission is to educate individuals on the dangers of sexual assault and to provide assistance to survivors of sexual assault or rape. SAVI provides both advocates who will assist survivors throughout all phases of a sexual assault investigation and command representatives who will act on behalf of a survivor at his or her command

day. The department's hot line will supplement those previously established by each of the services.

Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld this month ordered a senior-level inquiry into the reported sexual assaults in Iraq and Kuwait, and

how the armed services treat victims of sexual assault. Under Secretary of Defense for Personnel and Readiness David S.C. Chu said the findings of the 90-day review are due by April 30.

"Every service member deserves to be treated with the utmost respect and dignity," Chu said. "Sexual assault is criminal conduct and will not be tolerated in the Department of Defense."

Chu believes the information from the call center will assist the task force and defense officials in developing policies and programs to improve assistance for victims of assaults and enhance efforts at prevention.

Lloyd said the issue of sexual assault should be addressed at the beginning of a Sailor's career - in boot camp.

"It's important to provide training to make people more aware of this problem," she said. "We need to make people more conscious of their own safety."

The training, according to Lloyd, should begin in boot camp and continue throughout a Sailor's career, even into the upper echelon of leadership.

"This [SAVI] is a really worthwhile program," Lloyd said. "If you are a very compassionate, non-judgmental person and want to make a difference, then this program is for you."

The next round of training for Sailors wishing to volunteer as advocates for sexual assault survivors is Aug. 17-20. Beginning Tuesday, there will be training for command representatives. Anyone interested can contact Lloyd at 471-9458, ext. 237.

Naval Medical Clinic, Pearl Harbor wins CNO safety award for second time

Naval Medical Clinic, Pearl Harbor

Naval Medical Clinic, Pearl Harbor (NMCLPH) is the winner of the Chief of Naval Operation's Shore Safety Award in the small non-industrial CONUS category for fiscal year 2003. This is the second time that NMCLPH has won the award, having won once before in FY1998.

NMCLPH will now compete for the Secretary of the Navy Safety Award. This award recognizes outstanding support and achievement in safety and occupational health.

Winners were judged in several categories, including reducing mishap trends and costs, demonstrating safety leadership, being innovative and enthusiastic in marketing safety, and promoting a superior level of safety culture at their commands.

Capt. Joseph Moore, commanding officer NMCLPH, said, "This is a great achievement for the command. This very competitive award had us up against non-industrial commands from all across the Navy, not just naval medical commands."

"NMCLPH's mishap reduction policy is reflected in its strategic priorities: PREP - People, Readiness, Excellence and Prevention. While prevention could have been the first 'P,' leadership believes that its people - whether staff, patients or visitors - are the main priority. How does NMCLPH provide a safe and healthful work environment for people? It's by preventing mishaps before they happen."

Leadership has shown its support of the safety program by having the command safety manager as a member of the executive steering committee (ESC). Rather than waiting for quarterly safety meetings, issues can be presented to the leadership on a weekly basis.

Three times a year, a formal presentation is made to the ESC on the status of the safety/environment of care program. Leadership is made aware of problem areas, goals and achievements during the briefs and takes appropriate action.

"This is really a command award," said June Watanabe, command safety manager. "Everything begins with a command climate of safety first which has resulted in a low mishap rate. If the staff was not doing their job safely and supported by the directors, the command would not have been able to compete for this award. After that, it was all the good things the command did for its customers, both internal and external."

Some of the departments/programs mentioned in this award were Arrive Alive, emergency preparedness, SMART Centers, industrial hygiene, occupational medicine, health promotion, Wellness on Wheels, and risk management/patient safety.

Navy News asks: What more can the Navy do to reduce sexual assault?



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Naval Station
Port Operations

They should take every case seriously and make sure to conduct thorough investigations.



YN3 Sela Siua

Naval Station
Administration

I don't know. They've tried everything and it still happens.



EN3 Tuan Ha

USS Lake Erie (CG 70)

Enforce the rules and take the sexual assault seriously. It's got to start from the leadership. They need to set a better example.



SN Ray Cowan

Naval Station Security

There's really nothing they can do. It's going to happen. They can issue all the punishments they want to issue and it's going to happen again.



Sandy Lung

Travel Connections

I think it needs to be taught at school. They need to learn respect for both genders. If the person is showing some signs of needing that kind of help, there should be classes available.

USS Santa Fe returns from Western Pacific deployment

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USS Santa Fe (SSN 763) returned home to Pearl Harbor March 9, following a six-month deployment in the Western Pacific.

According to Cmdr. Andrew Hale, commanding officer of USS Santa Fe, the deployment was a success.

"We had a great deployment. We did some very challenging operations in the Seventh Fleet area. The crew performed wonderfully. I am proud of everything they did and everything the ship has accomplished is because of the crew's perseverance and commitment to excellence," said Hale.

Family and friends lined the pier for the homecoming. In addition, Sailors were greeted by the Apache Belles Precision

Dance and Drill Team. The Belles, from Tyler Junior College in Tyler, Texas, performed at Pearl Harbor and at Schofield Army Barracks. They heard about Santa Fe's homecoming and decided to add another show to their schedule.

"We were here to perform a show later this week, but today we are here to perform for the Santa Fe's homecoming," said Debbie Morton, an Apache Belles dancer. "One of our hometown guys is on the boat so we wanted to perform for him."

Machinist Mate Fireman Raymond Dalton, a native of Tyler, Texas, was greeted by the team and interviewed by a Tyler television news reporter.

"The cruise was great, but the last nine days have been very long. We knew the Belles were coming about four days in ad-

vance," said Dalton. "It's nice to see them. I didn't get a good look at them to see if I knew some of them, but I am sure I do," he said.

As for the rest of the crew, some relaxation was their next mission.

"We are all happy to be back in Pearl Harbor. We earned some time off," said Hale.

"It's great to be back. We hit some fun ports, but now I am going to enjoy some aloha, sunshine and surfing on the North Shore," said Machinist Mate 3rd Class Tristan Byers.

USS Santa Fe is the Navy's 52nd Los Angeles-class, nuclear-powered attack submarine. Commissioned Jan. 8, 1994 at Naval Submarine Base, Groton, Conn., USS Santa Fe is the second ship to be named in honor of the capital city of New Mexico.



Photo by JO3 Corwin Colbert

The Tyler Junior College Apache Belles Precision Dance and Drill Team of Tyler, Tx., performed during USS Santa Fe's (SSN 763) homecoming March 9. USS Santa Fe returned from a six-month deployment in the Western Pacific.

Smiles to light up a neighborhood



Photo by Ron Slauson

Hawai'i state Senator Sakamoto presents a certificate of appreciation March 10 to Capt. Norman Ho, Assistant Chief of Staff, Housing, Navy Region Hawai'i commemorating the installation of the anti-crime lights. The project provided 13, 100-watt high-pressure sodium lights on new and existing wooden utility poles along Arizona Road, between Salt Lake Boulevard and Catlin Road. Except for a single light at the intersection of Salt Lake Boulevard and Arizona Road, there had been no other streetlights along this stretch of roadway. Total cost of the improvement was \$36,724. This project was the second joint project in these communities; the first was the installation of protective barriers along Arizona Road for pedestrian safety.

Defense: Pearl Harbor shipboard Sailors stay fit to fight

JO3 Devin Wright
Staff Writer

In late January, Commander Naval Surface Group Middle Pacific started a program to ensure all shipboard Sailors stationed in Pearl Harbor were issued and fitted for chemical, biological, radiological defense gear (CBR-D).

The undertaking started with the removal of all CBR-D from the ships.

Sailors were then fitted to their new gear and gas mask checked for leakage up to three parts per million.

The gear was then bar coded and put into a database for the ship to maintain and stowed away. The project lasted from January through March 12.

One of the main ideas behind the project was to ensure Sailors that the protective suit will protect against a CBR attack.

"If Sailors have to use these suits, they need to be confident that they are going to work," said Damage Control Chief (SW) Carl Laycock from COM-



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Sailors get fitted for a chemical, biological and radiological defense suit. Masks are checked for leakage up to 3 parts per million.

NAVSURFGRU MIDPAC. "With this program in place, Sailors can be sure that the gear assigned to them is going to fit and work properly and everything they are going to need in a CBR environment is in their bag and ready to go."

Laycock brought the idea to COMNAVSURFGRU MIDPAC after attending a firefighting conference in September where he found out about the program.

The project took on a personal meaning for Laycock.

"After being stationed on the USS Reuben James and being deployed for nine months, it took days to issue everyone all the gear they needed," said Laycock. "I know that any of the ships here in Pearl Harbor can be called away at a moment's notice. In the past, the gear on-board ships was found in voids, under deck plates and in a lot of forgotten places. With this program every Sailor knows where their kit bag is and what is in it."

Laycock coordinated with and successfully fitted 10 of the 11 ships' crews home ported in Pearl Harbor in a six-week period.

During that time, 1,936 CBR-D kits were built, 4,048 ALO boots were issued, 3,696 MCU-2P masks were fitted and 7,392 C2 canisters were processed and issued.

Laycock hopes the entire Navy will implement this program.

"Eventually it would be great to see all sea and shore commands Navy wide with this program," said Laycock.

Crommelin earns Battle E

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USS Crommelin (FFG 37) was awarded the Battle Efficiency at an award ceremony March 10.

USS Crommelin's predominant mission is submarine, surface and air warfare.

"With our two helicopters and advance sonar, the crew really does a great job of hunting down submarines and with our 76 millimeter guns, we do a great job at surface warfare," said Commander Donald Hodge, Crommelin's commanding officer.

Hodge said this award is important to crewmembers because "it signifies what the crew did together as a team. This crew has really earned this. They turned and burned over the last year, day in and day out. This award is a small reminder of how hard the crew worked. It's really my pleasure to serve with the crew of USS Crommelin," said Hodge.

Chief Boatswain's Mate Marrero (SW), leading chief petty officer of operations department, said

it's important for the Navy to recognize ships like the Crommelin "because of their hard work. Recognition like this motivates the crew to do even better. This is the oldest ship in the harbor with the number one team and that's something we (the crew) can be proud of," said Marrero.

"All the late night watches, hard work, extra effort has been acknowledged and that feels great," said Seaman Alexander Bayer. "While underway you don't expect recognition; you're just expected to do your job and when you do get recognized, it makes it all the better."

Bayer admits there is some friendly competition that goes on between other ships stationed here.

"Being a part of this crew makes you feel a step above," said Bayer. "There's competition between you and other ships in Pearl Harbor and even in the fleet and now maybe, at least for a while, we have some bragging rights."

In addition to earning the Battle E Award, USS Crommelin also earned the NEY award for Commander Pacific Fleet in the small afloat category 2004.

San Diego ship makes historic stop

USS Boxer hosts first reception in Goa, India

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USS Boxer (LHD 4) held a reception aboard the ship March 9 during the first night of a four-day visit to Port Mormugao in India.

The San Diego-based Boxer is the first U.S. ship to visit Goa.

The reception was held for 120 distinguished visitors from the U.S. consulate and other local agencies, including the Indian navy.

The reception provided an opportunity for the guests and Boxer Sailors to reinforce the bonds of friendship between India and the United States.

"On behalf of the officers, Sailors and Marines of USS Boxer, it is an honor to be able to host you this

evening," said Capt. Thomas D. Crowley, Boxer's commanding officer, as he addressed the crowd. "It is a pleasure to meet with you and a pleasure to visit the wonderful state of Goa in the country of India."

Crowley then introduced the U.S. Ambassador to India, Dr. David C. Mulford.

"You will find Goa a place of great charm and also of great interest. I recommend you check it out," Mulford advised the U.S. Sailors present at the reception.

Mulford then spoke of the importance of both navies to commerce and peace.

"Just as our economy is reliant on the sea to deliver international trade, we rely on our respective navies to

keep us safe," Mulford said. "On this note, I commend the officers and Sailors of the Indian and U.S. navies for your hard work in keeping the sea lanes open and keeping them safe."

Following the ambassador's remarks, Crowley, Mulford and Rear Adm. Sunil Krishanaji Damle, commander of Indian naval forces in the Goa region, participated in a cake-cutting ceremony.

The ceremony is a tradition shared by both navies.

Boxer, a Wasp-class amphibious assault ship, is on her way to her San Diego homeport.

Boxer has completed the offload of Marines and equipment to support two separate troop rotations in Iraq.

Currently, the Wasp-class amphibious assault ship is heading home following a series of missions performed during her deployment in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom.



Photo by PH3 Christopher Elmini

Sailors aboard the amphibious assault ship USS Boxer (LHD 4) "man the rails" as the ship enters Mormugao Harbor in Goa, India. Boxer, a Wasp-class amphibious assault ship, is the first U.S. Navy warship to visit the tropical port. Boxer recently completed the offload of Marines and equipment in support of troop rotations in Iraq and is scheduled to return to its homeport of San Diego in April.

Yee-haa!

Texas Collegians perform for Pearl Harbor families

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More than 150 Texans toured and performed for Sailors, civilians and families at Ward Field at Naval Station Pearl Harbor March 12.

The performers are students at Tyler Junior College in Tyler, Texas. They were here to participate in a special "spring break tour."

The teams have performed at Dallas Cowboys football games, college bowl games and at two super bowls. Among the teams were the Apache Belles dance team, the Harmony and Understanding choral group and the Apache Marching Band.

In addition to the performance at Ward Field, members of the Belles performed for the USS Santa Fe (SSN 763) homecoming March 9. Several of the Belles took time to personally welcome Machinist's Mate Fireman Raymond Dalton. Dalton is a Tyler native.

"It was very emotional," said Ashlee Grider, a 19-year-old Tyler Junior College freshman. "It was neat seeing dads meeting their kids for the first time and seeing how families reacted after being away from home for so long."

Grider said she lived in Hawai'i with her brother while he was in the Navy, and she enjoyed being back in Pearl Har-

bor to perform for the Sailors and their families. The Belles and other members of the Tyler team performed for Soldiers and their families at Schofield Barracks the day before their Pearl Harbor performance. The collegians and their families also toured the Arizona Memorial during their weeklong stay.

Hours before their performance, members of the Apache band took time to visit the USS Utah Memorial on Ford Island. The students volunteered for the chance to visit the memorial once referred to as "the forgotten memorial" because many of them had not heard anything about it before.

"It was very moving," said one member of the band. "I had no idea this place even existed. I mean, you hear all the time about the Arizona, but I never heard anything about the Utah. I'm glad I got the chance to come and see it and learn something new."

The band members learned about the history of the memorial and about the history of the Utah. While there, each of them paid their respects to the Sailors lost in the 1941 attack.

Parents of Tyler students also came along for the tour.

"I think the whole tour has been outstanding," said Juliana Zurek. Her daughter is a freshman at Tyler Junior College and a member of the Apache Belles. "They came here to see our troops and Sailors and to perform for them. They were all very excited about it and have all had a great time."



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Members of the Apache Marching Band prepare for their routine at Ward Field March 12. The Band performers are students from Tyler Junior College from Tyler, Texas.