

## VP-47 returns to Hawai'i

**JO2 Devin Wright**  
Staff Writer

After a six month deployment to the Middle East, Patrol Squadron 47 returned home to Hawai'i June 5.

Family and friends of the squadron cheered as the crew made their way back to Kaneohe Marine Corps Base on an Omni Air International commercial airline.

The squadron was involved in direct support of Operation Iraqi Freedom and Operation Enduring Freedom by flying surveillance missions over Iraq and Afghanistan.

The aircraft and aircrew were forward deployed to Bahrain. The squadron chalked up nearly 3,000 flight hours in combat support.

Cmdr. Jim Landers, executive officer of VP-47, said the crew held up "tremendously well." Although they were often subjected to extreme living conditions.

"The conditions were harsh," said Landers. "The crew had to deal with the sand, the heat, living in tents

in some places, and part of the crew that was stationed in Diego Garcia had the humidity, long hours and not a whole lot to do."

Landers returned a week before the bulk of the crew to prepare for their return.

"I've been an executive officer without a crew and the family members here today have been wives without husbands, husbands without wives, kids without a parent, mothers without their kids so today is a great day for everyone here," said Landers.

Although the squadron's mission was dangerous, the biggest concern for some crewmembers was the flight back.

"I help maintain the aircraft so that we could carry out our missions," said Airman Ceasar Pastorsilva of VP-47. "The only time I was ever scared was on the flight back here to Hawai'i because I thought we might crash."

Pastorsilva said the homecoming is extra special for him.

"While I was on deployment



U.S. Navy photo by JO2 Devin Wright  
AW2 Brian Bassak of VP-47 is reunited with his wife after a six month deployment to Bahrain. VP-47 flew surveillance missions in support of Operation Enduring Freedom and Operation Iraqi Freedom.

I asked my girlfriend to marry me," said Pastorsilva. "She said 'Yes' Now I'm just excited to spend time with her."

"I was stationed on Diego Garcia the whole time helping maintain the aircraft and packing parachutes," said Aircrew Survival Equipmentman

3rd Class Tom Sidman VP-47. "It was a lot of work but that made it go by pretty quick. Also we got a lot of 'any soldier' letters from different schools around the states and YMCAs that really made us feel good."

Sidman said he's got a lot to

catch up on now that he is back in the states.

"I'm back in Hawai'i now, so of course I'm going to get ready to go surfing— and go to Taco Bell," said Sidman. "We all worked hard and it feels great to come home after a job well done."



### Bring on the meat

Sailors, Marines take on Operation T-Bone. See story on page A-4.



### Rise to the top

Alpine Tower challenge course now open at Barbers Point. See story on page B-1.

## ATGMIDPAC unveils new anti-terrorism/force protection training facility

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Afloat Training Group Middle Pacific unveiled its new Anti-Terrorism/Force Protection Training Center at a ribbon cutting ceremony June 7 at Hangar 54 on Ford Island.

The center was established to deliver training required for Navy ships and submarines to become more defensive and raise awareness throughout the Navy and the Coast Guard.

The AT/FP Training Center offers formal shipboard courses of instruction in small arms marksmanship, armed sentry, shipboard security engagement weapons, visit board search and seizure, force protection fundamentals, non-lethal weapons, assessing a swimmer attack, and high speed target intercept.

During the opening remarks Commodore David

Armitage, Commander ATGMIDPAC said the center trains shipboard personnel for typical warfare.

"ATGMIDPAC is at the forefront of the effort to fight terrorism," said Armitage. "Six months after 9/11, ATGMIDPAC had become one of the most progressive and effective AT/FP training centers in the Navy by graduating over 1,200 people in various AT/FP courses. Here we are today at the opening of this crucial learning resource with the latest advance in training for our armed forces to fight this unconventional war in which we find ourselves," he concluded.

With many ships in the Navy and Coast Guard being deployed to the Persian Gulf many feel the training is needed to accomplish the Navy's tasks.

"Having this facility made available to us presents a



U.S. Navy photo by JO2 Devin Wright  
An instructor at ATGMIDPAC AT/FP training facility fires nine millimeter paint capsules at other instructors posing as terrorists during a demonstration after the ribbon cutting at the new ATGMIDPAC AT/FP training facility Monday on Ford Island.

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## Proclamation from President Bush

### Announcing the Death of Ronald Reagan

A Proclamation

TO THE PEOPLE OF THE UNITED STATES:

It is my sad duty to announce officially the death of Ronald Reagan, the fortieth President of the United States, on June 5, 2004.

We are blessed to live in a Nation, and a world, that have been shaped by the will, the leadership, and the vision of Ronald Reagan.

With an unshakable faith in the values of our country and the character of our people, Ronald Reagan renewed America's confidence and restored our Nation. His optimism, strength, and humility epitomized the American spirit. He always told us that for America the best was yet to come.

Ronald Reagan believed that God takes the side of justice and that America has a special calling to oppose tyranny and defend freedom. Through his courage and determination, he enhanced America's security and ad-

vanced the spread of peace, liberty, and democracy to millions of people who had lived in darkness and oppression. As America's President, Ronald Reagan helped change the world.

President Reagan has left us, but he has left us stronger and better. We take comfort in the knowledge that he has left us for a better place, the shining city that awaits him.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, GEORGE W. BUSH, President of the United States of America, by the authority vested in me by the Constitution and laws of the United States, in honor and tribute to the memory of Ronald Reagan, and as an expression of public sorrow, do hereby direct that the flag of the United States be displayed at half-staff at the White House and on all buildings, grounds, and Naval vessels of the United States for a period of 30 days from the day of his death. I also direct that for the same length of time, the representatives of the United States in foreign

countries shall make similar arrangements for the display of the flag at half-staff over their Embassies, Legations, and other facilities abroad, including all military facilities and stations.

I hereby order that suitable honors be rendered by units of the Armed Forces under orders of the Secretary of Defense.

I do further appoint Friday, June 11, 2004, as a National Day of Mourning throughout the United States. I call on the American people to assemble on that day in their respective places of worship, there to pay homage to the memory of President Reagan. I invite the people of the world who share our grief to join us in this solemn observance.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this sixth day of June, in the year of our Lord two thousand four, and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and twenty-eighth.

GEORGE W. BUSH

## Navy Region observes national mourning day

### List of offices across Hawai'i that may be closed today

As a mark of respect for former president Ronald Reagan, President Bush issued an executive order June 6, closing executive departments, independent establishments and other government agencies today. This day is considered a holiday for pay and leave purposes for military personnel and federal employees except for those who cannot be excused due to national security, defense or other essential public business.

Part-time employees are also excused if June 11 is a regularly-scheduled workday. The following base services information is provided:

FFSC will be open. Minimally staffed for emergency or crisis situations.

All college classes will continue as scheduled. Pass & ID will be closed. Temporary passes are available from the Center Drive sentry.

Gates will be manned for holiday operations. Halawa and Luapele gates will be closed.

Mini Marts will continue with normal operations.

Housing office will be closed. NEX will continue with normal operations. Commissary will be closed. Base fast food services will continue with normal operations. MWR admin office will be closed. Grenfell and Arizona pools will be closed. Sports office will be closed. The following child development centers will be closed:

Bougainville, Naval Station, Rainbow Hale, Keiki Corner, NCTAMS and Barbers Point. Child Development Homes office will be closed.

Youth Sports office will be closed. Catlin And Iroquois Clubhouse care programs are closed.

Catlin And Pearl City Housing Teen Center is closed.

Community Central is closed. Barbers Point Bowling Center is closed.

The Following Travel Offices are closed: Bloch Arena, Barbers Point, NCTAMS and Travel Connections.

Pearl Harbor, Westloch And NCTAMS Auto Skills Centers. Closed. Ford Island and Barbers Point Fitness Centers are closed.

Kids Care Extended Care Home will continue normal operations.

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U.S. Navy photo by J01 Daniel J. Calderon FT1(SS) Kendall Phillips, of USS Columbia (SSN 771), pumps gas at the NEX gas station on Naval Station Pearl Harbor.

## Hawai'i military COLA rates to change July 1

### U.S. Pacific Command Public Affairs

Some service members stationed in the state of Hawai'i will be seeing changes in their Cost of Living Allowance (COLA) as of July 1.

The changes include increases for service members stationed on the islands of Oahu and Maui.

There is no change in the COLA rate for service members stationed on the Big Island and Kauai.

With the new rates, an E-5 stationed on Oahu with eight years of federal active service and three dependents would see an approximate increase of \$45 a month in COLA.

An O-3, under the same criteria, would see a \$61 dollar increase, according to Eddie Fowler, a personnel policy analyst in U.S. Pacific Command's (USPACOM) Manpower, Personnel and Administration Directorate.

The changes to Oahu and Maui's COLA rates are the result of this year's COLA Retail Price Survey, which is based on the results of a COLA Living Pattern Survey. The Living Pattern Survey, conducted in January 2003, established where military personnel shop.

USPACOM then conducts a Retail Price Survey each year for the next three years at the retail locations identified in the Living Pattern Survey.

The raw data collected through the surveys is then sent to the Per Diem, Travel and Transportation Allowance Committee, in Washington, D.C. Based on this year's data, the committee determined changes were due for Oahu and Maui.

"What made the difference in January 2003 was the fact that people took the time to fill out the Living Pattern Survey correctly, showing us where they shop in their local community," said Army Maj. Eric Hunke, of USPACOM's Personnel Programs Branch.

"We [in the military] seem to spend a lot of money in the commissaries and exchanges out of necessity, but we also do about 40 percent of our shopping at local markets out of convenience," said Hunke.

More information about COLA, including calculators and explanations on how COLA is determined, can be found at the Per Diem Web site at [www.dtic.mil/perdiem/index.html](http://www.dtic.mil/perdiem/index.html).

# NEX receives top award

## Award affirms local NEX is 'best exchange in the world'

Tricia Conaty

Navy Exchange Marketing

Bringing in more than \$230 million in sales, the Navy Exchange Hawai'i was named the winner of the 2003 Bingham Award

The award is the highest honor in the NEX system.

"This award affirms to our customers that they are shopping at the best exchange in the world," said M.F. Cottrell, district manager/general manager, NEX Hawai'i. "It makes the exchange benefit more meaningful to the men and women who serve our country and gives greater meaning to Pearl Harbor being the Navy's best homeport."

NEX Hawai'i beat out other stores in NEXCOM's superstore category, including exchanges in San Diego, Pensacola, Norfolk and Yokosuka, Japan—stores that all average sales between \$104 and \$210 million.

The Bingham Award recognizes excellence in sales, customer service, operations and management.

NEX stores worldwide are judged through criteria that include customer

satisfaction surveys, associate satisfaction surveys and sales figures.

Cottrell feels the award fosters friendly competition among exchanges, providing members of the military community and their families with the maximum benefit.

"Customers played a significant role in helping the NEX Hawai'i win the prestigious award in fiscal year 2003," said Cottrell. "In addition to driving profits, customers' opinions about their store are always heard."

The yearly customer satisfaction survey is a good indicator of customer needs, but Cottrell and the NEX management also read every one of the 1,500-plus comment cards they receive from customers each month.

"If a customer identifies a problem that is in our control, we'll fix it," said Cottrell. "For example, last year our customers told us they wanted more selection in our Ladies' Department. We worked with our buyers who brought in the merchandise that would make customers happy," he said.

Besides bragging rights, winning the Bingham Award sets a higher standard of performance for the ex-



Photo by Tricia Conaty

Customers are shopping at the "best exchange in the world". NEX Hawai'i won the Bingham Award which recognizes excellence in sales, customer service, operations and management.

change in years to come.

"The NEX Hawai'i has achieved this top honor five times in the last decade," said Beverly Hudgins, NEX Hawai'i store manager. "The key to our success in the future is for all members of Team Hawai'i to stay customer focused—we want our Sailors to be proud of their exchange."

Established in 1978, the Bingham

Award is named for World War II Reserve Capt. W.H. Bingham. He was chairman of the committee established by the Secretary of the Navy in 1945 to study NEX facilities.

The study resulted in a recommendation to create a worldwide network of Navy Exchanges.

An award ceremony is planned for later this year.

## Remembering Reagan Letters to the editor

Commentary  
Karen Spangler  
Assistant Editor

As the nation and the world mourn the passing of former President Ronald Reagan, I have my own recollections of one of our nation's greatest presidents.

On a hot summer day in 1981, President Reagan paid a visit to the Air Force installation where my husband was assigned. It was a low-profile event and drew no media attention, but the word quickly spread throughout the base. Service members and their families were invited to meet our country's commander-in-chief.

Air Force One landed and soon after, as the Air Force band played "Hail to the Chief," President Reagan strode across the tarmac toward the service members and families waiting to meet him. I had never met a president before - now there I was in the presence of this great man.

Exuding the warmth and charisma that President Reagan was well known for, he greeted the families who gathered there and shook hands after hand as he moved through the crowd of people. I had never met a president before, but I remember that his handshake was strong as he clasped mine and he smiled broadly as we exchanged hellos - I was totally awed by the brief encounter.

President Reagan also noticed our five-year-old son, settled on his father's shoulders so that he could see the president over the heads of the crowd that was gathered. The president reached out to shake Shane's hand. Even at this tender age, our son knew the importance of that brief

moment. "I got to shake hands with the president," he proudly boasted for days after.

President Reagan was beloved by many, evidenced by the hundreds of thousands of people who have lined up and waited for hours just for the opportunity to pay their respects.

As the stars and stripes throughout the country fly at half mast and the massive government machine grinds to a halt for a National Day of Mourning today, thousands of Americans will pay their respects, will shed tears and remember "The Gipper."

I am grateful that I had the opportunity those many years ago to shake hands with President Ronald Reagan - an experience that I will always treasure.

Aloha President Reagan...and thank you for all you have given to America.



Photo courtesy of Honolulu Advertiser, taken by Charles Okamura  
Ronald and Nancy Reagan made many visits to Hawaii, both before and during his presidency. This photo was taken during their Sept. 4, 1979 visit to the islands.

Commentary  
JO1 Daniel J.  
Calderón  
Editor

The thing I remember most about him is his smile.

When he was in office, Reagan was not my commander in chief. He was not really the most powerful man in the world. He wasn't the head of one of the strongest military forces on the planet.

To me, he was the president with a great smile.

Ronald Reagan had the kind of smile that was reassuring. With events happening in the world throughout my middle school and half of my high school years, Reagan was the kind of president that seemed like he could be trusted.

He seemed to be more of a grandfather than a president. When I listened to him

on television, it seemed like he would be just as comfortable talking to me and my family in my living room.

Reagan seemed very personable. He seemed to be the kind of person you could sit and have a Big Red (also known as Texas ambrosia) with on a hot summer day.

I have heard the talk about how great a president he was. I've seen the stories about how he helped bring about an end to the cold war and how he helped helm a great resurgence of the American economy. Frankly, though, I'll never really understand Reaganomics.

I don't think I'll remember Ronald Reagan as a great president. I don't think I can.

Instead, I can remember him as someone who seemed to be a great person.

He was someone I would have loved to meet and have a conversation with sometime.

I haven't really wanted to meet every president who's been in office since I was born, but Ronald Reagan is definitely one I would like to have had the chance to meet.

I disagree with the idea that we have lost a great American life. I think that we have lost a great life. Period.

It makes no difference if the life is American, Canadian, Iraqi, Korean or from any other country. Lives have meaning regardless of their point of origin.

Today, I join people all over in mourning the death of Ronald Reagan. I mourn personally because I never had the chance to meet him. But, I know he will always be with us - as long as we have DVD and VHS players, Ronald S. Reagan will always be a part of our lives.

Hawaii Military  
Appreciation Month

The Hawaii Military Appreciation Month (HMAM) Luncheon for Community Service was held at Sheraton Waikiki on Wednesday, 19 May 2004. It was Sponsored by The Chamber of Commerce of Hawaii, First Hawaiian Bank, Matson Navigation, Alexander and Baldwin. There was one Awardee from each branch of the military and there were several nominees.

I believe the coverage done for HMAM in [a local newspaper] on Thursday, 20 May 2004 was not done in a way suitable to represent Military Appreciation Month. Everybody who saw the newspaper was disappointed at the coverage done for the HMAM. At the function there were speeches made by Lt. Gov. Duke "James" Aiona, Gen. James Campbell, Hawaii Chamber of Commerce President, First Hawaiian Bank President and CEO, Alexander and Baldwin President and CEO and Matson Navigation President and CEO. For a Program of such nature which only happens once in 365 days, the coverage given by either Hawaii Navy News or [a local newspaper] was not warranted good enough in print.

The article in Honolulu Advertiser dated 20 May 2004 was titled about Military Scandal Handling and contents of article were not appropriate enough. A photo from the Luncheon appeared in [a local newspaper], however the contents (print) did not mention about who were the community service nominees or awardees in whose honor this so called Luncheon was held.

Very Respectfully,  
HM2(SW) Khuzema A. Savai

Special Olympics

Regarding the recent (June 4, 2004) HNN coverage of vol-

unteers at the Special Olympics:

I just want to say that there were many more people involved that deserve recognition for the long hours and dedication they put into the event. As the Navy Community Service Program Coordinator for the Naval Submarine Training Center Pacific, I, along with many others, was involved throughout the entire weekend as a member of a sixty person Games Management Team which coordinated and ran events, transportation, activities, and over 1,200 volunteers.

In the future it is recommended that your journalists look at the big story, the efforts of the hundreds of sailors throughout the summer games, not just a select few. The story I read is that a few sailors got together for a publicity shoot. My team of volunteers, having helped setup power lifting Saturday morning and handout awards in the afternoon as well as run several administrative errands, was in and out of the power lifting event all day. The only people who were spotting the athletes were Officials. After having put in over forty hours over four days it is disappointing to see a few people in a publicity stunt get region wide credit.

The Special Olympics State Summer Games involved a HPD sponsored Torch Run, a fun and exciting two-day multi-division softball tournament, fast-paced track and field events, and swimming heats that would make the Athens Olympic Committee take notice.

Special Olympics has several events coming up in August and early December. I am asking ahead of time for proper coverage of these events not only to highlight the hundreds of uniformed volunteers but as well as the lives of the athletes they encounter.

Sincerely,  
FT1 (SS) Adam Miles

Commentary

## Chapel Pennant

### Hands

Chaplain (Cmdr.)  
Michael Wolfram

When I hold a basketball in my hands, it's merely a basketball, but when you place the same basketball in the hands of Shaquille O'Neal it turns into professional championships.

Put a golf club in my hands, and I make divots, but when you place the same golf club in the hands of Tiger Woods, it turns him into the best golfer in the world.

A paintbrush in my hands might result in some pretty good pictures if you give me lines to keep within, but when placed in the hands of Renoir, it turned into incredible works of art.

A gun placed in the hands of a hunter is a tool for sport or obtaining food, but when placed in the hands of a terrorist that same gun becomes a weapon of destruction.

How is it that the same instruments and the same tools can bring about such different degrees of results? Quite simply, it depends upon who is holding them and how they are being used.

The Bible has numerous examples of the same. A rod was simply a stick laying on the ground until it was placed into Moses' hands and was used to turn water into blood, part a sea, and direct a battle.

Two fish and five loaves of bread were just a boy's

picnic lunch until placed into Jesus' hands who then used them to feed 5,000 people. It all depends upon who is holding them and how they are being used.

The same can be said for us. It depends upon whose hands we are in and how we are being used. We call it the chain of command. It is the means by which we are ultimately in the hands of the Commander in Chief and are being used to promote and defend the Constitution of the United States of America.

Each person in this chain is important. Each acts not on his or her own, but in the hands of another. The many, working as one, achieves the goal and values we value.

This applies to all aspects of our lives, not only in the military, and especially in the spiritual. Not only does God want you to place your gifts, energy, and talents in His hands,

He wants you to place your pain as well. For as much as when you place a golf club in the hands of Tiger Woods, it turns into "Ooh's" and "aah's" when your life is in the hands of God.

He will also turn it into "Ooh's" and "aah's." Just think...He used a rod in Moses' hands to win a battle; He used some bread and fish from a little boy to feed a multitude. Imagine what he can do with you! No, don't imagine, let it happen!

## Hawaii's Sailors 'talk story

Master at Arms 2nd Class James Felton

"If it can shoot I've probably shot it," said Master at Arms 2nd Class James Felton Jr. of Navy Region Hawaii Mobile Security Force.

Felton is a San Diego native and has been in the Navy for a year and a half and spent eight years in the Army in the field mobile unit before making the switch.

"I wanted to take what the Army taught me with weapons and the jump wing and air assault and bring those skills to the Navy," said Felton.

"I feel the Navy offers more versatility and more stability as far as being stationary. While I was in the Army it seemed I was moving around a lot. I did two tours in Korea including Korea's Northern border serving in the Reaction Force and two tours in Bosnia I was ready to just be in one

place for a while," Felton said. "I'll be here in Hawaii until June 2006. That's a long while if you think in terms of Army time.

Navy Region Hawaii is Felton's first duty station in the Navy.

"We get to patrol Pearl Harbor in a Hummer and man an M-60. Who wouldn't love that," Felton asked.

"It's a show of force which ultimately is a deterrent," said Felton. "I really want to stay in the mobile security force. I've been talking to my detailer and am hoping everything works out to where I can continue to do this type of work for a long time. I think it would be great for the Navy to utilize the training I received in the Army with weapons and different tactics."

"I love it," he said. "I really enjoy the fact that we are mobile and able to be quick to respond to an incident. I

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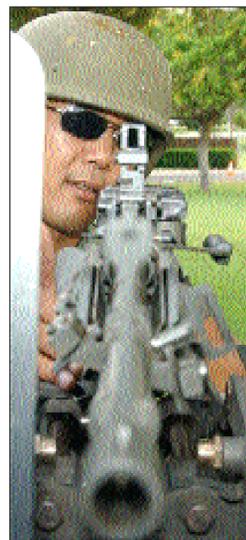
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Mobile Security Force

Job:  
Security Patrol officer

Favorite part of the job:  
Protecting America's homeland

also enjoy training people," said Felton. "I am certainly going to make the military a career because I enjoy so many aspects of this job. If I didn't I would be looking at a career change," said Felton.

I feel proud that I am part of America's force protection and knowing that I am helping defend our homeland."



U.S. Navy photo by JO2 Devin Wright  
MA2 James Felton takes aim during a practice run while riding atop the Security department's "hummer" vehicle.

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# Operation T-Bone: Californians give Sailors, Marines chance to fill up before deploying

JO1 Daniel J. Calderón

Editor

In just over two and a half hours, Sailors and Marines assigned to Expeditionary Group 3 consumed 4,200 steaks and more than a ton of potato salad and other barbecue fare as part of Operation T-Bone held Monday on Naval Station Pearl Harbor.

"I liked it," said Aviation Ordnanceman Airman Kyle McIlheney of USS Belleau Wood (LHA 3). "It's nice weather out here and we've got great steaks."

Tom Anton, a lawyer from Bakersfield Calif., is the driving force behind the food-for-all. Thirty-one business people from Bakersfield joined Anton to cook for the outdoor occasion. This week's event is the latest in a series of cookouts he's put together for Sailors over the past 25 years.

"You have no idea how much people want to do stuff for the military, but they have no idea how," he said. "I'm just lucky that I know people who have become three or four star admirals. I'm lucky because I get the chance to do this."

Anton began holding cookouts on destroyers and cruisers. After the events of 9-11, Anton contacted some high-ranking friends of his to see what he and his friends in the business community could do to help the military community.

"They asked me what we do best," Anton recalled. "I said we barbecue," he said with a chuckle.

So, Anton received permission to hold his steak barbecue aboard a carrier. At first, the admirals he spoke with were skeptical because of the cost involved with feeding so many Sailors, but Anton and his group were not to be deterred. Since that day, they've conducted cookouts for USS John C. Stennis (CVN 74), USS Harry S. Truman (CVN 75) and USS Abraham Lincoln (CVN 72).

Anton's core group consists of over 100 business professionals from the Bakersfield area.

"These folks own construction companies, cement companies, one's a federal district judge," he said. "They're here because they care a hell of a lot about Sailors and Marines."

Including the barbecue at Pearl Harbor, Anton said he and his friends have cooked more than 8.2 tons of 12-oz New York steaks for Sailors and Marines.

"I think it's awesome," said CMDCM(SW/AW) Thomas Shields, command master chief for ESG-3. "The time, effort and money put into this is tremendous. I know every Sailor and Marine here is enjoying this."

Shields said he and the Sailors and Marines in the group are ready for their deployment. According to Shields, their time here was not all rest and relaxation.



U.S. Navy photo by JO1 Daniel Calderón

Sailors and Marines from Expeditionary Strike Group 3 pile potato salad and rolls on to their plates to go with the steaks at Operation T-Bone held Monday on Naval Station Pearl Harbor. Tom Anton, a Bakersfield, Calif. attorney, and a group of 31 other business people from Bakersfield provided 4,200 steaks for ESG-3.

"This wasn't necessarily a port visit," he said. "We were here so the Marines could conduct training but we were able to squeeze in about a day and a half of liberty for everybody."

The Sailors and Marines in the group are "prepared for anything," Shields said. However, they were grateful for the chance to enjoy a steak luncheon on the day they pulled out.

"I thought this was a great opportunity for people from the civilian sector who wanted to show their appreciation for our Sailors and Marines," Shields said. "And the steaks were great."

"You just can't get much better than Harris Ranch," said Anton about the steaks which came from the Harris Ranch Beef Co. Some of the steaks were donated and the rest were sold to Anton's group at a discount price.

Not everyone involved in the cookout has a military background. Kevin Small, a contractor from Bakersfield, never served in any of the armed services. He said he decided to help since the reason behind the event was important.

"We're all here because it's our chance to give something back," he said. "This is a very small token of our appreciation. I think we enjoy this more

than you Sailors do.

"I brought my 12-year-old son Kyle out with me," Small continued. "He's had the opportunity to meet some very, very wonderful men. This has given him the chance to see what the military does and why we have our freedoms today."

Anton said Monday's Operation T-Bone would not have been possible without a lot of coordination by two members of his staff - Lisa Ferris and Erica Pitts.

"Those two must have talked with everyone involved at least 500 times," he said. "This one is so much different for us. Usually, we're cooking on a flight deck. This time, it's on a pier"

Throughout the cookout, Sailors and Marines came up to Anton to thank him and his friends for bringing the steaks, the food and cooking for them.

"Not too many people nowadays show appreciation for the military like this," said Electronics Technician 3rd Class (SW) Travis George, of USS Denver (LPD 9). "This is really great. Thanks a lot Mr. Anton."

"That's why we do it," Anton said as he pointed to the assembled Sailors and Marines. "We want to let you know everybody cares for you guys."

**Closed:** Some offices are open

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Sharkey Theater will continue normal operations.

Beeman Center bar will be open.

Naval Station Bowling Center will be open.

ITT Office-NEX will continue normal operations.

NCTAMS Bowling Center will be open.

Scott, Towers, Kona Breeze and NCTAMS pools will be open.

Sam Sneads Tavern is open.

Club Pearl and Oceans CPO Clubs, Liberty In Paradise, Beemans and NCTAMS will continue with normal operations.

White Plains Beach is open.

Rainbow Bay Marina is open.

Racquet Club, Boards and Blades Skate Park, Barbers Point and Navy Marine Golf Course will continue with normal operations.

Naval Station Gym, Bloch Arena, NCTAMS and Westloch Fitness Centers will be open.

Outdoor Adventure Center will continue with normal operations.

Navy Federal and Pearl Harbor Credit Unions are closed.

The Navy Region galleys will be on holiday hours today. Meal hours will be as follows:

Silver Dolphin Bistro  
Galley  
Breakfast 0615-0715  
Lunch 1100-1230  
Dinner 1615 1730  
NavMag Ewa Palms Galley  
Breakfast 0700-0800  
Lunch 1030-1230  
Dinner 1630-1730  
Diosdado-Rome Galley  
Closed  
NCTAMS Samson Hall  
Galley  
Closed.

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# Testyon relieves Doty aboard USS Cheyenne

**JO3 Corwin Colbert**  
COMSUBPAC Public Affairs

Cmdr. Richard Testyon, Jr. relieved Cmdr. Charles Doty as commanding officer of USS Cheyenne (SSN 773) in a change of command ceremony June 4 at the Pearl Harbor Naval Station, submarine piers.

Capt. Dennis Murphy, Commander Submarine Squadron Seven was the principal speaker.

"I take great pleasure in standing before you to witness the transfer of authority through this change of command. Doty and his crew have been at the top of their game," said Murphy. "The praises and awards have followed their accomplishments. The hallmark of Cheyenne is their readiness. Cheyenne is ready today much in the same way she was ready in January 2003, when after six months on deployment, the order came to make best speed to the Red Sea to be in position for combat strikes in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom," Murphy said.

"As the 2003 Squadron Sev-

en Battle Efficiency Award winners, the success of any crew is a reflection of its leader. When you step back and look at the accomplishments of USS Cheyenne under Chas' leadership, the results are astounding," he said.

During his speech, Murphy presented Doty with the Legion of Merit Medal for exceptionally meritorious service as commanding officer of USS Cheyenne.

"The crew, the blueshirts, are the toughest backbone of a ship you will ever meet and they will never stop giving their best until the job is done," said Doty.

"The chiefs know how to harness all of that great energy to run the ship correctly on a day-to-day basis. And the wardroom knows how to employ all the modern, technically superior systems this ship has to offer."

"Most importantly, Cheyenne is a fast ship ready to go into harm's way," said Doty.

"I thank Doty for making the turnover process so effortless, and for answering my endless questions. He has

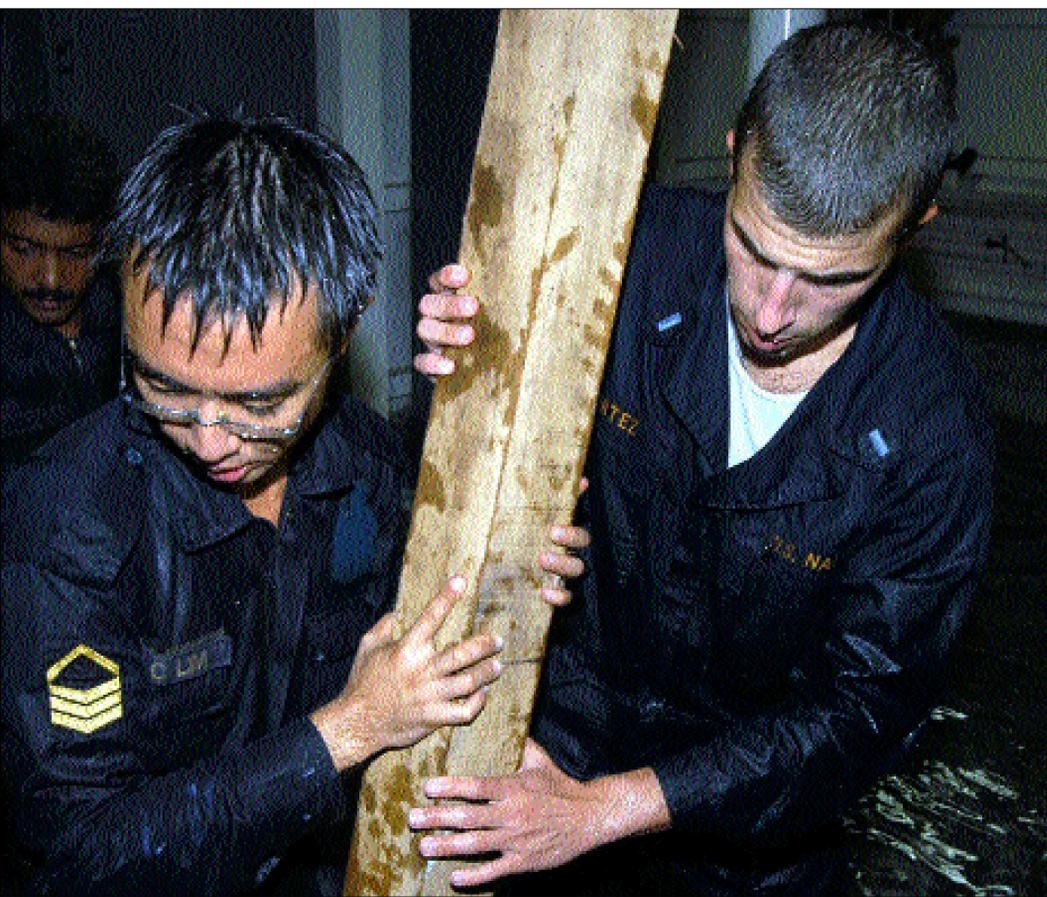
left some large shoes to fill, and I promise to do my best to further the already considerable reputation of Cheyenne. Many of my peers expressed a tinge of jealousy when they heard I was headed to this sub. The crew's reputation is known throughout the force."

"I am proud and honored to take command of such a fine warship and outstanding crew. I truly look forward to my next few years as Cheyenne's skipper, and I will put forth my best efforts to ensure that our time together is personally and professionally rewarding," he concluded.

Testyon graduated from the U.S. Naval Academy in 1986. He has been assigned to five previous submarines: USS Henry Clay (SSBN 625)(Gold), USS Trepang (SSN 674), Deep Submergence Unit detachment Turtle (DSV-3), USS Albuquerque (SSN 706) and USS Pennsylvania (SSBN 735) (Gold). His last assignment was Deputy Commander of Training at Commander Submarine Development Squadron Twelve in Groton, Conn.



U.S. Navy photo by JO3 Corwin Colbert  
Capt. Dennis Murphy, Commander Submarine Squadron Seven, awards Cmdr. Charles Doty the Legion of Merit Medal for exceptional meritorious service as commanding officer of USS Cheyenne (SSN 773). Cmdr. Richard Testyon relieved Doty of command during a change of command ceremony June 4 at Pearl Harbor Naval Stations submarine piers.



U.S. Navy photo by JOC Melinda Larson  
Lt. j.g. Chris Cortez, repair division officer on board USS Russell (DDG 59), and a Republic of Singapore Navy (RSN) sailor use shoring material to repair damage during a flooding scenario at a RSN damage control wet trainer. The training was an exercise Cooperation Afloat Readiness and Training (CARAT) event.

## Common training facilitates communications between USS Russell, Singapore sailors

**JOC Melinda Larson**  
CARAT Task Group  
public affairs

U.S. and Republic of Singapore Navy (RSN) sailors traded damage control techniques during a major flooding exercise at the RSN's damage control wet trainer June 3.

The training was a Cooperation Afloat Readiness and Training (CARAT) event. "You can never be too prepared for a casualty or know all there is to know about responding," said Lt. j.g. Chris Cortez, repair division officer on board USS Russell (DDG 59).

Inside the realistic trainer, Sailors were subjected to a loss of power, a pitching effect of 10 degrees both to port and starboard and flooding up to their waists.

"We responded on the run without much instruction or intervention. It was very valuable," Cortez said. "You can learn new techniques during different training scenarios. It gives my guys more experience which means more tools in their tool kit."

Both navies worked together as a team.

As the Sailors all fought to gain control of the emergent situation, communicating with each other was paramount.

"It was hard to communicate at first but then the training took over," said Damage Controlman 3rd Class Ricardo Gonzalez, a Russell Sailor. "We were able to understand each other without talking. We just looked at each other and knew what the other wanted. Damage control response is the same in any language. I would definitely trust these guys on my ship any time."

Russell is currently taking part in the Singapore phase of CARAT, the first of five bilateral military training exercises with Southeast Asia nations designed to enhance the interoperability of the respective sea services.

## Gumataotao assumes DESRON 31 command

**Destroyer Squadron 31**  
Public Affairs

Capt. Pete Gumataotao took command of Destroyer Squadron 31 May 20 during a change of command ceremony held on board USS Paul Hamilton (DDG 60).

Gumataotao relieved Captain Philip Greene, Jr., as the 28th commander of the DESRON 31.

Greene assumed command of Naval Surface Group, Middle Pacific May 28.

During the ceremony, Greene expressed his appreciation for the work the squadron staff has done during his tenure as Commodore and stated DESRON 31 ships are the recognized top performers in each battle group they operate in due to the hard work of the

crews and staff.

Gumataotao echoed those words when he said the positive reputation of DESRON 31 ships is well known throughout the fleet.

In addition, Gumataotao thanked his family for their support throughout his career and told Rear Adm. Barry McCullough, Commander, Navy Region, Commander, Naval Surface Group, Middle Pacific and Enterprise Carrier Strike Group, he was ready to move ahead with the job of supporting operations against terrorism.

Gumataotao, a native of Guam, graduated from the United States Naval Academy in 1981 with a Bachelor of Science in Resources Management. Subsequently, in 1993 he earned a Masters of Arts in Strategic Studies from the Naval War College in Newport.

Gumataotao is a Surface Warfare Officer who has deployed extensively to Western Pacific, Indian Ocean, and Arabian Gulf operating areas. His most recent shore tour was at Commander, U.S. Pacific Fleet as the Current Operations Officer.

Gumataotao's awards include the Legion of Merit, Meritorious Service Medal (three awards), Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal (four awards), Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal (two awards), and Battle Efficiency Ribbon (two awards).

He was the recipient of the Hawai'i Navy League Award and Commander, U.S. Naval Surface Forces, Pacific, Shiphandler of the Year award. Gumataotao was also the recipient of the first Admiral Zumwalt Award for visionary leadership in 2001.

## Honolulu departs to Western Pacific

**JO3 Corwin Colbert**  
COMSUBPAC Public Affairs

USS Honolulu (SSN 718) departed for a Western Pacific deployment from its homeport of Pearl Harbor June 1.

According to Cmdr. Charles Harris, commanding officer USS Honolulu, during the last several months the crew prepared for deployment by updating equipment and getting the submarine certified for deployment.

"It has been an extensive upkeep period. We got back to Pearl Harbor in November from an under-ice deployment in the Arctic," said Harris. "Following that deployment, we did two full maintenance periods, an entire workup and a tactical readiness inspection. We had to quickly get the crew to switch gears from the under-ice type operations to shallow, slow-water-speed operations," he said.

According to Harris his crew is ready despite a year-and-a-half of constant time at sea.

"The crew has been very busy and they are ready to go.



U.S. Navy photo by JO3 Corwin Colbert  
Sailors aboard USS Honolulu (SSN 718) leave Pearl Harbor on deployment June 1.

Overall, the crew's morale is very high. Of course, everyone is a little down there first day being away from their families, but we are ready to go," concluded Harris.

USS Honolulu is the 24th Los Angeles Class attack submarine. It has the ability to conduct a broad spectrum of warfare missions.

## Personnel and Readiness Web page introduced

**Department of Defense**  
Public Affairs

The Department of Defense announced June 1 that it has launched the "Commanders Page," an Internet site that provides current information about emerging personnel and readiness, and quality of life issues and initiatives, especially designed for flag and general officers from all military services.

"This Web site reflects the commitment of Defense Department to provide flag and general officers with the latest personnel and readiness information, and online resources to help them provide the best possible support for their military members and their families," said Charles S. Abell, principal deputy under secretary of defense (personnel & readiness).

The goal of the Commanders Page is for it to become a regular "first stop" Web site by providing timely DoD information about personnel and



readiness programs, policies, legislative issues and news that can be digested quickly and distributed further through commanders' chains of command.

"The driving force behind this Web site is our wish to enhance communications between my office and our senior leaders," added Abell.

The Commanders Page will be sponsored by the Office of the Under Secretary of Defense (Personnel & Readiness) at [www.commanderspage.dod.mil](http://www.commanderspage.dod.mil).

The site is intended to raise awareness of the wide variety of community-based and online resources that DoD provides to service personnel and their families.

## Body found at Utah Hall

**Navy Region Hawai'i Public Affairs**

A body was discovered Sunday at approximately 1:30 p.m. in Utah Hall, a bachelors enlisted quarters (BEQ) at Pearl Harbor. The body is believed to be that of a retired military member who was staying at the BEQ on a space available basis.

Foul play is not suspected and it appears the deceased may have died of natural causes.

Naval Criminal Investigative Services is conducting an investigation.

# Will a hurricane threaten paradise?

**Karen S. Spangler**

*Assistant Editor*

(Part 1 of a 4-part series)

June 1 ushered in the beginning of hurricane season. How likely is it that a hurricane will hit the islands of Hawai'i? Could this be the year? No one can answer these questions. Hurricanes are relatively rare events anywhere in the world, but no place – including Hawai'i – is safe from the threat of hurricanes. There is no way to tell in advance how active a hurricane season it might be.

No one knows if this could be the year that a hurricane might threaten paradise. But allowing yourself to believe that, "it won't come here" or "there hasn't been a hurricane here in years so why worry," or buying into the "it can't happen to me" philosophy could be dangerous. The best thing is to be aware and to be prepared.

Officials with the National Weather Service and Oahu Civil Defense caution that it isn't a matter of if a hurricane will visit the islands, but a matter of when.

They advise island residents not to be complacent about the threat of hurricanes, but to be hurricane-ready.

Since the beginning of history, all major islands in the Hawaiian Island chain have been struck by strong wind storms.

Historical evidence indicates that one early hurricane in 1871 approached from an easterly direction and impacted the islands of Hawai'i and Maui. But officially, the first recognized hurricane in Hawai'i was Hurricane Hiki in August 1950.

There have been five hurricanes since 1950 that have caused serious damage in Hawai'i. The island of Kauai received the brunt of three of the severe storms.

In 1959, Hurricane Dot left her mark on the island, resulting in losses of about \$6 million. With the arrival of Hurricane Iwa on November 23, 1982, Kauai sustained an estimated \$250 million in damages.

Hurricane Iniki, which hit the island of Kauai in September 1992, was the most destructive storm to strike Hawai'i in recorded history.

Losses from the storm's sustained winds of 130 mph along with widespread water damage exceeded \$2.3 billion.

Honolulu was ravaged by Hurricane Nina's record winds in 1957. That storm also brought 35-foot surf to Kauai's southern coast.

Hurricane Estelle in 1986 produced

very high surf on the islands of Hawai'i and Maui and flooding on Oahu. Hurricane Fico in July 1978 passed more than 400 miles to the southeast of the Big Island, but waves from the storm damaged homes and roads on the island's Ka'u coast.

As recently as September 2003, Hawai'i residents braced themselves as Hurricane Jimena posed a threat to the islands. When the storm churned its way through the Pacific Ocean toward Hawai'i, island residents took notice.

Weather forecasters watched the hurricane closely as the rest of us waited to see if the she-storm would create havoc in the islands paradise...or if it would veer away from the islands and miss Hawai'i.

There was a collective sigh of relief when Jimena passed by the Hawaiian Island chain and began to weaken – although Big Island residents did end up with heavy rains and some wind, courtesy of the storm.

It was only a "dress rehearsal" – that time – but it forced islanders to face the reality that a hurricane can indeed visit the islands at anytime and with little warning.

Island residents swarmed into stores and quickly depleted the shelves of storm essentials – plywood and tape for protecting windows, batteries, bottled water and staple foods.

For many of those who waited until the last minute, it would have been too late to collect the necessary items for their emergency kits if the storm had stayed on course for a hit on the islands.

For those island residents who had not already prepared for a hurricane, it was a "wake-up call."

Hurricane activity peaks in late summer because ocean temperatures are warmest at this time. The climatology of hurricane tracks over the central Pacific shows a mean track that passes to the south of the Hawaiian Island chain.

Hurricanes are giant whirlwinds, characterized by air which moves in a large tightening spiral around a center of extreme low pressure.

A hurricane reaches its maximum velocity in a circular band that extends outward 20 or 30 miles from the rim of the storm's eye. Near its center, hurricane winds may gust to more than 200 miles per hour.

Such a storm dominates the ocean surface and lower atmosphere over an area of many thousands of square miles.

Winds are light and skies may be clear or partly cloudy in the eye of the storm. But this calm is deceptive and is bordered by maximum force winds and torrential rains.

The storms move forward very slowly, usually initially at 15 miles per hour or less, and may even remain almost stationary for short periods of time. As the hurricane moves away from the equator, its forward speed may increase. In extreme cases, it may exceed 50 miles per hour.

The destructive storms are driven by the heat that is released by condensing water vapor and by external mechanical forces.

If cut off from the warm ocean, the storm becomes starved for water and heat energy and begins to weaken and die. The friction as it moves over the land weakens it even more. However, due to the small land area and close proximity of shoreline to all areas of the islands, there is less reduction in power as hurricane winds travel over land in Hawai'i.

In the upcoming weeks, additional articles will be published in Hawai'i Navy News.

Some of the topics covered will include stages of hurricanes, when to evacuate and where to go, your household survival kit, where to get timely information when a hurricane is approaching and how to make provisions for family pets.

The information is intended to provide interesting and helpful information about hurricanes that will help to prepare residents in the event that a hurricane moves toward the Hawaiian Islands.

Additional information about hurricanes and guidelines on hurricane preparedness may be found on Navy Channel 2 and on Navy Region Hawai'i web site: [www.hawaii.navy.mil](http://www.hawaii.navy.mil).

The bottom line is that hurricanes are storms that are potentially capable of causing widespread destruction, injuries and deaths.

The best defense is to be aware, to be armed with helpful information, to make the necessary preparations in plenty of time, and to always maintain respect for one of mother nature's most awesome, yet feared, occurrences.

(Some information provided by Oahu Civil Defense Agency and the Joint Institute for Marine and Atmospheric Research – University of Hawaii-National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration.)



Photo by Margaret Tippy

(Left to right) Maj. Gen. G. Joseph Webb Jr., Lt. Gen. James B. Peake, and Col. Stephanie A. Marshall, stand at attention during Tripler Army Medical Center's Change of Command Ceremony June 2. Marshall is Tripler's new commander.

## Marshall assumes command at Tripler

### Tripler Army Medical Center Public Affairs

Col. Stephanie A. Marshall assumed command of Tripler Army Medical Center and Pacific Regional Medical Command, June 2nd from Maj. Gen. Joseph G. Webb Jr.

Lt. Gen. James B. Peake, surgeon general, U.S. Army Medical Command, presided at the ceremony.

"Colonel Marshall is a key leader here at Tripler and brings tremendous expertise to the job," Peake said.

Marshall's prior position was as chief nurse and deputy commander for Nursing, Tripler Army Medical Center and Pacific Regional Medical Command.

Marshall's military assignments include Clinical Staff Nurse, Senior Clinical Nurse, Clinical Coordinator, Walter Reed Army Medical Center; Washington, D.C.; Clinical Head Nurse, Oncology Clinic at Tripler Army Medical Center; Hawai'i; Oncology Clinical Nurse Specialist and Clinical Head Nurse at Eisenhower Army Medical Center; Ga.; Medical Surgical Section Supervisor, Chief Nurse Clinic Command and Chief Nurse, 3rd Combat Support Hospital in Nuremberg, Germany; Chief Ambulatory Nursing Service and Chief, Medical Nursing Section at Tripler Army Medical Center, Hawai'i; Army Nurse Corps Branch Proponent Officer, AMEDD Center and School, Fort Sam Houston, Texas and Assistant Chief Nurse, Tripler Army Medical Center, Hawai'i.

Marshall received her Bachelor of Science in Nursing in 1975 from Duquesne University in Pittsburgh, Penn. She received a Master of Science in Nursing from the University of California, San Francisco, Calif. with a specialty in Oncology Nursing in 1985. Her military training includes the Officer Basic and Advanced Courses, Combat Casualty Care Course, Command and General Staff College and Advanced Principles of Nursing Leadership. Marshall is a 1998 graduate of the U.S. Army War College, and a 2001 graduate of the Wharton Fellows Program in Management For Nurse Executives In Health Care Management.

She is a member of the Oncology Nursing Society and

holds advanced certification in Oncology Nursing. Additional professional affiliations include the American Academy of Ambulatory Care Nursing, Intravenous Nursing Society, National Association of Venous Access Nurses, Sigma Theta Tau, Association of Nurse Executives and the American Nurses Association.

Marshall's recognition and honors include selection as the Oncology Nurse of the Year by the State of Hawai'i in 1982. She served as the Medical Surgical Nursing Consultant to the Surgeon General, and holds the "A" proficiency designation in Medical Surgical Nursing. She is a member of the Order of Military Medical Merit. She was the recipient of the Anita Newcomb McGee Award as the Outstanding Army Nurse of the Year in 1997. Marshall has been awarded the Army Good Conduct Medal, Humanitarian Service Medal Army Achievement Medal (One Oak Leaf Cluster), Army Commendation Medal and the Meritorious Medal (Five OLCs).

Webb had been Tripler's commanding general since June 17, 2002, and will be assigned as deputy surgeon general/chief of staff, U.S. Army Medical Command, Falls Church, Va.

Secretary of Defense Donald H. Rumsfeld announced May 21st that the president has nominated Col. Gale S. Pollock for appointment to the grade of major general and assignment as chief, Army Nurse Corps, U.S. Army, Washington, D.C. In addition to her duties as the chief, Army Nurse Corps, she is pending assignment as commanding general, of Tripler Army Medical Center/commander, Pacific Regional Medical Command, Honolulu, Hawai'i.

Pollock is currently serving as the special assistant to the commanding general, U.S. Army Medical Command/the surgeon general, U.S. Army, Falls Church, Va.

In accordance with provisions of Title 10, U.S.C., section 3069(b), an officer selected to serve as the chief, Army Nurse Corps, who holds a regular grade lower than major general, will be appointed to the regular grade of major general.

Officials currently do not have an arrival date for Pollock at Tripler.

# AT/FP: Threat is 'constant'

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great opportunity to centralize and standardize training for anti-terrorism," said Robert Seneca, director of training at ATGMIDPAC. "With this training here, it prepares ships' crews to accomplish their mission. It teaches Sailors and Guardsmen methods we need to use to defend our assets both foreign and domestic."

According to Seneca, the threat of terrorism is constant.

"After the bombing of USS Cole, we realized that we are vulnerable as a Navy ... today we designate this facility as the center of anti-terrorism training," said Seneca.

To get ships ready for possible

terrorist attacks trainers at the center prepare different attack scenarios to help the ship's crew learn what to look for in a terrorist situation.

"We try and plant mines on the ships without being detected," said Signalman 1st Class (SW) Lee McIntire ATGMIDPAC AT/FP surface air rescue swimmer evaluator trainer. "We also simulate boat attacks, high speed target intercepts that we use wave runners for, shipboard weapons engagement and many more situations to get ship's company ready to go for whatever they may encounter out there. This facility is essential to the Navy because it is helping protect our assets-the most important being the United States Sailors."



U.S. Navy photo by J02 Devin Wright

Vic Freeland lead instructor at ATGMIDPAC AT/FP training facility, demonstrates a pressure point on ATGMIDPAC AT/FP trainer Steve Query during a non lethal weapons demonstration.

# Bloch Arena fitness center readies for challenges

Navy Region Hawai'i  
Public Affairs

Bloch Arena Fitness Center is getting ready for two upcoming fitness challenges.

July 2, Bloch will host a bench press contest. Weigh in begins at 8 a.m. and the contest will run from 9 a.m. to noon. All participants will receive a RIMPAC T-shirt.

There will be first and second place trophies for men and a first place trophy for women. Bloch Arena will use the Schwartz/Malone formula to determine the strongest "pound for pound" lifters.

Participants need only show up in PT gear. Bloch will provide weight belts for all lifters.

Each lifter must declare the start weight for the first round at weigh-in time.

All lifters will have three rounds to accomplish their highest lift.

The bar weight will progress upward only.

From July 22-27, Bloch Arena will host a Versa-Climb Challenge.

The challenge is designed to test participants' cardiovascular stamina and endurance.

Participants can try any or all of the three events during the challenge time.

There is no set time for events. Instead, participants can come in during the contest days any time Bloch Arena is open and check in with the front desk staff so the staff can time the participant in the event.

The first event is a "sprint challenge." Participants perform a one-minute sprint on the versa climber. The winner will be determined by the highest amount of feet climbed.

The second event is an interval challenge. Participants will perform five minutes non-stop on the versa climber.



U.S. Navy photo by JO1 Daniel J. Calderon

Wayne Fisher, a personal trainer at Bloch Arena, practices on the Versa Climber. Bloch Arena is hosting a Versa Climber challenge from July 22-27. The fitness center is also hosting a bench press contest July 2.

Climbers can sprint and rest at their convenience throughout the five-minute period. The winners will be determined by the highest amount of feet climbed.

The third versa climb challenge event will be a simulated Koko Crater climb.

The climb is 1,200 feet. Participants will vie for the fastest climb time. The winner will have the fastest time.

There will be first and second place awards for active

duty men and women in the versa climb challenge events.

There is no charge for any of the challenges, however only active-duty participants will receive trophies. All participants, both active duty and non-active duty, will receive t-shirts for participating in any of the events.

For more information on either the bench press contest or the versa climber challenge, contact the Bloch Arena office at 473-0793.

## MDSU-1 helps local school



U.S. Navy photo by Lt. Todd Ochsner

Mobile Diving Salvage Unit 1 personnel facilitate a game of dodge ball. MDSU-1 was honored May 19 at Waipahu Elementary for sponsoring Keiki Fitness program as a part of Navy Joint Venture Education. Every Tuesday and Thursday since last October, MDSU-1 personnel have been holding physical education classes at the school. Participating in a wide variety of sports and disciplines, the young Waipahu students have been both challenged and encouraged through direct interaction with some Sailors from MDSU-1. The pre-school through 6th grade children showed their appreciation with dances for their school, parents and the MDSU-1 volunteers.

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