

Ceremony celebrates end of WWII

USS Missouri Memorial Association Public Affairs

The USS Missouri Memorial Association, caretaker of the "Mighty Mo," observed the 59th anniversary of the end of the Second World War during its signature ceremony yesterday on the decks of the Battleship Missouri, where Japan signed the Instrument of Formal Surrender in Tokyo Bay on Sept. 2, 1945.

With the ceremony, the association also launched a yearlong commemoration of the 60th anniversary of the end of WWII.

"As our nation approaches this day of remembrance — 60 years after peace was restored to the world — the USS Missouri Memorial Association seeks to ensure that humanity will always remember the courage and sacrifices of those who served," said Don Hess, president and chief operating officer of the association. "We hope to instill in new generations a sense of pride in our nation's legacy of duty, honor, strength, resolve and sacrifice as we commemorate the 60th anniversary of the conclusion of the Second World

War, when an enduring peace once again seemed possible for the world."

Speakers at this year's anniversary event included U.S. Pacific Command Deputy Commander, Lt. Gen. Robert R. Dierker, and Navy Region Hawai'i Commander, Capt. Michael C. Vitale.

"For the thousands of Navy Sailors who pass through this harbor every year and see the Battleship Missouri standing watch, it symbolizes the triumph of freedom over tyranny, and a proud and just end to the greatest naval war in history," Vitale said.

The ceremony was held from 8:45 to 9:45 a.m., timed to coincide with the exact moment representatives of Japan signed the surrender aboard the American battleship Sept. 2, 1945 in Tokyo Bay. The ceremony also featured patriotic music by the U.S. Pacific Marine Band and a 21-rifle salute to honor those veterans who paid the ultimate sacrifice in defending freedom.

Showcased for the first time at the event was the association's official logo for the 60th anniversary of the end World War II, which will be used

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U.S. Navy photo by JOSN Ryan C. McGinley (Left to right) Lt. Gen. Robert R. Dierker, deputy commander U.S. Pacific Command, Capt. Michael C. Vitale, Commander Navy Region Hawai'i and Chaplain (Cmdr) Patrick J. McCormick, Naval Station Pearl Harbor, salute as the flag passes during yesterday's ceremony aboard Battleship Missouri. The ceremony commemorated the end of World War II in which Japan signed the documents of surrender aboard Missouri in Tokyo Bay on Sept. 2, 1945.



Informing Sailors

Kunia master chief helps junior Sailors with their careers.

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Ombudsmen

Keeping Sailors and families in touch.

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Hawai'i Navy News Briefs

CFC ready for kickoff

The 2004 Combined Federal Campaign charity fund drive will begin Sept. 7. This year's theme is "Service to Others." To find more information on the CFC, call 474-4015 or visit www.hawaii.navy.mil/cfc2004/index.html.

USS Chung-Hoon coming home

USS Chung-Hoon (DDG 93) is scheduled to arrive at Naval Station Pearl Harbor Sept. 10. The ship left San Diego Tuesday bound for Hawai'i. There will be a commissioning ceremony Sept. 18.

The ship is named for Hawai'i-native Rear Adm. Gordon Paie'a Chung-Hoon. He commanded USS Sigsbee during World War II and received a Navy Cross and Silver Star.

Volunteers needed

The Hawai'i Nature Center seeks volunteers for a Sept. 25 cleanup at Pouhala Marsh in Waipahu. Volunteer work involves removing trash and pickleweed. For information, call Pauline Kawamata, volunteer coordinator, at 955-0100, ext. 18.

SECNAV ENCON Awards Announced

The Secretary of the Navy announced the Energy Conservation (ENCON) ship award winners in August for fiscal year 2003. During fiscal year 2003, Commander, U.S. Pacific Fleet (COMPACFLT) and Commander, U.S. Atlantic Fleet (COMLANTFLT) ships, reduced the consumption of many thousands of kilowatt-hours of electricity.

The SECNAV ENCON Pacific Ship Award Winners include: Large ship Top Award: USS Peleliu (LHA 5) Platinum Award: USS Essex (LHD 2) Blue Award: USS Ogden (LPD 5) Small ships Top Award: USS Cowpens (CG 63) Platinum Award: USS Rentz (FFG 46) Gold Award: USS Howard (DDG 83) Blue Award: USS Bunker Hill (CG 52)

Aloha: Pearl Harbor welcomes USS Russell Sailors home

Ensign Katie Hulse

USS Russell Public Affairs

The Officers and Crew of USS Russell manned the rails, just as they did nearly four months ago as DDG 59 steamed out of Pearl Harbor, only this time, the family and friends on the pier were not waving goodbye, they were welcoming their Sailors home yesterday.

"How many 24 year olds, can say, that in the time span of four months, they visited multiple foreign countries, one US territory, eight different time zones, worked with five different foreign navies, crossed the International Date Line and traveled through both hemispheres," enthused Lt. j.g. Christopher Valle, Russell's ordnance officer. "All this while representing our country and defending her freedom. The only thing better I can think of is coming home to tell the tale!"

Russell's WESTPAC deployment in support of Cooperation Afloat Readiness and Training (CARAT) brought Sailors to the countries of

Singapore, Brunei, Thailand, Malaysia, and the Philippines. While each country phase differed based on the desired training of CARAT partners, the focus remained on interoperability of sea services through operational planning, command and control, tactics, logistics support, maritime law, and community service programs. Russell's adventures did not come to an end in Southeast Asia, the destination, Sydney, Australia. The transit to the land down under was a truly a once in a lifetime experience. After a week-long port visit in Sydney, Russell steamed for Pago Pago, American Samoa. Here, Cmdr. William A. Kearns III turned over command to Cmdr. James W. Kilby. Less than twenty-four hours later, Russell was back underway and headed north toward the Hawaiian Islands.

Having visited nine different countries in just over 100 days, Sailors welcomed the warm breezes and Aloha of their family and friends and look forward to rejoining the Ke Koa O Ke Kai of Destroyer Squadron 31.



U.S. Navy photo by Ensign Katie Hulse

During an Aug. 26 ceremony held in Pago Pago, American Samoa, Cmdr. James W. Kilby (far right) relieved Cmdr. William A. Kearns III as Commanding Officer of USS Russell (DDG 59). Kearns assumed command on March 13 2003 and led Russell through several Navy Ballistic Missile Defense test operations and a Western Pacific deployment.



U.S. Navy photo

STG2(SW) Cesar Garcia, a USS Russell (DDG 59) Sailor, proposes to his girlfriend Shawnte Medeiros after the ship pulled in from deployment yesterday. Medeiros accepted Garcia's proposal and the two are set to be married.

Lingle signs off on newest Virginia-class sub

JO1(SW/AW) Mark A. Savage

Naval Submarine Base, New London Public Affairs

Several hundred General Dynamics Electric Boat (GDEB) workers, distinguished visitors and guests wearing orchid lei flown in from Hawai'i witnessed a milestone event in the construction of the state's namesake submarine at GDEB's Quonset Point facility in North Kingstown, R.I., Aug. 27.

Gov. Linda Lingle left her mark on the third Virginia-

class attack submarine when she, with the help of John Weiss, a GDEB welder, inscribed her initials into a metal plate, which will be affixed to the Precommissioning Unit Hawai'i (SSN 776).

"This is a great honor that I will remember long after I'm finished being governor of Hawai'i," Lingle said. "As a former mayor and now governor, I've affixed my signature to many things through the years, but having my initials engraved in a nuclear submarine is a first for me."

"Hawai'i is proud to do its part in defending this

nation," she continued. "We're proud of our long association with all branches of the U.S. military, and as governor, I will continue to do all I can to further strengthen our relationship. This close partnership is highly important for our state, our country and for friendly nations in the world."

The Virginia-class is the first class of submarines designed specifically to meet the challenges of the post-Cold War era.

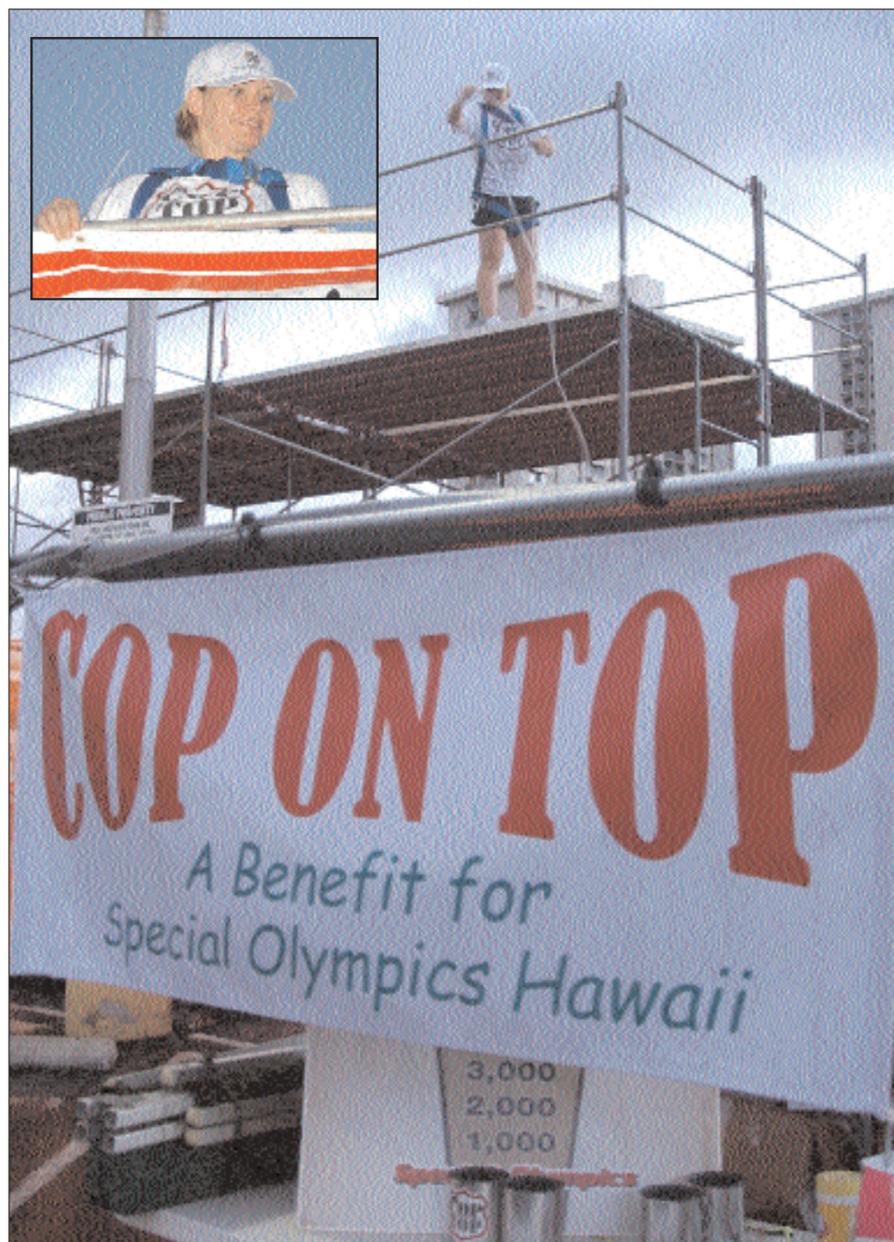
"I'm convinced Virginia will deliver the firepower, stealth, endurance and flexi-

bility that will be essential to ensure security and peace for all freedom-loving people of the future," said Rear Adm. Jeffery B. Cassias, commander, Submarine Group 2, Submarine Group 10 and Navy Region Northeast. "Since I stepped aboard my first ship, USS Haddock (SSN 621) in 1976, we've made incredible advancements in the submarine force. It's been my pleasure to see us progress from the venerable 594-class that I first served on to the magnificent Virginia-class submarine, including the Hawai'i."



U.S. Navy photo by JO1 Mark A. Savage John Weiss, left, a welder with General Dynamics Electric Boat, welds Governor Linda Lingle's initials into a steel plate as she and John P. Casey, President of GDEB, look on.

Naval Station cop goes up top for charity



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

(Main and inset) MA1 Stacy Carfley of Naval Station Pearl Harbor Security prepares her perch yesterday to participate in the Cop on Top fundraiser. Carfley will stay atop the Pali Safeway until tomorrow evening to raise money for Special Olympics Hawai'i. Her partner, Kirk Kama, will be on hand to assist. Law enforcement officers from around Hawai'i will sit outside area Safeway stores to try to raise at least \$10,000 per location.

JVEF completes annual Hawai'i education survey

U.S. Pacific Command Public Affairs

The third annual meeting of the Joint Venture Education Forum was held Aug. 24 at the Tradewinds Club, Hickam AFB.

The meeting included remarks Patricia Hamamoto, Superintendent, Hawai'i Department of Education, and Adm. Thomas Fargo, Commander, U.S. Pacific Command.

During his remarks, Fargo touched on a number of subjects.

"I truly believe that the glass is at least half full, that we are making real progress and that the schools are getting better," Fargo said. "So this is a success story."

"You know the JVEF moves forward in many ways," Fargo continued, "and I think as David Chu (Dr. David S.C. Chu, under Secretary of Defense, Personnel and Readiness) mentioned in his letter, this is a model for the nation's military-impacted schools. But it's not really just the military-impacted schools — it's a model for any school."

Fargo said the program was the right partnership with the right people.

"I want to emphasize that as I look back on the five years that I've been here in Hawai'i and associated with these schools, I've observed there is a very positive and proactive impact that's being made," said Fargo. "And the schools are better. The schools are improving. We're seeing this improvement in our survey data. And I think all of you are collectively making a great difference."

Fargo had comments on specific JVEF accomplishments.

"We've done a great job surveying these schools over the past three years and have good data now that we can use — that we can all use — in a constructive way," he said. "And we've got trends, I mean we know how things are going, we know that we're improving in essentially every area. We know where the problems are in terms of infrastructure and textbooks and student respect in some cases."

"We know that the number of partnerships is (climbing) sky high — I think we've got 140 (partnerships) right now," he continued. "We know that we're rewarding excellence and trying to get the incentives just right in terms of our participation."

Fargo said the program has a great return on a minimal investment.

"We're leveraging a relatively small amount of money, but we're leveraging it very effectively," he began, "and you can see it sort of cascades in terms of efforts, cascades in terms of the sweat equity that's provided and certainly our ability to influence the educational process."

One particular JVEF initiative is its annual school survey, which gathers information on various subjects, based on a study conducted by the International Center for Leadership Development to assess the impact of Hawai'i schools on the education of military dependent children as a quality of life issue.

One key subject in the survey is mutual student respect, which Fargo addressed directly.

"Everybody knows it's important to build student respect for one another. In JVEF — they've been working on this and this is a hard one to take on because it isn't about money," he explained. "It isn't about painting a building. It's really about how we foster attitudes and positive behaviors. And I think we've got a program that makes sense and we're going to put our full support and some resources behind it and it'll be the first time I think, in any school system in the nation where we've tried to go after this and enlist this type of approach," Fargo said.

"Once again, I think that the solution lies with this group," Fargo continued. "These are the folks that will make that happen. And I am very confident that — in this case — we will develop an environment — and are developing an environment very frankly — that it's good and cool to do well in school."

The JVEF began in 1999 through discussions between the then U.S. Pacific Command Commander Adm. Dennis Blair, and the then Hawai'i Dept. of Education Superintendent Paul LeMahieu.

Senator Daniel Inouye has supplemented the efforts with yearly Department of Defense allocations since fiscal year 2000. The JVEF is co-chaired by the Pacific Command Director of Manpower, Personnel and Administration and the Hawai'i Department of Education Superintendent.

For more information about the JVEF, email Capt Sharon Giletti, sharon.giletti@pacom.mil or Allen Awaya, allen.awaya@pacom.mil, or visit the Joint Venture Education Forum website www.pacom.mil/jvef/.

Mo: Celebrations planned for 60th commemoration of WWII ending

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throughout the year in conjunction with the memorial's yearlong calendar of commemorative activities.

Hess described the logo: "The silhouette of the USS Missouri is shown proudly before the crest of Mount Fuji of Tokyo, Japan. Both are icons of their countries, and represent a singular moment in history which brought them together."

Events being scheduled to commemorate the 60th anniversary include:

- Nov. 11, 2004 — Veterans Day Ceremony.
 - Dec. 7, 2004 — 63rd Anniversary of the Attack on Pearl Harbor.
 - Jan. 2005 — 61st Anniversary of the Battleship Missouri's Launching, and The History Channel's Battleship Missouri Project World Premiere Event.
 - March 2005 — "Parade the Bands" Month-long Procession of Bands.
 - May 2005 — Military Appreciation Month.
 - June 2005 — 61st Anniversary of the Commissioning of the USS Missouri, and a Joint Mass Military Re-enlistment Ceremony.
 - July 4, 2005 — Independence Day.
 - Aug. 27-28, 2005 — National Destroyer Association and Tin Can Sailors Reunion, "Turn on the Lights" in Pearl Harbor.
 - Sept. 2, 2005 — 60th Anniversary of the End of World War II Commemorative Ceremony.
- Dates and events are subject to change.

World War II ended aboard the USS Missouri on Sept. 2, 1945, when representatives of 10 nations, including the U.S. General Douglas MacArthur, assembled on her deck in Tokyo Bay, Japan, to receive the surrender documents from Japanese officials. A plaque now marks the exact location of the surrender, and copies of the original documents are displayed on the "Surrender Deck" for visitors from around the world to see when they visit the Battleship Missouri Memorial, located on Battleship Row in Pearl Harbor.

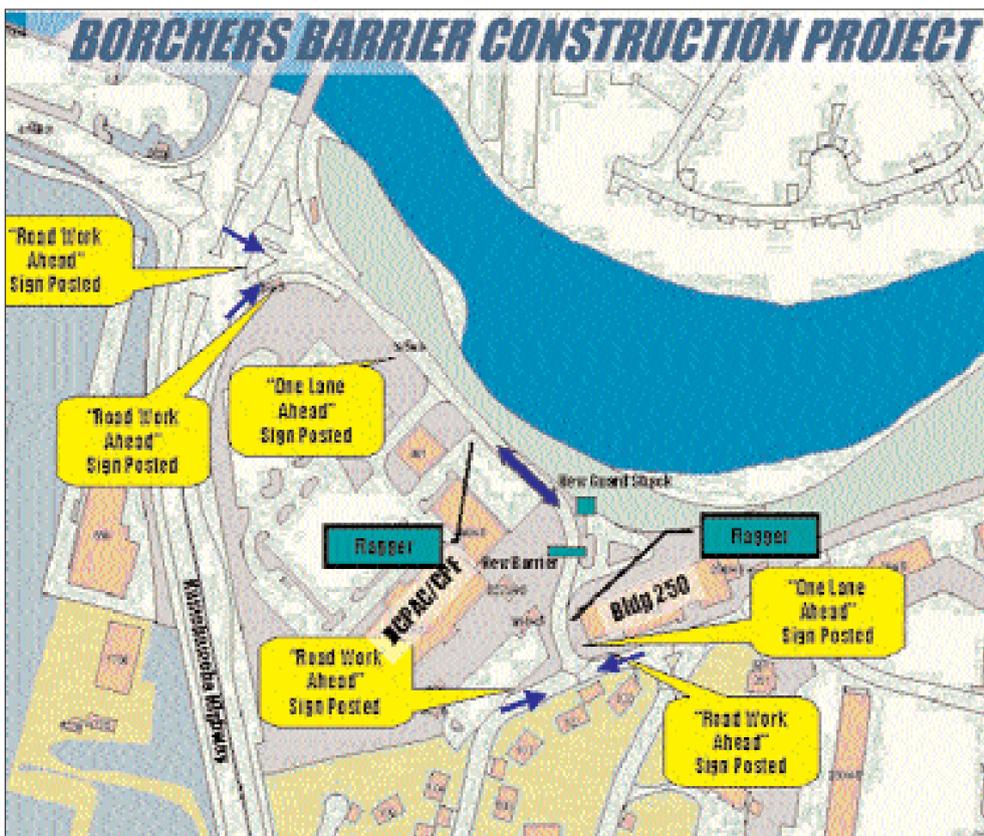
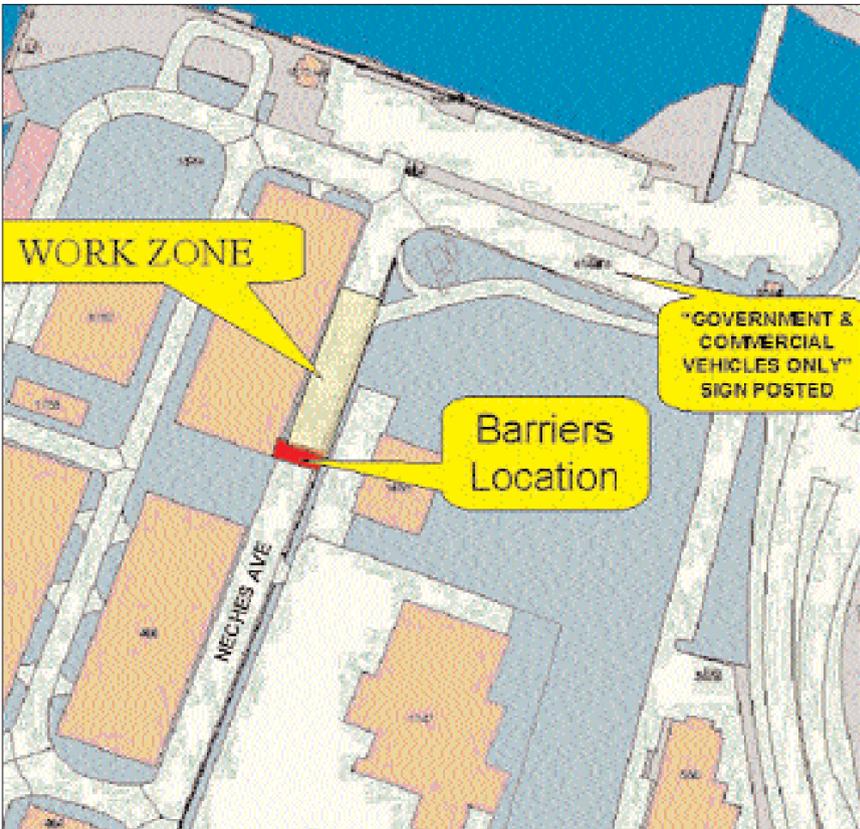


The USS Missouri Memorial Association was designated as the battleship's caretaker by the Navy in 1996 and opened the Battleship Missouri Memorial in 1998, which welcomed its two-millionth visitor in July 2004.

The USS Missouri Memorial Association is a private Hawai'i-based 501(c)(3) non-profit organization designated by the Navy as caretaker of the Battleship Missouri Memorial.

Hawai'i Navy News Editorial

Construction projects to alter gate times around Pearl Harbor



From 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. through - Oct. 22, Halawa Drive from Borchers' Gate to the COM-PACFLT headquarters entrance inside Makalapa compound will be reduced to one lane for security upgrades. Luapele Gate is recommended as an alternate route. Also, the section of Neches Street from Halawa gate to Building 1685 will be reduced to one lane in each direction from through - Oct. 19. To avoid congestion, Halawa Gate will be restricted to commercial traffic only during this period. Traffic delays are expected.

Commentary

Chapel Pennant

Lost sheep, found sheep

Chaplain (Lt.) R. J. LeCompte
Naval Station Pearl Harbor

Jesus, in Matthew 18:12, asks the question "What do you think?" I take this kind of a question to mean that Jesus believes in common sense.

People have the capacity to make an accurate judgment call on the decisions they face in life, and that capacity for common sense is universally available. That assumption sounds good until you read the rest of the story Jesus is telling.

"What do you think? If a man owns a hundred sheep, and one of them wanders away, will he not leave the 99 on the hills and go to look for the one that wandered off?"

"And if he finds it, I tell you the truth, he is happier about that one sheep than about the 99 that did not wander off. In the same way, your Father in heaven is not willing that any of these little ones should be lost."

In the world of business, the idea of running after one percent of your resources while leaving 99 percent of your inventory unattended seems like a wild hair to me. My common sense says stay with the 99, but what is Jesus saying here?

Maybe he's saying that his idea of common sense isn't common. Because when Jesus is talking sheep he really means people, and people are extremely valuable. I think Jesus is saying the common people are uncommonly precious to him.

Now sheep look an awful lot alike to me, but

to the shepherd who knows his sheep, they are individuals with differences. Jesus sees the differences and loves the differences in each of his sheep. That's why he runs after one percent of his inventory because in truth there are no common people.

If you notice in Jesus' story he doesn't specify which one of the hundred gets lost. He doesn't care which one it is because he's not willing to lose any. While we all recognize the differences in individuals, this extreme idea of the value of the individual challenges our cultural idea of mass media, mass transit, mass market, mass consumption, and any other kind of group think that seeks to bypass the value of the next person you talk to after you put down this paper.

Further, this value of the one person deflates our egos in a society that focuses on the trio of "me, myself, and I" at the expense of "us" because both you reading and that next person are of equal value.

In Jesus' common sense, you and the next person are extremely valuable, and the other guy's value doesn't detract from your value as a person. It doesn't detract from my value either.

The great thing is that human worth isn't like the price of oil - up today and down tomorrow. Jesus knows that you and I are unique, never-to-be-repeated master strokes of genius.

So if you feel lost, pray and ask God to lead you home to his house because you are precious to him. God is looking for you.

Hawai'i Sailors 'talk story'

Machinist's Mate 3rd Class Roy Wesley Couser

Machinist's Mate 3rd Class Roy Wesley Couser, stationed aboard USS Los Angeles (SSN 688), is a Pearl Harbor-based Sailor who doesn't like to sit still.

"I love a great adventure," said Couser. "I can't stand sitting around in the dark playing video games, I like new experiences, and I enjoy trying new things."

Couser said he enjoys the many outdoor activities available here on the island. Many of the adventures he has enjoyed here stem from a fondness of hiking and camping, developed in the Rocky Mountains at home.

"Starting back in Colorado, I have always enjoyed being outside and seeing what there is to see," said Couser. "One of the reasons I requested Hawai'i was due to the natural beauty of the island. I do a lot of the same types of things here as I did at home. I like to go snorkeling, hiking, spear fishing and any other type of new experience available out there off base," he added.

Although Couser is cur-

rently a single Sailor, he is engaged and will be married in October of this year. He said his fiancée always keeps him on his toes, literally.

"My fiancée is currently training to run a marathon coming up in a few months for the American Heart Association," said Couser. "I have to keep running just to try and keep up with her."

Running is not the only way Couser maintains a healthy lifestyle. According to Couser, maintaining fitness and wellness is very important to him.

"I am very conscious of health matters," said Couser. "I like to run, but also I enjoy working out, lifting weights and eating a healthy diet."

While the lifestyle in which he partakes promotes good health for the body, Couser also has an interest in building his mind through further education.

"I spend a lot of time reading various literature," Couser stated. "My

Vital statistics

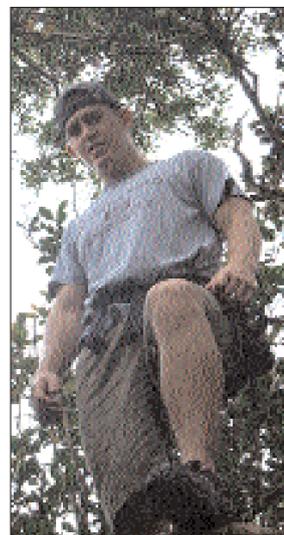
Name:
Roy Wesley Couser

Hometown:
Englewood, Colo.

Duty station:
USS Los Angeles (SSN 688)

Job:
Nuclear engineering Laboratory technician, handling shipboard chemistry and radiological controls

Favorite part of the job:
As any ELT will tell you, Radcon (radiological control) work is the most exciting part of my job.



U.S. Navy photo by MM3 Greg Bookout MM3 Roy Wesley Couser hikes through the Wa'a hila Ridge hiking trail.

Navy. "One of my interests is studying money management and different possible professional business avenues," he explained. "I want to eventually go into business for myself. I want to idealistically never have to work for other people and I want to be able to retire at a young age."

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Hurricane conditions of readiness

Condition Readiness IV

Maintain areas around the house and keep them clear of debris and loose material.
 Prune dead branches from trees.
 Maintain storm shutters in good repair and keep them easily available.
 Determine location of official shelters.
 Stock and maintain your typhoon supply locker.

Condition Readiness III

Start monitoring the news.
 Review emergency plans with your family.
 Practice where to go in the house as the hurricane intensifies.
 Get needed supplies.
 Expectant mothers, beyond 37th week of pregnancy should make hospital arrangements.

Knock down coconuts and secure outside potted plants.
 Ensure loose debris is picked up around the house.
 Refill any special medications.
 Ensure gas tank is full and check your battery, water and oil.
 Move small boats to secure and safe havens.
 Check flashlight and radio batteries and make sure you have extras.
 Charge cellular phones.
 Get cash.
 Prepare to put up hurricane shutters.
 Put important documents in safe deposit box, a home safe, or another safe and dry place.

Condition Readiness II

Install hurricane shutters, siding or plywood on windows.
 Move vehicles out of flood-prone areas and away from trees.
 Move grills, patio furniture, potted plant and other loose objects inside.
 Tie down anything that you can't bring inside.
 Turn refrigerator and freezer to coldest setting and pack your freezer with newspaper to keep the food colder longer.
 Move furniture away from windows or cover with plastic.

Condition Readiness I

Fill your tub and bottles with water.
 Secure and brace external doors.
 Move as many valuables off the floor as possible.
 Continue to listen to the radio or television for weather advisories.
 Stay inside and off the roads.

During The Storm

Stay inside.
 Stay away from windows and doors.
 If the storm becomes intense, retreat to a designated interior safe room.

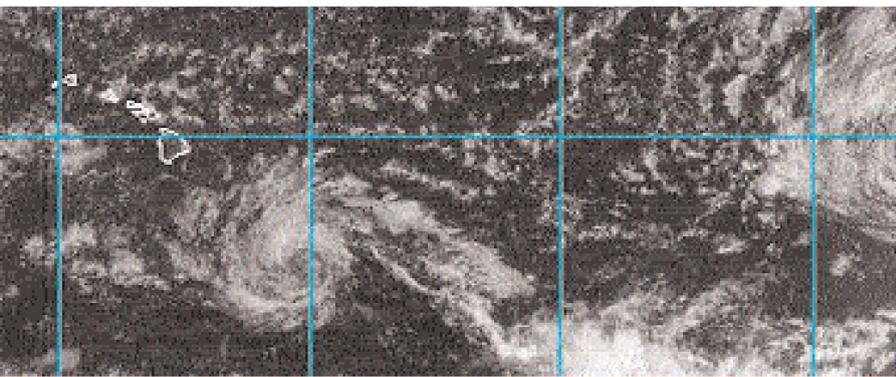
After The Storm

Don't leave your home or shelter until emergency officials tell you it's safe.
 Don't go out on the roads until you get the all-clear.
 Watch and listen for reports on flooding or other storm-related activities.
 Don't call the police or other officials unless there is a life-threatening situation or emergency.
 Watch for and don't touch downed power lines.
 Watch your step. There may be broken glass and other debris lying about.
 Report dangling or downed power lines, broken water or sewer lines or broken or downed telephone lines to the proper authorities.

The Day After The Storm

Don't sightsee. Authorities may be out repairing downed power poles, lines, sewer lines, etc.
 Use batteries and cell phones sparingly; you may not be able to replace them so easily.

Storm Stages



Hurricane Howard is currently in the Eastern Pacific. For more information visit www.nhc.noaa.gov.

Tropical Storm

Winds 39-73 mph

Category 1 Hurricane — winds 74-95 mph (64-82 kt)

No real damage to buildings. Damage to unanchored mobile homes. Some damage to poorly constructed signs. Also, some coastal flooding and minor pier damage.
 - Examples: Irene 1999 and Allison 1995

Category 2 Hurricane — winds 96-110 mph (83-95 kt)

Some damage to building roofs, doors and windows. Considerable damage to mobile homes. Flooding damages piers and small craft in unprotected moorings may break their moorings. Some trees blown down.
 - Examples: Bonnie 1998, Georges(Fla. and La.) 1998 and Gloria 1985

Category 3 Hurricane — winds 111-130 mph (96-113 kt)

Some structural damage to small residences and utility buildings. Large trees blown down. Mobile homes and poorly built

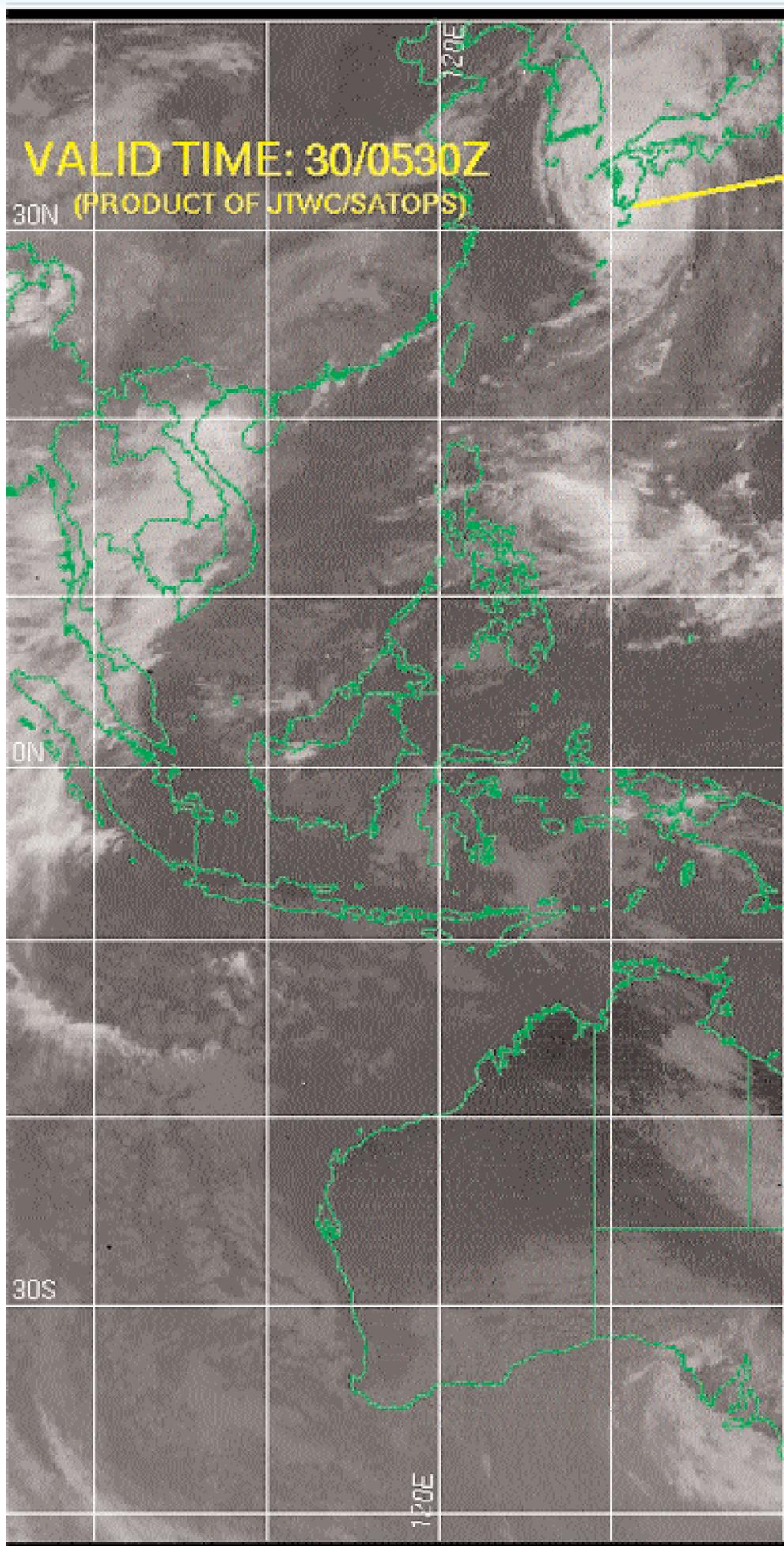
signs destroyed. Flooding near the coast destroys smaller structures with larger structures damaged by floating debris. Terrain may be flooded well inland.
 - Examples: Keith 2000, Fran 1996, Opal 1995, Alicia 1983 and Betsy 1965

Category 4 Hurricane — winds 131-155 mph (114-135 kt)

More extensive curtainwall failures with some complete roof structure failure on small residences. Major erosion of beach areas. Terrain may be flooded well inland.
 - Examples: Hugo 1989 and Donna 1960

Category 5 Hurricane — winds 156 mph and up (135+ kt)

Complete roof failure on many residences and industrial buildings. Some complete building failures with small utility buildings blown over or away. Flooding causes major damage to lower floors of all structures near the shoreline. Massive evacuation of residential areas may be required.
 - Examples: Andrew(Fla.) 1992, Camille 1969 and Labor Day 1935



Plan ahead for safety and c

(Some information provided by Oahu Civil Defense Agency)

Follow safety guidelines if you have more than one pet that you must leave behind.
 - Do not confine a dog and cat together, even if they are normally friendly.
 - Keep small pets, such as rabbits, mice and birds, away from dogs and cats.
 - Leave difficult or aggressive animals in cages to ensure that they can't get loose.
 Prepare and be sure that your pet's basic needs are provided for:
 - Leave water for your pets in bathtubs or sturdy containers that will not spill. You should provide at least a three-day supply of water.
 - Leave only dry-type foods to prevent the animals from overeating.
 - Use special food dispensers for birds and fish. They must eat daily to survive.
 - Put down newspapers to cover the floor and/or have cat litter containers available.
 After the hurricane is over and it is safe for you to return home, be careful when

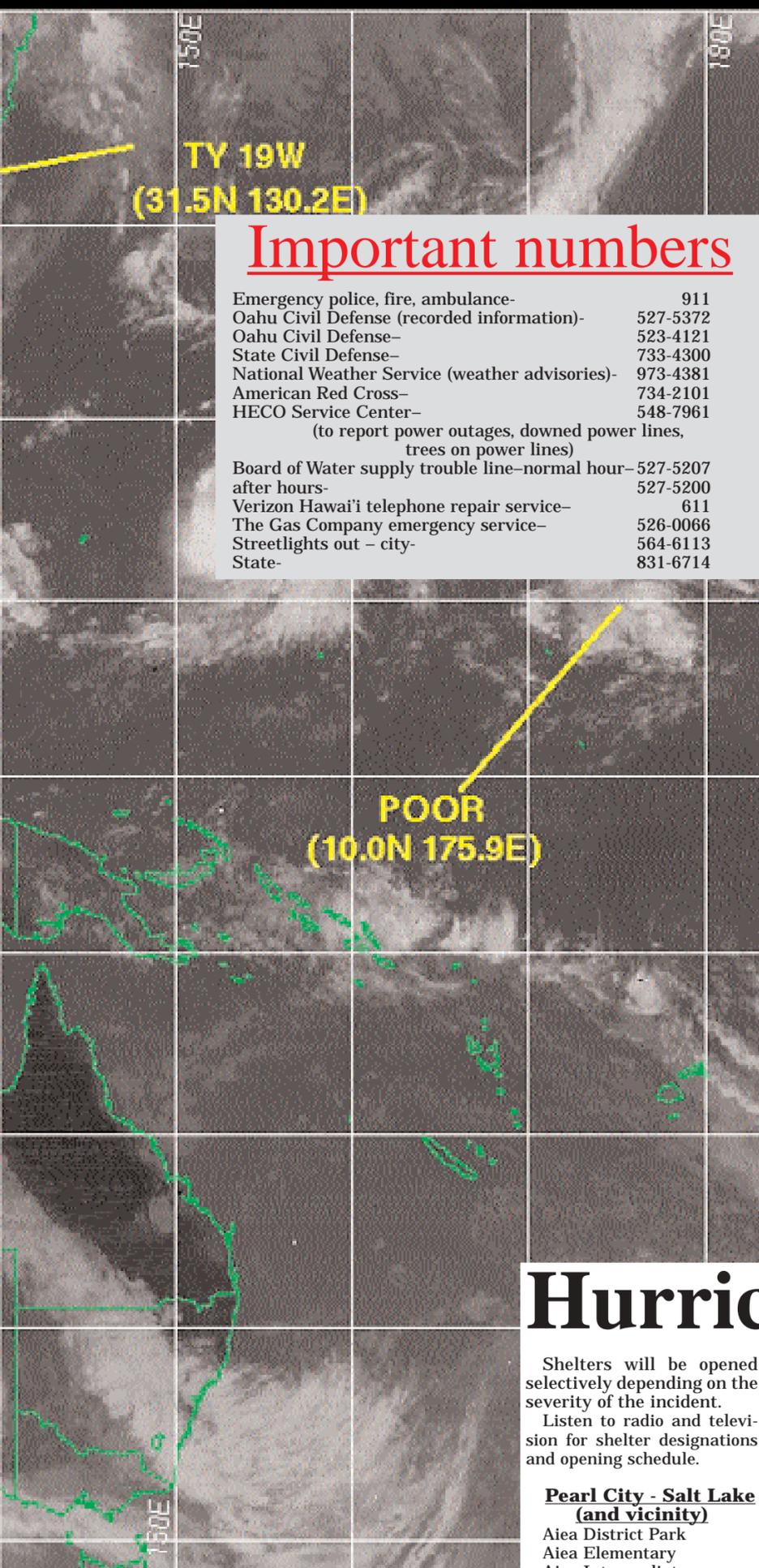
letting your pet loose outdoors and make sure that it is wearing an identification tag. Scents and landmarks that are familiar to your pet may have changed during the storm and could cause it to get confused and lost. If your pet should become lost, call and visit the Humane Society as soon as possible.
 For more information on how to prepare for your pets in a disaster, contact the Hawaiian Humane Society at 946-2187 or the Oahu Civil Defense Agency at 523-4121.
 More information about hurricanes and guidelines on hurricane preparedness may be found on Navy Channel 2 and on the COMNAVREGION Hawai'i web page: www.hawaii.navy.mil. The web page includes links to other sites that give helpful information about hurricane preparation.
 Section 9 of your Navy family housing Resident Handbook also provides guidelines on disaster preparedness and evacuation. The front pages of your Oahu telephone directory are another valuable resource for information on hurricane preparation.



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Important numbers

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| Emergency police, fire, ambulance- | 911 |
| Oahu Civil Defense (recorded information)- | 527-5372 |
| Oahu Civil Defense- | 523-4121 |
| State Civil Defense- | 733-4300 |
| National Weather Service (weather advisories)- | 973-4381 |
| American Red Cross- | 734-2101 |
| HECO Service Center- | 548-7961 |
| (to report power outages, downed power lines, trees on power lines) | |
| Board of Water supply trouble line-normal hour- | 527-5207 |
| after hours- | 527-5200 |
| Verizon Hawai'i telephone repair service- | 611 |
| The Gas Company emergency service- | 526-0066 |
| Streetlights out - city- | 564-6113 |
| State- | 831-6714 |



Photo by Charles Fletcher (www.soest.hawaii.edu)

This photo shows destruction in the wake of Hurricane Iniki. The potential for property damage in Hawai'i is increased because of the numerous lightly constructed buildings and dwellings. Flying debris from these structures and airborne vegetation increase the potential for serious damage to neighboring properties and utility lines.

Legal considerations for emergencies

We often take steps to make sure our property and lives are insured, and that our legal affairs are in order. However, what happens if you lose all of the information and documentation relating to all of those matters? Being prepared for a natural disaster or other emergency doesn't just mean having batteries and extra water on hand. It is important to make plans now to avoid being without the legal documents and information you need in a time of crisis. In many instances, it is necessary to produce vital documents that can identify you as well as your ownership. Arranging for easy access to this data would be a wise ounce of prevention. With this in mind, consider collecting all legal documents of importance. Make several copies of this data and disperse them to various locations outside of your immediate environment for safekeeping. In order of progression from bare minimum to an ideal situation, decide on the following scenarios that would generate the most peace of mind for you.

- Checking account numbers
- Deeds
- Drivers license
- Family history\special photos
- Investment records documentation
- Life insurance policy
- Marriage license
- Medical insurance Id (or policy)
- Medical insurance policy
- Medical history
- Military records
- Powers of attorney
- Savings account numbers
- Social security card
- Trust records
- Tax returns
- Will

It's also wise to have renters' insurance for your household belongings unless you own the home in which you're living. Homeowners' insurance includes coverage for your belongings. But if you don't own your home, a separate renters' insurance may make sense. Keep in mind, however, that loss of your personal property (stereo, computer, clothing, uniforms, jewelry) is not always covered by a policy. Some policies don't include loss as a result of flood, tropical storm, wind or hurricane, covering instead only loss as a result of theft or fire.

- Store pertinent documents all in one central location - perhaps a designated area within a fireproof file cabinet
- Invest in a fireproof household strong box
- Acquire a safety deposit box at your local bank
- Send secured copies of your vital legal documents to at least two trusted relatives or friends in other geographical areas outside your immediate environment.

Vital documents to include in your emergency preparedness for a disaster:

- Address\mailing list
- Auto insurance Id card
- Auto policy
- Birth certificate
- Car registration
- Car title

Ask your insurance agent to explain what coverage you hold and if you are insured against what's known as "all perils" or just a few. Walk around your house taking photos of the interior of your house. Put a set of prints and your policy in a metal lock box. Should you suffer a loss and have to file a claim, the photos will help you recover what you've lost. If you're living in government housing, your belongings are your responsibility -- not the government's.

Hurricane shelters on Oahu

Shelters will be opened selectively depending on the severity of the incident.

Listen to radio and television for shelter designations and opening schedule.

Pearl City - Salt Lake (and vicinity)

- Aiea District Park
- Aiea Elementary
- Aiea Intermediate
- Aiea High
- Aliamanu Intermediate
- Halawa District Park
- Highlands Elementary
- Lehua Elementary
- Makalapa Elementary
- Moanalua Elementary
- Moanalua Intermediate
- Moanalua High
- Palisades Elementary
- Pearl City District Park
- Pearl City High
- Pearl City Highlands Intermediate
- Pearl Harbor Kai Elementary
- Pearlridge Elementary
- Radford High
- Red Hill Elementary
- Salt Lake Elementary
- Waiiau Elementary
- Waimalu Elementary
- Webbling Elementary

Leeward coast (Makua - Waipahu and vicinity)

- August Ahrens Elementary
- Campbell High
- Ewa Elementary
- Honowai Elementary
- Ilima Intermediate
- Kaimiloa Elementary

- Kaleiopuu Elementary
- Kamaile Elementary
- Kaneolani Elementary
- Kapolei Elementary
- Leihoku Elementary
- Maile Elementary
- Makaha Elementary
- Makakilo Elementary
- Maukalani Elementary
- Nanakuli Elementary
- Nanakuli Intermediate
- Nanakuli High
- Pohakea Elementary
- Waianae Elementary
- Waianae Intermediate
- Waipahu Elementary
- Waipahu High
- Waipahu Intermediate

Salt Lake - Punchbowl (and vicinity)

- Dole Middle
- Farrington High
- Kaahumanu Elementary
- Kaewai Elementary
- Kaiulani Elementary
- Kalakaua Middle
- Kalihi-Kai Elementary
- Kalihi-Uka Elementary
- Kalihi Valley District Park
- Kalihi-Waena Elementary
- Kapalama Elementary
- Kauluwela Elementary
- Kawananakoa Middle
- Lanakila District Park
- Lanakila Elementary
- Likelike Elementary
- Linapuni Elementary
- Maemae Elementary
- Makiki District Park
- Neal Blaisdell Center
- Nuuanu Elementary
- Pauoa Elementary

- Puuhale Elementary
- Roosevelt High
- Royal Elementary
- Stevenson Middle

Windward coast (Kahuku - Makapuu Point)

- Ahuimanu Elementary
- Castle High
- Enchanted Lake Elementary
- Heeia Elementary
- Kahaluu Elementary
- Kahuku High
- Kahuku Intermediate
- Kailua Elementary
- Kailua High
- Kailua Intermediate
- Kainalu Elementary
- Kalaheo High
- Kaneohe Elementary
- Kapunahala Elementary
- King Intermediate
- Lanikai Elementary
- Maunawili Elementary
- Parker Elementary
- Pope Elementary
- Puohale Elementary
- Waiahole Elementary
- Waimanalo Elementary and Intermediate

Central Oahu (Wahiawa - Mililani and vicinity)

- Helemano Elementary
- Iliahi Elementary
- Kaala Elementary
- Kipapa Elementary
- Leilehua High
- Mililani High
- Mililani Mauka Elementary
- Mililani Middle
- Mililani-Uka Elementary

- Wahiawa Elementary
- Wahiawa Middle

Punchbowl - Waialae (and vicinity)

- Aliiolani Elementary
- Anuenue Complex
- Hokulani Elementary
- Jefferson Elementary
- Kaahumanu Elementary
- Kaimuki High
- Kaimuki Middle
- Kuhio Elementary
- Liholiho Elementary
- Liliuokalani Elementary
- Lunalilo Elementary
- Manoa Elementary
- McKinley High
- Neal Blaisdell Center
- Noelani Elementary
- Palolo Elementary
- Roosevelt High
- Stevenson Middle
- Waialae Elementary
- Waikiki Elementary
- Washington Middle
- Wilson Elementary

Aina Haina - Hawaii Kai (and vicinity)

- Hahaione Elementary
- Kaiser High
- Kalani High
- Kamiloiki Elementary
- Koko Head Elementary
- Niu Valley Middle

North Shore (Kaena Point - Kahuku)

- Kahuku High
- Kahuku Intermediate
- Waialua High
- Waialua Intermediate

are of family pets



U.S. Navy photo by JO2 Devin Wright

Owners should ensure their animals are properly cared for before, during and after a hurricane.



Hurricane Estelle -



Hurricane/Tropical Storm



Hurricane Iniki - September 1992 - more than \$2.3 billion in damages



Hurricane Jimena - September



U.S. Navy photo by J03 Corwin Colbert
USS Charlotte (SSN 766) gets underway Aug. 25 for its latest Western Pacific deployment.

USS Charlotte deploys

J03 Corwin Colbert

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USS Charlotte (SSN 766) departed for a Western Pacific deployment from its homeport in Pearl Harbor Aug. 25.

According to Cmdr. Dennis Carpenter, Charlotte' commanding officer, during the last several months the crew has been training non-stop for the upcoming deployment.

"Charlotte has completed the rigorous training cycle that all submarines go through," he said. "We look forward to helping keep peace in the 7th Fleet area of responsibility and supporting the Global War on Terrorism."

According to Carpenter, the hard work and training has paid off and the crew cannot

wait to put the training into action.

"The crew is fired up and ready to go. They worked hard with all the training they had to do. Now they look forward in going out there and accomplishing all the missions they trained for," said Carpenter. Although we will miss our families, Pearl Harbor Naval Station has great family support," he added.

The nuclear-powered attack submarine is the fourth U.S. Navy ship to bear the name. The first USS Charlotte was a 70-ton schooner used by Confederate forces in the Civil War.

USS Charlotte was commissioned on Sept. 16, 1994 at Norfolk, Va. and arrived at its new homeport Nov. 17, 1995.

Region retrofits lights to save energy, money

Dan Saenz

PWC Pearl Harbor

An energy efficient lighting retrofit is underway at Navy Public Works Center, Pearl Harbor (PWC) that will reduce energy consumption and costs.

As a result of Commander Navy Region Hawai'i's (COMNAVREG HI) Energy Conservation Measure Self-Help Program, existing T12 fluorescent fixtures in PWC building X-29 are being converted to energy efficient T8 electronic ballasts and lamps.

By removing the older T12 technology, which produces heat and causes higher air conditioning costs, the Navy at Pearl Harbor takes another step toward energy conservation and saving energy dollars.

So far, over 280 fixtures have been retrofitted in PWC's Bldg. X-29, saving 93,184-kilowatt hours and nearly \$11,182 dollars annually. This project is particularly attractive because of Hawaiian Electric Company's (HECO) rebate offer for retrofitting T12 to T8 technology and delamping from four lamps to two lamps. Of course, the low cost labor provided by the



Photo courtesy of PWC Pearl Harbor
Mel Aquino removes older T12 fluorescent technology and replaces it with T8 technology. He installs a new T8 ballast and delamps the overhead light from four lamps to two lamps.

Energy field specialists is another plus.

"Retrofitting fixtures from old to new (technology) is pretty easy," said Mel Aquino, a new member of the COMNAVREG HI Energy Team who is assisting with the project. "It's something that can be done by anyone and doesn't take much time."

With the latest in electronic ballasts and lamps,

there is an additional 24 percent energy above and beyond the existing first and second-generation electronic ballasts that are typically in the workplace today. As a result, it is cost effective for the Navy to retrofit existing T8 ballasts and lamps already in place with new, third generation, T8 technology.

As the Energy Team continues its work at PWC, two

other buildings have been identified for lighting retrofit. A total of 225 fixtures will be changed out in the near future, resulting in more kilowatt hours and dollar savings for the Navy annually.

Commands or organizations at Pearl Harbor interested in scheduling a lighting audit can contact the COMNAVREG HI Energy Team at 474-7666.

Kunia Master Chief's Corner provides career guidance

MM3 Greg Bookout

Staff Writer

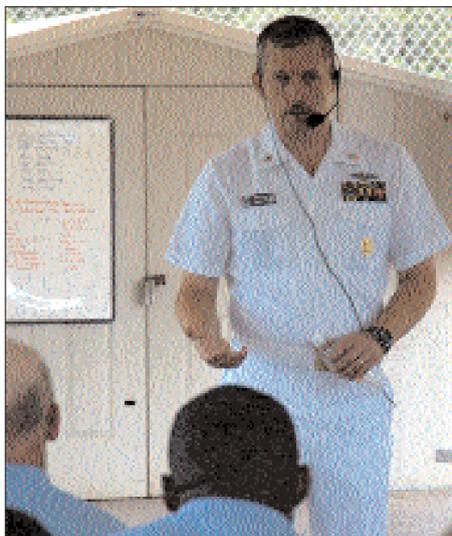
Naval Security Group Activity in Kunia, held a Master Chief's Corner career question and answer forum between senior and junior enlisted Sailors Aug. 25.

According to Cryptologic Technician-Mechanical 1st Class Michael Nunez, petty officer in charge of the program, the goal of Master Chief's Corner is to provide career guidance for junior Sailors by interacting with experienced senior enlisted members. The program has also developed into roundtable for Sailors to speak their minds on work related issues.

"The ultimate goal of Master Chief's Corner is to use the experiences of successful senior enlisted members as a 'road map' for junior service members to achieve success during their military careers," said Nunez. "The program has also quickly progressed into a forum for Sailors to voice their concerns regarding how naval/command policies affect their career intentions," Nunez added.

Nunez also noted the topics of the sessions are open to any concern and vary greatly with different speakers.

"The sessions are informal in nature," Nunez stated. "The guest speaker is introduced. They give a brief history of their career and then address the issues as they or those in attendance wish. Topics have varied from educational benefits to the value of good communications skills," he added. "Guest speakers are not limited to particular topics; in fact, every speaker has been encouraged to make each session their own."



U.S. Navy photo by MM3 Greg Bookout
ETCM(SS) John D. Tyner, command master chief of NSGA Kunia, speaks to a group of junior enlisted Sailors during a Master Chief's Corner forum Aug. 25.

Speaking on helping Sailors succeed, Master Chief Electronics Technician (SS) John D. Tyner, command master chief for NSGA Kunia, said planning ahead is a key for achieving what you want in your career during his session.

"You need to plan for your future," said Tyner. "If you have not thought about what you want to accomplish with your career or in

life, it's harder to excel. Sit down, set goals, write them down and refer back to them periodically."

CTCM Kitty Jennings, leading chief petty officer for NSGA's J6 division, noted the program has been successful and she would like to see it expand.

"I would like to see other commands institute this program," said Jennings. "This is a variation of captain's call, which is informative but excludes senior enlisted members. Master Chief's Corner provides an informal and frank discussion about career planning and management, which gives Sailors a chance to make more informed career choices. I enjoyed the heck out of doing this and look forward to doing it again whenever possible," Jennings added.

A Sailor in attendance to Tyner's lecture commented the program was helpful in that it gave Sailors the opportunity to actually meet the people running the command.

"It's so rare to see the leadership face to face," said CTI2 Elizabeth Crouse. "It's nice to see who the master chief is in person, ask questions and get straight answers directly from the source. This is a great way for everyday Sailors to voice their opinions and ask questions about what they are thinking."

Another Sailor attending the most recent session said a group session helps answer questions command Sailors may have.

"I was satisfied with the way my question was answered. I got some resolution," said CTRSN Jessie Shafer. "Being with other people in the command, others asked questions I needed to know, but wouldn't have thought to ask."

CTI1 Christina Simpson said it was a good opportunity, but the program has room for improvement.

"The opportunity to speak to someone in management is good. We get access to people with experience on the chief selection board, detailing and other things we may not normally have access to," said Simpson. "I would like to see notes taken in the future, possibly even a command e-mail sent out with some feed back and overview of topics put out. Due to work schedules not everyone can make it out, information discussed should be more readily available to them later."

Another speaker, CTICM John Port of NSGA's J3 division, discussed the importance and usefulness of the program in steps.

"I personally, see great benefit in the Master Chief's Corner for the command and its Sailors for several reasons," Port said. "First, master chiefs are often engaged with senior Navy leadership at a level sufficient to see far beyond what our Sailors may hear through rumor mills or read in message traffic or Navy Times."

"In sitting and discussing concerns with the master chiefs, we can bring calm to the storm of doubt in Sailor's minds," Port explained. "Second, we have not forgotten where we came from and as a result, can share our experiences, thereby leading Sailors toward a more successful future," he added. "Third, the informal forum provided in the program allows for open and frank discussion between Sailors and the master chiefs which they would not otherwise have. Lastly, remember that we, the master chiefs, can still learn from the Sailors."

Bocce ball brings Sailors, community together for fun

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Staff Writer

Sailors from around the island volunteered at the Special Olympics Aukake Classic last weekend at Wai'anae Neighborhood Park, performing as officials and supporters for the more than 350 athletes participating in bocce ball and soccer sporting events.

Seventy-five volunteers from USS Paul Hamilton (DDG 60), Afloat Planning Systems Pacific, Naval Magazine, Defense Information Systems Agency, Naval Meteorology and Oceanography and galleys dedicated their efforts to support the community at the event, which has been held for eight years.

"I came out to help with the Olympics and kids, because I know how much it means to them to be able to do something that makes them feel good about themselves," said Master-at-Arms 3rd Class Adam Ellis, a



U.S. Navy photo by JOSN Ryan C. McGinley

An athlete throws a Bocce Ball at the Special Olympics Aukake Classic.

Michigan native with NAVMAG. "It makes you feel good about yourself too."

At the two-day event Sailors officiated bocce ball competitions, which included point scoring and judging. Civilian volunteers from around the island also helped with the events, creating a bond between the military and community, according to Sailors.

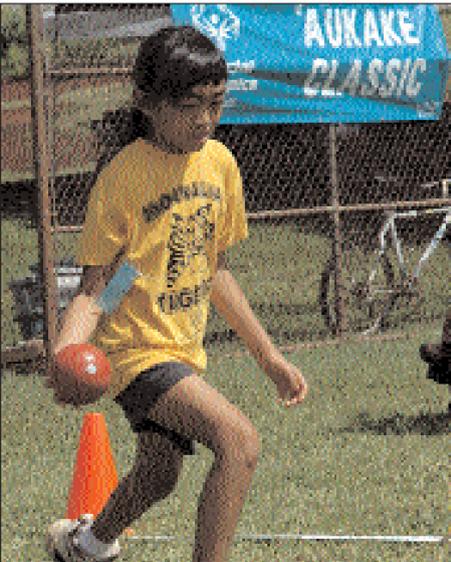
"It's a way to give back to the community," said CMDMCM David Selmier, Paul Hamilton command master chief. "It shows them what the military is all about."

Nancy Bottelo, president and chief executive officer for Special Olympics Hawai'i, agreed that the interaction between civilian and military is appreciated and needed.

"I love the military," she said. "We couldn't do what we do without the support we get from [the military]."

The volunteers all agreed that the focus of the days' events were the athletes, who train extensively for eight weeks in preparation for the Olympics.

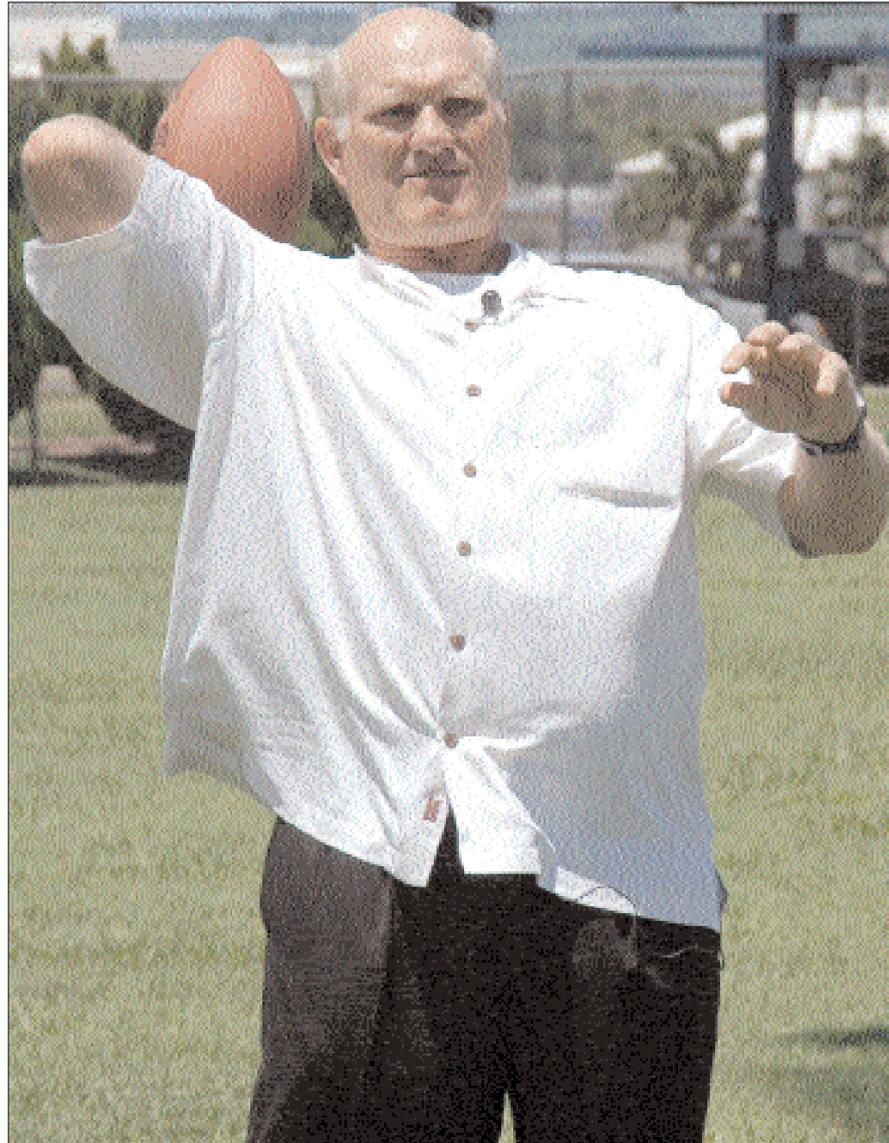
"Keeping physically fit and playing on a team is something that, years ago, people said people with intellectual disabilities would never be able to do, and they can," said Bottelo. "Our athletes can play on teams, they can do everything everybody else can do, and it's time we started showing the world that."



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A special Olympian is about to throw a Bocce Ball at the Aukake Classic. More than 350 athletes participated in the event.

Hall of famer visits Pearl Harbor



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NFL Hall of Fame quarterback Terry Bradshaw visited Naval Station Pearl Harbor on his birthday yesterday and had time to toss a couple of passes to Sailors at Ward Field. Bradshaw attended yesterday's ceremony aboard the battleship Missouri, had lunch with Sailors at the Silver Dolphin Bistro and took time to visit USS Port Royal (CG 73).

