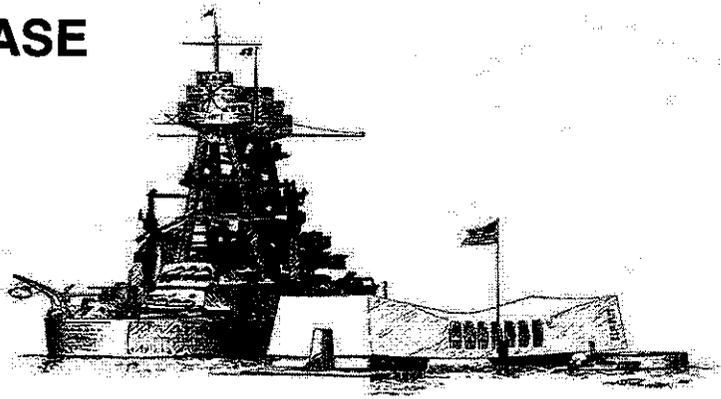


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Pilot killed in helicopter accident on Kaho`olawe

The pilot of a UH-1 Huey helicopter was killed today, in a crash on the island of Kaho`olawe at 11:50 a.m. The helicopter is owned and operated by Pacific Helicopter.

The pilot was the only person onboard at the time of the accident, and the name has not been released pending notification of the family. The accident did not involve ordnance.

This is the first fatality associated with the largest Department of Defense unexploded ordnance clearance project in the world. The island is the property of the State of Hawaii, but the Navy currently controls access to the island.

Navy Region Hawaii contacted the Federal Aviation Administration, and it is expected that the National Transportation Safety Board will lead the accident investigation.

Navy Region Hawaii, the State of Hawaii's Kaho`olawe Island Reserve Commission, Pacific Division Naval Facilities Engineering Command, and Parsons UXB / Joint Venture send condolences to the family of the pilot. Our thoughts are also with all the workers on the clearance project as they deal with this tragic loss.

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