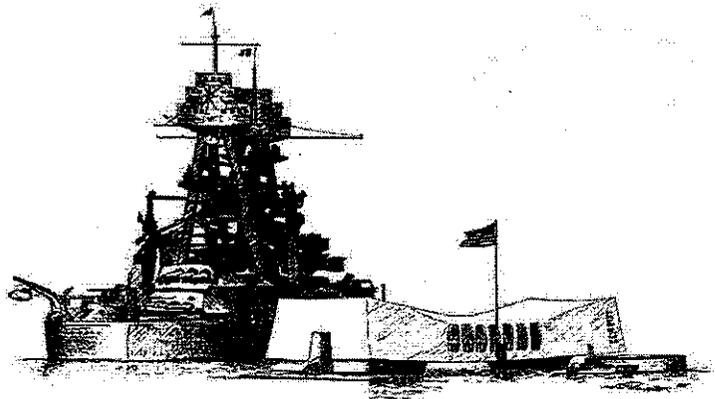


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Pearl Harbor unveils new anti-terrorism training facility

PEARL HARBOR – Afloat Training Group Middle Pacific (ATGMIDPAC) cuts the ribbon on a new anti-terrorism and force protection (AT/FP) training complex on Ford Island at 9 a.m. Monday, June 7. Congressman Abercrombie will be a guest but will not be a speaker.

The AT/FP training center provides a centralized facility, which can accommodate all of the Navy's AT/FP courses - it is a 'one stop shop' for all AT/FP training. The building itself is a WWII Seaplane Hangar, converted into a training facility and equipped with more than \$1.5 million of training gear.

The AT/FP Training Center was established with the goal of providing a facility for all security forces to train in a realistic environment and has been used by HPD, DOD Police, Navy and U.S. Coast Guard Security Forces. It's size and varied set up allows for all AT/FP courses to be conducted in the facility - from basic marksmanship and watch standing to advanced security team tactics. Additionally, all ATG students from Submarine Force, VP Squadrons, Surface Force, and USCG are trained there.

Events scheduled for the day of the ribbon cutting ceremony include a force-on-force training demonstration, a boarding, search and seizure demonstration using rappelling techniques, a non-lethal weapons and hand-to-hand takedown methods demonstration and static displays.

The Training Center has been operational since November 2003.

Media representatives interested in covering the ribbon cutting should call the Navy Region Hawaii Public Affairs Office at 473-2888 by 4 p.m. June 4 to arrange an escort. Media representatives will be met at the Nimitz Gate Visitors Pass Office parking, June 7 at 8:30 a.m.

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