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IN BRIEF

Ford Island Bridge closure

On April 25, one lane of the Adm. Clarey (Ford Island) Bridge will be closed for minor repairs. Flagmen will be stationed on site to ensure safe and continuous traffic flow.

On April 26, after repairs are completed, all lanes of the bridge will be closed from 8:30 to 9:30 a.m. to open and test the bridge.

This test will be similar to the quarterly maintenance tests that have been performed since the bridge's opening.

Motorists and personnel are asked to obey the flagmen and use caution while transiting the bridge. For additional questions or concerns, contact Walter Carvalho at 471-1170, ext. 238.

Pass & ID services relocating

Effective today, all Pass & ID services currently provided at PSD (Building 284) will be relocated to Building 3455 (Nimitz Gate).

This move will consolidate all services offered by Pass & ID and provide better customer service.

For more information, please contact Mr. Abel Escrito at 474-9140.

Navy-Marine Corps Relief fund drive extended to May 5

In order to allow all commands further opportunity to increase this year's contributions through the use of active fundraisers and allotments, the annual Navy-Marine Corps Relief fund drive is extended until May 5.

Command efforts will make a tremendous difference to our shipmates, ensuring help from the NMCRS is "at the end of the rainbow when needed."

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Navy names sub after 50th state

By JO3 McClain Shewman

SUBPAC PUBLIC AFFAIRS

The Secretary of the Navy, the Honorable Richard Danzig and U.S. Senator from Hawaii Honorable Daniel Akaka, unveiled the image of the third Virginia-Class submarine USS Hawaii (SSN 776).

The ceremony was held at Bowfin Submarine Memorial Park, in Pearl Harbor, Hawaii today, on the brink of the U.S. Navy's submarine centennial.

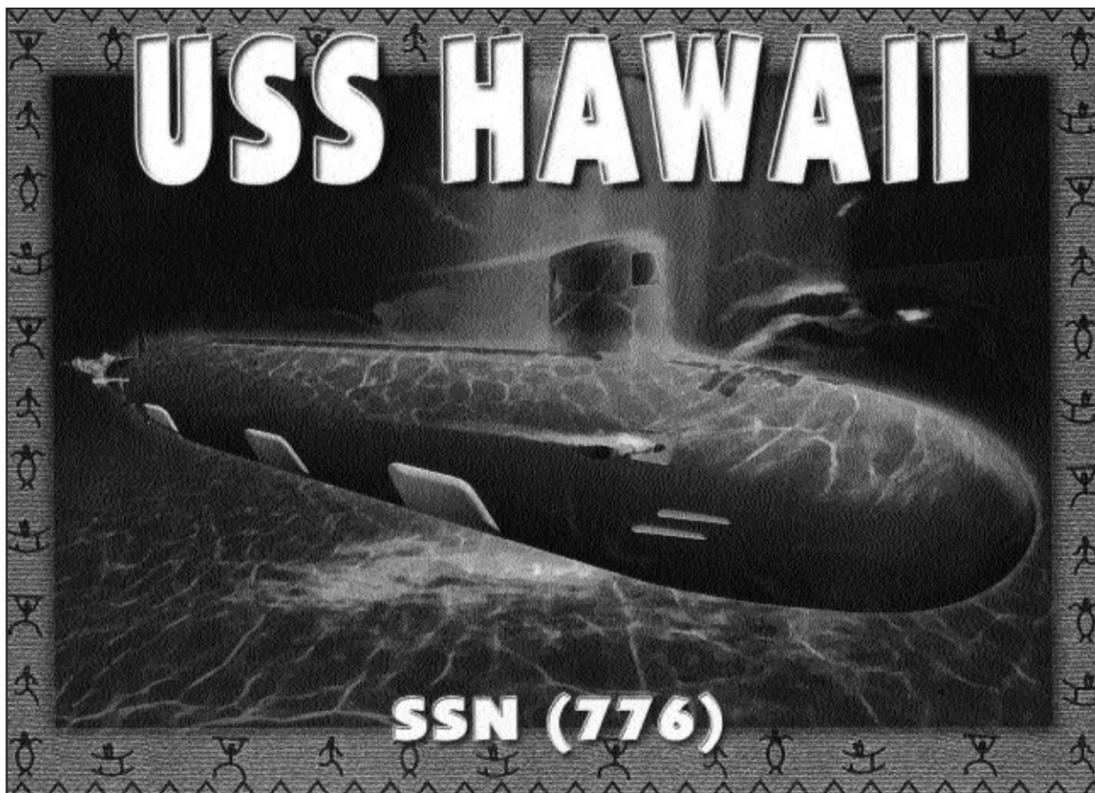
"Submariners are one of our greatest assets; so also are the people who appreciate and support them. Naming this submarine 'Hawaii' recognizes both groups — those brave men who have served here and the men and women who support them," said Danzig.

The submarine is being named to recognize the tremendous support the Navy has enjoyed from the people and state of Hawaii, and in honor of the rich heritage of submarines in the Pacific.

USS Hawaii, which will be 377 feet in length and displace over 7,800 tons when submerged, will have a crew of 134 men. USS Hawaii is projected to be commissioned in January 2007.

"Hawaii is proud to have a submarine named after its

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Graphic by DM2 Galen Kickingwoman, COMSUBPAC

The third Virginia-class attack submarine USS Hawaii (SSN 776), the first commissioned ship to bear the name "Hawaii" is expected to join the fleet in January 2007. Secretary of the Navy, Richard Danzig made the announcement Saturday at the Bowfin Submarine Memorial on the brink of the U.S. Navy's submarine centennial. The submarine is being named to recognize the tremendous support the Navy has enjoyed from the people and state of Hawaii.

Hopper departs for six-month WESTPAC deployment

By JOCS(SW) Phil Eggman and JO3 Brenda Diggs

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JO3 Brenda Diggs photo

USS Hopper Sailor, FC1(SW) Robert Sorg gives his wife, Mimi, a goodbye hug as he prepares to depart with the ship for a six-month western Pacific deployment.

Families and friends said goodbye to the 318 officers and Sailors of the guided missile destroyer, USS Hopper (DDG 70), as they departed Pearl Harbor April 6 for the Western Pacific and the Arabian Gulf.

Hopper will join the San Diego, Calif., based guided-missile frigate USS Jarrett (FFG) and the Everett, Wash., based destroyer USS Fife (DD 991) to conduct maritime operations during a six-month deployment in the Western Pacific, Indian Ocean and Arabian Gulf.

"E-mail helps a lot on these long deployments," said Ranalynne Miller, wife of IC 3rd Class Christopher Miller. "The e-mail makes a big difference than the frequent phone calls we used to get [only] when the ship was pulled into port."

"About four months have been shaved off the original deployment date," said Fire Controlman 1st Class Robert Sorg. "So, for the past six months we've been doing drill after drill, a lot of exercises and inspections. It was a real test of our knowledge, but it helped prepare me for what we are going to face over there on [WESTPAC]."

Sorg says he's looking forward to the port calls Hopper is expected to make, as well as his wife, Mimi. "She is expecting me to get her some sheep-skin boots from Australia," said Sorg.

Under the command of Cmdr. John W. Peterson, USS Hopper, is an Arleigh Burke-class

guided missile destroyer and multi-mission platform designed to conduct simultaneous operations against land, air, surface and sub-surface targets.

The multi-mission capable ship can operate independently, or in support of carrier battle groups, surface action groups, amphibious groups and replenishment groups.

Hopper's combat systems center around the Aegis combat system and the SPY-ID, multi-function phased array radar.

Hopper is also equipped with the Harpoon anti-ship cruise missile system and Tomahawk land attack cruise missiles.

Commissioned, Sept. 6, 1997 in San Francisco, Calif., USS Hopper is named after Rear Adm. Grace Murray Hopper, whose development of the first computer compiler and the first computer programming language helped revolutionize the world of computers.

"The ship worked really hard leading up to this deployment and we are more than ready, as for my family, we've made sure we took care of personal business at home and we have a lot of faith and trust in each other," said Storekeeper 1st Class (SW) Duane Quick.

"You never get used to separation," added his wife Patricia, "but, we prepare ourselves, as best we can, for it."

For more information about USS Hopper, visit their website at <http://www.hopper.navy.mil>. For more information about the Navy in Hawaii, visit the Navy Region Hawaii website at <http://www.hawaii.navy.mil>.

Public Works Center Pearl Harbor changes command

By Denise Emsley

PWC PUBLIC AFFAIRS

Capt. Jennifer L. Mustain relieved Capt. Michael K. Loose as Commanding Officer of the Navy Public Works Center, Pearl Harbor (PWC Pearl) April 7 at the Center's main compound.

The Change of Command ceremony will include a Navy frocking, where Capt. Loose will officially receive the rank of Rear Admiral.

Mustain reports to PWC Pearl from previous duty as the Operations Officer and Assistant Commander for Program Management at Pacific Division, Naval Facilities Engineering Command. Currently, she is the senior of two female captains in the Civil Engineer Corps (CEC).

She will be the first female active duty CEC Commanding Officer as a Captain, as well as the first to command a Navy Public Works Center.

Mustain graduated from the University of Washington under the

NROTC program in June 1977 with a bachelor of science degree in civil engineering and was commissioned an Ensign in the Civil Engineer Corps.

Her first tour of duty was on Guam with the Officer in Charge of Construction. In 1979, Mustain transferred to Naval Station, Rota, Spain, and was assigned to the Public Works Department.

She left Spain in December 1981 to attend graduate school at Oregon State University, where she received her master's degree in civil engineering, majoring in Construction Engineering Management.

Mustain's next assignment was with the Resident Officer in Charge of Construction in Keflavik, Iceland, followed by a tour of duty at the Navy Public Works Center in San Diego.

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USS Paul Hamilton changes hands.....A-5



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Capt. Jennifer L. Mustain relieved Capt. Michael K. Loose as Commanding Officer of the Navy Public Works Center, Pearl Harbor as Rear Adm. Charles R. Kubic, Commander, Naval Facilities Engineering Command, Pacific Division looks on during a change of command ceremony April 7.