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## IN BRIEF

### Navy Channel to move

Due to the relocation of the Navy channel's operations center to Bldg. 150, The Navy Channel - Oceanic Cable Channel 2 is expected to be off the air on base and in Navy family housing from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on July 20. For more information call 471-5651.

### French Navy frigate to visit Honolulu

The French Navy surveillance frigate FS Vendemiare will be in Honolulu Harbor docked at Aloha Tower Marketplace pier through July 17.

The public is invited to visit the ship 2-5 p.m. Saturday and Sunday. For more information, contact the office of the French Consulate General at 547-5852.

### Hawaii Navy News delivery stoppages

There have been temporary delivery stoppages of Hawaii Navy News due to renovations and construction in the Pearl City, Hale Moku and Hukilani housing areas.

The publisher, RFD Publications is aware of this situation and doing its best to stay on top of the changes.

Residents in those housing areas not receiving HNN should contact the RFD Publications circulation department at 247-8755.

### Submission requirements for HNN Community Calendar

Due to the large number of requests for event announcements in Hawaii Navy News, Community Calendar events will run for four consecutive weeks only, unless specifically requested otherwise.

## Navy establishes missile defense office, reports directly to CNO

### Cutting of ribbon officially opens new wing



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Senator Daniel K. Inouye, (center), Adm. Dennis C. Blair, Commander in Chief, U.S. Pacific Command (left) and Rear Adm. Richard D. West, Oceanographer of the Navy (right), cut the ribbon officially opening the new wing of the Naval Pacific Meteorology and Oceanography Center, Joint Typhoon Warning Center July 7. The new wing was dedicated in honor of distinguished World War II hero, Chief Aerographer Luther W. Jones.

## Joint Typhoon Warning Center wing dedicated to heroic Navy aerographer

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**T**HE Naval Pacific Meteorology and Oceanography Center, Joint Typhoon Warning Center at the Commander in Chief Pacific Fleet Makalapa Complex dedicated its new wing July 7, in honor of distinguished World War II hero, Chief Aerographer Luther W. Jones.

The Honorable Daniel K. Inouye, U.S. Senate, and Admiral Dennis C. Blair, Commander in Chief, U.S.

Pacific Command spoke at the ceremony.

"Luther Jones could have easily responded to the natural instinct of man - survival, and gave out the information, and he might be living today," said Inouye. "He decided that his life was important, but the lives of his fellow men were so much more important that he was willing to lay down his life for the honor and dignity of this nation. That to me is over and above the call of duty," added Inouye.

The new wing, constructed by Ocean House Builders for \$974,000, adds an additional 2,137 square feet of operational space for the Joint

Typhoon Warning Center at Pearl Harbor. The JTWC relocated from the former Naval Pacific Meteorology and Oceanography Center, Western Pacific in Guam to Pearl Harbor in January 1999, following the Defense Base Closure and Realignment Commission's recommendation in 1995.

"On January 1, 2000 the JTWC began their operations here at Pearl Harbor. This move was done despite a 90 percent turnover of personnel during that period," said Adm. Blair. "The center completed

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### Office to oversee all missile defense systems

Office of the Assistant Secretary of Defense (Public Affairs)

NAVY WIRE SERVICE

WASHINGTON (NWS) — Chief of Naval Operations Adm. Jay Johnson announced July 6 the formation of a new office on his immediate staff, the assistant chief of Naval Operations (ACNO) for Missile Defense.

In addition to creating this new office, the Navy announced that USS Lake Erie (CG 70) has been designated the Navy's theater-wide test ship for the AEGIS Lightweight Exoatmospheric Projectile intercept flight-test series.

"The Navy theater wide test efforts are too important to the nation to risk frequently shifting test ships," Johnson said. "We need a ship and crew to focus full time on this effort."

For the next two years, USS Lake Erie will be dedicated to conducting these critical tests. USS Lake Erie's homeport here in Pearl Harbor, makes the ship's participation in tests at the Pacific Missile Range Facility off Kauai cost-effective.

The Navy anticipates the ship will not deploy operationally again for about two years.

Johnson made it clear that the Navy's first priority remains to develop and deploy effective area and theater-wide defenses at sea.

As the Navy begins testing in earnest and preparing to deploy TMBD at sea, it is necessary to dramatically improve the Navy's posture to deliver effective missile defenses.

The ACNO for Missile Defense will have oversight

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## INSIDE



The Waialua Coffee Visitor's Center offers a tour of its mill and a variety of hot and cold drinks with specialty flavors...B1

## Asheville returns from six-month deployment

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USS Asheville (SSN 758), a Pearl Harbor-based fast-attack submarine recently returned from a six month deployment to the Western Pacific (WESTPAC).

During this WESTPAC, Asheville made port visits to Japan, Hong Kong, Singapore, Bahrain, and United Arab Emirates.

Crewmembers of USS Asheville took time out from their brief port visit in Hong Kong to provide assistance to Crossroads International.

The hardworking crewmembers assisted in the move from Crossroads' previous building to its new location.

"It's a difficult but rewarding job. After completing a highly successful WESTPAC, you feel a sense of achievement," said Machinist Mate 3rd Class Matthew Carper.

USS Asheville deployed in January as a member of the USS John C. Stennis (CVN 74) Carrier Battle Group.

"It's a wonderful thing to be home with the ones you love," said Yeoman 3rd Class (SS) Richard Reyes, referring to his wife Taylor.

"We got the job done underway, but now it's time to focus on being home again," added the Huntington Beach, Calif. native.

USS Asheville is the Navy's 47th Los Angeles Class submarine and is capable of carrying the most advanced weapons available to the submarine force.

Included in its arsenal are the MK-48 advanced capability torpedo and the Tomahawk land-attack cruise missile.

Asheville, named after Asheville, North Carolina, is commanded by Cmdr. Kerry Ingalls. It was commissioned in September of 1991. The boat has a complement of 130 men and is over 360 feet long.

## NSGA Pearl Harbor changes hands



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Lt. Cmdr. Leland C. Vulcan relieved Cmdr. John C. Simmons as commanding officer, Naval Security Group Activity, Pearl Harbor July 7 at the USS Nevada memorial. Lt. Cmdr. Vulcan previously served as the executive officer, NSGA Pearl Harbor. NSGA provides fleet electronics support to Pacific fleet sub surface and surface combatants. NSGA is located in Bldg. 324 on Hospital point, Pearl Harbor.

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