

# MDSU-1 Sailor gives to back community

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In August 1999, Electrician's Mate 3rd Class Lisa Rowe read a Plan of the Week note that was seeking volunteers to help teach students through Junior Achievement Hawaii's economic education program. She jumped at the chance to teach a first grade class at Barbers Point Elementary School.

Rowe, assigned to Mobile Diving and Salvage Unit One MDSU-1, said "I've always liked kids from before I came in the Navy and I enjoyed playing with them, reading stories and helping them with things like bike riding."

She explained that "I chose first grade because I think I work better with that age group. Since I have two children of my own, I thought the experience with Junior Achievement might help me with my own kids."

Petty Officer Rowe, originally from Kingston, Jamaica, moved to New York City at the age of 16 after finishing high school in Jamaica. She lived in New York for six years and worked as a sales associate at J.C. Penney for four years. She attended St. John's University in New York City for two years before moving to Atlanta, Ga. in 1996.

After joining the Navy in 1997, she was assigned to Mobile Diving and Salvage Unit ONE and has continued her education in her off-duty hours. "My goal is to actually become a lawyer, but I wanted knowledge of the criminal justice system in the United States, since I grew up in Jamaica", she says.

Petty Officer Rowe is attending Chaminade University and is majoring in Criminal Justice.

Petty Officer Rowe found Junior

Achievement to be such a rewarding experience because the training really prepared her to feel comfortable in the classroom.

Now, she is starting to teach another first grade class, this time at Nimitz Elementary School, where Mobile Diving and Salvage Unit ONE is partnering with as part of the Personal Excellence Partnership (PEP) program.

"The reason why I decided to do Junior Achievement again is because I had so much fun doing it the first time," said Rowe.

"I had a feeling of achievement looking into those kids eyes when they looked up to me as someone they can trust. It gives me a great feeling when the kids call me Miss Lisa," she said.

Petty Officer Rowe is a perfect example of how anyone can get involved in the community with limited experience and have a positive impact.

She has been a role model to the children she has taught in the schools and she has proven how volunteerism can work in our schools and in our community.

She also is a great success story, having come to the United States as a teenager from her homeland of Jamaica and then taking the initiative to improve herself through education and with great goals for the future. Great job, Petty Officer Rowe!

The Junior Achievement lesson plans are designed for five 45-minute sessions in the classroom, and can easily be accomplished working around your work schedule. Junior Achievement's program manager not only trains you but is always available as a resource person throughout your involvement as a volunteer.

Because of the extensive experience the military brings to the classroom, it is highly



MDSU-1 photo

First grade teacher, Cheryl Kuroiwa, EM3 Lisa Rowe and Chief Robert Bridgewater with students from Nimitz Elementary School.

desirable to obtain and keep volunteers from the military community.

In an effort to promote the Navy's involvement in community service throughout the island, a Community Service seminar will be held on Jan. 9, 2001 from 9-10:30 a.m. in the Submarine Base, Pearl Harbor Training Building, Bldg 679, Room 13.

The Commander Navy Region, Hawaii Community Service Program Manager will provide an informative overview of the PEP program and the opportunities that exist.

An overview of the Sailors Mentoring and

Reaching Teens (SMART) program will be provided as well. Junior Achievement's local president, Carolann Biederman, and Program Manager, Monica Sasaki, will present an overview of opportunities that exist with Junior Achievement in our public schools and a video will be shown, entitled "What if?"

Volunteers will be there to provide their own personal insight into volunteerism. Refreshments will be served. For more information, contact YNC(SW) Bridgewater at 471-9292 X221.

# Joint Typhoon Warning Center CMC retires

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METOC/JOINT TYPHOON WARNING CENTER PUBLIC AFFAIRS

On Friday, Dec. 8, on the fantail of the USS Missouri (BB 63) Master Chief Albert J. Mauzy retired from active Naval service and received his "Last Salute". Mauzy enlisted in 1974 and received his basic training at Recruit Training Command Orlando, Fla.

He then successfully completed Aerographer's Mate "A" school at Naval Technical Training Center Lakehurst, New Jersey.

He went on to serve as a weather observer at Naval Air Station Corpus Christi, Texas and USS Belleau Wood (LHA 3). Next, he went to Chanute Air Force Base, Ill. where he completed Aerographer's Mate "C" school in 1981.

After graduation from "C" school he served as an environmental forecaster at NAS Kingsville, TX; Roosevelt Roads,

Puerto Rico; and USS AMERICA (CV 66), and NAS Oceana, Va.—where he was advanced to chief petty officer in 1989.

After Oceana he served on the staff of Commander 6th Fleet where he was advanced to senior chief 1993.

He then went to the Senior Enlisted Academy in 1995 followed by a tour onboard USS Theodore Roosevelt (CVN 71) and then finally as Command Master Chief of Naval Pacific Meteorology and Oceanography Center/Joint Typhoon Warning Center, Pearl Harbor.

The ceremony started with a speech by the Commanding Officer of Naval Pacific Meteorology and Oceanography Center/Joint Typhoon Warning Center, Capt. Terry R. McPherson.

He highlighted the master chief's career and mentioned how technology, over the years, has changed and developed. He then relayed the master chief's philosophy of today's technology — "it [technology] doesn't matter if you don't take care of your folks."

Following the speech by McPherson, was awarded the Meritorious Service Medal.

The award citation highlighted his outstanding meritorious service as command master chief, his unsurpassed leadership in community-wide retention initiatives, and a career of sustained superior performance.

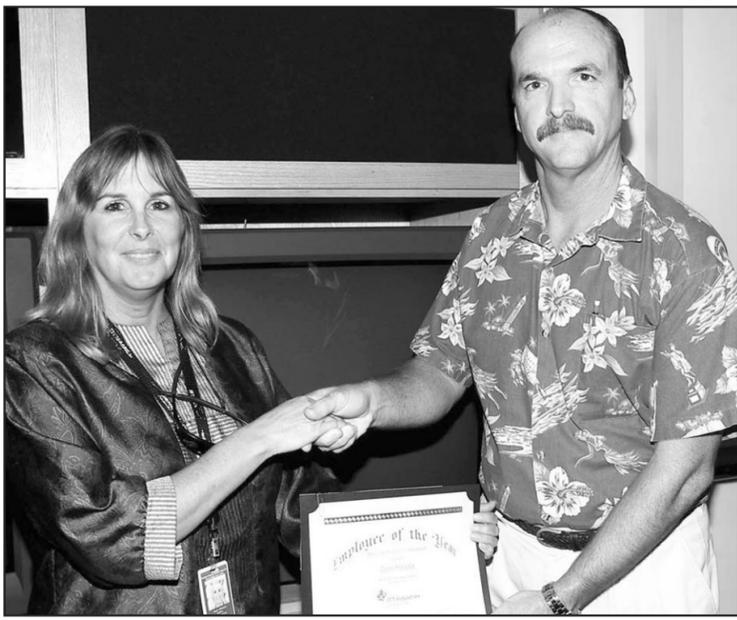
Most notable was his leadership during the largest re-engineering in the METOC community's history...including the incorporation of a critical joint mission into the command (Joint Typhoon Warning Center).

Mauzy then had his opportunity to speak. He thanked the many people that helped him over the years. He thanked the administrative staff and his fellow chiefs.

However the group that he thanked last was simply the Sailors. He relayed that times change and technology changes but you can "always count on a Sailor."

The ceremony concluded with the Mauzy being piped over the side with his wife, Betty, at his side.

# Pacific Missile Range Facility announces 'Employees of the Year'



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Terri Hiraoka (left) is congratulated by ITT Project Manager, Paul Molyneux, upon receiving the ITT/PMRF Employee of the Year in the Best Technician/Craftsperson category. ITT also presented awards and bonuses to the 'Employees of the Year', 'Employees of the Third Trimester', 'Community Service Award' and 'Years of Service Awards'.

By Shiela Heathcote Arthur  
Pacific Missile Range Facility

Defense contractor ITT at the Pacific Missile Range Facility (PMRF) Barking Sands Project recently provided the highest honors to its most outstanding employees for the year 2000.

In a ceremony at PMRF's Video Teleconferencing Center, ITT presented awards and bonuses to the 'Employees of the Year', 'Employees of the Third Trimester', 'Community Service Award' and 'Years of Service Awards'.

In the category of Best Technician/Craftsperson, Terri Hiraoka was cited for her professionalism and job enthusiasm.

A Lihue resident, Hiraoka worked in PMRF's computer help department and she traveled all over the base to troubleshoot various computer-related problems.

Because of her excellent job performance and expertise, Hiraoka was promoted to Network Engineer.

"Terri consistently demonstrated superior technical expertise in a multitude of high-tech environments and she continually displayed an aggressive and enthusiastic attitude while delivering outstanding cus-

tomers support," said Allan Nesbitt, ITT Department Manager for Scheduling and Control, who nominated Hiraoka for the award.

The Best Manager of the Year went to Gordon Mattos who supervises the Makaha Ridge Telemetry station. Mattos, a Kekaha resident, has worked for PMRF at more than 34 years.

Mattos, who was nominated by Eugene Henriques, ITT Operations Department Manager, was cited for his dependability, reliability and the ability to accomplish all tasks assigned to him.

"Mattos is fully entrusted by both ITT and PMRF Senior Staff to plan and carry out direct liaison with high ranking officers, and civilian delegations — both U.S. and foreign — during site tours of the Makaha Ridge and Koke'e facilities," said Henriques.

"Being responsible for these sites essentially by himself, Gordon is not only capable and knowledgeable, but he is full of the aloha spirit and maintains open communications with his peers, customers and subordinates."

The Best Support Employee of the Year went to Carlos Martinez of PMRF's Crash Fire Department.

Recognized for his achievements by Fire Chief Robert Westerman, this Kalaheo resident is credited with more than just fire-fighting and good relationships with co-workers.

"Martinez distinguished himself while learning the new Maximo ordering system and spent countless hours searching for the best price on items purchased by the department."

"His individual efforts saved the contract thousands of dollars on just one purchase alone," said Fire Chief Robert Westerman.

Employees of the Year received monetary awards and gifts. Those who were nominated as 'Employees of the Year' included Wally Laysa, Rocky Ruiz, Skip Duarte, Dave Graham, Estra Acoba, Reni Pereira and Auren Ferry.

The ITT Employee of the Third Trimester, was Auren Ferry of the Contracts Administration Department. Also nominated were Sue Char, Mike Young, Darlene Camass, Reni Pereira, Steve LaMarr and Dan Nishiguchi.

The Community Service Award winner was Kekaha resident, Myrna Bucasas of Range Operations, who not only works full time, but spends countless hours doing volunteer work in her community.

# Frederick mess specialist places second in chili cook-off

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USS FREDERICK

USS Frederick's (LST 1184) Mess Specialist Senior Chief Art Peck recently placed second in a Chili Cook-Off held at the Coronado Ferry Landing in San Diego, Calif.

The Cook-Off featured over twenty-five other entries from professional chefs of famous restaurants in Coronado and San Diego counties.

Peck prepared his chili in Frederick's galley prior to the competition and then brought his entry from the ship's 32nd Street Naval Station

berth to the Coronado competition.

The Cook-Off was a charity event held in support of the Coronado Women's League. For his efforts, Senior Chief Peck won a beautiful wall clock.

Of his runner-up showing, Peck said, "It was a great experience that I really enjoyed. I was competing against executive chefs from some of the more reputable restaurants in Coronado and San Diego and I did pretty well. This just validates the high quality of Navy cooking and that of the training that I have received in the Navy."

# Sister ships cook up friendships

By J03 McClain Shewman  
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USS Hopper (DDG 70) and USS Asheville (SSN 758) recently sponsored a picnic at Richardson Field for the two sister-platform Navy vessels.

Hopper, an Aegis-class Destroyer named after Rear Adm. Dr. Grace Murray Hopper - "The mother of computing," invited USS Asheville to the function which boasted more than 300 in attendance.

"[The picnic] boosts morale for both of the crews," said Machinest's Mate Senior Chief(SS) Jeff Daue, USS Asheville Chief of the Boat.

"We're always looking for something different to do. This is a good chance to see how our Navy counterparts live," said Fire Contralman Master Chief(SW) Jeff VanDervort, USS Hopper

Command Master Chief.

"We'll see a lot of this interaction in the future," added VanDervort.

The Sailors played volleyball, football, and had a dunk tank where they primed a healthy rivalry in sinking Sailors from the opposing ship.

"It promotes good relations between sister ships," said Lt. j.g. Ron Merrill, the supply officer on USS Asheville.

This is the first time USS Hopper and USS Asheville have ever participated in an event with a different crew, and according to Yeoman 1st Class(SS) Shane Neal of USS Asheville, "It's a great idea to get together with our sister ship."

"I'm going to play a little volleyball, maybe some soccer, eat and socialize with some Asheville Sailors," said GSE3(SW) Raul Bolanco of Hopper.



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Capt. David Thiem (left), Commodore Submarine Squadron Three, eagerly awaits some barbecue from two Sailors attending the picnic.