

# Meritorious mast held for Honolulu Sailors

By USS Honolulu Public Affairs

Having to appear at the "green table" is normally the result of violating a lawful order or regulation. However, the tables were turned for 14 Honolulu 'Warriors.'

While on a six-month deployment to the Western Pacific, a major system pump failed and required immediate at-sea repairs if the ship was to continue her operational tasking.

A very proud commanding officer, Cmdr. John Richardson, heralded his men. "The accomplishments of these men today allows this warship to carry out her assigned mission. Without men of this caliber, all we have here is metal and machines," said Richardson. "It is the men that make her capable and ready - on station to

answer the nation's call."

Richardson added, "I like to hold meritorious mast especially when several divisions work together to achieve success. This is the ultimate testimony to real teamwork. The entire crew pitched in behind this effort, but these guys clearly led the way. I've been lucky in that I've been able to hold almost as many meritorious masts as the other type."

The mast citation read "For demonstrating outstanding performance of their duties, in that they performed critical at-sea repairs. This was a performance standard they each knew would bring credit to themselves and their fellow Warriors. Their actions personified Navy Core Values and upheld the rich and proud traditions of Pacific Fleet

Submariners."

"These men demonstrated exceptional teamwork and determination. They make me extremely proud to be their Chief of the Boat," said Senior Chief Billy Cramer. At each stage, the master machinists and electricians had young apprentices at his side.

Their combined creative ingenuity and sheer determination to exhaust every possible means for restoring the pump to full operation eventually paid off.

For several days at sea, the men of Machinery and Electrical Divisions worked around the clock, in addition to standing their regular watches, to get the pump up and running again. They refused to give up when a plan didn't work. In the end, their efforts

resulted in a more efficiently operating pump.

"This was clearly a legendary performance by all and their actions have fortified our crew. I was most impressed by their perseverance under very challenging conditions," remarked the Executive Officer, Lt. Cmdr. Dennis White during the mast proceedings.

For their actions, they were each awarded 72 hours of special liberty. Machinist's Mate 1st Class(SS) Michael Pelot was also recognized with a Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal for his exceptional leadership and management of this project. The submarine is homeported at Pearl Harbor and assigned to Submarine Squadron Three. Machinery Division was led by

Machinist's Mate Chief (SS) Robert Naifeh and included Machinist's Mate 1st Class (SS) Michael Pelot, Machinist's Mate 1st Class(SS) Christopher Graves, Machinist's Mate 1st Class(SS) Paul Dean, Machinist's Mate 2nd Class(SS) Randall Booth, Machinist's Mate 2nd Class(SS) Jeffrey Richard, Machinist's Mate 2nd Class(SS) Edd Rushing, Machinist's Mate 2nd Class(SS) Christopher Elliott, and Machinist's Mate 2nd Class(SS) Michael Halsey. Electrical Division was led by Electrician's Mate Chief(SS/DV) Christopher Galbreath and included Electrician's Mate 1st Class(SS) Lawrence Eskew, Electrician's Mate 1st(SS/DV) Shayne Anderson, and Electrician's Mate 2nd Class(SS) Frank Arnold.

## Pearl Harbor Kai Elementary hosts Career Fair 2001

By Rachel Alexander  
Pearl Harbor Kai Elementary

Pearl Harbor Kai Elementary hosted its 11th annual Career Fair on Jan. 18. The Career Fair gave the 4th, 5th, and 6th grade students an opportunity to learn more about careers they may be interested in.

Seventeen speakers representing 13 different career fields participated this year. Students were able to register for Career Fair by selecting three careers of their choice.

During Career Fair, every student attended three 30 minute presentations given by members of the community who work in those career fields.

The speakers shared their career experience and answered questions relating to educational requirements, job training, earnings, benefits, and career outlook.

Members of the student council hosted the speakers by escorting them to the welcome assembly and to the classroom where they gave their presentations.

Rachel Alexander, school counselor and coordinator of the event, emphasized the importance of exposure to many different careers at a young age so that students can

develop informed choices as they mature.

"The large number of career fields represented at our Career Fair enables the students to experience and learn about a wide variety of occupations," Alexander said.

The speakers for Career Fair 2001 included 2nd Lt. Michael Alexander (Air Force); Dr. Veronica Baechler (Pediatrician); Capt. Glenn Chung, Tommy Asada, Jay Kemmler, and John Omori (Firefighters); Jai Cunningham (Sportscaster); Harry Donlin (Police Officer); Judge David Lo (Law and the Courts); Trina Masters (Graphic Artist); Mark Olmos (Athletics); Gary Scheuring (Sales); Leigh Ann Oshiro (Modeling); Rick Watkins (Ministry); Kathie Whitcomb (Meteorology); and Annie Yonashiro and Robynne Adams (Hairstylists).

Part of the career education program also involved the 6th grade students completing the Career Explorer Interest Survey prior to Career Fair.

The survey helped the students understand how interests can be related to career fields.

Students learned that when their talents, skills, and interests align with those needed in a career field, they'll be more inclined to enjoy their work.



Rachel Alexander photo

2nd Lt. Michael Alexander talks with Pearl Harbor Kai Elementary students about his career in the Air Force during Career Fair 2001 held at Pearl Harbor Kai Jan. 18.

## Navy Supply Enlisted Roadshow 2001 schedule set

By Lynette S. Williams  
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The Enlisted Plans Division of Naval Supply Systems Command (NAVSUP) is on the road again as it begins its annual Roadshow around the globe to "supply" invaluable career information to enlisted supply rating personnel in the Fleet.

NAVSUP Supply Enlisted community technical advisors will present topics including advancement, retention, career planning, officer programs and retirement to attendees.

Senior Chief Storekeeper(SW) Anthony Johnson and SKCS(SW) Jeffrey S. Campeau,

technical advisors to dual-hatted Cmdr. Joe Spruill, NAVSUP's enlisted plans division director and supply enlisted community manager for the Chief of Naval Personnel, are excited to be a part of the Supply Enlisted Roadshow.

"We strongly encourage everyone to help get the word out to all Sailors and provide them with the opportunity to attend the Roadshow when it's in their local area," said Johnson.

"We also want to encourage all supply officers to attend because the information presented will be invaluable as they provide daily career guidance to their Sailors," added Campeau.

The 2001 Navy Supply Enlisted Roadshow travels to the following locations:

January 16-26, Europe, to include London, Sigonella, LaMaddalena, Naples, Rota and Keflavik;

February 22 - March 8, Western Pacific (WESTPAC), to include Pearl Harbor, Guam, Japan, Bahrain, Diego Garcia and Singapore;

April 3-13, the Gulf Coast, to Corpus Christi, Ingleside, New Orleans, Gulfport, Pascagoula and Pensacola;

May 1-4, Southeast Region, to Jacksonville, Mayport and Kings Bay;

June 1-6, Southwest Region, including San Diego, Port Hueneme and LeMoore;

July 16-20, Northeast Region, to Earle, Groton, Newport, Brunswick and Bath;

August 13-17, Pacific Northwest, to Bangor, Bremerton, Whidbey Island and Everett; and September 10-13, Mid-Atlantic Region, to Oceana, Little Creek, Norfolk and Yorktown.

Local Fleet and Industrial Supply Centers and regional commanders will provide specific times and locations for the presentations.

If there are any questions concerning these presentations, please contact SKCS(SW) Anthony Johnson, SUPOP33, at (703) 695-3932/DSN 225-3932 or e-mail: n132d15d@bupers.navy.mil.

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## Hopper, Waipahu Intermediate partner for education

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The USS Hopper (DDG 70) kicked off a partnership for education with Waipahu Intermediate School Jan. 12.

Cmdr. John J. (Buz) Sorce, commanding officer, and head principal Ed Oshiro met at the school grounds to offer each group's commitment to the Personal Excellence Program.

The sponsorship contract was signed by both leaders and witnessed by the participating school and ship staffs.

Over 30 Hopper Sailors have already volunteered for the program which will involve academic tutoring, school and community beautification projects, and personal guidance for many of the seventh and eighth grade students of Waipahu.

The relationship these Sailors and students build will

bring a sharing of knowledge from cultures that in some cases stretch thousands of miles apart.

While the public education system is often strained for money and teachers, Hopper Sailors will offer help to students at Waipahu Intermediate who need more personal attention.

The military and technical training these Sailors have received in the Navy will benefit their skills as tutors. With high standards of competence, discipline, and integrity expected on a daily basis, Sailors can represent solid role models for students.

There are also plans for the ship's crew to aid in the creation and restoration of facilities for the school. With an abundance of interest and expertise in repair and painting, Sailors will help make Waipahu a brighter place.



Ens. Charla Schreiber photo

Cmdr. Buz Sorce and head principal Ed Oshiro (center) signed a partnership linking the USS Hopper (DDG 70) and Waipahu Intermediate School in a Personal Excellence Program. Also in attendance were (from l-r) Lt. J.g. Chris Pressley, OS1(SW) Patrick B. Isom, Patricia Birtodaso, and FCCM(SW) Jeffrey A. Vandervort.

## Tripler Drug Lab produces video on procedures

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Tripler Army Medical Center's Forensic Toxicology Drug Testing Laboratory (FT-DTL) staff has created a unique video explaining operations of the lab from specimen collection to result reporting.

We want to educate commanders about the extensive procedures we follow to make sure test results are accurate, said Lt. Col. Mark Bruins, commander of the Forensic Toxicology Drug Testing Laboratory.

The 24-minute video describes in detail what procedures are in place and reviews the criteria for reporting a specimen as positive for a drug or drugs as well as the extensive quality assurance involved in reporting test results, Bruins said.

For information about obtaining a copy of the video, Bruins may be reached at 808-433-5176 or emailed at bruinsm@tamcft.tamc.amedd.army.mil

Tripler's Lab is the only Department of Defense Lab that can claim absolutely no false positive test results. There are a total of six DoD Labs around the world with Tripler's being the largest one, Bruins said.

Tripler's Lab has 67 employees - 65 civilian and two active duty - who average processing 60,000 urine samples a month. Samples must be tested positive by two different methods before they can be called positive.

"We err in favor of the soldiers," Bruins said, "following strict Chain of Custody rules."

## Honolulu Sailors clean up Yokosuka during WESTPAC



USS Honolulu Public Affairs photo

A USS Honolulu Sailor sweeps up debris at Fleet activities in Yokosuka, Japan. Sailors also cleaned a submarine pier/wharf. The Honolulu 'Warriors' are on a six-month deployment to the Western Pacific.

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"Always leave the place better than you found it."

This was the philosophy Sailors from USS Honolulu (SSN 718) demonstrated as they spent the morning cleaning up the submarine pier/wharf and adjacent street on-board Fleet Activities Yokosuka, Japan.

The Honolulu 'Warriors,' armed with their traditional submarine field day gear, set out on a brisk morning to beautify the street and pier.

"Since this is our WESTPAC home, it felt good to make it look nice. I stood watch before and after and saw the difference we made. It was a good way to show our thanks for everything the base has done for us," said Petty Officer Brian Schlaffer.

Members of the Honolulu cleanup team included Machinist's Mate Senior Chief (SS) William Cramer, Electronics Technician Senior Chief (SS) Gamal Coles, Yeoman Chief (SS) Alphonso Braggs, Machinist's Mate

2nd Class (SU) Eun Lee, Sonar Technican Submarines 3rd Class (SS) Robert Winton, Machinist's Mate 3rd Class (SS/DV) Brian Schlaffer, Storekeeper Seaman (SU) David Abbey, Machinist's Mate Fireman Apprentice (SS) David Bunnell, and Sonar Technican Submarines Seaman Apprentice (SU) Jeremy Matthews.

"Most community service projects are performed off-base," said Senior Chief Billy Cramer. "However, this was just one way for the crew to say thanks for all the support received as a visiting submarine. It's a great chance to show that sometimes we can also help ourselves," added Cramer.

USS Honolulu (SSN 718) is currently on a six-month deployment to the Western Pacific and pulled into the popular port for the Christmas holiday period.

USS Honolulu is a 688 class fast-attack submarine homeported in Pearl Harbor, Hawaii and is under the leadership of Cmdr. John Richardson.