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PHNSY & IMF changes command

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In one of the Navy's most time-honored traditions, Capt. John A. Edwards assumed the helm as Commander of Pearl Harbor Naval Shipyard and Naval Intermediate Maintenance Facility (PHNSY & IMF) from Capt. Jeffrey D. Conners

during a Change of Command ceremony on May 14 next to the Naval Station gazebo.

Edwards was previously assigned to the Bureau of Naval Personnel headquarters in Tennessee. He has served over 25 years in the Navy, including extensive tours of duty at sea and at three other Navy shipyards.

Conners was the first commander of PHNSY & IMF. The organization officially stood up in April 1998 when Pearl Harbor Naval Shipyard and Naval Intermediate Maintenance Facility, Pearl Harbor were merged to form the Navy's first integrated ship maintenance facility for both intermediate (I) and depot (D) level work.

Conners will retire from the Navy in June after 35 years of service and will work in California for Loral Space & Communications, a satellite communications company. He, along with Adm. Thomas Fargo, Commander in Chief, U.S. Pacific Fleet, and Vice Adm. George Nanos Jr., Commander, Naval Sea Systems Command, commended

the civilian employees and military personnel of PHNSY & IMF for their much-improved turnaround performance in ship maintenance within the past three years.

Conners recalled that at the 1998 Change of Command and standup of the newly combined organiza-

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Memorial Day Taps



Lt. Cmdr. Jane Campbell photo

A Marine Corps bugler plays Taps at a Memorial Day ceremony at the Arizona Memorial Visitors Center May 28. The event featured keynote speaker Delano Roosevelt, grandson of President Franklin D. Roosevelt, and the unveiling of three new Remembrance Circle exhibit panels in honor of EMC2 Ernest C. Porter Jr., of USS Shaw, and civilian Virgil P. Rahel, two previously unlisted Dec. 7, 1941 Pearl Harbor casualties.

Bishop Museum salutes military

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BISHOP Museum's Great Lawn was filled with music, families and glowing green mice as Family Sunday Island Style invaded the museum grounds May 20 as part of Hawaii Military Appreciation Week. The event, part of the community's effort to give thanks to Hawaii's servicemembers, allowed visitors to engage in exhibits, learn more about the military and receive a tour of the museum.

Various military commands set up static displays on the Great Lawn behind the museum. The displays offered visitors a view at Navy SEAL diving equipment and weapons, a bomb robot demonstration from Explosive Ordnance Disposal (EOD) Middle Pacific and a humvee.

"We are showing the kids how robots get sent in to deal with the bombs so you don't have to send a person in to deal with a particularly dangerous circumstance," said Gunnery Sgt. Vincent Sanantonio of EOD Middle Pacific. "It's better to blow up a robot than it is to blow up a real person," added Vincent. "We are giving the kids free reign to control the robot and see what it's like to deal with bombs."

Other display offerings included the famous University of Hawaii green and cloned mice, a ride on the enormous tsunami wave slide, and a "Meet the Critters" display of specimens from the Museum's collection.

"We are having a lot of fun," said Air Force Lt. Col. Michael Joy. "My daughter, Megan, made it to the finals in her age group in the paper air-

plane competition, so the whole family was excited about that. We saw the alien encounters and we have been collecting posters and other giveaways.

"This is our second time here," added Joy. We came last year as well and we learned that for this year we needed to bring water and to kind of pace ourselves. We enjoyed the green mice the most. It was a crowd favorite."

The music of local and country western musicians Ellsworth Simeona, Jr. and Dita Hollifield also graced the Great Lawn of the museum. Local merchants provided food and drink booths.

Gunnery Sgt. Scott deCarrillo was this year's Hawaii Military Appreciation Week executive agent from U.S. Commander in Chief Pacific.

"The Bishop Museum was a major focal point of Military Appreciation Week," said deCarrillo. "They gave us the freedom to bring on board anything including the weapons display. It has been a big plus to have people come in and see what we do. It's a nice relationship effort, and that is very positive for all parts concerned," said deCarrillo. "I think it is good for Hawaii to see the components when joint services come together for a one-mission scenario. It is also a chance to let them see a face behind the uniform," added deCarrillo.

The museum also used the event to offer a reduced museum membership to military patrons. For more information about the special military membership offer, call Lorrie Cozzens at 847-8215. Membership forms are available at the Morale, Welfare and Recreation ITT office.

Hurricane season is here: be prepared, aware

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How much do you know about hurricanes? Do you know how to prepare for a hurricane?

Hurricane season runs from June to November here in Hawaii, so now is the time to familiarize yourself with information about hurricanes and to make the necessary preparations and formulate a disaster plan for your family.

The islands have not been hit by a major hurricane since Hurricane Iniki churned through in 1992. But within a few hours after the Civil Defense warning had sounded to warn island residents that Iniki

was approaching, every supermarket, gas station and convenience store was faced with long lines of customers. Anxious, hurricane-watching shoppers attempted to collect the necessary supplies. Items such as flashlights, batteries, bottled water and food were soon in short supply.

By waiting too long to prepare, you may find it impossible to locate the essentials that you need to ride out the storm.

According to Jim Weyman, director of the Central Pacific Hurricane Center, "Although you and your family may have never experienced a hurricane,

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NCTAMS Chapel undergoes renovation, celebrates with rededication

By J03 Sunday Sawyer
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The Memorial Chapel at Naval Computer and Telecommunications Area Master Station, Pacific (NCTAMS PAC) in Wahiawa was rededicated on May 20 at 2 p.m. Having been dedicated exactly 17 years earlier on May 20, 1984, this ceremony marked a significant milestone for the chapel.

"I think that it is important for Sailors to have a place that is properly furnished and of the right setting for them to worship," said Chaplain Luther Alexander, Navy Region Hawaii.

Prior to the 1984 dedication of the chapel by former Chief of Chaplains, Rear

Adm. Neil Stevenson, churchgoers held services in an old dilapidated quonset hut erected in 1950. While the temporary chapel was intended to be used for no more than five years, it was not until 34 years later that a \$698,500 military construction project gave rise to the current structure. The Honolulu firm of Ossiposs, Synder, Rowland and Goetz Architects designed the 5,650 square foot chapel facility.

In keeping with the pluralistic spirit of military chapels, there are no exterior religious symbols. A portable dais altar and pulpit, track lighting above and the use of pew chairs allow for a variety of configurations for some 100 worshippers. Picture windows in the back of the church mu-



J03 Sunday Sawyer photo

Chaplain Leila Havadtoy presents a plaque to Capt. Donald F. Kerrigan, former NCTAMS commanding officer. The plaque contains a key to the chapel

realize the lush rainforest. The design and orientation of the chapel also allows use of natural cross ventilation

in the major spaces.

"When you enter into NC-

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