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Hospital Corps celebrates 103rd birthday

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In a ceremony dedicated to the hospital corpsmen who have always maintained the health of their shipmates and Marines with unwavering dedication regardless of the personal risks involved, Naval Medical Clinic, Pearl Harbor celebrated the 103rd Hospital Corps birthday.

A cake-cutting ceremony honoring not only the 103rd Hospital Corps, but also remembering those hospital corpsmen decorated for valor held June 14 at Quick Field.

The guest speaker was Col. Raymond Adamiec, Marine Forces Pacific. In his remarks to the command and guests present, Adamiec spoke of the heroism shown by hospital corps-

men, the selfless dedication to duty and the strong and proud tradition of the men and women dedicated to providing care to the sick and injured in time of peace and war.

After the cake-cutting ceremony, there was an advancement ceremony held for 15 personnel of the Naval Medical Clinic followed by food and refreshments for all in attendance.

Navy Surgeon General James R. Tryon was the first who suggested the idea of establishing an "organized hospital corps", defined as "a professional well-trained group to provide medical care for the Navy."

After years of lobbying on Gen. Tryon's part, Congress approved a bill in 1898 establishing the Navy's long-needed hospital corps.

Since then, hospital corpsmen have repeatedly distinguished their corps. Whether on the battlefield with the Marines and Seals, aboard surface ships and submarines, at military health-care facilities worldwide, deploying with Seabees and aiding victims of natural and man-made disasters, anytime the call for "corpsman up" has been

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Newly frocked



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Navy Region Hawaii and Naval Station Pearl Harbor newly frocked Sailors pose with Capt. R.D. Hughes (center), commanding officer Naval Station Pearl Harbor, chief of staff Commander, Navy Region Hawaii; Cmdr. Robert Petry (center left), executive officer Naval Station Pearl Harbor; and CMDMC(SW) Robert Scheeler (center right), command master chief Naval Station Pearl Harbor, after a frocking ceremony at Block Arena June 14.

Our Navy: Building from our past for our tomorrow

Part One

A look back at the Navy's past, a look at the Navy's current status

By Adm. William J. Fallon
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WASHINGTON (NWS) — What was true in the last decade of the 20th century will remain relevant in the first decade of the 21st: the Navy/Marine Corps team's inherent flexibility will continue to provide a force singularly positioned to deal with the global range of challenges.

Our maritime forces' capacity for sustainment of combat operations is unique in the pantheon of combat capabilities available to the national command authority.

No other element of America's armed forces has the capacity to remain on station for an indeterminate time period with minimum personnel risk, as does the Navy/Marine Corps team.

If crisis segues to combat op-

erations, sea-based forces can gain initial maritime, air and information superiority, provide reconnaissance, surveillance and targeting and attack through the battlespace, delivering and sustaining forces ashore if required.

The team can exercise these sustainable combat capabilities without concern for sovereignty and foreign base access issues that frequently plague the ini-

tial, rapid and effective use of forward-deployed land-based forces.

The 21st Century Navy is an offensive force possessing sufficient numbers, combat capabilities and sustained logistics to fight and win an extended maritime campaign conducted from the world's deep ocean waters.

But we are also an offensive

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DISA-PAC RNOSC renovates, dedicates new wing

By JOC Gerard Sekerak
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The Defense Information Systems Agency Pacific (DISA-PAC) officially opened the doors on a newly-renovated Regional Network Operations and Security Center (RNOSC) June 13.

The official opening followed a ceremonial ribbon cutting by DISA Operations Deputy Director, U.S. Army Brig. Gen. Gregory J. Premo, USCINCPAC Director for Command, Control, Communications and Computer Systems (J6), U.S. Army Brig. Gen. Janet A. Hicks, and DISA-PAC commander, U.S. Army Col. Stephen L. Walker.

"This improved facility has been a long time in the works and long overdue," said Walker.

Beginning Nov. 6, 2000, the facility began an aggressive renovation to greatly improve its network management capabilities and increase its support to the warfighter.

"With the constant expansion of our Global Information Grid, the mission to support our Pacific customers is also constantly increasing," said Clayton Komori, Chief of RNOSC Integrations Branch. "We need the best and latest technology available to provide

outstanding service to our warfighters. This renovation is a major step in that direction," added Komori.

The \$1.5 million renovation included upgrades to the communications, electrical, and environmental infrastructure within the RNOSC and the expansion of operational floor space, video teleconference links to network managers not located on the RNOSC floor, creation of conference and training rooms, and installation of plasma displays to create a centralized monitoring wall.

According to DISA-PAC officials, developing the renovation design and schedule was not an easy task because the RNOSC is an around-the-clock operations center. Renovation planners had to consider the impact and resolve the issue of renovating around the ongoing operations. They overcame this problem by creating an 11-phase plan to minimize impact to RNOSC personnel and operations.

"This extensive upgrade was truly a success," said Komori. "The creation of the 11-phase plan was an excellent way to initiate this project. Our imaginations were definitely challenged. The phase planning allowed us to flawlessly relocate Node Operation Centers (NOC)



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DISA Operations Deputy Director, U.S. Army Brig. Gen. Gregory J. Premo and USCINCPAC Director for Command, Control, Communications and Computer Systems (J6), U.S. Army Brig. Gen. Janet A. Hicks cut a ribbon marking the official opening of the renovated Regional Network Operations & Security Center (RNOSC) June 13.

several times within the RNOSC without impeding operations."

The phases were designed to complete a small portion of the renovation, then move to the next. The newly completed space of each phase then temporarily became operational workspace until the next phase was finished.

Once all phases were completed, new modular consoles were brought in to complete the renovation.

"Our new modular consoles and plasma screens increase the work space, provide sufficient room for additional consoles and allows each NOC instant visibility of current communication

status within the Pacific region," said Air Force Maj. John Cline, Chief of RNOSC Operations Branch.

After the renovation and ribbon cutting, DISA-PAC now sports a world class RNOSC positioned to support the current and future requirements of its customers in the Pacific.

Ehime Maru Environmental Assessment completed

U.S. Pacific Fleet Public Affairs

PEARL HARBOR (June 15, 2001) — A Navy Environmental Assessment, prepared in close coordination with federal and State of Hawaii agencies, concludes that moving Ehime Maru to shallow water will not result in significant environmental impacts.

The "Finding of No Significant Impact" explains the Navy's proposal to attempt recovery of Ehime Maru's missing crewmembers, personal effects and selected parts of the ship. It also summarizes the potential impacts and how they will be overcome.

With the determination the proposed action will have no significant impact on the environment, the Navy will now contract with Smit-Tak, a Dutch recovery company, and Crowley Maritime Corp., headquartered in Washington State, to design, engineer and execute the plan to lift Ehime

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