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Flying high in time for July 4th

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Seeing the American flag – its stars and stripes gently fluttering in the tropical breeze – at his new Navy home in Hale Moku means something extra special to Petty Officer James Anthony.

A 22-year veteran of the Navy and fiercely patriotic, Anthony wanted to fly the flag at his Navy residence. But he couldn't – his new Hale Moku home didn't have a flag holder. The matter was further complicated by housing guidelines that did not permit housing residents to install flag holders on their homes.

But to Petty Officer Anthony, it was unthinkable that Sailors who live in Navy housing did not have the means to display Old Glory. "The most hallowed and sacred ground of the Navy is Pearl Harbor. And the new housing at Pearl Harbor is the showroom," he said.

Anthony decided to do something about it and submitted a response during the Ohana survey. He also explained his concerns to housing officials and enlisted their assistance in finding a solution.

"I found it to be alarming

that I couldn't fly the flag and needed whatever help and direction I could get," Anthony explained. "It was an issue that I felt strongly about." "My drive in doing all this was so that all occupants of housing have the option to fly a flag if they want," he continued.

Capt. Norman Ho, Assistant Chief of Staff for Housing, took a look at the problem and agreed that flag brackets should indeed be a fixture on military homes – affording service members a way to fly the stars and stripes.

"It's important for our service members to be able to fly the American flag and to show their patriotism and love for their country and their dedication as service members," Capt. Ho said. "It was an oversight that there were no flag brackets on military homes and one that needed to be corrected."

Thanks to Anthony's efforts, flag brackets have been installed on approximately 1,500 homes in the Pearl Harbor area. Installation of the brackets has been completed in Moanalua Terrace, Pearl City and Hale Moku. By the time the project is completed later this year, flag brackets



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▼ See FLAG, A-7 BM1(SW) James Anthony is proud to show his patriotism and fly his flag at his new Navy home in Hale Moku.

MWR sponsors July 4th block party



JO2 Erin Carlson photo

Onlookers watch in awe at Au's Shaolin Chinese Lion Dance at MWR's July 4th Block party.

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Service members and their families had an opportunity to have some fun and patriotically celebrate Independence Day when Navy Region Morale, Welfare and Recreation hosted its third annual block party and aerial fireworks spectacular at what many people consider the island's most patriotic location - Pearl Harbor. The block party officially began at 2 p.m. July 4 and continued with various activities throughout the day, finishing as the fireworks display lit up the sky. The celebration took place along a closed Pearl Harbor Boulevard from Merry Point to Twelfth Street and party-goers even had a chance to get an up close look at USS Crommelin (FFG 37).

All along Pearl Harbor Boulevard, partygoers were treated to live entertainment, carnival games, arts and crafts booths, children's activities, food vendors and more.

One of the hardest working groups of people were the military police from Naval Station Security.

"We've put a lot of work into this as far as getting everybody out here and coordinating," said Master at Arms First Class Auggie Taylor.

"We have had a lot of people called in to do traffic control and foot patrol. We had 30 people who came in to work today for us and Department of Defense brought in another shift to help out. There is probably an extra 50 people working security today. But it has not

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Naval Submarine Training Center Pacific changes hands

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Capt. Robert N. Nestlerode relieved Capt. Carlton W. Puryear Jr. as commanding officer, Naval Submarine Training Center Pacific (NAVSUBTRACENPAC) in a ceremony held at the Parche Submarine Memorial on Pearl Harbor Naval Station.

Rear Adm. John B. Padgett III, Commander Submarine Force, U.S. Pacific Fleet was the guest speaker.

"We have now entered an era of the post cold war. If we take a look at what we learned from the Cold War and the second world war, we find training must be accompanied by an emphasis on innovation, on the demand for high standards, on the rigorous execution of the plan and on the responsiveness to the challenge. That must be our philosophy and it cannot be overlooked," said Rear Adm. Padgett.

Rear Adm. Padgett had high

praise for Capt. Puryear. "That philosophy has been deeply embedded and, in fact, has been enhanced during Capt. Puryear's tour.

Capt. Puryear and his staff at the Naval Submarine Training Center have had to execute that plan. Clearly leadership, motivation and high standards are once again the essential ingredients that made it work," he added.

Capt. Puryear, commanding officer of the training center for two years, took the opportunity to speak at the ceremony about the importance of the command and his enjoyment during the tour.

"Over the past 40 years, we have witnessed profound changes in the world and these changes have truly impacted the submarine force. It has almost been 13 years since the Cold War ended.

"In our rush to reap the peace dividend we cut our submarine force severely. Unfortunately, the world is even less peaceful today,"

said Puryear.

"We have more missions with a wider array of taskings than we ever had during the Cold War, but we only have half the number of submarines to meet those challenges," he said.

"The task for all those involved in getting the submarines ready to deploy has become much more complex. We've achieved great successes, but there are still many more challenges ahead," said Puryear.

"This day is filled with emotions. I am overjoyed at the opportunity to have served here. I am sad to depart. It has been in all honesty the second best job in the world. Nothing compares to command at sea. This has been a wonderful, wonderful two years," he added.

Capt. Nestlerode previously served as Chief of Staff and Director of Doctrine at the Navy Warfare Development Command in Newport, R.I.

"I would like to thank Capt.

Puryear for a top notch turnover of a truly superb command," said Nestlerode. "He has kept the needs of the waterfront at the forefront and I am delighted to now be a part of this command."

Capt. Puryear is scheduled to report as deputy commander for the Pearl Harbor Naval Shipyard for his next assignment.

NAVSUBTRACENPAC has a staff of approximately 200 people.

It offers more than 150 different courses and trains more than 30,000 students each year. Nearly every major piece of mechanical, electrical or electronic equipment aboard a submarine is supported with a training course at the command.

"Training is essential if we are to do our business right. In broad measure, if those of us in the military are not engaged in combat we must be focused on training for combat. That is what we do. That is who we are," said Padgett.

"The hours that we spend train-



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ing will save casualties if the unfortunate of that combat should come about. Even if it does not come about, the confidence that we have is known by our adversaries and acts as a preventive. Training really does matter," he added.

Hawaii's history of battling the ravages of hurricanes, serious storms

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How likely is it that a hurricane will hit the islands of Hawaii? Could this be the year? No one can answer these questions. Hurricanes are relatively rare events anywhere in the world, but no place – including Hawaii – is safe from the threat of hurricanes. There is no way to tell in advance how active a hurricane season it might be.

You never know if this could be the year that a hurricane might threaten paradise. But allowing yourself to believe that, "it won't come here" or "there hasn't been a

hurricane here in years so why worry," or buying into the "it can't happen to me" philosophy could be dangerous. The best thing is to be aware and to be prepared.

Since the beginning of history, all major islands in the Hawaiian Island chain have been struck by strong wind storms. Historical evidence indicates that one early hurricane in 1871 approached from an easterly direction and impacted the islands of Hawaii and Maui. But officially, the first recognized hurricane in Hawaii was Hurricane Hiki in August 1950.

There have been five hurricanes since 1950 that have caused serious damage in

Hawaii. The island of Kauai received the brunt of three of the severe storms. In 1959, Hurricane Dot left her mark on the island, resulting in losses of about \$6 million. With the arrival of Hurricane Iwa on November 23, 1982, Kauai sustained an estimated \$250 million in damages.

Hurricane Iniki, which hit the island of Kauai in September 1992, was the most destructive storm to strike Hawaii in recorded history. Losses from the storm's sustained winds of 130 mph along with widespread water damage exceeded \$2.3 billion.

Honolulu was ravaged by Hurricane Nina's record winds in 1957. That storm al-

so brought 35-foot surf to Kauai's southern coast. Hurricane Estelle in 1986 produced very high surf on the islands of Hawaii and Maui and flooding on Oahu. Although Hurricane Fico in July 1978 passed more than 400 miles to the southeast of the Big Island, waves from the storm damaged homes and roads on the island's Ka'u coast.

Tropical cyclones with winds of less than hurricane strength have also caused destruction to the islands. A storm that crossed the island of Hawaii in August 1958 caused flooding rains and high winds that

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