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NEPMU 6 changes command

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Captain James E. Longstaff relieved Capt. H. James Beecham III as Officer in Charge, Navy Environmental and Preventive Medicine Unit 6 (NEPMU6), Pearl Harbor, in a traditional change of charge ceremony July 12 at the USS Bowfin Submarine Museum and Park.

Capt. David M. Sack, commanding officer of Navy Environmental Health Center which is NEPMU6's parent command was the keynote speaker. Guests included staff, family and friends as well as PACOM surgeon Rear Adm. Dennis Wright.

Capt. Beecham took charge of NEPMU6 in August 1998 after serving as



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Capt. James E. Longstaff (right) relieved Capt. H. James Beecham III (left) as Officer in Charge, NEPMU 6.

head of the unit's tropical medicine department. NEPMU6's mission is to pro-

vide specialized consultation, advice, technical services and training in deployed and non-deployed settings regarding matters of preventive medicine, occupational health, environmental health and health promotion to the Navy and Marine Corps in its assigned area of responsibility (AOR).

NEPMU6 aims to ensure their customers receive quick and responsive service related to various preventive medicine capabilities in the most efficient means possible.

They are responsible for ensuring that preventive medicine policies designed to ensure the health and welfare of our Sailors and Marines are adhered to. This involves making the staff accessible and visible on ships and in the field.

NEPMU6 provides preventive medicine

support through forward deployed operations, exercises, local operations and humanitarian missions in areas such as Australia, Russia, Thailand, East Timor, Cambodia, Singapore, Indonesia, Samoa and Korea.

Information gathered from these operations such as Japanese encephalitis, Ross River virus, malaria, bacterial dysentery and other diseases significantly reduced the impact of disease among armed forces units and deployed personnel.

NEPMU6 provided flawless support to maintain overall readiness of over 100,000 Navy, Marine Corps, joint service, foreign forces, and civilians worldwide - from initial planning to safe return of personnel.

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US Navy photo

Richard "Ike" Sutton, a Pearl Harbor survivor, and his wife, Anne Sutton, pay their respects at last year's Dec. 7 Ceremony at the Arizona Memorial.

Pearl Harbor survivor remembered at Punchbowl

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Hawaiian-born Richard "Ike" Sutton, a Pearl Harbor survivor, was laid to rest July 11 at the National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific (Punchbowl) in a moving ceremony attended by friends and family.

Sutton, who served as a Navy lieutenant commander, was well known in the community as a patriotic military man and a

true asset to his home state of Hawaii.

After attending law school at Stanford, he served as the Hawaiian Republican State Representative from 1972 to 1980. His wife, Anne, recollected how Ike always looked to the future, weeding out problems and doing everything he could to help his state. "One of his aims in life was to help Hawaii," she said.

Like many survivors, Pearl Harbor always held a special place in his heart. Other than the years he spent away at

school, Ike attended every Dec. 7 memorial ceremony held at the Arizona Memorial.

Anne recalls how her husband was ashore when the first attack hit, but being a very strong swimmer, he immediately went down to the harbor and began helping to pull men out of the water.

In the following months, he earned a great reputation working in logistics. As one of the youngest men in his office, he quickly became the secretary of the Logistics Board due to his knowledge of

how to use what the Navy had available to help win the war in the Pacific.

According to his wife, Richard "Ike" Sutton spent his life dedicated to his family, the law, the Navy, and of course his home on Hawaii. "He was a gregarious person, maybe feisty at times, but he was always willing to help others," said Mrs. Sutton.

Sutton, who was 86, is survived by his wife and four children, Warner, Beverly, Richard Jr. and Linda.

FISC 'Fuels' named 'Officer of the Year'

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Lt. Cmdr. John T. Santo Salvo, fuel director at the U.S. Navy Fleet and Industrial Supply Center (FISC) at Pearl Harbor, was honored as Military Officer of the Year at the 45th annual Excellence in Government Awards.

The ceremony, which was held recently at the Sheraton Waikiki Hotel, also recognized outstanding employees as Enlisted Service Member of the Year, Federal Employee of the Year, Federal Manager/Supervisor of the Year, Exceptional Community Service and Federal Organizational Excellence.

Eight finalists were selected by the Honolulu-Pacific Federal Executive Board from a group of 112 top military and civilian achievers.

Lt. Cmdr. Santo Salvo earned the top honors for his accomplishments for developing multiple projects at FISC worth over \$32

million that modernized and reduced the existing fuel infrastructure and maintained environmental compliance. Santo Salvo manages over \$900 million in facilities, \$150 million in inventory, and \$90 million in maintenance, repair and environmental funds.

A 13-year veteran of the Navy, Lt. Cmdr. Santo Salvo reported to FISC last year from the University of Kansas where he earned his MBA in petroleum management and information technology.

He was previously assigned as the flag aide for NAVSEA and has served sea duty aboard the USS Flying Fish (SSN 673) and USS George Washington (CVN 73).

Santo Salvo also served on the USS Spadefish (SSN 668) and was aboard when it broke through the icepack to surface at the North Pole.

Originally from Scotch Plains, N.J., he is a graduate of the United States Naval Academy and holds a bachelor's degree in general engineering.



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Capt. Christopher D. Knaggs, commanding officer of the Fleet and Industrial Supply Center (FISC), Pearl Harbor, congratulates Lt. Cmdr. John T. Santo Salvo, fuel director at FISC, after Salvo was named "Military Officer of the Year."

England swears in assistant secretaries

U.S. Department of Defense

Secretary of the Navy Gordon England held a ceremony at noon July 17 in the Pentagon to swear in three new assistant secretaries of the Navy.

Dional M. Aviles was sworn in as assistant secretary of the Navy for financial management and comptroller. In this capacity he has principal responsibility to exercise the comptroller functions of the department of the Navy.

He is responsible for all financial management activities and operations of the department, including supervision and direction of budget estimate preparation, approval and supervision of financial man-

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