

# FLEET FOCUS

## White House Fellows tour USS Honolulu

### USS Honolulu Public Affairs

Fifteen White House Fellows toured USS Honolulu (SSN 718) during a recent visit to Hawaii. For many, this was the first time they had been onboard a submarine. The group was comprised of Army, Navy and Air Force officers and civilian professionals in the final months of the fellowship program.

Following a brief of the ship topside, the group went below decks to learn more about Honolulu and submarine service. The Fellows were separated into two groups as they were led throughout the ship. Honolulu's Commanding Officer Cmdr. John Richardson and Executive Officer Lt. Cmdr. Dennis White escorted the groups throughout the spaces.

The two groups toured the ship's torpedo room, auxiliary machinery room, crew's mess, officer and enlisted berthing, control room and sonar. The divisional leading chief petty officer or leading petty officer presented their spaces and described to visitors the role each division plays in the day-to-day operation of the submarine.

In the control room, Master Chief Machinist Mate William Cramer, chief of the boat, explained the process for surfacing and diving the submarine and the functions of the ship's control party. He explained that while underway, he stood watch as diving officer of the watch and supervised the ship's control party.

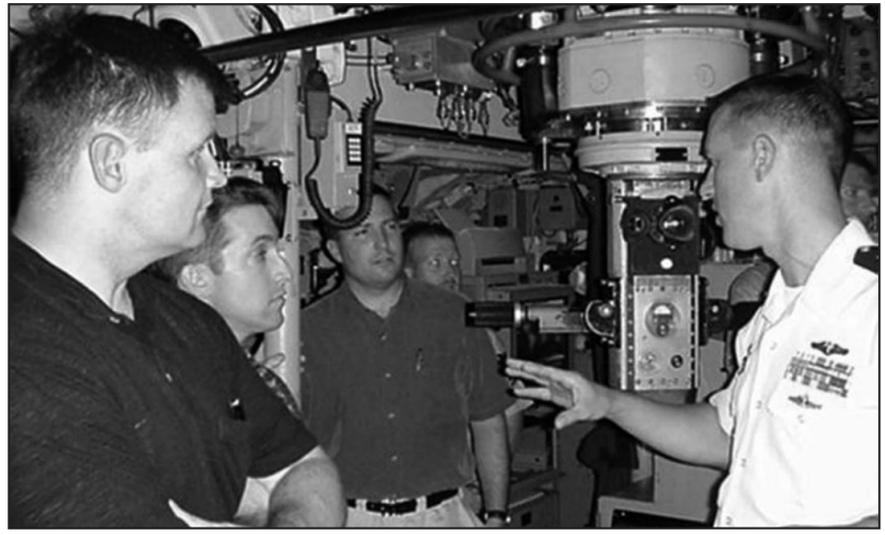
"I supervise the guys who drive the submarine. They are normally 18 or 19 years

old and this is one of the first watches they qualify and stand on the submarine," said Cramer.

When the group arrived at the quarter-master stand, Electronics Technician First Class Thomas Wilson said, "I have been in the Navy for 12 years and following school, all of my time has been in the submarine force. I am very proud of this job and would not have chosen any other field." Wilson is the assistant navigator for the ship.

"This is a very high-powered group - the future leaders of our nation. It was an honor to give them a tour around the ship and show them what the submarine can do to enhance national security," said Cmdr. Richardson. "As usual, the most impressive part of the tour was the crew. They truly were able to communicate their expertise and positive attitude toward the mission. More than anything else, I hope the Fellows remember the unbeatable combination of superior technology in the hands of magnificent warriors," continued Richardson.

"The entire group thoroughly enjoyed the tour of USS Honolulu. The civilians particularly found it valuable to better understand the military. This was one of the tenants of the original philosophy set by President Johnson when the program was started," said, Jocelyn White, Director, White House Fellows Program. "The group was very impressed with the crew's professionalism. It was obvious that they put a lot of effort into making this an ex-



USS Honolulu photo

Cmdr. John Richardson briefs the White House Fellows in the ship's control room.

cellent tour. It was wonderful and very informative. First rate! It made us very proud and appreciative of our military," she added.

The White House Fellows Program began in 1964. The program provides aspiring young Americans an opportunity to participate in the day-to-day business of governing our nation. Some of the graduates are among our top leaders in govern-

ment today including retired Gen. Colin Powell, Secretary of State, and Adm. Dennis Blair, Commander-in-Chief, U. S. Pacific Command. The Fellows serve as special assistants to cabinet secretaries and senior advisors.

The USS Honolulu, a Los Angeles class fast attack nuclear-powered submarine, is homeported at Pearl Harbor and assigned to Submarine Squadron Three.

## Paul Hamilton hosts JMSDF ship



Lt. j.g. Kevin O'Neal photo

Capt. Tanaka, commanding officer JDS Chokai, joined Cmdr. Dennis O'Meara, Paul Hamilton's commanding officer for a reception.

### Lt. j.g. Kevin O'Neal

USS Paul Hamilton Public Affairs

The officers and crew of USS Paul Hamilton hosted JDS Chokai during recent visits by the ship to Pearl Harbor. JDS Chokai visited Pearl Harbor three times during a three-month deployment that also included a port visit to San Diego. JDS Chokai, the flagship for COMCORTDIV Six Four, was accompanied by the JDS Heie (DDH 142) and JDS Samidare (DD 106).

During the visits, the officers and crews of both ships participated in numerous friendly sporting events including softball, basketball and soccer. They also held an outdoor BBQ. Information Systems Technician Seaman Anterio Harton commented, "It was a lot of fun to play them in basketball. They played very hard and gave us a good challenge."

Paul Hamilton's wardroom hosted a reception July 17 for the wardroom of JDS Chokai. The reception was full of friendly banter and sea stories that everyone could understand, no matter what language was being spoken.

Ens. Brian Smith reflected, "I enjoyed this opportunity for hands-on diplomacy between Navies."

"It was interesting talking to their junior officers and hearing their perspective on serving in their Navy," said Ens. Shannon Chong. A special moment during the evening was when both wardrooms observed colors together, standing across from the USS Arizona Memorial.

Underway, USS Paul Hamilton conducted various exercises with all three Japanese ships, including night steam packages, signal drills, link exercises and a photo exercise that entailed close range maneuvering and shiphandling while all four ships were only a few hundred yards apart.

Helicopters from the JDS Heie captured the event on film in the midst of the maneuvering exercises. A picture of the four ships in close formation was graciously presented by the commanding officer of JDS Chokai, Capt. Tanaka, to the commanding officer of USS Paul Hamilton, Cmdr. Dennis O'Meara. Both professionally and socially, the experience was truly rewarding. The officers and crew look forward to the next opportunity that they can work with the JDS Chokai.

## Robust plan slated for U.S. in Malaysia

### J02 Kenny Ragland

CARAT Public Affairs

LUMUT, Malaysia — Task groups from the United States and Malaysia kicked off the annual exercise here July 18 known as Cooperation Afloat Readiness and Training (CARAT).

"CARAT is the Navy's premier bilateral exercise series that gives us a chance to work on ways to strengthen our understanding of the Malaysia culture, increase interoperability and work together," said Rear Adm. Mark J. Edwards, commander of the CARAT Task Force.

"When we're here in Malaysia, we have a chance to build understand-

ing and cooperation so that if ever called upon to work together, we'll be ready," he said.

The exercise involves Sailors and Marines from USS Curts (FFG 38), USS Wadsworth (FFG 9) and USS Rushmore (LSD 47) from San Diego, Calif. Teams from the Coast Guard, an explosive ordnance disposal unit from Guam and a helicopter detachment from Marine Corps Base Kaneohe, Hawaii, make up the CARAT 2001 team in Malaysia. The attack submarine USS Chicago (SSN 722) will also participate.

"The robust schedule offers us invaluable training in the major warfighting areas: on land, in the air, on the surface and below the

surface. This is important for our Sailors and Marines," said Edwards.

Leaders say the CARAT 2001 plan was built on lessons learned last year. They expect the exercise to grow as they're already looking toward the future.

"The combined forces will blend well," said Capt. Roslan Bin Mahmud of the Royal Malaysian Navy. "I hope we will work as well together in the future."

The Malaysia element of the six-phased CARAT exercise ends July 25. The task group then heads to Brunei. Throughout the summer, it has worked with the armed forces in Indonesia, Thailand, Singapore and the Philippines.

## CNO announces Naval Submarine League Award winners

### J02 Cori Rhea

COMSUBPAC Public Affairs

The Chief of Naval Operations recently announced the winners of the Naval Submarine League Awards for 2001.

The Vice Adm. Charles A. Lockwood Awards for submarine professional excellence were awarded to two submariners from the Pacific Fleet. Machinist's

Mate Chief (SS) Norman K. Ford from USS Florida (SSBN 728)(Gold) and ET1(SS) Marvin Leroy Keen Jr. from USS Houston (SSN 713) were both recognized.

Cmdr. Barry L. Bruner from USS Florida (Gold) was presented the Rear Adm. Jack N. Darby Award for inspirational leadership.

The Dolphin Award for longest qualified sub-

mariner currently serving onboard a submarine went to Electronic's Technician Master Chief (SS) Gregory P. Fisher of the USS Tucson (SSN 70).

"The selection process was particularly difficult because of the superior performance and achievements of all the nominees. My personal congratulations to all the winners and nominees," stated Rear Adm. P. F.

Sullivan, Director, Submarine Warfare Division.

The Naval Submarine League Awards are presented annually to personally recognize individuals for superior performance and dedication to the submarine force. The league's awards program is comprised of six distinct elements and are presented to more than 100 submariners each year.

## Bravo Zulu

### Navy Environmental and Preventive Medicine Unit 6 Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal

HM2(SW/SS) Samuel Michael

HM1 Robert Libarios

HM2(FMF) Fred Bennett

### Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal

Cmdr. Douglas Slaten

Lt. Raymond Platt

Lt. Michael Kubler

### Sailor of the Quarter

HM2 Robert Ramirez

### Naval Medical Clinic Pearl Harbor

#### Senior Sailor of the Quarter

HM1 Byron A. Pack

#### Junior Sailor of the Quarter

HM3 Hsiao C. Chiang

#### Bluejacket of the Quarter

HN Ronald L. Smallwood

### Fleet Logistics Support Squadron 51

#### Sailor of the Quarter (TAR) Second Quarter

AK1 Brent D. Geist

#### Sailor of the Quarter (SELRES)

##### Second Quarter

YN1 Kimberly K. Rutigliano

#### Navy Commendation Medals

Lt. Cmdr. Frank J. Koska

AM1(NAC) Joy Gisi

#### Navy Achievement Medals

AE2(NAC/AW) Mark J. Hoekstra

#### Letter of Appreciation

AC3 Kay K. Vieths

#### Enlisted Aviation Warfare Specialist (AW)

PR2 Kimberly D. Rowe

#### Good Conduct

AEC(NAC/AW) Donald C. Hernden - 6th award

AE1(NAC/AW) Michael S. O'Malley - 4th award

AE1(NAC/AW) Eric J. Dixon - 4th award

AZ1(AW) Dale R. Twedt - 4th award

### Patrol Squadron Four

#### 'Skinny Dragons'

#### Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal

AW1 Gregory D. Hill (2)

AE1 Steven K. Mong

AW1 Thomas R. Poulson

#### Good Conduct Medal

YN3 Jessica Cole

AE3 Dara M. Leslie

AM3 Aarong D. Mason

AT3 Melissa A. Orr

PR2 Keith E. Schaefer