

## Seabee: Broom flying tradition from WWII

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cific Fleet Seabee battalions recently won the Retention Excellence Award," he said. "Moreover, the Third Brigade headquarters staff, the 31st Naval Construction Regiment and Naval Construction Battalion Unit 416 in Fallon also won this award giving Pacific Fleet Seabees an unprecedented clean sweep."

NCCS(SW) Bill Dulaney did the honors of hoisting a broom to the top of the flagstaff - a rare sight for some, but not an entirely lost tradition.

According to Lt. Cmdr. E.J. Salansky, 3NCB's Assistant Chief of Staff for Manpower, Personnel and Administration, the tradition dates back to World War II.

"Lt. Cmdr. Dudley 'Mush' Morton commanded USS Wahoo (SS 238), making both names legendary in the annals of submarine warfare after the sub's third war patrol. Following a 10-hour battle off the coast of New Guinea, Wahoo was credited for taking out a four-ship convoy, by sinking two freighters, a transport ship and badly damaging a tanker.

On Feb. 7, 1943, Wahoo entered Pearl Harbor with a broom tied to her attack periscope signifying the 'clean sweep,'" explained Salansky. "During those days, a broom was displayed to indicate that the submarine had completed a successful war patrol. For the Seabees, it signifies a 'clean sweep' in retention which is one of the CNO's top priorities for today's Navy."

To meet the terms for the retention 'honor roll', a unit must achieve the CINCPACFLT minimum percentage-based retention goal for at least two quarters in a fiscal year.

Dulaney attributes the successes of the Seabees to two major factors, the Command Information Training Course (CITC) and the strong leadership in Seabee commands.

"The push is to provide viable career options for Sailors and their families and by using knowledge and information as tools, we are making the decision easier for not only the service member, but the spouse as well," Dulaney said. "It is obviously a tactic that is starting to really pay off and more Seabees are staying Navy."



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A Senior Chief Navy Career Counselor from Third Naval Construction Brigade hoists a gold masonry broom up the yardarm of the flag pole March 5. 3NCB, as well as six other Seabee units in the Pacific Fleet were authorized to fly a broom signifying a clean sweep in retention on the morning of the Seabee's Birthday.

## Security: Attorney general in charge of developing system

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Condition Orange would indicate a high risk of terrorist attacks. Authorities would coordinate security efforts with armed forces or law enforcement agencies and prepare to work at an alternate site or with a dispersed work force and restrict access to essential personnel only. Additional precaution would be taken at public events.

Condition Red would indicate severe risk of terrorist attacks. In this case, emergency response personnel would be assigned and specially trained teams would be pre-positioned. Authori-

ties would monitor, redirect or constrain transportation systems, close public and government facilities and increase or redirect personnel to address critical emergency needs.

The president has given the attorney general responsibility for developing, implementing and managing the Homeland Security Advisory System. Government and law enforcement officials and the public will have 45 days to comment on the plan. Ninety days later, in coordination with the Office of Homeland Security, the attorney general will present a system to the president for approval.

## Medical Clinic receives college accreditation

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Quality customer service and taking care of beneficiaries quickly, efficiently, and correctly is the top priority at Naval Medical Clinic, Pearl Harbor. That level of care and services was reinforced recently when the clinical laboratories located at Branch Medical Clinic (BMC) Makalapa and BMC Kaneohe Bay were awarded accreditation by the Commission on Laboratory Accreditation of the College of American Pathologists (CAP), based on the results of recent on-site inspections.

Capt. Joseph L. Moore and Capt. William P. Frank, commanding officer and executive officer of Naval Medical Clinic Pearl Harbor respectively were recently in-

formed of this national recognition and congratulated for the "excellence of the services being provided."

The CAP Laboratory Accreditation Program began in the early 1960s and is recognized by the federal government as being more stringent than the government's own inspection program. Inspectors examine the records and quality control of the laboratory for the preceding two years. They also examine the education and qualifications of the total staff, the adequacy of the facilities, the equipment, laboratory safety, and laboratory management, to determine how well the laboratory is serving its patients.

The College of American Pathologists is a medical society serving nearly 16,000 physician members and the laboratory community throughout the world.