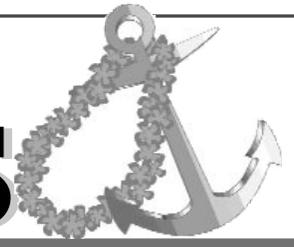


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## In Brief

### Construction on Center Drive to slow traffic

Center Drive, running from Kamehameha Highway to the Naval Station Pearl Harbor Pass and ID office, will be down to one lane from April 19 - May 31, from 8 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday to allow excavation and replacement of utility lines for the Hale Moku Housing.

Center Drive will revert to two-lanes outside of working hours. The contractor will provide flagmen to direct traffic during the workday. Steel plates will cover the excavations at all times except when work is going on.

Drivers are encouraged to use alternate routes to Naval Station, the Pass and ID Office and Bloch Arena, if possible, to minimize delays to the occupants and the school in transiting through the Hale Moku Housing area.

The speed limit in the vicinity of construction will be dropped to 5 m.p.h. for the safety of the road crews.

### Enlisted birthday ball date announced

Navy Region Hawaii is hosting the 1999 Navy Enlisted Birthday Ball, celebrating the 224th birthday of the U.S. Navy. The ball is scheduled for Oct. 30 at the Hilton Hawaiian Village. Guest speaker is EMCM(SS/AW) Steve Hillis, Pacific Fleet Master Chief. Uniform is full dress white (with large medals) or better. For more information, call YNC Blevins at 474-4753 or JO1 Nagle at 474-0296.

### Enlisted sub ball is April 23

The Enlisted Submarine Birthday Ball is April 23 at the Hilton Hawaiian Village Coral Ballroom. Cocktails begin at 6 p.m., followed by dinner at 7 p.m. Rear Adm. Al Konezmi, Commander, Submarine Force, U.S. Pacific Fleet is the guest speaker.

### Sub officer detailee to visit Hawaii

The Director of Submarine Programs from Naval Personnel Command will visit Pearl Harbor on April 27 to provide up-to-date career information. In addition to personal interviews, he will conduct a community status brief at 9 a.m. at Sharkey Theater. For more information, call Lt. Shultz at 473-5675.

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## Regional commands earn Navy environmental awards

Shipyard/IMF, NAVMAG honored for pollution prevention initiatives

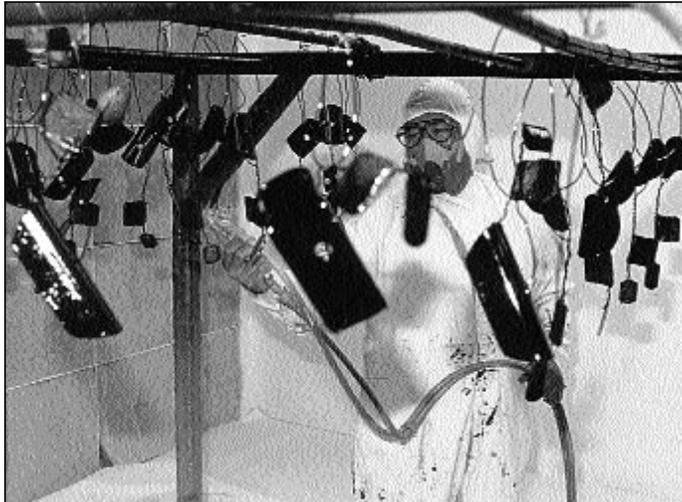
By Bill Roome

NAVY REGION HAWAII

Pearl Harbor Naval Shipyard and Intermediate Maintenance Facility (PHNSY & IMF) recently won the coveted 1998 Secretary of the Navy's Pollution Prevention Award for industrial installations and Naval Magazine (NAVMAG) Lualualei was named runner-up in the natural resources environmental category.

PHNSY & IMF was cited for major accomplishments in improving process changes, material substitution, development of research and development projects and increased educational and outreach programs.

During the past two years, these initiatives have reduced the generation of waste materials by 26.7 million



Call Shon photo

Painter Vince Yokoyama checks the finish of newly coated parts in a paint spray booth at the Naval Shipyard/Intermediate Maintenance Facility Corrosion Control shop. A dry filter system that repaced a water curtain is more efficient in capturing overspray and eliminated the generation of 100,000 gallons of industrial wastewater.

Besides helping to safeguard employees and the environment, these efforts

also saved \$3.7 million in purchasing, disposal, administrative and other costs.

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## Chosin, NPMOC/JTWC win Navy community service awards

By JO2 Greg Cleghorne

HNN ASSISTANT EDITOR

The 1998 Navy Community Service of the Year Award Program honors commands that exemplify one of the Navy's highest priorities - being good neighbors in local communities through volunteerism.

Admiral Jay Johnson, Chief of Naval Operations, announced last year's winners recently and two are Hawaii commands.

USS Chosin (CG 65) won first place in the Project Good Neighbor Flagship Program and also won an Honorable Mention in the Personal Excellence Partnership Flagship, both in the Medium Sea category.

"Volunteer service work is part of the ship's legacy," said Lt. Victor McInnis, command chaplain and PEP co-coordinator. "We regularly participate in a tutorial program with Makalapa Elementary School.

Our Sailors volunteer to help students with English, math, physical ed-

ucation and other classes. We've been doing this for at least three years."

Chosin Sailors get involved partly because they are also parents themselves.

"We have a lot of Sailors who have children at Makalapa Elementary," McInnis said. "But we're also committed to beautification projects that benefit everyone. Chosin Sailors recently spent all day digging, building a garden for the school and students.

McInnis mentioned how strong the commitment of the Chosin Sailors is. "Chosin Sailors are hard chargers," he said. "The garden project was particularly hard because of the rocks in the soil, but we didn't quit or complain. We are committed to the children, the school and the PEP program.

McInnis said he couldn't take full re-

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—Capt. Ty Aldinger  
NPMOC/JTWC  
Commanding Officer

small ashore category.

"Our job doesn't stop at nine to five," commented Capt. W. Tyson Aldinger, NPMOC/JTWC commanding officer.

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## Navy partners make a difference at wildlife refuge

By Bill Roome

NAVY REGION HAWAII

A group of concerned citizens who formed a partnership to protect endangered water birds and native plants in Hawaii recently visited the Honouliuli unit of the Pearl Harbor National Wildlife Refuge.

Volunteers, which included Sailors from USS Russell (DDG 59), USS Hopper (DDG 70) Navy Pacific Meteorological and Oceanographic Center/Joint Typhoon Warning Center, Afloat Training Group Middle Pacific, Naval Medical Clinic and Navy Seabees removed brush, planted native vegetation and installed barbed wire to discourage trespassers from entering the refuge. This was the group's fourth trip to the refuge.

In the past, volunteers increased food sources for birds by clearing areas to improve pond drainage and clearing areas for student tours. Several thousand third graders visit the refuge annually as part of a program established by the Nature Center.

The partnership is comprised of Sailors and family members, Leeward Community College students and faculty, the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service and The Nature Conservancy. "This part-

nership has been a blessing to the Fish & Wildlife Service," explained Margo Stahl, assistant manager for Oahu National Wildlife Refuges. "We are now better equipped to improve the habitat for the birds by removing unwanted brush and increasing the growth of aquatic vegetation that produces food for the water birds. We simply would not be as successful in accomplishing this task without the assistance of the partnership program."

During their recent visit to the Honouliuli refuge, volunteers chopped down stubborn weed-type bushes adjacent to the ponds while Cmdr. John Peterson, Hopper's commanding officer and Master Chief William Windsor disposed of the unwanted debris through a chipper. The recycled bushes were spread around the refuge to help minimize erosion and to reduce removal costs.

"The crew of Hopper has been looking for a way to repay the people of Hawaii for the Aloha spirit they have shown us," explained Windsor. "We feel this project and other projects undertaken by these volunteers is a step in that direction."

Another group of nine chief petty of-



Margo Stahl photo

Cmdr. John Peterson and Master Chief William Windsor of USS Hopper (DDG 70) dispose of debris through a chipper at the Pearl Harbor National Wildlife Refuge in Honouliuli.

ficers from the NMC Makalapa took on the arduous task of stringing barbwire along the refuge fence to keep trespassers from entering the area and disturbing the birds. This is particularly important during nesting season, which lasts from February 15 to August 1, as the Hawaiian Stilt will try and lead trespassers away from Stilt nests, leav-

## TR Battle Group to support NATO operations over Kosovo

American Forces Press Service

Secretary of Defense William S. Cohen directed a number of deployments this week that will further increase U.S. support to NATO Operation Allied Force over Yugoslavia while maintaining carrier-based air support for operations in Southwest Asia over Iraq. The deployments also take into account the long-standing U.S. military commitment in the western Pacific.

Cohen ordered the USS Theodore Roosevelt (CVN 71) battle group to remain in the Mediterranean and support Operation Allied Force. In addition to the Theodore Roosevelt, the battle group includes the guided missile cruisers USS Leyte Gulf (CG 55) and USS Vella Gulf (CG 72); the guided missile destroyer USS Ross (DDG 71); the guided missile frigate USS Halyburton (FFG 40); the fast combat support ship USS Arctic (AOE 8); and the attack submarine USS Albuquerque (SSN 706).

The Theodore Roosevelt battle group, which arrived in the Mediterranean April 3, was originally slated to deploy directly to the Persian Gulf to relieve the USS Enterprise (CVN 65) battle group. Cohen ordered the USS Kitty Hawk (CV 64) battle group, based in Yokosuka, Japan, to relieve the Enterprise battle group so it can return to the United States on schedule in May.

To maintain the U.S. commitment in the western Pacific, Cohen ordered one F-15E fighter squadron, a carrier battle group, B-52s and EA-6Bs to remain poised in the United States, ready to deploy on short notice, if necessary. Also, two Air Force AC-130 gunships, presently deployed to Korea, will remain on station.

Carrier battle groups are an integral part of the United States policy of maintaining a substantial overseas military presence to promote regional stability, reaffirm commitments and contribute to deterrence.

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