

FLEET FOCUS



Bravo Zulu

USS San Francisco (SSN 771)

Navy-Marine Corps Achievement Medal

- EMCS (SS) Kenneth Pulliam
- MSC (SS) Jimmy Nolen
- STSC (SS) Charles Bear
- MM1(SS) Charles Long
- ET1 (SS) Douglas Shaleen
- FT1 (SS) Jeffrey Clauss
- YN2 (SS) Geoffrey Cooper
- MS2 (SS) Timothy Corelli
- MS2(SS) Ronald Payton
- EM2(SS) Kenneth Green
- ET1 (SS/AW) Kyle Lucas

Letter Of Commendation

- EM1 (SS) Phillip Milton
- ET1 (SS) Darryl McDonald
- MM1 (SS) David Harris
- MM1 (SS) Robert Edwards
- MM1 (SS) Timothy Michels
- MS1 (SS) Eddie Clark
- SK1 (SS) Kenneth McKinney
- FT2 (SS) Jason Miller
- FT2 (SS/AW) Richard Adams
- STS2 (SS) Laurence King
- ET2 (SS) Donald Foster
- ET2 (SS) Ricardo Mayfield
- MM2 (SS) Corey Copeland
- MM2 (SS/DV) William Reeder
- MM2 (SS/DV) Blaine Curtis
- EM2 (SS) Dale Jones
- MM2 (SS) Michael Oviatt
- ET2 (SS) Steven Kieffer
- ET2 (SS) Curtin Edwards
- ET2 (SS) Chris Urbach
- EM2 (SS) Donald Sample
- EM2 (SS) James Stickney
- EM2 (SS) Brian Frazier
- FT3 (SS) Brock Kiser
- ET3 (SS) Lucas Reece
- STS3 (SS) Matthew Buss
- STS3 (SS) Devon Generally
- STS3 (SS/DV) Jason Webb
- STS3 (SS) Daniel Cox
- SK3 (SS) Martin M. Osorio
- STS3 (SS) Jared Bush
- YN3 (SS) Thomas Snyder
- MM3 (SS) Diego Rivera
- MS3 (SS) Kevin Ternus
- ET3 (SS) Steven Helling
- ET3 (SS) Chad Villines
- ET3 (SS) Justin Lesley
- ET3 (SS) Daniel Flatla
- MM3 (SS) David Erdey
- MM3 Deongelo Jones
- MM3 (SS) David Wilson
- MM3 (SS) Christopher Willis
- ETSN (SS) Anson Harris
- STSSN (SS) James Stephens
- STSSN (SS) Julio Hernandez
- SN (SS) Elisha Knight
- SN (SS) Zackary Stryken
- SN (SS) Michael Boles
- MSSN (SS) Eddie Rivera
- MSSA (SS) Scott Kramer
- SKSN (SS) Michael Weyer
- MMFN (SS) Michael Jacome
- MMFN (SS) Cristobal Garfio

Helicopter Antisubmarine Squadron (Light) 37 (HSL-37)

Navy-Marine Corps Achievement Medal

- AZ2 Bradley Brewer
- AK2 Richard Hayslip
- AW3 Frederick Weiss II

Letter of Commendation

- ABH3 Benjamin Rivera

Good Conduct Medal

- AE2 Christopher Rippe

Enlisted Aviation Warfare Specialist Qualified

- AMH2(AW) Douglas Woodson

Hawaii officers nominated for Rear Admiral

Three Hawaii-based Navy Captains were recently nominated for promotion to Rear Admiral. Capt. Richard A. Mayo is the U.S. Pacific Fleet Surgeon and has been stationed at Commander in Chief, U.S. Pacific Fleet (CINCPACFLT) headquarters since December 1996. Capt. Steven A. Kunkle is currently on temporary assignment to the CINCPACFLT staff. In May Kunkle will assume duties as Deputy Chief of Staff for Operations, Plans, Policy, and Training at Pacific Fleet headquarters. Capt. Michael K. Loose is the commanding officer of the U.S. Navy Public Works Center at Pearl Harbor and a Seabee Combat Warfare Officer. Kunkle, Mayo and Loose will be promoted pending Senate confirmation.

Playground: Crommelin Sailors lend a hand in Hilo



J01 David Nagle photo

FCSN(SW) Herbert Frazier of USS Crommelin drills holes to support the new jungle gym he and 14 of his shipmates assembled during a port visit to Hilo last Friday.

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the community in the long term," Davis said.

According to county parks planner Glenn Miyao, the volunteer project saved Hilo County about \$25,000.

Crommelin's Sailors spent the day assembling the structure, which includes five different slides, bridges, balcony decks and other features.

"It's for the kids," said Fire Controlman Seaman (SW) Herbert Frazier, one of the volunteers. "It's a lot more work than I thought, but it's all worth it when you look back on it."

Crommelin's crew is no stranger to getting involved in the community. Crommelin has an active Adopt-a-School partnership with Iroquois Point Elementary School in Ewa Beach. Sailors volunteer their time to tutor students and recently installed a Land Area Network system in the school.

In addition, Crommelin's "good neighbor" influence extends beyond Hawaii. While on its western Pacific deployment last year, crewmembers worked with teens at an intermediate school in Australia and also participated in a Meals on Wheels program there as well.

"We generally get a good response when we ask for volunteers for community projects," said Chief Radioman (SW) Wes Gerard. "Usually, we have to turn people away because we get so many vol-

Crommelin: Crew enjoys Hilo, Merrie Monarch Festival

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them. However, the 219 officers and Sailors aboard USS Crommelin (FFG 37) can now claim just that, as they were treated to a royal welcome, literally, to Hilo on the Big Island of Hawaii.

The king, queen and members of the royal court of the 36th annual Merrie Monarch Festival greeted the crew of the Perry-class frigate during a welcome ceremony at Hilo Harbor last Friday.

Crommelin was in Hilo as part of the annual hula competition and Hawaiian cultural festival. The week-long festival included Hawaiian arts and crafts exhibitions, a royal parade and three nights of hula competition.

"For 36 years, Hilo has welcomed people from around the world to observe and participate in one of the most beautiful art forms of the Hawaiian culture," said Rear Admiral John Townes III, Commander, Navy Region Hawaii at the welcome ceremony. "Hula provides a tremendous opportunity for our Sailors to learn about and appreciate the culture and history of Hawaii's people while visiting one of the most beautiful places on earth. The opportunity to see and be a part of this year's Merrie Monarch Festival is something we will all remember and cherish for years to come." Admiral Townes and his wife, Nancy, joined Crommelin's crew in representing the Navy at the Merrie Monarch Festival.

Crommelin's crew enjoyed a hula exhibition by the Natibo Dance Company of Guam. Sailors manned the rails and stood in formation on the pier as the young dancers performed both traditional and modern hula. Several crewmembers were impressed with the ceremony and hula performance.

"It was a nice ceremony," said Operations Specialist Seaman Robert Venditti.



AC1(AW) Holly Rauch

Pearl Harbor Sailor wins FACSFAC San Diego Sailor of the Year

By Terry Ganiko

FACSFAC

Air Traffic Controller 1st Class (AW) Holly A. Rauch of Fleet Area Control and Surveillance Facility (FACSFAC) Detachment Pearl Harbor was recently selected as the Senior Sailor of the Year for FACSFAC San Diego.

Rauch transferred to FACSFAC Pearl Harbor in December 1995 from Naval Air Station Jacksonville. She is the air traffic control division training chief, command safety officer, Combined Federal Campaign coordinator, and Navy-Marine Corps Relief Society keyperson.

As ATC training chief, Rauch instituted a vigorous training programming, which led to a significant increase in controller qualifications and reduced qualification timelines. She was selected as Senior Sailor of the Quarter for first quarter 1998.

Rauch is an energetic community leader and volunteers to coordinate the command's Personal Excellence Program, coordinating 15 volunteers to tutor elementary children at a local school. Additionally, she led the command's efforts in coordinating the Adopt-a-Family program, raising more than \$500 for a local family to ensure a memorable Christmas.

Breaking the ice



photo courtesy of COMSUBPAC Public Affairs

USS Hawkbill (SSN 666) surfaces through the ice at the Arctic Circle, where the Sturgeon-class submarine is participating in the Submarine Ice Expedition 1999 (SCICEX 99). A team of scientists is examining the geophysical, chemical and biological properties of the Arctic Ocean.

Honolulu recognizes top Sailors

USS Honolulu Public Affairs

The Commanding Officer of USS Honolulu (SSN 718), Capt. (sel.) Cecil Haney recently selected his Senior and Junior Sailors of the Quarter (SOQ/JSOQ) for the first Quarter 1999.

Electronics Technician 2nd Class Thomas Wilson and Electronics Technician 3rd Class William White were both announced as the Senior and Junior "Honolulu Warriors". Both Petty Officer Wilson and White are members of the ship's navigation division responsible for the safe navigation and maintenance of all the ship's navigation, and interior communications equipment.

Wilson is originally from Winston-Salem, North Carolina and has been onboard Honolulu for more than a year.

"He performs at the level expected from a much senior Sailor," stated ETC Patton, Honolulu navigation/operations department chief. "His performance speaks for itself, his attention to detail and driving work ethics were key in his selection," said Patton.

Serving as the ship's qualification petty officer, Wilson personally monitors every new Sailor's submarine qualifications from the time he reports onboard until he is designated qualified in submarines. He has qualified all senior watchstanders well ahead of schedule including navigation supervisor, contact coordinator and assistant navigator.

"The recognition of Sailor of the Quarter is very humbling. We have the best first class and second class petty officers in the submarine force onboard Honolulu," said Wilson. "That's just not talk either. It's a fact that teamwork is a way of life onboard the Honolulu and off the boat. To have my name mentioned as Sailor of the Quarter makes me feel very honored," he added.

After enlisting in the Navy in 1989, Wilson

completed a sea tour onboard USS Dallas (SSN 700) followed by shore duty at Commander Submarine Force, U.S. Atlantic Fleet.

White's achievements onboard Honolulu are equally exceptional. He has excelled with all his divisional collateral duties, repair parts petty officer, calibration petty officer and maintenance assistant module petty officer. He is also the command's automatic data processor (ADP) coordinator. This is a position normally held by a senior petty officer.

"Petty Officer White is the driving force behind Honolulu's Local Area Network (LAN)," stated ETC Hirst, Honolulu's navigation division chief. "He developed a computer program that automatically routes incoming email received from off ship directly into personal accounts on the LAN. Being on WEST-PAC, I can't begin to say how important email is the entire crew. This computer program has been a major moral boost for the entire crew and White's the man that made this happen," said Hirst.

"Some of the guys are curious and are always asking what drives me to work on projects like my email program," said White. "I try to explain that everywhere I look, I see things that can be improved and made even more efficient."

A native of Yokima, Wash., White joined the Navy in January 1996 and has been a member of the Honolulu team since 1996.

Lt. Bill Stevenson, Honolulu navigator, can't say enough about both of his men.

"Wilson and White are two of the finest Sailors I've ever had the pleasure of working with. They are vital members of the team and have contributed significantly to the ship," said Stevenson. "These two guys have really earned this recognition. Their performance is exceptional, not just in the first quarter, but throughout their time onboard," he said.