

Bravo Zulu

Honolulu-Pacific Federal Executive Board Excellence in Federal Government Awards

Military Officer of the Year

Cmdr. Richard Berkey
Pearl Harbor Naval Shipyard
and Intermediate Maintenance Facility

Navy Nominees

Cmdr. Roger Natsuhara
Public Works Center

Lt. Cmdr. Maria Lyles
U.S. Pacific Fleet

Lt. Cmdr. Louis Mosier
NAS Barbers Point

Lt. Holly Johnson
Pacific Division, Naval Facilities Engineering Command

Lt. Chad Lee
Marine Corps Base Hawaii, Kaneohe Bay

Lt.j.g Alexander Kohnen
Fleet and Industrial Supply Center

Enlisted Servicemember of the Year

Navy Nominees
RMC(SW) Elroy Kihano
U.S. Pacific Fleet

AO1(AW/SW) Anthony Lawhorn
NAS Barbers Point

SK1 Angelito Pineda
Fleet and Industrial Supply Center

HT1 Julia Stanton
Pearl Harbor Naval Shipyard
and Intermediate Maintenance Facility

Federal Manager/Supervisor of the Year

James Taylor
Naval Station

Navy Nominees

Darlene Ige
Pacific Division, Naval Facilities Engineering Command

Melvin Morito
Pearl Harbor Naval Shipyard
and Intermediate Maintenance Facility

James Rodrigues
Fleet and Industrial Supply Center

William Ryzewicz
U.S. Pacific Fleet

Karen Sakuda
Public Works Center

Federal Employee of the Year (Trades and Crafts)

Navy Nominees
Wayne Panerio
Public Works Center

David Villar
Fleet and Industrial Supply Center

Federal Employee of the Year (Clerical and Assistant)

Navy Nominees
Roxan Bado
Public Works Center

Cyd Gonzalez
Navy Region Hawaii

Linda Hiebert
U.S. Pacific Fleet

Patricia Matsumoto
Fleet and Industrial Supply Center

Federal Employee of the Year (Professional/Administrative/Technical)

Linda Tam
U.S. Pacific Fleet

Navy Nominees
Peter Nakamura
Pacific Division, Naval Facilities Engineering Command

Gail Shon
Pearl Harbor Naval Shipyard
and Intermediate Maintenance Facility

Honolulu crew shares aloha spirit with orphans in Thailand

USS Honolulu
Public Affairs

USS Honolulu (SSN 718) "Warriors" engaged the local community in Pattaya Beach, Thailand during a six day port visit to this fascinating city.

Volunteers from the Pearl Harbor based submarine spent off-duty time at a local orphanage conducting repairs, painting and cleaning the children's library. The orphanage is home for more than 50 Thai children, including infants who would otherwise be homeless.

"The can-do attitude of the crew never ceases to amaze me" stated Lt. Cmdr. Joseph Wiegand, the ship's executive officer. "Seeing the happy, smiling faces on the children as they helped us paint and while we were playing with them was the true payoff for all the volunteers."

Team Honolulu's volunteer crew worked side by side with not only the children but also with the local Rotary Club volunteers who were lending a hand.

"I arrived at the orphanage to find my men very much engaged in completing the task of painting the facilities library," said Capt. (sel.) Cecil Haney, Honolulu's commanding officer. "When the painting was completed some of the crew conducted a field day while others had a chance to play basketball and other games with the kids. My crew left with the satisfac-

tion of knowing that they really made a difference and helped others in need."

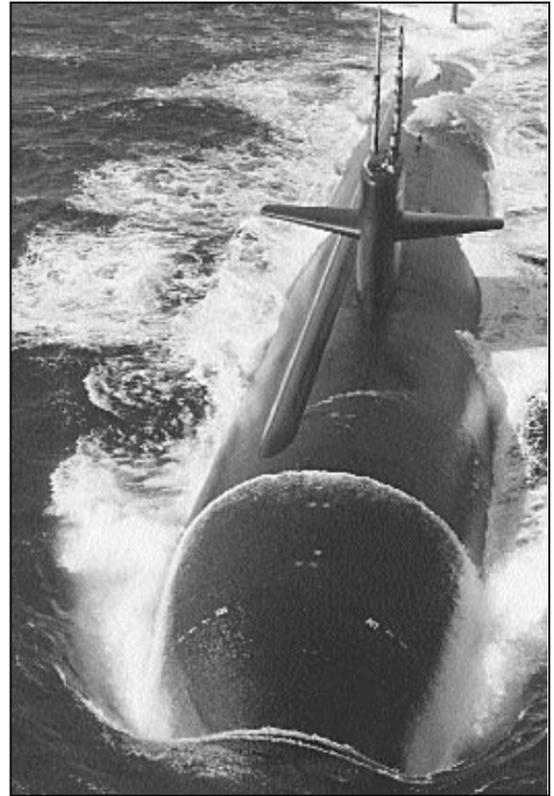
"When we came here to make these repairs and paint, it was very noticeable that the place was in need of some serious attention and our work would be cut out for us", said Sonar Technician 3rd Class Andres Montoto. "I've had a great time in Pattaya and really enjoyed the opportunity to help the people who live here."

"The families back in Hawaii can be extremely proud of their husbands and fathers who showed the "alo-ha spirit" working on this project." Stated Master Chief Electronics Technician (SS) Billy Cronin, Honolulu's Chief of the Boat.

"This children's library will be used to give these kids hope for their future."

In addition to Haney, Wiegand, Cronin, and Montoto, Cmdr. John Richardson, Senior Chief Machinist's Mate (SS) Bill Roberts, MM1(SS) Chris Layton, Mess Management Specialist 1st Class (SS) Peter Wimmer, Yeoman 1st Class (SS) Rod Ross, ET2(SS) Eric Steele, Fire Control Technician 2nd Class (SS) Jason Hughes, MM3(SS) Paul Burns, MM3 Lee Blomgren also participated in the project.

"This was a wonderful experience for all the volunteers," Haney said. "Some are married with children back in Hawaii, some are single.



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However, all enjoyed playing with the children and helping improve this important community facility. Helping out in Thailand was a rewarding experience that both the local community and my crew will

never forget."

Honolulu steamed more than 23,000 nautical miles during "WESTPAC 99." She weighed anchor off Thailand on May 30 to continue her deployment.

Hopper trains with Republic of Korea

By Lt.j.g. Ian Nesbitt and
STG2 Bill Callaway

USS HOPPER

Undersea warfare (USW), recently regarded as a dying art, was put to the test aboard USS Hopper (DDG 70) during the three day PASSEX 99-1 with the Republic of Korea's newest warship, ROKS Jung Woon (SS-067) and patrol aircraft from Patrol Squadron Nine (VP-9), based at Marine Corps Base Hawaii, Kaneohe Bay.

Cmdr. John W. Peterson, Hopper's commanding officer explained PASSEX 99-1's significance saying, "It was the greatest USW opportunity of my 19 year career."

Jung Woon, homeported in Chinhae, South Korea, was built in the Daewoo Shipyard and commissioned August 30th, 1997, just six days before Hopper. Jung Woon is a type 209 diesel/electric attack submarine, with a crew of 39. Jung Woon is considerably smaller than Hopper, but what it lacks in size, it makes up for in stealth, proving a capable match for Hopper's USW team.

Led by Ens. Rich Marshall, Hopper's USW officer, and Chief Sonar Technician SW) Marlo Grape, Hopper's USW Team was ready for action. Aided by P-3 Orion aircraft, Hopper proved a skilled oppo-



U.S. Coast Guard photo

USS Hopper (DDG 70) and Patrol Squadron Nine (VP-9) recently conducted an undersea warfare exercise with the Republic of Korea submarine Jung Woon.

ment for Jung Woon. Outfitted with a multi-sensor sonar suite, Hopper can employ active or passive sonar systems as the situation warrants.

Sonar supervisor STG1(SW) Ronald Schmink commented, "While Jung Woon is running on batteries, we must be alert for the best chance of detection."

"You must know your oceanographic conditions and adjust with the changes" noted STG3 Jessica Wohlferd. The opening 24 hours of the exercise were devoted to the Golden Eagles who used sophisticated magnetic anomaly detection

gear and sonobuoys to detect, localize and track Jung Woon as she approached Hawaii.

Upon arriving on scene, Hopper deployed her Tactical Towed Array Sonar (TACTAS), and aided by VP-9, continued the prosecution. Simulated attack followed simulated attack as both Hopper and Jung Woon scored hits on one another within exercise rules. Bridge watchstander Ens. Mike Jelinek enjoyed performing flank speed torpedo evasion maneuvers with the TACTAS deployed. "It is not often that we get the practical experience that comes with putting the ship's full operational capabilities to use," he said.

Safely in port, one-time PASSEX adversaries were united during an outstanding tour and brief of the type 209's capabilities personally led by Capt. Yoon.

"Getting to tour a type 209 was really exciting. I've spent some time underway on a US nuclear submarine, so seeing a diesel/electric was extremely interesting," noted Lt.j.g. William Northrip, Hopper's disarming officer.

Hopper also hosted a tour for Jung Woon's crew, with Peterson leading a group of 20 submariners through Sonar Control, the Combat Information Center, Bridge, Central Controlling Station and TACTAS rooms.

Port Royal holds change of command

By CTRCM(SW) Karen O'Connor
USS PORT ROYAL

Capt. Roger C. Easton, Jr. relieved Capt. Robert T. Moeller as commanding officer of USS Port Royal (CG 73) yesterday. Easton becomes the fourth commanding officer of Port Royal, which is the 27th and final Ticonderoga class cruiser constructed and referred to as the "Ultimate AEGIS cruiser."

Rear Adm. Jay A. Campbell, Commander, Carrier Group Seven, presided over the ceremony.

Moeller assumed command of Port Royal in July 1997 just prior to her deployment with the USS Nimitz (CVN 68) Battle Group to the western Pacific and Arabian Gulf. During this deployment, Port Royal served as the Air Defense Commander for the Nimitz Battle Group and Task Force 50, with the integration of the USS George Washington (CVN 73) Battle Group, during periods of heightened tensions in the Arabian Gulf between the United Nations and Iraq. Moeller was directly responsible for the formulation of an integrated air defense plan, merging Pacific Fleet and Atlantic Fleet Battle Group air defense plans into an effective warfighting document. This document became the standard air defense plan in the Central Command area of responsibility, and was subsequently adopted nearly in its entirety as the recently promulgated Navy-wide air defense plan.

During Port Royal's return from deployment, the ship conducted two

diplomatic port visits to Durban and Cape Town, South Africa. These visits significantly enhanced the post-apartheid political-military relations between the United States and South Africa, and laid the groundwork for a visit shortly thereafter by the Chief of Naval Operations, Vice President Gore, and President Clinton.

Moeller is also credited with making a distinguished contribution to the development of one of the Navy's 21st century mission area pillars, Linebacker, the Navy's first theater ballistic missile defense capability. His foresight and initiative allowed Port Royal to streamline and accelerate her IDTC basic phase training from 26 weeks to eight weeks, which gave Port Royal sufficient time to conduct the first extremely successful attempt to detect, track, and report threat representative theater ballistic missile targets.

Additionally, Port Royal's participation in Alaskan Command's Northern Edge '99 exercise and Commander, Third Fleet/Maritime Battle Center's Fleet Battle Experiment Echo earlier this year allowed the crew to begin the development of tactics, techniques, and procedures critical to the deployment of Linebacker in a joint theater air and missile defense system.

Under the leadership of Moeller, the 360 men and women of Port Royal earned their third and fourth consecutive Battle "E" awards. His initiatives in people programs resulted in retention rates above Pacific Fleet averages in 1998, and an extremely low attrition rate for first term personnel last year.

Believing that paygrade should not always drive qualifications, he opened the door for Sailors to achieve unprecedented qualifications, including two first class petty officers who qualified and stand duty as Officer of the Deck (Underway).

Moeller will next report to Newport, Rhode Island, where he will assume command of the Surface Warfare Officers School. He will be accompanied by his wife, the former Mary Recent of Grosse Pointe Farms, Michigan, and their daughters Kate and Laura.

Easton reports to Port Royal from duty as the Deputy for Counterdrug Operations, Commander-in-Chief, U.S. Pacific Fleet. His previous sea assignments include tours aboard USS Mitscher (DDG 35), USS Nicholson (DD 982), USS Yorktown (CG 48), USS Arleigh Burke (DDG 51) and as Commanding Officer of USS John Rodgers (DD 983). Additionally, he served as Officer-in-Charge Amphibious Assault Landing Craft Experimental Trials Unit, and Officer-in-Charge in MONOB (YAG 61), the Navy's submarine acoustic trials ship.

His previous shore commands include Chief of Naval Operations staff for Plans, Policy and Strategy; Congressional Liaison Officer; Secretary of the Navy Staff Office of Legislative Affairs; and Surface Warfare Officer's School Command.

Easton is married to the former Jacqueline Kaye Johnson of Maitland, Florida. They have one son, Roger C. Easton, III.