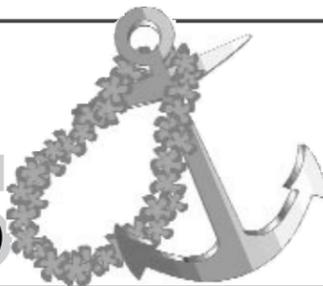


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IN BRIEF

Navy's head detailer to hold all hands calls

Rear Adm. Hamlin Tallent, Assistant Chief of Naval Personnel for Distribution will visit Sailors at the Pearl Harbor Naval Complex and Marine Corps Base Hawaii, Kaneohe Bay on Sept. 1.

Tallent, formerly the head detailer for naval aviation officers, is now the head detailer for all officer and enlisted personnel in the Navy.

He will meet with area commanding officers, executive officers and command master chiefs at 7:30 a.m. at the Banyans, followed by a junior officers call at 9 a.m. and an all hands call at 10:30 a.m., both at the Banyans.

Tallent will conduct another all hands call at 1:15 p.m. and a junior officers call at 2:45 p.m. at the MCBH base theater (bldg. 219). He will then meet with commanding officers, executive officers and command master chiefs at 4 p.m. at the Patrol and Reconnaissance Force Pacific headquarters (Bldg. 6468).

Uniform for these all hands calls is khaki for E7 and above and working uniform (summer white or utilities) for E6 and below.

Deadline for community service awards approaching

The deadline for commands to submit nominations for the 1999 annual Navy Community Service Awards program is August 31.

The program recognizes the most outstanding community service program initiatives by individual commands. This year, the number of categories has been expanded to include awards for each of the five flagship projects: personal excellence partnerships in education; health, safety, and fitness; campaign drug-free; project good neighbor; and environmental stewardship. The award period is July 1, 1998 - June 30, 1999.

Commands should submit separate nominations for each award category for which they wish to be considered. Nominations are restricted to five single-side double-spaced, typewritten 8.5" x 11" pages with up to five pages of supplemental materials (do not exceed a total of 10 pages). Videotapes or other display materials will not be accepted and submissions will not be returned.

Submit nominations to Navy Region Hawaii (Code N122) no later than August 31. Regional winners will be forwarded to Navy Personnel Command.

For more information, call Lt. Mason at 474-7252.

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A TYPICAL WEEK in the Navy's best homeport

By J01 David Nagle
NAVY REGION HAWAII

SINCE 1884, The Navy's presence in Hawaii has grown from a small coaling station to the Navy's most important island base in the Pacific.

Today, our Navy team in Hawaii - the Navy's best homeport - performs a wide variety of missions. Our thirteen ships, 22 submarines and five aircraft squadrons provide forward presence around the globe. The more than 30 shore commands on Oahu and Kauai provide different types of support to not only our operating units, but also to the more than 15,000 Sailors and 20,000 family members stationed here. Every

Sailor and civilian employee plays an important part in making Hawaii the Navy's best homeport.

This week's special issue of Hawaii Navy News, "A Typical Week in the Navy's Best Homeport," highlights various facets of what we do here in Hawaii. Several commands submitted stories and photos for this issue. They are the same kinds of stories you'll find in Hawaii Navy News every week, but woven together by a common theme - supporting our ships, submarines and aircraft squadrons, Sailors and their families. It's what we do here each day, every day.

This issue shows a variety of Sailors and commands doing a variety of things - all of them telling the story of the Navy's best homeport.

USS Crommelin deploys to eastern Pacific

By Lt.j.g. Tyler Dunaway
USS CROMMELIN

The guided-missile frigate USS Crommelin (FFG 37) and her crew of 220 officers and Sailors departed Pearl Harbor August 24 for a three-month deployment to the eastern Pacific. Crommelin is joined by a helicopter detachment from Helicopter Antisubmarine Squadron (Light) Thirty-Seven (HSL-37), based at Marine Corps Base Hawaii in Kaneohe Bay. The detachment consists of one SH-60 Seahawk helicopter and 20 Sailors.

Crommelin will also embark a Coast Guard law enforcement detachment from San Diego, Calif.

Crommelin will participate in counter-narcotics operations in the eastern Pacific. The Pacific Fleet's naval surface force maintains a constant involvement in monitoring international waterways for drug trafficking.

This deployment comes on the heels of a successful training cycle. Crommelin and its crew completed the usually lengthy and difficult pre-deployment work up in



PH2 Chad McNeeley photo

A USS Crommelin (FFG 37) crewmember kisses his child goodbye before departing for an eastern Pacific cruise Tuesday. Crommelin and a detachment from Helicopter Antisubmarine Squadron (Light) 37 (HSL-37) left Hawaii on Tuesday for a three-month deployment.

record time.

Upon Crommelin's return,

the crew will begin preparations for its next western Pacific deployment.

VP-47 succeeds in Singapore

By Lt. j.g. Jeff Tillman
VP-47

Patrol Squadron Forty-Seven's (VP-47) Combat Aircrew One (CAC-1) recently completed CARAT '99 Singapore. The Cooperation Afloat Readiness and Training (CARAT) exercise involved more than 1,000 U.S. personnel from the Navy and Air Force Sailors combined with the armed forces of Australia, Thailand, Indonesia, and the Royal Singapore Navy and Air Force.

CARAT '99 Singapore was an exercise in military interoperability and coordinated exercises.

During the ten-day exercise CAC-1 attended numerous planning conferences, conducted a maritime patrol appreciation day, and flew tactical missions as part of the "war" scenario created for CARAT.

Initially, CAC-1 conducted a mining mission off the southern coast of Singapore. The crew accurately placed two MK-36 mines in a small harbor.

The mining event was to simulate "enemy" forces dropping mines in a "friendly" harbor. Nearby, U.S. and Singapore mining vessels ea-

gerly awaited to enter the harbor, locate the mines, and then recover and defuse the weapons.

Reflected Navigator-Communicator Lt.j.g. Mark Sohaney, "The area we used was so small. We had to set up the mine line, navigate around numerous civilian cargo ships, and monitor an airport controller frequency all at once!"

During the Maritime Appreciation Day, CAC-1 provided the Singapore Air Force with various mission related lectures. Lt. Mike Mrachek briefed them on the numerous capabilities of the P-3C including Harpoon launches, surveillance patrols, search and rescue, and battle group interoperability. Four members of CAC-1 participated in a familiarization flight aboard a Folker 50. The crew observed the Singapore crews conducting photo riggings of surface ships and execute simulated Harpoon missile firings.

"It was fascinating to see how a commercial aircraft can be integrated into a military air force," Lt. John Gehle commented. "Their avionics package is extremely advanced in the flight station and they have the latest technology in computer equipment."

USS Hawkbill inactivates after 28 years of service

By J03 McClain Shewman
SUBMARINE FORCES PACIFIC

USS Hawkbill (SSN 666) inactivated after 28 years of service in a ceremony today at Naval Station Pearl Harbor. Guest speaker for the ceremony was the Deputy Secretary of Defense John Hamre.

"I'm very proud of my men. We've done a lot of great things, notably SCICEX missions, and we've served our country well," said Cmdr. Robert Perry, commanding officer of Hawkbill.

Hawkbill completed two highly successful Scientific Ice Expeditions and recently returned from a historic voyage around the world. The submarine conducted the fifth of five planned science expeditions (SCICEX) to the Arctic Ocean in a joint venture between the Navy and the National Science Foundation (NSF), which represented the last Arctic cruise for any Pacific Fleet Sturgeon class nuclear-powered submarine.

"One of the highlights of my tour as commanding of-



COMSUBPAC photo

USS Hawkbill and her crew recently completed her last cruise that took them through Arctic iceduring SCICEX 99.

Frederick lends a hand in Thailand

By Ens. Sharon Boyd
USS FREDERICK

While USS Frederick (LST 1184) participated in Cooperation Afloat Readiness and Training (CARAT) '99 exercises with the Royal Thai navy, Lt. j.g. Pamela Foster of Gary, Ind., stayed behind to ensure the success of another mission.

Foster and some Thai representatives traveled around central and northern Thailand distributing materials donated in support of Project Handclasp. They traveled through the country, providing the largest amount of donated goods delivered over the greatest distance to date for this deployment.

The U.S. Navy's Project Handclasp is an official Chief of Naval Operations program established to promote mutual understanding, respect and goodwill through direct people-to-people contact between Americans and citizens of other lands.

Project Handclasp coordinates materials donated by private citizens throughout the United States for distribution to needy recipients in foreign countries. Typically, these humanitarian, educational and goodwill materials

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