

Carrier strike groups feel the pulse



Star shines on Pearl Harbor

Jay Mohr to perform at July 4 Block Party. See story on page A-3



Scope out the war games

HNN welcomes RIMPAC 2004 Sailors. See B section.



U.S. Navy photo by JO2 Devin Wright

An FA-18 Hornet lands onboard USS Stennis' flight deck during flight operations in the Pacific Ocean June 27. Stennis is the centerpiece of RIMPAC 2004 and is also participating in the first test of the Navy's Fleet Response Plan, Summer Pulse 2004. The exercise involves deploying seven aircraft carrier strike groups simultaneously to respond quickly in times of crisis.

John C. Stennis in Hawai'i for RIMPAC 2004, Summer Pulse

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USS John C. Stennis (CVN 74) arrived in Pearl Harbor Tuesday to participate in exercise Rim of the Pacific 2004, the region's largest international exercise involving seven Pacific Rim nations. The 1,092-foot long aircraft carrier deployed from its homeport in San Diego May 24 as part of Summer Pulse '04.

Summer Pulse '04 demonstrates the Navy's ability to surge forces around the globe, with seven aircraft carrier strike groups deployed simultaneously, introducing the first test of the

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USS Hopper deploys for six months

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USS Hopper (DDG 70) left its homeport of Pearl Harbor Hawaii June 28 on a six-month deployment in support of Operation Enduring Freedom.

Over the past several months, Hopper has been preparing for her deployment to the Arabian Sea.

"With all of the training we've done over the past year, we feel confident that we will come together as a team to complete any mission we are given," said Hopper Gunnery Officer Ensign Lauren Kent. "Our commander is exceptional and holds the officers' and chiefs' mess to a higher standard and teaches them to think down the line, which ultimately holds the crew to a higher standard. When you add those things up, you have a well-trained and prepared crew," she said.

"I'm really excited because this is my first deployment," said Technician-Cyrtologic Technician-Technical Seaman Lakesha Jackson. "I've only been in the Navy since February of last year so this deployment will give me a lot of training. When we are in port, we usually do deck preservation, but now I get to apply my job."

Jackson said that although she is nervous about being deployed, she is confident in the abilities of those who have already been deployed.

"I don't know what to expect, but there are a lot of people onboard who have been to sea before and they can give us direction," said Jackson.

For family members on the pier, watching their loved ones steam off into harm's way was an emotional time.

"It's tough," said Karen Bowers, wife of Fire Controlman 1st Class (SW) Jeff Bowers. "Our daughter and her dad are extremely close, and she doesn't really understand what's going on or why he is leaving. Plus there are so many loose ends. We've just bought a house, our daughter is going to start day care for the first time and I just started a new job," she said. "I realize, however, what he is doing overseas is bigger than those inconveniences. I'm proud of him and the job he is doing. I'm proud to be his wife," she added.

USS Hopper is a multi-mission guided missile destroyer. Her mission is to operate offensively in a multi-threat environment. Her warfare capabilities are air warfare, surface warfare, undersea warfare, mine warfare, strike warfare and electronic warfare.



U.S. Navy photo by JO2 Devin Wright

Karen Bowers and her daughter watch as her husband, FC1(SW) Jeff Bowers of USS Hopper (DDG 70), steams out of Pearl Harbor June 28. USS Hopper is underway for a Western Pacific deployment in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom and Operation Enduring Freedom.



U.S. Navy photo by PH2 Jayme Pastoric

Eight ships (six American and two Canadian) sail through the clear blue waters of the Pacific Ocean during a multi-national photo exercise with the USS John C. Stennis (CVN 74) strike group.

RIMPAC 2004 packs a punch in joint exercise

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Almost 18,000 military personnel from seven nations are currently engaged in combined and joint operations in the waters surrounding the Hawaiian Islands. The purpose of Rim of the Pacific (RIMPAC) 2004 is to improve multinational cooperation and interoperability between allies.

Forty ships from the United States, United Kingdom, Canada, Australia, Japan, South Korea and Chile are testing their capabilities in a show of international presence, spanning the spectrum from the might of a nuclear-powered aircraft carrier to the specialized technology of minesweepers. Seven submarines and 100 aircraft will also be part of the month-long exercise, which will conclude on July 27.

"We hold this exercise in very high regard and it's a great opportunity for our forces," said Australian Commodore Davyd Thomas, Commander, Float and Deployable Joint Task Force Headquarters and RIMPAC deputy commander, Combined Task Force.

The navies are teaming together to employ lessons learned in the Global War on Terrorism while honing warfighting skills to continue the fight, said high-level naval leaders at the June 29 press conference.

"That's a significant part of this exercise," said Vice Adm. Michael J. McCabe, Commander, U.S. Third Fleet

and RIMPAC Commander, Combined Task Force. "It always has been and it's never been more important than now."

RIMPAC is testing Sailors, Marines, Coast Guardsmen, Soldiers and Airmen with exercises on everything from executing an amphibious assault to sinking four decommissioned vessels, to supporting a humanitarian mission and evacuating non-combatants.

Participating ships will face undersea and mine warfare threats, among other scenarios.

"It's a very complex and multi-level training evolution," said McCabe.

Teamwork and improved communication was a recurring theme in each of the admirals' comments. They said their Sailors look forward to the opportunity to train on the high seas and work side-by-side in littoral operations.

"We've come to prove our worth in what's going to be a very challenging scenario," said Commodore Roger Girouard, Commander, Canadian Fleet Pacific and RIMPAC commander, Multinational Force Task Group.

"RIMPAC 2004 is a wonderful opportunity to develop intimate cooperation and imbue the solid allied military relationships with nations along the rim of the Pacific," said Capt. Gun-Doo Lee, commander of the South Korean RIMPAC Training Group.

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After the hurricane - going home

(Part 4 of 4)

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(some information provided by Oahu Civil Defense Agency and the Federal Emergency Management Agency)

Previous hurricane articles have focused on preparing and watching out for hurricanes. But after one of the big storms pays a visit, there are also important guidelines to follow.

Island residents should stay tuned to local radio and television stations for information before, during and after the hurricane. Radio broadcasts will let you know when the all-clear is given and you may safely return home. Make sure that you have extra batteries on hand for radios to keep up-to-date on radio broadcasts.

After a storm, telephone traffic will be extremely heavy. Use the telephone only for emergency calls.

Drive only if it is absolutely necessary and be sure to avoid flooded roads and washed-out bridges. Don't sightsee.

Provide assistance to injured or trapped persons. Do not move seriously injured persons unless they are in immediate danger of further injury. Call for help.

When you have been notified by authorities that it is safe to return to your home, you still need to take some basic precautions.

Avoid loose or dangling power lines. Report them immediately to the power company, police or fire department.

Important phone numbers

Emergency police, fire, ambulance - 911
Oahu Civil Defense (recorded information) - 527-5372
Oahu Civil Defense - 523-4121
State Civil Defense - 733-4300
National Weather Service (weather advisories) - 973-4381
American Red Cross - 734-2101
HECO Service Center - 548-7961
(to report power outages, downed power lines, trees on power lines)
Board of Water supply troubleline - normal hours - 527-5207
after hours - 527-5200
Verizon Hawaii telephone repair service - 611
The Gas Company emergency service - 526-0066
Streetlights out - city - 564-6113
State - 831-6714

- Enter your home with caution in the event of damaged utilities or structural damage.
 - Beware of insects and animals driven to higher ground by flood water.
 - Open windows and doors to ventilate and dry your home.
 - Check refrigerated foods for spoilage.
 - Take pictures of the damage, both to the house and its contents, for insurance claims.
- It is also important to



Photo by Charles Fletcher (www.soest.hawaii.edu)

This photo shows destruction in the wake of Hurricane Iniki. The potential for property damage in Hawai'i is increased because of the numerous lightly constructed buildings and dwellings. Flying debris from these structures and airborne vegetation increase the potential for serious damage to neighboring properties and utility lines.

inspect utilities in a damaged home. Malfunctioning utility systems can be dangerous and place you at risk.

Check for gas leaks. If you hear a blowing or hissing noise or smell gas fumes, open a window and quickly leave the building. Turn off the gas at the outside main valve if you can and call the gas company from a neighbor's home. If you do turn the gas off, it must be turned back on by a professional.

Check your electrical system for damage. If you see

sparks or broken or frayed wires, or if you smell hot insulation, turn off the electricity at the main fuse box or circuit breaker. If you have to step in water to get to the fuse box or circuit breaker, call an electrician first for advice.

Check your sewage and water lines for damage. If you suspect that the sewage lines have been damaged, avoid using the commodes and call a plumber. If there is damage to water pipes, contact the water company. Avoid the

water from the tap. You can obtain safe water by melting ice cubes.

After a hurricane, be sure to be extra careful when letting your pet loose outdoors. Make sure that your pet wears an identification tag. As the result of the storm, familiar scents and landmarks may have been altered and your pet could easily become confused and lost. If you should lose your pet, call or visit the Humane Society as soon as possible.

Additional information

about hurricanes and guidelines on hurricane preparedness may be found on Navy Channel 2 and on the COM-NAVREG Hawai'i Web site: www.hawaii.navy.mil.

A hurricane is one of Mother Nature's most formidable foes. That leaves island residents with only one sensible option - to get ready, just in case. Armed with accurate and helpful information, you will be able to provide for your family's safety and well-being - before, during and after a hurricane.

Fireworks illegal in Navy housing

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According to Navy leadership, the possession and/or use of any type of fireworks on any Navy property, especially in Navy housing areas, is illegal and forbidden. Violators may face eviction from housing and disciplinary action.

The ban on fireworks is a safety issue. Fireworks can cause serious injury and sometimes death. More than one victim has been "surprised" by fireworks that have exploded at an unexpected time due to mishandling or faulty materials.

According to statistics from the National Center for Injury Prevention and Control, emergency rooms treated 8,800 people for fireworks-related injuries in the United States in 2002 and four people died from their injuries. About half of these injuries occurred among children ages 14 years and younger. Males sustained about 75 percent of all injuries. Hands and fingers (32 percent), eyes (21 percent), and head and face (17 percent) were the parts of the body most frequently injured. More than half of the injuries involved burns (66 percent).

The danger of accidentally igniting property fires is another concern. Fireworks can ignite the roof of a house, a car, a tree, etc. and cause extensive damage for



U.S. Navy photo

Any type of fireworks are illegal on any Navy property including Navy housing. The ban on fireworks is a safety issue. Fireworks displays are available throughout the island including MWR's block party on July 4.

which residents will be held personally liable.

Statistics provided by the National Fire Protection Association show that fireworks-related fires have caused at least \$15 to \$20 million in property loss each year in the past decade.

Numerous Fourth of July celebrations are planned

throughout the island and many of them include fireworks displays. Morale, Welfare and Recreation (MWR) at Naval Station Pearl Harbor will host its annual July 4 block party.

Those who wish to enjoy fireworks as part of the holiday celebration are encouraged to attend one of the July 4 events.

RIMPAC: Cooperative efforts to be 'the way of the future'

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deepens friendships with navies across the region," said Japanese Maritime Self-Defense Force Rear Adm. Takanobu Sasaki, commander, Escort Flotilla Four and RIMPAC commander, Maritime Bilateral Force.

The high-ranking naval officers said more global cooperation among the world's navies will happen, which makes improved communications on the oceans even more important.

"Coalitions are the way of the future," said Thomas.

"We may be larger than the other navies, but they're faced with similar challenges," McCabe said.

McCabe said ninety-five percent of the world's trade is transported over the seas and delivered to more than 4,000 ports. Therefore, the exercise takes on an added measure of importance in an era of global terrorism.

RIMPAC 2004, the 19th since 1971, ties in with Summer Pulse 04 - a demonstration of the U.S. Navy's ability to surge seven carriers in five theaters to give national leadership the ability to project naval power across the globe. It's part of the Chief of Naval Operations Fleet Response Plan that deploys vessels quickly when needed rather than strictly on a routine deployment schedule.

"We truly have embraced the need for our Navy to be more responsive," McCabe said.



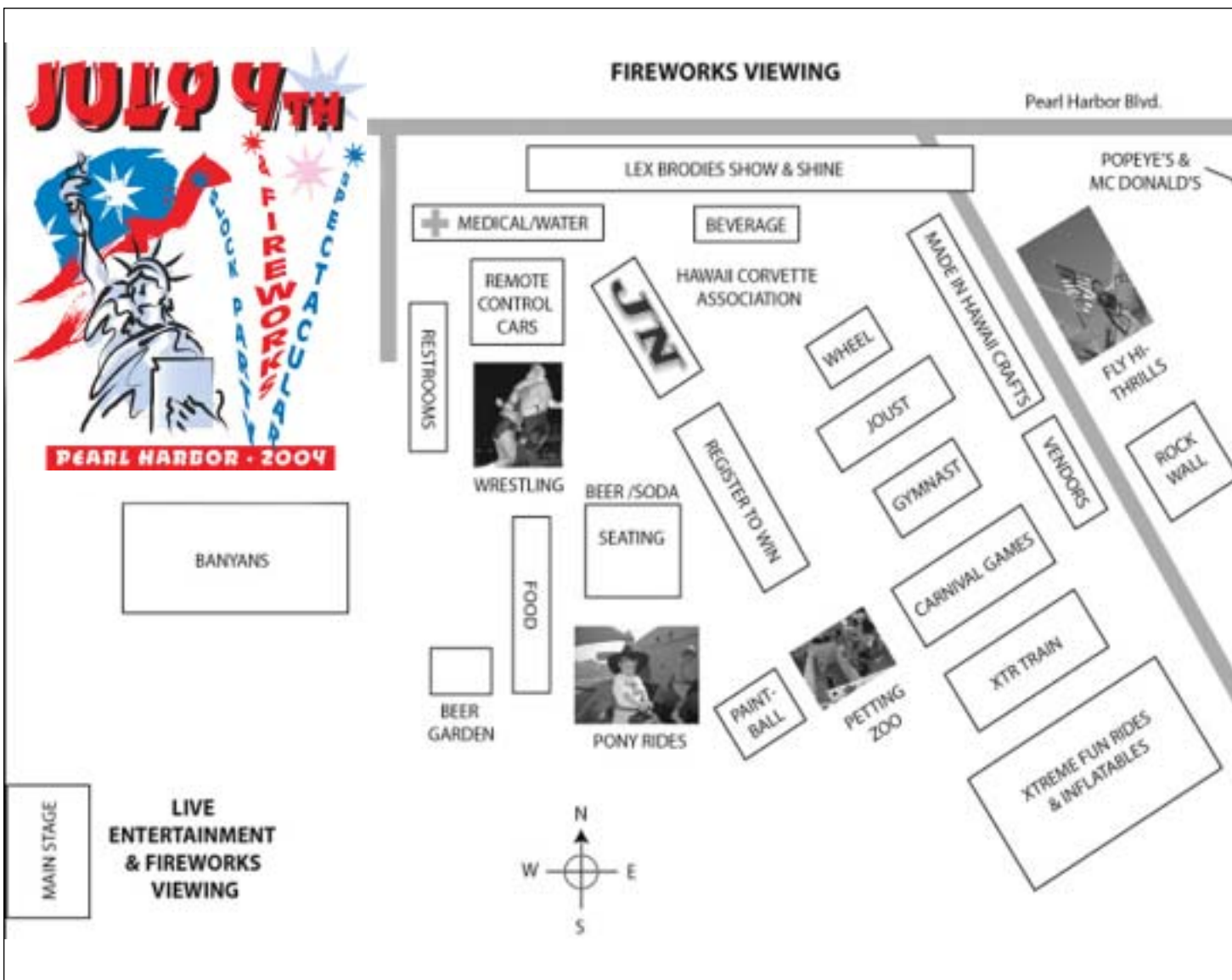
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Sailors aboard the Korean Navy ship ROK's Chungmugong Yi Sunshin (DDN-975) stand at parade rest during a welcome aboard ceremony June 26. The Korean Navy is in Pearl Harbor to participate in RIMPAC 2004.

"...Our Navy must flow seamlessly around the globe."



July
4th...



Pearl Harbor ready for Independence Day

MWR Public Affairs

Celebrate America's freedom on historic Pearl Harbor at the July 4th Block Party and Fireworks Spectacular.

From 2-10 p.m., the streets of Pearl Harbor will flourish with events and activities aimed to please everyone.

Event admission is free and open to military-affiliated and DoD personnel, family members and their sponsored guests.

The streets fronting Bravo pier will be open only to foot traffic for the celebration. Highlights will include:

- The stand-up stylings of comedian Jay Mohr – of "Jerry McGuire", "Saturday Night Live" and "Last Comic Standing" fame.
- Live music by the Pacific Fleet Big Band, along with local favorites iNoA'oLe and Natural Vibrations.
- RIMPAC "Battle of the Bands" winner performs.
- Exotic car and late model displays from JN Chevrolet and the Hawaii Corvette Association.
- Lex Brodie's "Show and Shine."
- IXWF wrestling — matches at 4 and 6 p.m.
- Remote control car races and demonstrations.
- PHFCU/AIG Wheel of Fortune.
- Demonstration by the Hawaii Academy National Trampoline Team.
- Unique local arts and craft booths by "Made in Hawaii."
- An authentic Chinese lion dance by the Au's Shaolin Arts Society.
- Aerial fireworks spectacular beginning at 9:15 p.m., presented by the world-famous Grucci family.



U.S. Navy photo

There will be several activities for everyone in the family to enjoy, including the inflatable joust game.

Other activities include prize giveaways, including three complete travel packages for two to Las Vegas, carnival games, food booths, a petting zoo, sumo wrestling in the big ring, an Hawaiian Islanders cheerleader appearance, paintball, Fly-HI

Activities include:

- 2:00 - 4:00 p.m. - Tour of USS Chosin (CG 65) at Bravo Pier 25 across from Chapel
- 2:30 p.m.- Hawaii Academy National Trampoline Team Demonstration
- 3:00 p.m.- Remote Control Car Demonstrations
- 3:30 p.m.- Pacific Fleet Big Band
- 4:00 p.m.- IXWF Amateur Wrestling
- 4:30 p.m.- RIMPAC Battle of the Bands Winner's Performance
- 4:30 p.m.- Hawaii Academy National Trampoline Team Demonstration
- 5:00 p.m.- Au's Shaolin Chinese Lion Dance
- 5:00 p.m.- Remote Control Car Demonstrations
- 5:30 p.m.- iNoA'oLe (contemporary Hawaiian music)
- 6:00 p.m.- IXWF Amateur Wrestling
- 6:30 p.m.- Hawaii Academy National Trampoline Team Demonstration
- 6:45 p.m.- Natural Vibrations (reggae band)
- 8:00 p.m.- The stand-up stylings of Jay Mohr--comedian and host of NBC's "Last Comic Standing"
- 9:15 p.m.- Spectacular Fireworks Display

trampoline and climbing wall, pony rides and a variety of keiki and adult rides and inflatables by Xtreme Fun.

A schedule with activity times and locations will be available at the event and on the MWR Website, www.greatlife-hawaii.com. All activities are subject to change without notice.

Presented by Navy Region Hawaii MWR, this event is part of MWR's continuing effort to provide enhanced quality of life programs to Sailors and their family members.

For more information on the July 4th Block Party, visit the MWR Website at www.greatlife-hawaii.com or call 473-0606.



U.S. Navy photo

Watch and cheer the wrestlers from the IXWF Amateur Wrestling in the ring at the July 4th Block Party. There will be many other entertainment venues for the family from 2:30- 9:15p.m.



U.S. Navy photo

Keikis get a chance to crawl climb, and jump around in the inflatables by Xtreme Fun. There will be an assortment of keiki and adult activities available.



U.S. Navy photo

Patrons at the July 4th Block Party can enjoy a variety of fare from vendors across Oahu. Food booths will be set up throughout the event.

Be safe over this holiday weekend

Commentary
Capt. Ronald R. Cox

Commander,
Navy Region
Hawai'i and



Commanding officer, Naval
Station Pearl Harbor

Happy Fourth of July, shipmates. I'd like to take this chance to put to rest a rumor and put out some information I think is important for all of you.

First of all, welcome to all our friends who are here for the RIMPAC exercise. I hope you all enjoy your time in Hawai'i. It really is the best homeport in the Navy.

I'm sure many of you will take advantage of the lush beauty of the islands and get out on one of the many offerings that MWR has lined up for RIMPAC.

While in port and at sea, everyone needs to remember that safety is everyone's job. While you're out this holiday weekend, watch out for your shipmates.

When you're at sea, stay alert and safe. RIMPAC is a great opportunity to learn how we in the U.S. Navy and how other navies around the world operate.

Whether this is your first RIMPAC or you've done this for a couple of decades, we can all learn from each other. While in port, maintain that sense of safety and continue to act as shipmates.

Remember that drinking and driving is never an option. Call The Cab or take The Bus to get into and out of town. If you do go out in

town to have a few drinks and need to get back, share a cab ride with your friends.

The same goes for those of you who are stationed here. Do not drink and drive. That is not simply a suggestion. That is a mandate. Do not drink and drive.

Look out for your visiting shipmates, both foreign and domestic.

We're all on the same team — trying to make the world a safe place for us and for our families. When the time comes, do the right thing.

When you do get behind the wheel, remember to buckle up. Even if there's no Click it or Ticket campaign, using a seatbelt just makes good sense.

We've lost too many shipmates because people just didn't take the five seconds needed to buckle their seat belts.

Also, once you're out on the road, drive cautiously. There's no reason to race around the freeways. If someone passes you, let them go.

If you decide to chase and pass and play that kind of game, you'll only prove you're as dumb as that driver who passed you improperly in the first place. Let it go. It's not that big a deal.

Bottom line — be safe. Be safe both on the water and shore. Have a good time, but be smart about it. Know where you are and keep your buddies close.

As far as the rumor goes, I've heard that July 5 is a day off. I'm not sure who started that idea or how far it has circulated, but I'm here to say it's true.

Enjoy the weekend.

Hawai'i Sailors 'talk story

Lt.j.g. Laura Reshetar

Although she claims she "isn't really a swimmer," Lt.j.g. Laura Reshetar donned a bathing suit and cap and jumped right in with her teammates to compete in the RIMPAC swim meet.

The 24-year-old Reading, Pa native is here at Pearl Harbor for RIMPAC activities aboard the USS Rushmore (LSD 47), stationed at San Diego.

The Swim Meet was held Tuesday morning at 9 a.m. at Scott Pool.

"We had a really good showing out here today," said Reshetar. "We have enlisted and officers, male and female. I think we'll do really well."

Competing in the 200 individual medley relay, Reshetar said what she enjoys most about activities like this is the opportunity to meet people.

"It's fun to see everybody out here. There are teams

from all over the place," said Reshetar.

A graduate of the Naval Academy in Annapolis, Md, Reshetar obtained her degree in political science with a minor in Russian.

"I have been to Russia twice, and lived with a family for a month each time through the Naval Academy," she explained.

The opportunity to travel to Russia is only one of the positive experiences Reshetar has had during her two years in the Navy.

"The Navy has taken me places and set me up for life," she said. "I've had so many different experiences. I can't name another job where you have this much interaction with so many different people on a daily basis."

Her co-workers aboard the U.S.S. Rushmore are a large part of why Reshetar so enjoys Navy life.

"The people are great. We

Vital statistics

Name:

Laura Reshetar

Hometown:

Reading, Pa.

Duty station:

USS Rushmore (LSD 47)

Job:

M division officer

Favorite part of the job:

opportunity to meet people



Photo by Kamie Allmon

Lt.j.g. Laura Reshetar takes a swim at Scott Pool during a RIMPAC swim competition.

have a lot of hard workers in our division. There is so much satisfaction in having people work really hard for you," Reshetar said.

Reshetar lives a very active lifestyle, including running and participating in triathlons. She was also a member of the diving team at the Naval Academy. Competing in the

swim meet will not be her only RIMPAC activity; she is also a member of the Rushmore volleyball team.

Arriving in Hawaii only Monday, Reshetar is excited about getting out and seeing the sights of the island.

"I'd like to do a lot of hiking, and definitely hit the beach," she said.

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CARAT Brunei comes to close

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The Brunei phase of exercise Cooperation Afloat Readiness and Training (CARAT) came to a ceremonial close June 25 aboard USS Fort McHenry (LSD 43).

"CARAT Brunei was a safe exercise and tremendous success, thanks to the efforts of the U.S. and Royal Brunei navies, as well as the planning teams," said Capt. Buzz Little, commander of Destroyer Squadron 1 and the CARAT Task Group. Little addressed a group of about 30 U.S. and Royal Brunei Navy (RBN) officers, including the commanding officers of the nine CARAT Brunei ships who attended the ceremony.

One highlight of the five-day exercise was the one-day underway phase when a combined RBN/USN staff embarked on USS Russell (DDG 59).

For the first time in the history of CARAT Brunei, the portable allied command, control and communications terminal (PAC3T) system helped bridge the communications gap between the two navies during the underway phase.

PAC3T, installed ashore at RBN headquarters, offered a real-time data link



U.S. Navy photo by JOC Melinda Larson

The guided missile destroyer USS McCampbell (DDG 85) is maneuvered by a tug as the ship gets underway for the at-sea portion of the Brunei phase of exercise Cooperation Afloat Readiness and Training (CARAT). CARAT is a regularly scheduled series of bilateral military training exercises with several Southeast Asia nations, designed to enhance the interoperability of the respective sea services.

between ships, shore and certain aircraft. RBN leadership and personnel were also introduced to the advantages of the Combined Enterprise Regional Information Exchange (CENTRIX) system through demonstrations aboard U.S. CARAT task group ships. CENTRIX is the global

architecture in use by U.S. Central Command and the U.S. Pacific Command that allows U.S. forces to share information and operational planning with allies.

While the cutting-edge communications technology served as a useful tool in accomplishing exercise goals, successful inter-oper-

ability was achieved through practical training operations.

"Our true success was earmarked through at-sea exercises, including, but not limited to, the successful Banshee firings, pier-side boarding, tactical free play, flight operations and diving operations," said Little.

Another first for CARAT Brunei was the presence of two of the most advanced platforms in the world – the Arleigh Burke-class, guided-missile destroyers, Russell and USS McCampbell (DDG 85).

"The guided-missile destroyers played a significant role during CARAT's tactical evolutions and benefited U.S. and Bruneian sailors and officers alike," Little said.

The Brunei phase, which began June 21, was the second in the five-part CARAT series. Other phases this year included Thailand, Malaysia and the Philippines.

The Singapore phase was conducted May 31-June 11. While each country's phase differed based on the desires of CARAT partners, the general focus was on inter-operability of sea services in areas such as operational planning, command and control, tactics, logistics support and community service projects.

With the U.S. Coast Guard Cutter Mellon (WHEC 717) a participant this year, maritime law enforcement was also a focal point of the exercise.

"Accompanied by RBN Sailors and officers, the Coast Guard cutter Mellon took part in successful maritime law enforcement training. This training demonstrates our navies'

commitment to not only sharing information and situational awareness, but also the common goal of securing international seas and channels of commerce," Little said.

According to the commodore, the ultimate victory was the personal relationships built during CARAT Brunei that will pave the way for the future.

"It was the personal interactions, professionalism and mutual respect that laid the groundwork for future generations of our navies to enhance joint training and seamless interoperability," he said.

Brunei Darussalam, an Islamic state, is located on the northwest coast of Borneo, bordered on the north by the South China Sea and has a population of approximately 350,000.

The U.S. CARAT Task Group, under the leadership of Commodore Little, was made up of Mellon, Fort McHenry, Russell, McCampbell and the rescue and salvage ship, USS Salvor (ARS 52).

Other elements, including an SH-60 Seahawk and P-3C Orion aircraft, also took part in the Brunei phase of CARAT. Royal Brunei Navy ships participating included the missile gunboats KDB Waspada and KDB Seteria, as well as the coastal patrol craft KDB Pemburu and KDB Perwira.

Reuben James 'attacked' by Hawai'i Air National Guard

Lt. j.g. Nathan Christensen

Reuben James
Public Affairs

While underway off the northern coast of Oahu in June, USS Reuben James (FFG 57) had the opportunity to participate in an anti-aircraft warfare detect-to-engage (DTE) sequence with two Air Force F-15s from the Hawaii Air National Guard (ANG).

The two pilots from the ANG, call sign Steek 21 and Mye Tie 11, overflew Reuben James and helped to make the training evolution possible.

For many onboard, it was the first time to participate in such an exercise with real-life aircraft.

John Pienkowski, Reuben James' combat systems officer, and Lt. j.g. William Wilson, fire control officer, arranged for the F-15s to overfly and simulate an attack on Reuben James.

"While several simulations have been performed involving DTEs during the ship's inter-deployment training cycle (IDTC), it has been a long time since an authentic DTE has been performed," said Wilson.

During the ship's IDTC, DTEs and other simulated exercises are conducted with an onboard trainer (OBT) for watchstanders and provide several different types of training scenarios.

Fire Controlman 2nd Class (SW) Jay Metzger's watch station for the DTE was weapons control officer (WCO). Along with the tactical action officer (TAO), Metzger was responsible for the detection, tracking and simulated engagement of the two F-15s.

"For me to experience this simulated attack with real aircraft was unreal," said Metzger. "Hearing the roar of the jet engines overhead and simultaneously overflown made this some of the best training we have ever done here on Reuben James."



U.S. Navy photo by Lt. j.g. Nathan Christensen

An F-15 from the Hawai'i Air National Guard simulates an attack on the USS Reuben James (FFG 57) during anti-aircraft warfare direct-to-engage exercises.

USS Crommelin comes of age

Lt. j.g. Don Beaucage

USS Crommelin

Public Affairs

The crew of USS Crommelin (FFG 37) took time out from its counter narcotics patrol and celebrated the ship's twenty-first birthday June 20. Many members of Crommelin's crew were on hand to cut the cake. Joining the commanding officer and, by tradition, were the youngest and oldest members of the crew. Seaman Brandon C. Johnson and Chief Fire Controlman Lon Walters.

"She looks like she just rolled off the line," said Donald D. Hodge, commanding officer. "Be proud of this!" The captain credited the men and women serving aboard for the excellent material condition of Crommelin, stating the ship was but a reflection of its crew.

USS Crommelin was commissioned June 18, 1983 at Todd Pacific Shipyard in Seattle, Wash. Twenty-one years and 12 overseas deployments later, the ship has scored a number of firsts for the U.S. Navy and Destroyer Squadron 31, including first guided missile frigate to successfully engage a high-speed maneuvering aircraft with missiles, first ship to complete an operational deployment with the light airborne multi-purpose system (LAMPS) MK III utilizing SH-60B helicopters, first FFG to deploy with two LAMPS MK III helicopters embarked, first ship in Pearl Harbor to surge-certify for combat operations prior to a scheduled shipyard availability and the first ship in Pearl Harbor to hoist the enlisted surface warfare specialist pennant.

To date, USS Crommelin has earned more than 30 awards, including: five Battle Efficiency Awards, one Navy Expeditionary Award, two Navy Unit Commendations and two Navy Meritorious Unit Commendations, but the title the crew is most proud of is that of "hardest-working ship in the Navy."

After the cake-cutting and comments, Chief

Boatswains Mate Edward Marrerotero read a poem, written by Boatswains Mate 3rd Class William N. Caughlin of Plymouth, Massachusetts. The poem reads:

The sun sets over the ocean blue,

As day becomes night over the Crommelin crew,

The war we fight is for the kids of our land,

To save their young minds, if not now, they will soon understand,

We protect our shores, with no intent to kill,

But if you test our strength, then you know we will,

We search the sea not to start a fight,

But to better this world, and to do what's right,

We are brothers and united we stand,

Just like this great country and its beautiful land,

Drug lords and terrorist, you're all the same,

One thing you must realize, we run this game,

So keep your drugs and your crazy ways,

For in God we trust and hell we raise,

We said good-bye to our children, parents, and wives,

And I'm happy we did 'cause we're out to save some lives,

We are the Crommelin crew and that is our label,

Warriors of the sea who are willing and able,

And soon we will be home with the ones we fight for,

And they will welcome us with open arms, knowing it's their freedom we endure,

Just like the sunset it will always rise,

And fill the Crommelin with light and strength until the enemy dies.

The Crommelin crew gave a round of applause after Marrerotero finished his rendition of Caughlin's poem.

The crew then sang "Happy Birthday" to the ship, the cake was sliced into portions, and the brief ceremony was concluded.

Several crew members opined the ship should have had champagne poured on its bow since she was now twenty-one, but drinking at sea is not allowed in the U.S. Navy.

Checking out the hot rods at the NEX



Photo by Amiee Huepenbecker

An NEX patron checks out a car at the second annual Pearl Harbor Auto show June 26. The NEX and MWR presented the Auto show which featured almost 100 vintage, classic, rod and muscle cars from all over the island. The event also featured live entertainment, kids' activities, food and giveaways. Prizes went to the owners of the favorite cars, as judged by auto show attendees.

Missing Hornet pilot listed as deceased

Marine Corps Air Station Beaufort Public Affairs

An F/A-18A Hornet pilot involved in a mishap June 26 aboard USS Harry S. Truman (CVN 75) has been listed as deceased.

Marine Capt. Franklin R. Hooks II, 32, of Dade City, Fla. was assigned to Marine Fighter Attack Squadron (VMFA) 115, Marine Aircraft Group 31, which was conducting flight operations off Truman in the eastern Atlantic Ocean

approximately 60 miles south of the Azores. Search and recovery efforts for Hooks were unsuccessful.

A 14-year veteran of the military, Hooks was married but did not have any children. Having enlisted in the U.S. Navy in 1990, he graduated from the U.S. Naval Academy in 1997 and had been stationed here since December 2001. He flew combat missions in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom as a member of VMFA-115 "Silver Eagles" during their deployment

aboard Truman from December 2002 to May 2003.

Hooks' awards and decorations include the Air Medal, a Navy/Marine Corps Commendation Medal with a Combat "V" for valor, an Armed Forces Service Medal, an Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal, the National Defense Service Medal (two awards) and a Sea Service Deployment Ribbon.

A memorial service for Hooks will be held June 30 aboard Harry S. Truman.



U.S. Navy photo by PHAN Ryan O'Connor
The Nimitz-class aircraft carrier USS Harry S. Truman (CVN 75) transits along the east coast while participating in Summer Pulse 2004.

Plans for a local memorial service will be announced at a later time.

5 Vector Model version 4 now online

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Naval Personnel Development Command Public Affairs

Version four of the 5 Vector Model (5VM) was released Monday, just one year after the first rating models went live, bringing the total to 64 models being used by over 250,000 Sailors.

The initial ratings to go live on Navy Knowledge Online (NKO) were information technology specialist (IT), aerographer's mate (AG) and mess management specialist (now culinary specialist [CS]).

"The work being done today is the realization of that original vision that we set out to achieve one year

ago," said Master Chief Petty Officer of the Navy (SS/AW) Terry Scott. "Our focus is on growing individuals from the moment they walk into a recruiting office through their assignments as master chiefs or flag officers, using a career continuum of training and education that gives them the tools they need to operate in an increasingly demanding and dynamic environment."

Eight surface engineering ratings (damage controlman, machinist's mate, electrician's mate, engineman, gas turbine system technician electrical and mechanical, machinery repairman, and hull technician) are slated to go live next, leaving 11 more to complete the enlisted phase.

Once all enlisted models

are live, the effort will shift to bringing models online for each of the commissioned communities. Currently, the information technology professional community is developing a prototype for that effort.

A key element in the development and refinement process is receiving feedback from end users.

Currently, the Naval Personnel Development Command (NPDC) functional integration management (N5) office, the project lead for the 5VM development and management, receives about 300 user submissions a week.

"We need all the feedback we can get to make the 5VM the most useful and usable for Sailors," said Rear Adm. Kevin Moran, commander of

NPDC. "I am very impressed by the Sailors who are engaging in this process and taking ownership of not only their 5VMs, but of their careers. This says a lot about where our Navy is going."

Sea Warrior, which is the human resource piece of Chief of Naval Operations Adm. Vern Clark's Sea Power 21 vision for the future of the U.S. Navy, is creating the most effective and robust personnel development and management resources, such as the 5VM, aimed at giving Sailors the tools and opportunities to take charge of their careers.

To learn more about Sea Warrior and the Revolution in Navy Training, visit Navy Knowledge Online at www.nko.navy.mil.



U.S. Navy photo by JOSN Ryan McCinley

Sailors can now access the Army Safety Management System to discuss traffic safety risks. The system could help alleviate some of the dangers of driving on busy highways, like the H-1 freeway here on Oahu.

Traffic-safety tool available online

Derek Nelson

Naval Safety Center Public Affairs

Navy supervisors looking for innovative ways to discuss the risks of driving have access to a new source at the Army Safety Management System (ASMIS), which has just been made available to Navy personnel.

ASMIS is an online, interactive program that guides users through a risk-analysis of a trip they plan to take on the highway. ASMIS is run by the Army Safety Center.

"It is a great tool because it gets people thinking about what they're doing," said Lt. Cmdr. Carther Jorgensen of the afloat safety programs directorate at the Naval Safety Center.

After registering at the ASMIS site, users fill in the details of their planned trip, such as starting point, destination and driving habits. Then they get a tailor-made risk analysis, along with specific guidance about steps to take to lower the risks.

"It graphically displays whether the trip is safe or dangerous," Jorgensen explained, which is keyed to a color-coded risk-management matrix.

The system also provides a wealth of helpful safety infor-

mation, covering such topics as fatigue, night driving and road rage. Another screen gives brief narratives of actual mishaps that happened during similar trips.

A key feature is that the system sends a copy of the risk analysis to the user's supervisor so that both people can discuss risks and plans and figure out ways to reduce the risks.

"It really clues leadership into what their people are doing," said Lt. Cmdr. Jerry Chapmon, who conducts traffic-safety training for shipboard supervisors during safety center surveys. "It is a great sanity check on planning."

"It is one more tool that will enable leaders to say that they've done everything they could to prevent another mishap," he added.

Users can get to ASMIS via the Army Safety Center's home page at <https://safety.army.mil>. Clicking on the banner near the top center of the page that says, "Register and log in today ARAS RMIS ASMIS-1" and "Click here to sign-in to our Web-based tools" presents an option of two buttons. The button on the right is for users who aren't Army and who don't have an Army Knowledge Online (AKO) account.

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Pulse: Exercise 'setting the standards' for Navy response time around the world

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Navy's Fleet Response Plan (FRP). FRP is designed to increase fleet readiness and provide vital combat support in times of crisis across the globe.

"The strategy of the Navy today is an appropriate response to the unpredictable world we live in," said Rear Adm. Patrick Walsh, commander, John C. Stennis Carrier Strike Group (CSG). "We can't expect to leave our home port on a date that was set a year ago on some calendar while our brothers in the Army and Marines are under fire. We have to be ready at a moment's notice, and leave for home when properly relieved."

With John C. Stennis in the Pacific, USS George Washington (CVN 73) in the Persian Gulf supporting Operation Iraqi Freedom and five other carriers deployed throughout the world, the Navy is proving its new response plan works.

"We are here to prove to ourselves that we have the kind of capability to cover the globe," said Capt. Dave Buss, Stennis' commanding officer. "In many areas we already have. We've proven that we can flex our schedule and pulse when we need to. Many Sailors feel proud to be involved in the important exercise."

"It's a massive surge," said Chief Aviation Support Equipment (AW) Technician Honorio Rongal of John C. Stennis. "To have that kind of presence on a global scale is extremely significant."

"This will show the United States and the world that if called upon, we can do it in an extremely short amount of time. That's the Navy, forward thinking - and it works," he added.

Information Systems Technician 2nd Class (SW) Jarin Udom of John C. Stennis said the ship's performance during Summer Pulse '04 is setting the standards for the way the Navy responds to an emergency.

"We're at the tip of the spear as far as testing this new plan out," said Udom. "That's important because we are able to help set the standard of something new that will eventually be the way the Navy operates, and this crew and the other CSGs involved in Pulse '04 can say we were the first."

Other than knowing they are the first CSGs involved in Summer Pulse '04, Udom said there is not much difference in their daily routine.

"Just tack on the name of another exercise that makes sure we're ready to go," said Udom. "In the IT department, we keep the network running the same as we would any other day we are underway."

The six other aircraft carriers involved in Summer Pulse '04 include: the Norfolk-based USS George Washington (CVN 73) CSG and Yokosuka, Japan-based USS Kitty Hawk (CV 63). The Florida-based USS John F. Kennedy (CV 67) CSG will begin a combined and joint exercise in early July, followed by a scheduled



U.S. Navy photo by J02 Devin Wright
An FA-18 Hornet taxis onboard USS Stennis' flight deck during flight operations in the Pacific Ocean June 27. Stennis is one of seven carrier strike groups involved in the Navy's new Fleet Response Plan Summer Pulse 2004. Summer Pulse 2004 is designed to demonstrate fleet readiness by surge deploying multiple aircraft carrier strike groups simultaneously around the globe.

overseas deployment. The Norfolk-based USS Harry S. Truman (CVN 75) CSG will conduct a scheduled training exercise, followed by overseas operations with the Norfolk-based USS Enterprise (CVN 65) CSG, beginning in early July.

USS Ronald Reagan (CVN 76) will conduct operations in the U.S. Northern Command and U.S. Southern Command theaters during the ship's interfleet transfer from Norfolk, Va., to its Pacific Fleet homeport of San Diego.

The exercise is scheduled to run through August.



U.S. Navy photo by J02 Devin Wright
An air crewman on the flight deck of USS John C. Stennis refuels an FA-18 Hornet.

SecNav to oversee enemy combatant admin review

Special release from the U.S. Department of Defense

The Department of Defense announced June 23 that Secretary of the Navy Gordon R. England has been named the designated civilian official to oversee the annual administrative review of the continued detention of enemy combatants at Guantanamo Bay Naval Base, Cuba.

As the designated civilian official, England will operate and oversee the review process to assess whether each detainee held by the Department of Defense at Guantanamo should be released, transferred or should continue to be detained.

During the review, each detainee will have an opportunity to appear in person before a board of three military officers and provide factual data to support his release.

The detainee will be provided a military officer to assist him. In addition, the review board will accept written information from the family and national government of the detainee.

Based on all of this information, as well as submissions by other U.S. government agencies, the board will make a recommendation to England who will decide whether to release, transfer or continue to detain the individual.

England has assembled a joint civilian and military team that is developing a detailed, comprehensive process to expedite the review of detainee records and establish review boards in the near future.

This process will provide an annual review of each enemy combatant and will assist DoD in fulfilling its commitment to help ensure no one is detained any longer than is warranted, and that no one is released who remains a threat to our nation's security.

Navy releases FY'05 E-7 advancement quotas

Chief of Naval Personnel Public Affairs

Competition to pin on the anchors of chief petty officer (CPO) will remain stiff, but healthy, as advancement opportunity in fiscal year 2005 stays above 20 percent.

Some 3,900 qualified first class petty officers will be selected for CPO from the board that begins deliberations June 28 in Millington, Tenn. Overall, advancement opportunity to E-7 stands at 21.9 percent, a 2.24 percent drop from the fiscal year '04 rate of 24.18 percent.

"This is just about where we want it," said Chief of Naval Personnel Vice Adm. Gerry Hoewing. "Being able to advance between 20 to 25 percent of your eligible candidates ensures you are making a quality cut of the very best leadership. With the Navy transforming to a more technologically adept, experienced and versatile workforce, we expect - and we want - greater selectivity in who puts on khaki."

The number of Sailors competing for E-7 decreased by 99 to 17,778 this year and the

number of quotas fell by 422 from the fiscal year '04 total of 4,323.

Advancement opportunity to chief has been on a decline since a high of 28 percent in 2002, but it remains well above that of the late 1990s when advancement opportunity was routinely around 10 percent.

Master Chief Petty Officer of the Navy (SS/AW) Terry Scott noted that continued high retention and the Navy's ongoing efforts to properly shape the force by reducing unnecessary workload and billets play a significant role.

"This is reflective of the fact we're becoming a more competitive work force," he said. "Our advancement system is vacancy driven and when you combine our great retention, sharp competition and eliminating unnecessary billets, it leads to fewer vacancies. We're raising the bar - the Sailors who are selected as chief petty officers, the leaders in the chief's mess, will truly be our front runners."

A full list of E-7 advancement quotas will soon be available at www.bupers.navy.mil, under advancements.

Floppers belly up at Scott Pool

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Scott Pool at Naval Station Pearl Harbor was the site for this year's RIMPAC swimming games. Sailors from all corners of the globe competed in swimming, sporting events.

One of the many swimming events held was the belly flop contest. About 20 Sailors competed to be named the RIMPAC champion belly flopper. According to Matt Kumrick, lifeguard, hitting the water at the right angle is the way to get the desired effect.

Kumrick lined up all of the potential floppers and gave them the flopper rules.

"We are looking for three things," said Kumrick. "Your body must be fully extended, your chest and stomach must hit the water first, and the most important is the loud smack as your body hits the water."

The contestants received two extra points for diving off the high board and creative contestants earned extra points.

Three judges were on the sidelines, ready to hold up their cards with their numeric scores - 10 was the highest score given by each judge. The floppers filed in one by one and occasionally a "smack" would be heard as their bodies hit the water.

After little deliberation from the judges, with a score of 9-9-9, Hmas Paramatta from the Grant Darling of Australia nailed first place.

"I've wanted to enter this competition for a very long time," said Paramatta. "I would practice belly flopping in the Pacific Ocean, so flopping off of the high board was very easy," he said, smiling and holding his trophy.

Several other RIMPAC events are scheduled throughout July. For a listing of all sporting events, see B section.



U.S. Navy photo by JOSN Cherell Gerald-Lonon

Contestant soars through the air trying to win the title Champion Belly Flopper as crowd looks on.

Columbia Spikes Lake Champlain III

Submariners sink hopes of undefeated Sailors

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The Columbia torpedoed Lake Champlain III, with an annihilation of 10-1 in the third match on Wednesday. USS Lake Champlain pulled into Pearl Harbor carrying the undefeated San Diego volleyball champions, the Lake Champlain III. Determined to bring home the trophy during a local volleyball tournament held at Pearl Harbor Racket Club volleyball court, they squashed all of their opponents.

"This is our first year playing in the RIMPAC, but we played against other ships," said volleyball captain Bradley McAnuff. "We played in two other games so far today, and we are still undefeated. We will see how it goes."

Lined up in two rows on their respective



U.S. Navy photo by IC2 (SW) George E. Huff

A Columbia player spikes into the Lake Champlain side during Wednesday's volleyball tournament.

sides of the net, USS Champlain III served the first ball to their competition from the USS Columbia. The ball went back and forth until it was hit out of bounds.

"Yeah", yells McAnuff, as he slapped hands with his teammates.

The Lake Champlain III was serious about winning the game. Bump after set

after spike they went back and forth. The game got really close. The first team to win two out of three games wins the match. Even though the Lake Champlain III was determined to bring the trophy home to San Diego. The Columbia was just as determined to keep it here in Hawai'i.

Each team won one match each. The last match would determine who would win the game.

The Columbia spanked the Lake Champlain III.

"This was our first win today" said volleyball captain Tullard Brown. "I'm really happy about our win" says Brown. "We have another game tomorrow, I'm really excited".

"We didn't win this game" said McAnuff, "but we are not out of the game yet", "we still have a good chance of winning the trophy." All of the Champlain team mates agree. "We will be back in the morning for another game and we will see how it goes." says McAnuff.

For other volleyball events during RIMPAC, see the schedule in section B.



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A player from (get team) sets up a serve during Wednesday's game in which the Columbia team destroyed the Lake Champlain team in the third of three games with a score of 10-1.