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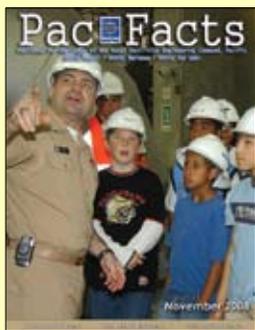


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Lt. Joshua Perry, Yokosuka assistant public works officer, explains to middle school students how the new Yokosuka co-generation

plant will help produce clean energy during International Energy Awareness Month on October 22, 2008.

(U.S. Navy photo by Yuki Toizume)

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You're invited to the NAVFAC Pacific/1st NCD Pacific holiday luncheon at the Hale Koa Hotel Waikiki Ballroom on December 11 at 11:15 a.m. (Check-in time is 10:45).

\$20 for employees. Guests - \$32.
Hotel parking - \$2.50 with validation.

Menu includes a hot buffet: pasta with asparagus and basil Alfredo sauce, beef bourguignon, and grilled mahimahi with macadamia nuts and lychee salsa.

The cold buffet includes salads, sliced tropical fruit, cheeses, smoked mahimahi, cold cuts, German-style sausages, haupia and rainbow jello. Also included are the usual delicious desserts and refreshing beverages.

Please pay your floor reps before December 1;
make out your check to:
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November dates in U.S. Naval History



November 5, 1775 - Commodore Esek Hopkins was appointed to Commander in Chief of the Continental Navy.

November 24, 1852 - Commodore Matthew Perry sailed from Norfolk, VA, to negotiate a treaty with Japan for friendship and commerce.

November 7, 1881 - The Naval Advisory Board submitted a report recommending that new ships in the U.S. Navy be constructed of steel instead of iron.

November 18, 1890 - The USS *Maine*, the first American battleship, was launched.

November 11, 1918 - An armistice ended World War I which began on June 28, 1914.

November 29, 1929 - Cmdr. Richard Byrd made the first flight over the South Pole.

November 1, 1941 - President Franklin D. Roosevelt placed the Coast Guard under the jurisdiction of the Department of the Navy for the duration of the national emergency.

November 11, 1954 - November 11 was designated as Veterans Day to honor veterans of all U.S. wars.

Marianas contracting officer receives acquisition award

U.S. Navy photo by Mass Communication Specialist 1st Class (SW) Kurt Riggs



By Don Rochon

Eugene Diaz, a contracting officer for the Naval Facilities Engineering Command (NAVFAC) Marianas, was named the General Services Administration's (GSA) winner of the prestigious 2008 Ida Ustad Award for Excellence in Acquisition in a ceremony held at the Washington Navy Yard on Oct. 27.

The annual \$5,000 award, sponsored by the GSA, recognizes an individual government employee whose actions demonstrate or embody the concept of a contract specialist as business leader-advisor, and who has a major impact on improving the acquisition process.

"This comes as a surprise but it is truly an honor to receive this recognition," said Diaz, who joined NAVFAC Marianas as an intern in 2002. "More so, it's an honor to have been surrounded by such a professional acquisition workforce in the different assignments that I supported - I extend this recognition to all of them."

Diaz is an acquisition professional working for NAVFAC Marianas in Guam. While forward-deployed to the Philippines, he served as the Administrative Contracting Officer (ACO) providing oversight of the Operations Support Contract for Joint Special Operations Task Force - Philippines (JSOTF-P). This major contract, an annual value of approximately \$30 million, encompasses 15 functional areas, ranging from air operations, morale, welfare, and recreation (MWR), facilities management, utilities, and galley services.

Bob Griffin, NAVFAC Assistant Commander for Acquisition, praised Diaz for his commitment to NAVFAC and his dedication to the principles embodied in the award. "His oversight and attention to detail are directly responsible for this award. He truly embodies

(Left) Rear Adm. Greg Shear, commander, Naval Facilities Engineering Command, presented a \$5,000 check to Eugene Diaz, recipient of the Ida Ustad award for excellence in acquisition by the General Services Administration. Diaz was nominated for his role as the administrative contracting officer providing oversight of the Operations Support Contract for Joint Special Operations Task Force - Philippines.

excellence in acquisition for NAVFAC."

As the ACO, Diaz was the on-site agent for NAVFAC and served as an advisor to the JSOTF-P, ensuring the contractor understood the command's multi-service requirements.

Diaz was the liaison between the different military services in Hawaii and the Philippines involved in the contract. He was the driving force in facilitating communications between all stakeholders and in resolving any contract interpretation issues, and was the main influence in promoting the best practices of NAVFAC operations support contracting to this remote and challenging location.

Diaz joined NAVFAC Marianas after graduating from the University of Guam with a degree in accounting. He was selected as the NAVFAC Marianas Employee of the Year in 2005, and in 2007 was assigned to temporary duty with the Marine Corps at Quantico, Va., to support the high profile Mine Resistant Ambush Protected Systems (MRAP) program.

'Action Battalion' holds reunion

By Rick Saltzman



U.S. Navy photo by Rick Saltzman

Members of the MCB 53 alumni association deployed to Waikiki for a four-day reunion in late October. This photo was taken at their banquet on Oct. 25.

Seabees who served in Vietnam in 1968 gathered for an October reunion in Waikiki. The 29 men are veterans of Mobile Construction Battalion (MCB) 53, the "Action Battalion."

The four-day event commemorated the Sailors' first deployment to the war zone more than 40 years ago. The Seabee vets visited the National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific at Punchbowl and the Arizona Memorial, and their stay included an island tour, submarine ride, luau, and a festive banquet on the last night of their reunion.

Bill Rudich, director, First Naval Construction Division Pacific, was the banquet guest speaker, and he presented a snapshot of current worldwide Seabee operations and organizational elements.

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"I an honored to be here as one who followed in

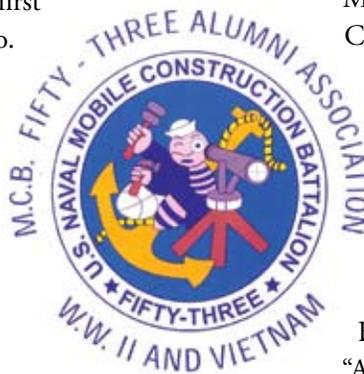
your footsteps and built upon your legacy," said Rudich. "Seabees still are hard working, dedicated individuals who can build and fight. They are, hands down, the finest expeditionary and engineering force in the Department of Defense."

MCB 53 was commissioned on Dec. 22, 1942 at Camp Allen in Norfolk, Va., and was recommissioned at Davisville, Rhode Island on June 30, 1967.

The battalion was then deployed to Danang Vietnam from Jan. to Sept. 1968 and again from March to Nov. 1969. MCB 53 was finally decommissioned at Davisville on Dec. 10, 1969.

The Waikiki gathering brought back a lot of memories "We still keep in touch," said Don Butler, one of the Seabees who attended the reunion.

"And because of the reunions, we've found a lot more friends who we knew in Vietnam. I'll always remember my Vietnamese and American friends."



Holiday ethics guidance for federal personnel

Rules to follow for parties and gift exchanges involving co-workers, supervisors, and contractors.

General Rule: The general gift rule states that federal personnel may **not** accept gifts offered because of their official positions or offered by a “prohibited source.” A prohibited source is anyone who seeks official action by the Department of Defense (DoD), does business or seeks to do business with the DoD, conducts activities regulated by the DoD, has interests that may be substantially affected by the employee’s performance of duty, or is an organization composed of such members. Prohibited sources include contractors and contractor personnel. There are a few exceptions that allow acceptance of gifts from prohibited sources; however, even when acceptance is permissible, in many instances, it may be prudent to decline gifts in order to avoid appearances of impropriety.

Holiday Parties: Free attendance at holiday parties is considered a gift.

1. *Invitation from a non-prohibited source:* Attendance is permissible if no one is charged admission.

2. *Invitation from a contractor/prohibited source:* Either decline the invitation, or consult with the Office of Counsel to determine whether an exception to the general rule would allow attendance

(e.g. qualifies as a widely attended gathering, invitation based on a bona fide personal relationship, event offered free to the general public, invitation result of outside business unrelated to government employment, etc.).

3. *Invitation from your subordinate:* You may accept personal hospitality at the residence of a subordinate that is customarily provided on the occasion.

4. *Invitations from your boss or a co-worker:* No restrictions. Enjoy!

Gifts and Gift Exchanges:

1. *Gifts to supervisors:* Supervisors may **not** accept gifts from subordinates or federal personnel who receive less pay unless an exception applies.

a. Exception #1: During the holidays, supervisors may accept gifts (other than cash) of **\$10 or less** from a subordinate.

b. Exception #2: Supervisors may accept food and refreshments shared in the office and may share in the expenses of an office party.

c. Exception #3: If subordinates are invited to a social event at the supervisor’s residence, the subordinates may give the supervisor a hospitality gift of the type and value customarily given on such an occasion.

2. *Gifts to peers or subordinates:* There are no legal restrictions; however, common sense should apply.

Some sage advice from your Ethics Counselor...



3. *Gifts to contractors/prohibited sources:* Many contractors have rules of ethics or business practices that are similar to the Federal rules and may therefore preclude the acceptance of gifts. It is advised that you check with the contractor and take these rules into consideration before offering contractor employees gifts that they may not be able to accept.

4. *Gifts from contractors/prohibited sources:* Even during the holidays, you cannot accept gifts from contractors with a fair market value above \$20. Furthermore, you cannot accept a gift if the total amount accepted from a particular contractor/prohibited source exceeds \$50 for the year. Cash gifts from contractors can never be accepted. Also, remember that it is always appropriate to reject a gift in order to avoid an appearance of impropriety.

If you have any questions, please contact your Ethics Counselor at the Office of Counsel.

Clean energy, conservation awareness focus of CFAY Energy Fair

Story and photo by Mark Elrod, CFAY Public Affairs

Commander Fleet Activities Yokosuka (CFAY) celebrated Energy Awareness Month by sponsoring an energy fair Oct. 22 in the Commissary “redbrick area.”

Clean energy is renewable energy, which replaces or replenishes itself, according to Naval Facilities Engineering Command (NAVFAC) Far East Resource Efficiency Manager Michael Gabiga.

Some examples of clean energy sources are hydro-electric, solar and wind energy.

The fair, which was more than just a celebration of Energy Awareness Month, was also held in an effort to educate the local community about “clean energy” resources.

“It’s an opportunity to bring vendors that have energy conservation strategies, products, and methods of energy conservation, and demonstrate them to local population here,” said Gabiga. “The goal is to achieve awareness and make the local citizen here aware that there are more energy efficient products available out there, like energy efficient light bulbs, which are really popular.”

Energy efficient light bulbs are among the products available at the Navy Exchange and Commissary that people can use to help save energy, money and the environment, according to Yokosuka Commissary Produce Manager Gertrude Hunt.

Changing from incandescent light bulbs to the more energy efficient compact fluorescent bulbs can lead to a tremendous amount of savings, because compact fluorescents use less energy and provide more light, according to Gabiga.

In addition to saving energy and money, the compact fluorescents have a longer life-cycle, because they last approximately 15,000 hours compared to incandescent bulbs, which only last about 6,000, according to NAVFAC Far East Resource Efficiency Manager, John Grobler.

As part of the celebration, local students from The Sullivans Elementary School got involved by displaying energy awareness posters that they had made.



Representatives of Naval Facilities Engineering Command Far East promote energy conservation by handing out information pamphlets and complementary gifts during an Energy Fair on Oct. 22.

In addition to displaying the students’ posters, members of NAVFAC Far East gave them tours of the CFAY cogeneration power plant as part of the energy fair.

The power plant is energy efficient, because it recaptures heat from natural gas engines to create steam, which, in turn, is used to create electricity and heat water for the CFAY community, according to Gabiga.

The power plant is in accordance with presidential executive order 13423, issued January 2007, which is aimed at reducing energy consumption and reducing greenhouse gasses by mandating that more widespread use of environmental management systems, according to Gabiga.

The Energy Policy Act of 2005 and Energy Independence Security Act of 2007 are other documents that NAVFAC Far East follows, which help to ensure that we decrease our dependence on fossil fuel and help keep our environment clean.

“It’s to reduce our dependency on fossil fuels and encourage more renewable energies,” said Gabiga.

“The most important part is to end our dependence on foreign oil and generate energy independence,” said Atsugi Utilities Energy Management Resource Efficiency Manager Brian Jarvis. “It provides for a secure future.”

One of the ways for Americans to learn to conserve energy is to change the way we use it.

“For instance, when I first got here to Japan, my circuit breaker in my house was only 30-amps, so I couldn’t run a microwave and an (electric) oven at the same time. If you compare that to back home where we have 250-amp service, I could run everything simultaneously, so as Americans, we are just accustomed to turning everything on and using it,” said Jarvis.

“If we change the way that we use our energy we can reduce the demand on the (ecological) system.”

“We have to look out for the future of our kids,” said Hunt. “If we just abuse our environment now, our kids will have a tougher time dealing with things. So, we might as well take care of it now.”

Know safety, no mishaps



- Clean up accumulated grease.
- Regularly clean or replace vent screens.
- Know the location and use an approved fire extinguisher or baking soda to put out small flames.
- Avoid wearing loose clothing that can get caught in flames or appliances.
- Keep the handles of pots and pans pointed toward the back of the stove top.
- Never leave a child alone when cooking.
- When using a gas stove, turn off the flame before stirring, turning, or flipping food. Turn it back on when you're done. Electric stoves remain **HOT** even after being turned off.

For more safety tips go to www.safetycenter.navy.mil/safetips/default.htm

Pro Bowl Ticket Pre-Sale Event - The 2009 Pro Bowl comes to Hawaii on Sunday, Feb. 8 at Aloha Stadium. Be sure to take advantage of ITT's ticket pre-sale for good seats at great prices. For more information, visit your nearest ITT location or call 473-0792.



Free Turkey Drawing - Stop by any pool before Nov. 20 to fill out an entry slip to win a turkey. Drawing will be on Friday, Nov. 21 and six lucky winners will take home a turkey!

Winter Camps for Youth - Spend winter break with MWR. With locations at Catlin Clubhouse, Rainbow Bay Marina, Bloch Arena and others, take your pick for an awesome adventure. Online registration begins in November. Visit www.greatlifehawaii.com to register or call 421-1556.

Turkey Shoot Basketball Tournament - Gather your friends and family for a little competitive fun Friday, Nov. 28 through Sunday, Nov. 30. Participation is open to those 18 years and older. The cost is \$175 per team. For more information, call MWR athletics at 473-2494.

Outdoor Adventure Center - Join the center for some fun in the sun. November events include hiking, kayaking, snorkeling, fishing, biking and surfing. Activities are open to all eligible MWR patrons including active duty, reservists, retirees, DoD civilian employees and their family members. For more information, call 473-1198.

Free Fitness Incentive Program - Sign up now and get in shape with the fitness incentive program. This fun, easy program will help you stay healthy and fit by tracking workout time, blood pressure and weight through our website. Progression is tracked on-line according to the number of hours exercised. Sign up at www.greatlifehawaii.com.

Quick bites...

There's nothing you've ever been successful at that you didn't work on every day.

-- Will Smith

You campaign in poetry; you govern in prose.

-- Mario Cuomo

Heroes and winners aren't the same thing.

-- Michael Kevin Farrell

The best way to have a good idea is to have lots of ideas.

-- Linus Pauling



INNOVATIVE HALLOWEEN COSTUMES - (Left) NAVFAC Hawaii's Sherri Kingsbury, and her cousin, NAVFAC Pacific's Patti Sakihara, masqueraded during the day on Oct. 31 as common access cards, with dates and bar codes changed, of course!

Awards and Recognition



(Right) Capt. Bret Muilenburg, commanding officer, NAVFAC Hawaii, awarded the Meritorious Service Medal to Cmdr. Michael Zucchero for achievements as public works officer, Naval Station Pearl Harbor, NAVFAC Hawaii from July 2005 to Nov. 2008. Zucchero executed an annual \$160 million facilities sustainment, modernization and restoration program while simultaneously improving safety programs and process innovation. Zucchero retired from the Navy during the Oct. 6 ceremony aboard the USS Missouri.

(U.S. Navy photo by Denise Emsley)

NAVFAC Hawaii's Ensign Nathan Chenarak was recently promoted to Lt. j.g. His wife, Jacky, participated by removing her husband's ensign shoulder boards and replacing them with shiny, new boards.

(U.S. Navy photo by Denise Emsley)



(Left) Rear Adm. James Kelly, commander U.S. Naval Forces, Japan, recognized Akira Kurihara, technical engineer, Public Works Department Atsugi for supporting the Japan Paralympics cycling team since the 1990s. Kurihara helped the team achieve one gold, three silver and two bronze medals at the XIII Summer Paralympic Games held in Beijing, China, in September 2008. (From the left) Kelly, Kurihara, Capt. Justin Cooper, commanding officer, Naval Air Facility Atsugi, and Capt. Christopher Kiwus, commanding officer, NAVFAC Far East.

(U.S. Navy photo by Mass Communication Specialist 1st Class John Yoder)



Kiwus presented Mike Fletcher, production line coordinator, Base Support Vehicle & Equipment (BSV&E), with a trophy for winning the fiscal year 2008 Robert V. Ronick Navy Fleet Manager of the Year for a BSV&E large fleet. Fletcher managed oversight of 900 pieces of civil engineering support equipment, from light and heavy vehicles to mobile cranes, in support of the 7th Fleet, Fleet Activities, Yokosuka and NAVFAC Far East. The award was first presented at the Navy transportation worldwide conference in Dallas, Texas on June 23.

(U.S. Navy photo by Yasuko Nakamura)



Muilenburg promoted Ensign Nathan Deunk to Lt. j.g. on Oct. 17. Deunk is assistant public works officer, Public Works Department, Barking Sands, Kauai.

(U.S. Navy photo by Wanda Aranaydo)



(Right) Rear Adm. Michael Giorgione, commander, NAVFAC Pacific, presented the Meritorious Civilian Service Medal on Oct. 20 to Asset Management's Brad Davis, director, Public-Private Ventures Division, for his contributions to the command from Sept. 2003 to May 2008. Davis and his team played an integral role in the successful privatization of Hawaii's portfolio of 6,500 military homes, as they met numerous challenges of this innovative program, from the initiation of exclusive negotiations with the selected PPV partner to the execution of many business agreements.



(Left) Giorgione presented the Meritorious Civilian Service Medal on Oct. 21 to David Coker, assistant counsel, for serving as legal advisor to the Defense Policy Review Initiative (DPRI) Integrated Product Team (IPT), responsible for planning the move of U.S. Marine Corps personnel and families from Okinawa, Japan to Guam. Coker's legal support enabled the IPT to progress quickly with confidence in their assigned mission of executing this challenging and complex initiative. Coker recently accepted the position of counsel, U.S. Naval Forces Japan.

(U.S. Navy photos by Rick Saltzman)



Retired Navy Civil Engineer Corps officers and their families posed with NAVFAC Hawaii Self-Help Seabees while visiting NAVFAC Pacific on Oct. 16. Behind them is the Seabee mascot, which normally rests high above NAVFAC Pacific and 1st Naval Construction Division Pacific headquarters at Makalapa. The Seabee mascot is being refurbished by the Self-Help 'Bees at Pearl Harbor. Lois Wilson (in black standing beneath the mascot's Sailor cap), received a plaque from the Self-Help Seabees moments earlier for her support of the Bee's upgrade.

Length of service certificates



Giorgione recognized members of the ohana for their federal service during the awards ceremony on October 20. Receiving certificates for 15 years of service were (from the left) Kenneth Racette, Jr. and Lori Chang, and 10 years - Annette Tijerina .

20 years

Mark Brandon, Helen Kam, and Barbara Samson.



25 years

Don Rochon, Donald Murata, and Penny Torres



30 and 35 years

Noren Kawakami (30), Viki Nakamoto (35), and Steven Yoeshige (30).



40 years - Glenn Higuchi.

Also, Juel Van Blarcom, program assistant, and Floria Pang, director, Small and Disadvantaged Business Office, received Star Awards from the NAVFAC Small Business Program Office.



Marine Corps Base Hawaii and Forest City Military Communities Hawaii celebrated the completion of 10 new homes on Oct. 15 at the base's Kapoho neighborhood (formerly called Hillside). Resident Officer in Charge of Construction Kaneohe Bay provided construction oversight for the public-private venture project. (From the left) Greg Rapp, director of property management, Forest City Hawaii, residents Cmdr. Michael and Mrs. Kristin Johansson, Col. Robert Rice, commanding officer, Marine Corps Base Hawaii, and Ian Lange, director of construction, Forest City Hawaii.



U.S. Navy photo by Rick Saltzman



U.S. Navy photo by Yasuko Nakamura

Ikego family housing residents now have a shorter walk to the Keikyu Jinmuji train station. Commander Fleet Activities, Yokosuka (CFAY) and Zushi city celebrated the opening of the Ikego pedestrian bridge and a new automated ticket gate at Jinmuji station on Oct. 1. (From the left) Mitsuo Furuoya, the Kanagawa Prefecture governor's special assistant, Toshio Saito, South Kanto defense bureau director, Ryoichi Hirai, Zushi city mayor, Capt. Daniel Weed, CFAY commanding officer, Toyoaki Koike, Keikyu Kanazawa Bunko station master, and Senior Chief Culinary Specialist Francine Griffith, CFAY Ikego Housing Complex, cut the ribbon for the pedestrian bridge.

(Left) Muilenburg presented a letter of appreciation and a Small Business Program Office acrylic star to Nanette Castro for outstanding performance as the deputy for small business for NAVFAC Hawaii.



(Left) Muilenburg presented Raymond Kalawe, product line coordinator, NAVFAC Hawaii Base Support Vehicle & Equipment, with the March 2008 NAVFAC Innovator Award for his introduction of a mobile crane simulator at NAVFAC Hawaii.

NAVFAC *around* the globe...



Nimitz Boulevard at Commander Fleet Activities Yokosuka is being excavated to improve the flow of heavy vehicular and pedestrian traffic at the Nimitz and Howard intersection. The area is particularly busy when the aircraft carrier George Washington is in port. NAVFAC Far East is administering the \$950,000 project near berth 12 that also includes new drainage and a sidewalk.

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