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## CELEBRATIONS, TREE PLANTINGS, AND OTHER ACTIVITIES DELIVER PARTNERSHIP MESSAGE

**M**uch like the rest of the U.S. military and coalition forces that continue the fight in Afghanistan and Iraq, the Navy and Marine Corps have weathered long-extended deployment schedules thus far in 2004. This increased operational tempo has created personal challenges for Sailors and Marines as well as their families, but is seen as a critical part of providing stabilization for the growth of democracy.

While defending America against terrorism and other threats, as well as maintaining the freedom of the high seas, remain the primary mission of the Department of the Navy, the sea services work hard year-round to minimize their impacts on the environment while performing that mission. Each spring, Navy and Marine Corps commands worldwide celebrate their many environmental accomplishments by participating in Earth Day activities.

For 2004, the Navy Earth Day theme was “Celebrating Successful Partnerships,” recognizing the importance of ongoing collaboration among Navy, Marine Corps, industry, government, academic, and nonprofit organizations. The following pages offer summaries of some of the Earth Day-related events and celebrations that Navy and Marine Corps commands hosted and/or participated in this year, and this theme shines through in many of the activities mentioned.



Children attending Navy Earth Day 2004 at the Navy Memorial in Washington, DC encounter EQ Pelican, the Navy's environmental quality mascot.

Washington, DC photos by C. Kurt Holter



Tea Clemons makes a bird feeder with bread, peanut butter and bird seed during the Earth Day celebration at Naval Base Ventura County (NBVC), CA.

Photo by PH3 Shane Hadlick

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## U.S. NAVY MEMORIAL CELEBRATION

Navy and Marine Corps commands, partnering organizations, and senior leaders participated in the 5th annual Navy Earth Day celebration at the U.S. Navy Memorial in Washington, DC on Wednesday, April 28. Commands and partners that participated with display booths were as follows:

- Chief of Naval Operations Environmental Readiness Division (CNO N45)
- Naval Facilities Engineering Command (NAVFAC)
- Department of the Navy Energy Program
- Naval Air Systems Command (NAVAIR)
- Naval Sea Systems Command (NAVSEA)
- NAVSEA Supervisor of Salvage and Diving (SUPSALV)
- Office of Naval Research (ONR)
- Naval District Washington (NDW)
- Naval Supply Systems Command/Naval Inventory Control Point Mechanicsburg (NAVSUP/NAVICP)
- Marine Corps Environmental
- Consortium for Oceanographic Research and Education (C.O.R.E.)
- Coastal America

For visitors, each booth handed out educational materials about the environment and explained how their organizations' respective goals and programs tie into environmental conservation efforts.

Public Works Center Washington (PWCWASH) brought several alternative fuel vehicles to the event, demonstrating the Navy's commitment to fuel-efficient technology. General

Motors (GM) participated in the Navy Memorial Earth Day for the first time this year, showcasing a prototype hydrogen fuel cell car.

High-level military officials in attendance at the event included the Honorable H.T. Johnson, then-Assistant Secretary of the Navy for Installations and Environment (ASN I&E); Marine Corps Brigadier General Willie J. Williams, Assistant Deputy Commandant, Installations and Logistics (Facilities); Donald Schregardus, Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Navy for Environment (DASN E); Connie DeWitte, Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Navy for Safety (DASN S); and William Mattheis, then-Acting Director, Chief of Naval Operations Environmental Readiness Division (CNO N45). John Howard, the Federal Environmental Executive, also attended.

Mr. Johnson gave welcoming remarks. He mentioned that people often think of Earth Day as April 22, but that around the world, the event is celebrated on various days.



H.T. Johnson (then-ASN I&E) gives welcoming remarks.



H.T. Johnson (then-ASN I&E) talks with Paul C. Hubbell (Deputy Assistant Deputy Commandant for Installations and Logistics, Headquarters U.S. Marine Corps).



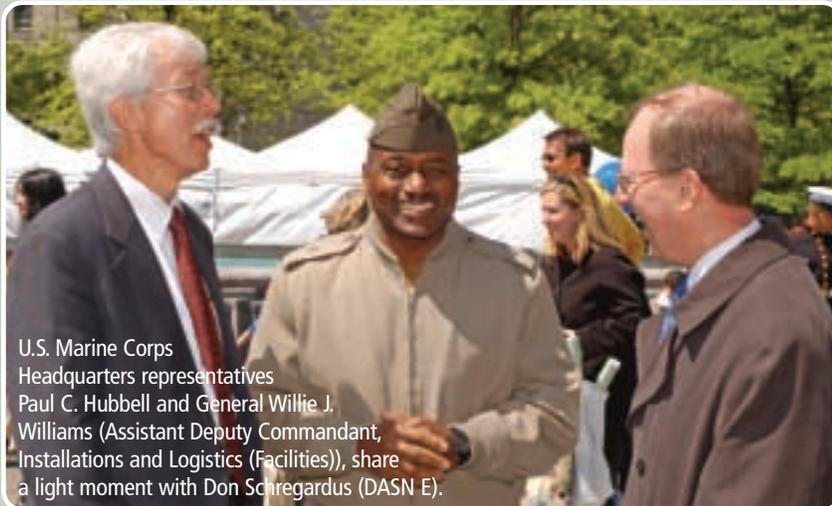
William Mattheis (then-Acting CNO N45), Megan Weaver (ASN I&E office), Don Schregardus (DASN E), and John Howard (Federal Environmental Executive) chat prior to the band performance.



The Navy Band Cruisers rock ensemble.



Justin Wilson, LCDR Brian Lawrence, and Patrick Cruz, representing the U.S. Navy Supervisor of Salvage, stand ready to greet visitors.



U.S. Marine Corps Headquarters representatives Paul C. Hubbell and General Willie J. Williams (Assistant Deputy Commandant, Installations and Logistics (Facilities)), share a light moment with Don Schregardus (DASN E).



Students from Saint Peter's Interparish School pose with Navy Earth Day activity guides.

## A SAMPLING OF 2004 NAVY

# earth day events

- Tree plantings
- Display booths
- Base trash pickups
- Fish restocking
- School visits
- 5K runs
- Kids craft corners
- Coloring activities
- Band concerts
- Poster contests
- Drain stenciling
- River/beach cleanups
- Bird banding
- School partnering programs
- Ecology fairs
- Award ceremonies
- Slogan contests
- Earth festivals
- Base nature tours
- Mascot appearances
- Hot dog fundraisers
- Emergency response demos
- Dumpster diving
- Habitat restoration projects
- Recycling center tours
- Sculpture contests
- Newspaper Earth Day quizzes
- Base flower plantings

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“[The Navy] is global in scope—we’re literally spread out all over the world,” he said. “We are fortunate to celebrate Earth Day on many days.”

In light of the 2004 Navy Earth Day theme of “Celebrating Successful Partnerships,” he offered a special thanks to Coastal America and the Consortium for Ocean Research and Education (C.O.R.E). He thanked General Motors for participating, and stated that the Navy is working with GM and Ford to explore the possibility of using fuel cells for base transportation and other purposes.

Mr. Johnson also spoke about the Department of Navy (DON) investment in marine mammal research, and the DON’s interface with ocean-oriented government and non-government entities.

“We spend over nine million dollars each year to develop a better understanding of how marine mammals hear, and what we can do to minimize our effects on them and their habitat without compromising the lives of our Sailors and Marines,” he said. “Touching again on partnerships, we are working with Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution, the National Atmospheric and Oceanographic Administration Fisheries Office, and other government and academic organizations to accomplish this goal.”

Following Mr. Johnson’s remarks, the Navy Band “Cruisers” rock ensemble performed a one-hour concert, an upbeat mix of classic rock tunes and some funky, jazzy standards.

Another highlight of the day was the annual “Passport Challenge” competition for kids, run by Tanya Courtney (NAVFAC). Students from Saint Peter’s Interparish School in Washington, DC participated, receiving special passport booklets and visiting each booth to get the answers to environmental questions. Volunteer activity guides from the George Washington University Naval Reserve Officer Training Corps (NROTC) and Naval District Washington (NDW) coached the children to collect passport stickers or stamps and receive special prizes. Following the event, children from Virginia Maschack’s first grade class sent letters of thanks along with creative drawings of Earth Day-related themes.

Military mascots were out in full force for the DC celebration. EQ Pelican, Navy’s Environmental Quality mascot; Les the WRAPS Turtle, NAVSUP’s mascot for the WRAPS (Waste Reduction Afloat Protects the Sea) program; and Chesty Bulldog, the Marine Corps mascot, met children and other visitors throughout the day.



Honor, from Ms. Maschick’s class, was among the students who sent letters and artwork following the U.S. Navy Memorial Earth Day event.



CS1 (SW) Andre Harris guides students during the Passport Challenge.



St. Peter’s students get into the activities at the DC event.



Kathi Jones (NFESC), offers an award-winning issue of Currents.



Les the WRAPS Turtle, Chesty Bulldog and his handler, and EQ Pelican gather for a mascot group shot.



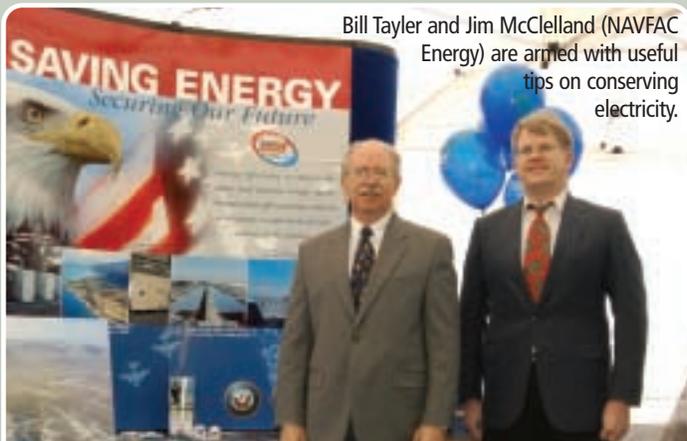
Visitors scope out the General Motors hydrogen fuel cell van and PWCWASH alternative fuel vehicles at the U.S. Navy Memorial.



Students look for clues as LCDR Tricia Samora (USMC LFL-6) describes the Marine Corp's recycling efforts.



Students get help with creative "fish art" at the Coastal America booth.



Bill Tayler and Jim McClelland (NAVFAC Energy) are armed with useful tips on conserving electricity.



Ed Liu, representing the Navy Recycling Program, speaks with John Howard (Federal Environmental Executive).

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## CORPUS CHRISTI HOSTS EARTH DAY/BAY DAY CELEBRATION

An estimated 15,000 community and military personnel swarmed Sunfish Beach onboard Naval Air Station Corpus Christi, Texas on Saturday, April 17, 2004 for the 6th annual Earth Day/Bay Day Celebration. The naval station volunteered to host this year's event as a cooperative effort with the local sponsor, Coastal Bend Bays Foundation.

A mini-Earth Day was combined with Dare to Dream, an event in support of local schools, and hosted over 7,000 additional children on the day prior. Ninety-one agencies provided displays and activities. It was an opportunity for education on local bays, estuaries, native plants and animals, recycling, conservation, and many environmental issues. Children and adults viewed native birds, reptiles and mammals from a Texas zoo exhibit and marine life from the Texas Aquarium Ocean in Motion. They enjoyed kite surfing and flying, kayaking, a 32-foot rock climbing wall and much more.

NAS Commanding Officer CAPT Paula H. Hinger said, "Given the warmth and support of the local community and the Navy's emphasis on environmental conservation, hosting the Earth Day/Bay Day Celebration was the perfect venue to both thank the people and promote environmental awareness."



A Cub Scout gets a boost at the NAS Corpus Christi celebration.

## NEW RIVER MARINES PLANT AND RUN

At Marine Corps Air Station (MCAS) New River, North Carolina, 150 Marines from the "Untouchables" Marine Wing Support Squadron 272 planted more than 400 trees, bushes and shrubs around the perimeter and along the boardwalks of the Wilson Bay Park, following a motivational two-mile run through downtown Jacksonville. The park cleanup and restoration project was in collaboration with the United Service Organization (USO) and the Sturgeon City Environmental Restoration and Economic Development Commission, and is an effort to clean up the Bay, restore the land, and return sturgeon to this section of the river. In addition, 20 Marines loaded canned goods, supplies and various other items into a moving truck and helped the USO move to a new location.

## ATSUGI CELEBRATES EARTH DAY

The Naval Air Facility (NAF) Atsugi, Japan Public Works Environmental Division coordinated activities for Earth Day on Thursday, April 22. One activity was a tree planting ceremony at Shirley Lanham Elementary School. More than 20 teachers and over 200 students attended. Students from Gretchen Pope's special education class carried and planted the tree, and also gave a presentation on the meaning of Earth Day and how it was started. The tree was donated by "The Pride of the Orient Lodge No. 55," a chapter of the Prince Hall Masonic Fraternity.

"For students who often get overlooked or minimized, it was a great opportunity to contribute to their community, school and environment," said Pope. "Aside from important facts about who, why and how Earth Day was started, the students learned that they can make a difference and they can contribute just like adults."

Disbursing Clerk Second Classes Robert Delossantos and Juciana Barbosa collect garbage along the flight line at NAF Atsugi.

U.S. Navy Photo by Photographers Mate Third Class (Air Warfare) Joshua Millage



Students Megan Patten and Rodger Avery Jr. plant a tree near Shirley Lanham Elementary with Mike Carsley from Public Works.

NAF Atsugi Commanding Officer CAPT Reed Eckstrom made opening remarks and unveiled a plaque commemorating the event.

Over 60 NAF Atsugi base community members also participated in a base perimeter cleanup.

## YUMA ENVIRONMENTAL DEPARTMENT HEADS EARTH DAY ACTIVITIES

As part of a year-round commitment to the environment, Marine Corps Air Station (MCAS) Yuma, Arizona joined with local communities to celebrate Earth Day on April 22. The Environment Department held an Environmental Fair in which Environmental Support Division Director David Rodriguez and his staff distributed educational materials related to recycling and conservation. MCAS Yuma environmental personnel Bill Shepherd and SGT Nosler also made a visit to the Child Development Center, and spoke with children about achieving conservation. They discussed the four “R’s”:

1. **Reduce** garbage by buying products with less packaging;
2. **Reuse** items such as books and clothing;
3. **Recycle** (both in the traditional sense and through creative play, such as making plastic containers into toys); and
4. **Rethink** our approach to daily activities to be more environmentally responsible.

The City of Yuma invited MCAS Yuma personnel to participate in the “Adopt A Street” on April 24. The MCAS Yuma Environmental department showed up in full force to join with the City of Yuma in the Earth Day celebration, and filled over thirty bags of trash before running out of bags.

## NAVY GROUPS PARTICIPATE IN JACKSONVILLE ECOLOGY FAIR

On April 17, 2004, the Navy Environmental Leadership Program (NELP), Naval Station (NS) Mayport Environmental Office, together with

Commander, Navy Region Southeast (CNRSE), participated in the Earth Day Ecology Fair at Jacksonville Landing, located on the St. Johns River in downtown Jacksonville, FL.



Coloring book distribution at the Earth Day Ecology Fair in Jacksonville, FL.

This year’s event included more than 50 public and private organizations, and over 12,000 people attended. Environmental information was provided on topics ranging from conservation to recycling and new environmentally sound products. Other activities included live music, demonstrations, and children’s crafts using recycled materials.

NELP focus group members, NS Mayport Environmental Office staff and CNRSE volunteers distributed coloring books, crayons, and manatee posters with the message “Earth Day Every Day.” Visitors to the NELP booth also had the opportunity to learn more about specific NELP success stories, such as the Sphagnum Peat Moss oil absorbent material initiative at NS Mayport.



Chaplain LT William Riley, Environmental Department Head Ron Dow, and Commanding Officer CAPT Paul S. Grossgold at the Naval Base Ventura County (NBVC), CA Earth Day 5K Run.



PH2 Martin Ruane, NBVC’s base ecologist, does routine observations and surveys to monitor the animal species that have made habitats in and around Mugu Lagoon.



Laura Muhs explains how a bird book helps biologists to identify different kinds of birds at NBVC.

"We were glad to participate in the 34th Anniversary of Earth Day and have the opportunity to educate the general public on what the Navy is doing to be a good steward of the environment." said Mike Davenport, CNRSE.

## NDW COMMANDS LEAD ENVIRONMENTAL PROJECTS, HOST EXHIBITS

Throughout the greater Washington DC area, Naval District Washington (NDW) facilities celebrated Earth Day with activities such as shoreline, base and neighborhood cleanups; environmental display events; and other volunteer projects in partnership with local communities.

NDW hosted an Earth Fair and Cleanup on April 29 near the Washington Navy Yard, including booth displays, a trash pickup, and a benefit hot dog sale.

On May 7, Naval Station (NS) Anacostia took part in the Anacostia River Environmental Fair, an event sponsored by the Washington, DC Environmental Health Administration. The fair featured educational activities for 800 local middle school children; exhibits; science demonstrations; and participation by NDW, the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), community agencies, and DC government.

## DUAL EVENTS HELD AT PATUXENT RIVER

Naval Air Station (NAS) Patuxent River, MD pulled out all the stops for their Earth Day celebration on April 20, facilitating a bird banding activity with seventh grade students; a 5K run/walk; environmental exhibits; and a picnic/awards ceremony hosted by commanding officer CAPT Dane Swanson. The station also hosted an Arbor Day ceremony on April 30, in which CAPT Swanson; H.T. Johnson (then-ASN I&E); RDML Jan Gaudio, Commandant of NDW; Representative Steny Hoyer (D-MD); Maryland State

Delegate John Bohanan; and Kyle Rambo, Conservation Division Director for NAS Patuxent River planted a tree. In addition, the naval station was recognized with a Tree City USA award, an honor it has received consecutively for the past 15 years.

## LEJEUNE DEPLOYS EARTH DUDE, VOLUNTEERS

Marine Corps Base (MCB) Camp Lejeune sponsored several activities this year to promote environmental education and awareness. These included a road show titled "Earth Day—Everyday, Every Little Bit Helps," for local elementary schools; field trips for middle school students to learn about water quality monitoring and wastewater disposal; and nature walks and environmental fairs to promote environmental education and awareness among DoD students.

Earth Dude, superhero for recycling, resource conservation, and sustainability, (a.k.a. Jim Mahoney), Dianne D. Ward, and Pete Black from the Lejeune Environmental Management Division, visited several schools in the area and talked to the students about ways they can help conserve the environment. Each student was given a Yellow Poplar tree to plant and instructions on how to take care of it.

At MCB Camp Lejeune, Marines and civilian volunteers planted Sea Oats and Bitter Panicum to stabilize and protect the beach. The Commanding General planted an Earth Day tree during a ceremony at the base elementary school.

## NAVY CELEBRATES WITH VIRGINIA BEACH COMMUNITY

On May 2, over 30 exhibitors promoted environmental awareness at a Hampton Roads Earth Day Celebration. An estimated 3,000 people attended the festivities at Mount Trashmore Park, sponsored by the city of Virginia Beach. The celebration featured exhibits, local entertainment acts, a children's venue and stage, and food. Spectators gained a better understanding of ways to care for the earth while enjoying an afternoon filled with entertainment.

To demonstrate its commitment to environmental stewardship, Commander Navy Region Mid-Atlantic highlighted its Recycling, Environmental, Pollution Prevention, and Chesapeake Bay Programs at the local celebration. In addition to their



Jack Kauffman, a state forester with the Virginia Department of Forestry, and NAS Oceana Executive Officer CAPT Stuart Bailey help children from the Dam Neck Annex Child Development Center hold the Tree City USA flag from the National Arbor Day Foundation in front of the oak tree the children helped to plant.

Photo by PH3 Charles Ledbetter

interactive display for children, the Regional Environmental staff displayed posters and handed out environmental educational materials. Over 25 military and civilian employees volunteered at the Earth Day event, helping with logistics, directing traffic, and assisting exhibitors.

## ARBOR DAY FOUNDATION RECOGNIZES MID-ATLANTIC FACILITIES

For Commander Navy Region Mid-Atlantic, Naval Station Norfolk, Naval Air Station Oceana, Dam Neck Annex, Naval Support Activity Northwest, and Naval Amphibious Base Little Creek have been named Tree City USA communities by the National Arbor Day Foundation to honor their commitment to local forests. All of these installations have met the four standards to become a Tree City USA:

1. Establishing a tree board or department,
2. Passing a care ordinance,
3. Developing a comprehensive community forestry program, and
4. Hosting an Arbor Day observance.

The Tree City USA program is sponsored by the National Arbor Day Foundation in cooperation with the National Association of State Foresters and the United States Department of Agriculture Forest Service.

“This year’s record number of Tree City USA communities shows a growing level of dedication and care for our urban forest,” said John Rosenow, president of the National Arbor Day Foundation.

According to CAPT Jerry Becker, commanding officer of Naval Station Norfolk, planting an “Arbor Day Tree” reflects the spirit of the personnel on board Naval Station Norfolk.

“Planting another Arbor Day Tree and keeping a neat, clean installation does



ABOVE: CAPT Eola L. Scott, Commanding Officer of Naval Support Activity Northwest Annex, plants a tree with help from children from the Northwest Annex Child Development Center.

RIGHT: CAPT Garret E. Cooper, Commanding Officer of Naval Amphibious Base Little Creek, helps children from Little Creek’s Child Development Center plant a Bald Cypress tree grown at one of Little Creek’s nurseries.



wonders for fostering the great personal attitudes we enjoy from the thousands of people who work on board Naval Station Norfolk,” said CAPT Becker.

## RAB GOES TO FLOWER SHOW

The Naval Air Station North Island (NASNI) Restoration Advisory Board (RAB) went to the Coronado Flower Show to support Earth Day on April 17 and 18, 2004. The goals were to inform the public and local community of the Navy’s commitment to restoring local installations and to recruit new RAB members.

Visitors to the booth were offered pamphlets that provided brief descrip-

tions of the significant Installation Restoration Sites at NASNI and Naval Amphibious Base (NAB) Coronado, technical fact sheets regarding specific removal actions and on-going NELP projects at North Island, and packages of red, white and blue flower seeds provided by the Naval Facilities Engineering Service Center (NFESC). RAB members gave booth visitors the opportunity to sign up for an annual public tour of nearby restoration sites, which took place on June 19, 2004.

# pearl harbor DOES MASSIVE CLEANUPS, EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS FOR EARTH DAY

**N**aval Station Pearl Harbor celebrated Earth Day this week with numerous volunteer activities, as Sailors from Navy commands dedicated their efforts to help clean up the environment.

"The major cleanup projects we had [on base] are the shoreline areas of Hospital Point housing and Ford Island," said Master-at-Arms 1st Class (SW/AW) Spencer Williams, coordinator for Earth Day events around Pearl Harbor. "In addition to those areas, all commands throughout the Pearl Harbor complex got their troops out and conducted cleanup in their areas."

Approximately 450 Sailors from diverse commands participated in the activities around Pearl Harbor. "Construction Battalion Unit 413/Self Help donated two dump trucks, two front-end loaders and two chainsaws for the cleanup activities," said Construction Mechanic 2nd Class (SCW) Desmond Peterson, coordinator for the event. The unit also supplied 15 personnel to help clean up shorelines at Hospital Point and Ford Island. CBU413/Self Help also supplied personnel for the cleanup on a wildlife refuge at Barber's Point.

Mobile Diving and Salvage Unit One Detachment Three and Pearl Harbor Naval Shipyard provided 21 divers to help clean up refuse and hazardous material at Rainbow Bay Marina. Port Operations supplied boats and personnel to remove waste in Pearl Harbor. Morale, Welfare and Recreation and Quality of Life supplied bottled water to all civilian volunteers and Sailors.

"The response we have received has been phenomenal," said Williams. "With a project as big as Earth Day here at historical Pearl Harbor, it could not be accomplished without the assistance and efforts of every department and tenant command."

The Navy also worked to clear a national wildlife refuge April 22 at Barbers Point on Navy property.

"Part of the Pearl Harbor shoreline is one of three national wildlife refuges on Oahu, providing habitat for four endangered water bird species in cooperation with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service," said RDML Barry McCullough, Commander, Navy Region Hawaii and Naval Surface Group Middle Pacific.

Kalealoa Wildlife Refuge is also home to many invasive Kiawe trees, which are known for producing very large thorns that can penetrate tires. Sailors, Waianae High School students and four members of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service removed the trees and replaced them with *Achyranthes* and other native Hawaiian plants.

"This is a limited habitat on the island," said Nancy Hoffman, refuge manager for Oahu National Wildlife Refuge Complex. "The goal for the entire 37 acres is to bring back the [native] plants and help them recover."

Hoffman said she was very grateful the Navy could help restore the area. "It's important to get the community to come out and get more involved and more in touch with the Earth, and bring back the native plants," she said.

Navy Region Hawaii also held the first Earth Day Fair at the Pearl Harbor Exchange, to educate Sailors and family members on the environmental programs happening around the island.

"Many of you may not know that the Navy is a leader in environmental protection, restoration and scientific research," said McCullough.

Some groups that participated in the event were the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service, U.S. Coast Guard's Sea Partners Program and the Hawaiian Islands Humpback Whale National Marine Sanctuary.

Navy Region Hawaii also supplied static displays of its efforts, which include energy programs and installation restoration programs.

"We have one of the most aggressive recycling programs anywhere," said McCullough. "Last year, over 3,800 tons of solid waste was recycled at the Navy Region Hawaii Recycling Center, an increase of about 300 percent since 2002."

The region also held a coloring contest for military children, with the results announced at the fair. "It's a great tool to get parents and children involved in learning together and building a good parenting bond," said Daniel Saenz, Navy Region Hawaii energy specialist. "The main objective is to teach the younger generation about their environment and to initiate the development of good behavior habits that eventually become second nature."

Sailors volunteered to clean up Webling Elementary School on Oahu, where they helped children to plant new trees for the school. The Sailors also helped weed a taro patch at the school and participated in dedication ceremonies.

"After seeing the difference [Sailors] have made from either an aesthetic or environmental view, they can have a great sense of pride in what they have accomplished," said Williams.

Williams said one of the main purposes of Earth Day is camaraderie among Sailors as they work together, and another is awareness.

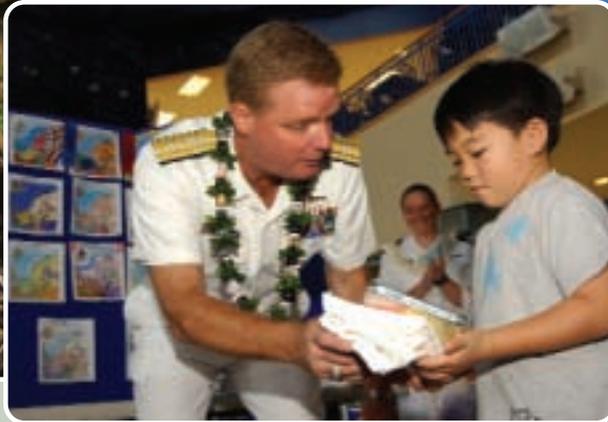
"I hope everyone can see how bad things can get if you don't properly dispose of refuse, then become aware of what they can do to make things better," said Williams.

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*By Journalist Seaman Ryan C. McGinley*



MA3 Adam Ellis (Naval Magazine Security) helps remove invasive Kiawe trees at the Kalaeloa National Wildlife Refuge, Pearl Harbor.  
Photo by Journalist Seaman Ryan C. McGinley



RADM Barry McCullough, Commander, Navy Region Hawaii and Surface Group Middle Pacific, presents an award to a coloring contest winner.

Photo by Journalist Seaman Ryan C. McGinley



Sailors from the Pearl Harbor Security Detachment plant a Ku Kui tree at Webling Elementary School.

Photos by Journalist Seaman Ryan C. McGinley

## MARINE CORPS HAWAII EVENTS PROMOTE WATER HABITAT, RECYCLING AWARENESS

Marine Corps Base (MCB) Hawaii's Environmental Department and the base's community services office sponsored "Day-on-the-Docks," a fun and educational event with water-related games and a booth. The theme of this year's event was "Protecting our Fragile Marine Environment." The event featured a fishing tournament and also activities for children such as face painting, a bouncy house; and fish displays. The children competed for a grand prize giveaway—a child's bicycle. The base's recycling center, along with Mokapu Elementary School, held a Second Annual MCB Hawaii Recycling Coloring Contest to raise the awareness of recycling among children and their families.

## ... AND MANY MORE!

These are just a sampling of the numerous activities in which Navy and Marine Corps commands participated for Earth Day 2004—many in partnership with their local communities, government and non-government agencies, environmental organizations, and other commands. In so doing, Sailors, Marines, and DON civilians live up to this year's theme of "Celebrating Successful Partnerships" and demonstrate their ongoing commitment to environmental stewardship while performing their national defense mission.

As H.T. Johnson said, "We celebrate this on Earth Day, but we do it every day!" 

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