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Reaching a Golden Milestone

Celebrating 50 Years of Service

Pearl Harbor, Hawaii – July 2004 marks the 50th Anniversary for Navy Public Works Center, Pearl Harbor (PWC). For fifty years PWC's dedicated federal workers have successfully met the many challenges directed their way by various Navy, Department of Defense (DoD) and federal customers. In addition to responding to local customer requirements on Oahu, Center employees have also assisted others from Kauai, Midway Island, Guam, the Philippines and Japan.

Supporting the Navy's mission to keep operational forces ready for service has always been PWC's primary goal. Its committed workforce plans and delivers the finest, innovative, best-value products and services money can buy. With local trade and white-collar expertise, this extremely talented workforce of approximately 900 highly-skilled civilian federal workers and 13 Civil Engineer Corps (CEC) officers, is able to do just about any type of work or service a customer may require. PWC's personnel can maintain, repair and demolish facilities; provide utilities services (electricity, water, steam, air, and wastewater treatment); lease and maintain a vehicle pool of cars, trucks and heavy equipment; and offer engineering expertise, contracting capabilities, and environmental assistance and lab services.

PWC can trace its heritage back to the early 1900's when the Navy first established itself at Pearl Harbor. In the 1930's, public works efforts included supporting the Navy Yard (now Pearl Harbor Naval Shipyard) and supporting the growing requirements of the Submarine Base. As the base grew, so too did the various groups of employees providing public works services. In 1954, a major consolidation of public works personnel resulted in the creation of the Navy Public Works Center, Pearl Harbor.

Over the next fifty years, PWC has undergone several more reorganizations and consolidations, extending its area of responsibility from Pearl Harbor to all major Oahu-based Navy commands. In addition, the organization provides public works support to other Department of Defense Pacific commands and federal agencies throughout the State of Hawaii.

PWC employees have been involved in some very interesting and unusual operations in its fifty-year history. In the 1960's and early 1970's personnel provided support to Midway Island repairing harbor control and air control towers, rewiring runway lights, and upgrading family

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housing. In 1969, Center employees provided support as our nation welcomed home from the moon, astronauts of Apollo's 11 and 12 missions. In 1970, workers were involved in the construction and dedication of both the USS Parche monument and Pacific Submarine Forces Display Center at Submarine Base's 50th Anniversary. In April 1997, crews repaired a severely damaged pier at FISC PEARL after a Military Sealift tank collided into it. In 1984, 1986, 1988, 2000, 2002, and even today in July 2004, PWC employees assisted with Rim of the Pacific exercises providing utilities, environmental, transportation, and contracting support. Since 1997, the command has donated over 300 computers and 30 printers to local schools, a hospital, and a charity as part of its outreach efforts.

Through typhoons, hurricanes, and other tragedies, PWC employees have always stood ready to assist when disaster strikes. In January 1969, when USS Enterprise pulled into Pearl Harbor severely damaged from a series of explosions at sea, PWC quickly provided emergency power and communications dockside and assisted with the removal of the crew. Center repair crews have actively assisted with hurricane cleanup and restoration efforts and traveled to Guam in May 1976 (Typhoon Pamela) and in December 1997 (Typhoon Paka). Here at home, PWC personnel performed restoration work on Oahu and Kauai after Hurricane Iwa in November 1982 and Hurricane Iniki in September 1992.

Over the years, PWC received many awards for its environmental actions which include: Fiscal Year 2001 "Champion of Green Government" for PWC's Biosolids Treatment Facility at Kalaeloa from U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region 9; Fiscal Year 2000 Chief of Naval Operations (CNO) Award in the Pollution Prevention category; and 1999 White House Environmental Award for significant contributions to the environment in the areas of affirmative procurement, waste reduction, and recycling innovations.

Throughout the Center's fifty-year history, the civilian employees and CEC officers of PWC have contributed to the Navy's successes at Pearl Harbor. A significant award acknowledging their efforts is the Secretary of the Navy's Meritorious Unit Commendation, which was award on July 7, 2003 to Navy Region Hawaii for its "unparalleled success in implementing Regionalization." Center personnel were identified as part of the team that stuck together and got the job done.

With many challenges and achievements attained over its past years of service, the PWC of today stands ready to support the Navy of tomorrow. In fact, Center employees are busy preparing for the disestablishment of PWC and working towards the February 2005 stand-up of NAVFAC HAWAII which will integrate all current PWC employees plus personnel from two other organizations. This initiative will consolidate engineering and public works support into one organization to support the Navy of the future.

PWC's anniversary is a golden opportunity to reflect and acknowledge the achievements and challenges met and surpassed by its personnel. Whether a customer needs basic ship services or more specialized shore support, the men and women of PWC are steadfast and ready to assist in times of disaster and triumph. Through their courage, determination, and kokua, Center employees have and will continue to fulfill the needs of its customers.

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Photos and Cutlines:



In 1954, the Navy Public Works Center, Pearl Harbor was established. Its first wardroom of Civil Engineer Corps officers included the following individuals:

(left to right)

LT John Arn

LT W.A. (Chick) Ellis

LT Bert Miles

CAPT Henry Shaid

ENS Erik Hay

CDR Griswold Moeller

ENS Jim Morse

ENS Don Patterson

ENS Don Hughes

(First Officers PWCa-1Jul54_2Jul04, Photographer: Unknown)



A Military Sealift oil tanker collided with FISC PEARL's high-usage Kilo 8 pier in Mar. 28, 1997, causing severe damage. In order to make needed repairs, PWC workers line up a working platform under the pier. (970328-N-4049E-001)



After re-entry, Apollo 11 splashed down in the Pacific 812 NM southwest of Hawaii at 11:49 AM on July 24, 1969.

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NASA Photo. (Photographer: Unknown)

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Employees of PWC celebrated their organization's fifty years of service to the Navy on June 25, 2004. The anniversary event included a Proclamation from the State of Hawaii and a visit by RADM Michael Loose, Chief of the Civil Engineer Corps. In addition, personnel welcomed retired workers and enjoyed an afternoon of music and comedy.

The event was bittersweet for Center employees who know the PWC will be decommissioned in a little over 8 months. In its place a new organization, NAVFAC HAWAII will emerge as part of Naval Facilities Engineering Command's grand plan for engineering and public works to support the Navy of the future.

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Cutline – Over 800 employees gathered at the Center's main compound ballpark and pavilion on June 25, 2004 to celebrate fifty years of service to the Navy. (040625-N-0278E-001)

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