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## **NAVY SURGEON GENERAL TRAVEL LOG: GUAM AND HAWAII**

Shipmates,

Last week, I traveled with Force Master Chief Terry Prince to Guam and Hawaii.

Here are several trip highlights:

On day one in Guam, I met with over a dozen ombudsmen representing several commands as an opportunity to hear directly from the families we serve.



*Vice Adm. Faision speaks with local command ombudsmen.*

The next day, I met with Rear Adm. Shoshana Chatfield, commander, Joint Region Marianas and discussed issues of mutual interest. I also spent time with the U.S. Naval Hospital Guam leadership team to better understand the state of Navy Medicine in Guam.

In addition to touring the naval hospital and the branch medical and dental clinics, I conducted an admiral's call and answered questions from Sailors ranging from retention to changes to the "A" school curriculum.



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Force Master Chief Prince and I arrived in Hawaii March 14.

I had the opportunity to meet with the commander of U.S. Pacific Command, Adm. Harry Harris; the commanding general of U.S. Marine Corps Forces Pacific Command, Lt. Gen. David Berger; and deputy commander of U.S. Pacific Fleet, Rear Adm. Phillip Sawyer. As we look at our operational tempo and the role the U.S. Navy plays in the Pacific protecting our national interests, critical to that is Navy Medicine's support in keeping our Sailors, Marines and their families healthy and on the job. These engagements are key to keeping my finger on the pulse to see what's needed to continue providing the best care we can offer now and in the future.

We met the Naval Health Clinic Hawaii staff, the U.S. Pacific Command and U.S. Marine Corps Forces Pacific Command surgeons, visited the various medical and dental clinics at Kaneohe Bay and Camp Smith, and met with the staff assigned to Navy Environmental and Preventive Medicine Unit 6.

Finally, I conducted an interview with the local Fox affiliate, KHON-TV, to discuss my priorities, trends in health care and how the Navy Medicine team is responding to these trends. Check out the interview here.



*Vice Adm. Faison conducts an interview with local Fox affiliate, KHON-TV.*

The great work the Navy Medicine team is doing in the Pacific and elsewhere has not gone unnoticed.

Keep it up!

SG sends