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### **Welcome to the 2015 Kancohe Bay** Air Show and Open House

loha and welcome to Marine Corps Base Hawaii, home of the 2015 Kaneohe Bay Air Show and Open House Saturday Land Sunday. This year's theme is "Joining Forces with the Community," and we're excited to share with you a fantastic weekend filled with thrilling displays of military equipment and drills, jaw-dropping aerial demonstrations, mouth-watering food and many opportunities to build lasting memories with your ohana.

We're proud to give the community a firsthand look at Marine Corps capabilities while showcasing our proud heritage and agile future. Specifically designed for swift deployment of Marine forces by air, land and sea, the Marine Air-Ground Task Force, or MAGTF as we call it, provides our nation with a broad spectrum of response options. Coordinating a balanced team of ground, air and logistics assets under a central command, these self-sustained, combined-arms forces conduct the full range of operations. The MAGTFs can be tailored in size and capability to meet the needs of each mission, and provides a rapidly deployable, lethal and credible response to a wide range of crises that range from forcible entry from the sea to humanitarian assistance and disaster response.

We're excited to again host the U.S. Navy's premier flight demonstration team, the Blue Angels. They will use the F/A-18 Hornet aircraft to exhibit the fast-paced choreographed aerobatic maneuvers and skills possessed by all naval aviators. There will also be demonstrations by the Blue Angels C-130 Hercules support aircraft, known affectionately as "Fat Albert," a reference to the 1970s popular cartoon character. The Blue Angels is among the most popular aviation act in the world, entertaining approximately 11 million people each season.

We are proud to be joined by the U.S. Air Force, who will showcase the cutting edge technology and venerable might of several strategic Air Force aviation assets. We welcome the U.S. Army 25th Infantry Division "Tropic Thunder," along with elements of the Stryker Brigade and the 25th Aviation Brigade "Wings of Lightning." The U.S. Navy will represent with a P-3 demonstration and a Special Operations display. And finally the U.S. Coast Guard will show us why they're recognized as a worldwide maritime leader during a Search and Rescue demonstration. This show is truly a joint effort from all of our military services, and we'd like to extend a hearty thank you to the Navy, Army, Air Force, Coast Guard, National Guard and Reserve forces for their support to this event.

Guests will also have the opportunity to enjoy a number of activities and demonstrations during the two-day event. Activity in the air and on the ground includes military and civilian aircraft displays, a carnival featuring assorted rides, merchandise booths, and Taste of Oahu food booths. We're also honored to host an amazing line up of civilian aerobatic performers, including Jacquie B's Pitt Extra 300, hang glider Dan Buchanan, Hank Bruckner's CAP-10C, Mike Wiskus' S-2C Pitts Special, Rob Holland's Window World MXS-RH and many more!

As you enjoy the show, take time to talk story with the Marines and Sailors who are here to support the show. Many of these men and women have deployed several times to secure peace throughout the world, and we believe they're America's finest. Their enthusiasm and professionalism is what makes our military the finest armed forces in the world. It's their service to our nation that will continue to inspire patriots around the world to serve with honor, and we're constantly humbled by their selfless service and commitment. We also salute the Marine and Navy families, because we know firsthand that military families serve too. Our military can't have "boots on the ground" without the understanding and support from spouses, kids, parents and everyone else who makes up our extended ohana.

The Marine Corps values our long, rich history with the citizens of Oahu, and it's our honor to serve and protect the interests of the United States throughout the world. A special thank you goes out to the communities of Kaneohe, Kailua and Waimanalo, and to all of our sponsors and volunteers who have worked so hard to make this event a success. On behalf of our Marines, Sailors, civilian Marines and their families, mahalo nui loa, and enjoy the show!

Semper Fidelis!





S.C. Killeen Colonel, U.S. Marine Corps Commanding Officer, Marine Corps Base Hawaii



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**Gregory L. Hall** Sergeant Major, U.S. Marine Corps Sergeant Major, Marine Corps Base Hawaii

## PROHIBITED

The following items will not be permitted on the flightline and are subject to confiscation:

- Weapons (regardless of permit) including firearms, knives (including pocket knives and multitools), replica or toy weapons, pepper spray or stun guns
- Alcoholic beverages, unless purchased from approved vendors
- Ice chests or coolers larger than 2 gallons
- Pets, other than service animals
- Glass containers
- Tents, portable/temporary awnings and cabanas
- Bicycles, roller skates, Rollerblades, Heelys (skate shoes), scooters or skateboards
- Backpacks/bags larger than 8 1/2 x 11 inches (such as standard backpacks)
- Scanners, transmitters or frequency monitors
- Unmanned aerial vehicles to include quad copters or drones of any kind or type are prohibited.



## What can I bring to the air show?

## ALLOWED

The following items are permitted on the flightline. All permitted items will be inspected prior to admission to the flightline. It is strongly recommended that spectators minimize the number and size of permitted items to reduce access time into the flightline area.

- Children's wagons (non-motorized)
- Small (hand carried) ice chests or coolers (No crushed ice, ice packs only) same dimensions as the bags (8 1/2 x 11 x 12; about nine-can capacity).
- Standard backpacks
- Cellphones and pagers
- Handheld portable televisions and radios
- Fanny packs and purses, or bags 8 1/2 x 11 inches or smaller
- Food and beverages (non-alcoholic)
- Cameras and camcorders
- Folding chairs and lawn chairs
- Umbrellas
- Wheelchairs
- Baby diaper bags and strollers, if attending with an infant or small child.

#### Please note the following:

- Unattended bags and packages will be removed from the premises and may be destroyed.
- Neither strollers nor wheelchairs will be available for rent at the air show.
- Sun protection, including hats, long-sleeved shirts, long pants and sunscreen are recommended.
- Water will be available for purchase throughout the air ahow area.
- Wear comfortable footgear; the flightline is paved and you may walk long distances.
- Bring ear plugs or hearing protection.

This is a non-smoking event. The designated smoking area for all tobacco, to include electronic cigarettes is located outside of the event fence line.

### Blue Angels' first female C-130 pilot to perform with team at 2015 Kaneohe Bay Air Show

Lance Cpl. Harley Thomas

Marine Corps Base Hawaii

Since 1946, the U.S. Navy Flight Demonstration Squadron, or Blue Angels, has performed jaw-dropping shows all across America. However, in the nearly 70 years the squadron has been around, there have been several females on the team who were left out of the cockpit during the performances — that is, until now.

Marine Capt. Katie Higgins, the newest pilot of "Fat Albert," a C-130 Hercules flown by the Blue Angels, has become the first woman in history to perform with the squadron.

"I am so glad I get to be a part of the 130 team members who are the best in their field," said Higgins, a Severna Park, Md., native. "I came to the Blue Angels because I wanted to be a part of the elite team dedicated to precision and expertise. I didn't come out here thinking I was going to be breaking barriers; I simply wanted to do my job to the best of my abilities."

Higgins said it's a great honor to fly for the Blue Angels, but it should feel like this for everyone on the team, male or female. As one of the squadron's 17 officers, she said she is not treated any differently because she's female.

"The Blue Angels are a family and they have supported me all the way, always being there for me when I need them," Higgins said. "I wouldn't be here without the support of the team. We're all cogs in a machine and without just one of those pieces, it wouldn't function properly."

Higgins said she was greatly influenced by her family's legacy of aviation, her pilot grandfathers, uncles and father played a key role in her decision to fly.

"I am a third-generation pilot," Higgins said. "I am also the first female and the first Marine. My family was supportive of my decision to commission, and they were all excited when I told them I was going to be flying. My father was especially excited, being able to share that side of his life with me — it's like officers gathering to talk about Officer Candidate School or enlisted (Marines) talking about boot with the Blue Angels, said it's only a matter of time before it is common for women to hold more and more prominent roles.

"Capt. Higgins' becoming a pilot is a reflection of what the military has been doing for decades and it shows the public that women are filling roles and it is actually happening," said Mays, a Marstons Mills, Mass., native. "For any women who think their goals are too much of a challenge or they aren't possible, I hope they go for it. We are here to inspire a culture of excellence, that's what we stand for."

Mays said being a part of something bigger than oneself means it's no longer about being a man or a woman because everyone is held responsible.

"I've always taken (that) seriously and I hope women throughout the military know they each represent all of us, not just themselves," Mays said. "From the moment I put on that eagle, globe and anchor, I no longer only represented myself as a woman, but the Marine Corps as a whole. Oftentimes, we have to work harder just to be equal but we know what we've signed up for, so that shouldn't be a surprise. We are Marines because we've earned it, just like anyone else."

Mays said she might differentiate herself from others due to rank or title, but she doesn't view herself differently because she is a woman.

"If I did that, it would just be a distraction," Mays said. "I'm here to do the same job as my male counterparts, gender doesn't factor into what we do. We've had females (on

> the team) for years, but overall, the squadron has been successful and America has loved this team because of the teamwork we've put in to provide the shows that we do. Male or female, it takes all 130 of us make to that happen." Higgins

said she hopes women keep toward cause that is team's mission



Petty Officer 2nd Class Andrea Perez | U.S. Navy Flight Demonstration Squadro

Marine Capt. Katie Higgins, of Annapolis, Md., was previously assigned to Marine Aerial Refueler Transport Squadron 252 at Marine Corps Air Station Cherry Point, N.C. She is a 2008 graduate of the U.S. Naval Academy, Annapolis, Md.

spire people to excellence.

"I hope women in the military and civilian worlds know they are capable of anything they put their minds to," Higgins said. "For those who may think women don't belong in any particular position, give them a shot. Let them show you their skills and abilities, that they can exceed the standard. Give them the benefit of the doubt and don't be quick to judge because of their gender, skin color or religion."

Higgins said people shouldn't limit themselves based on the opinions of others and they shouldn't give up on their goals because something easier comes along.

"No matter what obstacles or hardships you are facing, persevere through it," Higgins said. "Whatever path you choose, be excellent and don't settle for mediocrity. If you strive to be the best, nobody can question you or your capabilities."



**SEATTLE** — Commander, U.S. 3rd Fleet, Vice Adm. Nora W. Tyson (left) has a conversation with Higgins during the Rotary Club luncheon where the theme was "Women in Leadership," July 29.



## MCB Hawaii goes PURPLE

**Lance Cpl. Harley Thomas** 

Marine Corps Base Hawaii

arine Corps Base Hawaii is scheduled to host the 2015 Kaneohe Bay Air Show, Saturday and Sunday. This year's theme is "Joining Forces with the Community," as various branches of military will provide demonstrations for members of the community and their ohana.

The purpose of the air show is to demonstrate the nation's capabilities, as well as build relations between service members and the community. The air show will include displays of military equipment, aerial demonstrations, aircraft static displays, carnival with rides and games for the children, as well as merchandise and food booths.

"We're proud to give the community a firsthand look at Marine Corps capabilities while showcasing our proud heritage and agile future," said Sgt. Maj. Gregory L. Hall, the sergeant major of MCB Hawaii.

One of the demonstrations will be by the Marine Air-Ground Task Force, an organization of forces specifically designed for swift deployment of Marines by air, land or sea, which provides the nation with a broad spectrum of response options. In addition to demonstrating the capabilities of the MAGTF, the other armed forces will also be in attendance. The U.S. Air Force will showcase the technology of several strategic aviation assets; the U.S. Army 25th Infantry Division "Tropic Thunder", along with elements of the Stryker Brigade and the 25th Aviation Brigade "Wings of Lightning" will showcase their various capabilities; the U.S. Navy will represent with P-3 Orion and P-8 Poseidon demonstrations, as well as a special operations display; and the U.S. Coast Guard will demonstrate a search and rescue operation.

The U.S. Navy Flight Demonstration Squadron, or Blue Angels, will also be in attendance, using the F/A-18 Hornet aircraft to exhibit the fast-paced choreographed aerobatic maneuvers and skills possessed by naval aviators. There will also be demonstrations by "Fat Albert," a C-130 Hercules flown by the Blue Angels. The demonstration squadron is among the most popular aviation acts in the world, entertaining approximately 11 million people each season.

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vices, and we'd like to extend a hearty 'thank you' to the Navy, Army, Air Force, Coast Guard, National Guard and Reserve forces, for their support to this event," said Hall, a Magee, Miss., native.

Col. Sean C. Killeen, the commanding officer of MCB Hawaii, said he hopes people take the time to talk with Marines and Sailors who are involved in or support the show.

"Many of these men and women have deployed several times to secure peace throughout the world, and we believe they're America's finest," said Killeen, a Chicago native. "Their enthusiasm and professionalism is what makes our military the finest of the armed forces and it's their service to our nation that will continue to inspire patriots around the world to serve with honor. We are constantly humbled by their selfless service and commitment, and we salute the Marine and Navy families because we know firsthand that military families serve too."

Killeen said military personnel could be as properly prepared or functional without the understanding and support from spouses, children, parents, and members of the community.

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An U.S. Air Force C-130 (top left) demonstrates aerial refueling of two CH-53E **Super Stallion helicopters** while a AH-1W Cobra attack helicopter and UH-1Y Venom utility helicopter (bottom) provide escort during the 2012 Kaneohe **Bay Air Show aboard Marine** Corps Base Hawaii, Sept. 29, 2012.





An U.S. Coast Guard helicopter team demonstrates a rescue maneuver at MCB Hawaii during the bases's annual air show Sept. 24 and 25, 2010.



Cpl. Daniel Franklin, a scout sniper with 3rd Force Reconnaissance Company, Marine Forces Reserve, displays his sniper's ghillie suit in front of a landing craft, vehicle and personnel, at the 2010 Kaneohe Bay Air Show at MCB Hawaii, Sept. 25, 2010.



Petty Officer 2nd Class Andrea Perez | U.S. Navy Flight De Navy Lt. Matt Suyderhoud, of Honolulu, was previously assigned to Training Squadron 22 at Naval Air Station Kingsville, Texas. He is a 2005 graduate of Saint Louis

#### A Hometown Angel: Honolulu native joins Blue Angels at K-Bay Air Show

Cpl. Adam Korolev Marine Corps Base Hawaii

University, St. Louis.

Some children grow up with grandiose fantasies of how they want to identify as adults, aspiring to be adventurers, astronauts or leaders. Many people stray away from their childhood dreams and often find themselves in a different situation than the one they had dreamt. However, there are always the select few who stick to their guns and make those dreams a reality.

Since he was a child, Navy Lt. Matt Suyderhoud has been fascinated with aviation. As a child, born and raised on the island of Oahu, he took notice of air traffic due to the close proximity of several airfields.

"My parents' house is right under the approach corridor to Honolulu International Airport, and I remember sitting outside with my dad and twin brother, watching airplanes fly over the house, my dad quizzing us on the type," said Suyderhoud, who grew up in the Hawaii Kai neighborhood.

Today, he is the right wing pilot of an F/A-18 Hornet for the U.S. Navy Flight Demonstration Squadron, the Blue Angels — one could argue that he is living the ultimate childhood fantasy, and on Saturday and Sunday, Suyderhoud will be performing on his native island.

'He took us to our first air show at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam when we were three or four years old and we saw the Blue Angels fly," he said. "We have a picture of us meeting one of the Blue Angels and when I made the team this past year, I actually met the Blue Angel I took a picture with 29 years ago."

His childhood fixation of commercial and tactical aircraft was only the beginning of his passion, and his interest did not stop there. At 16, he began to pilot flying gliders, further fueling his love for flying. From there, he went on to study aviation science at St. Louis University. According to Suyderhoud, it was there he heard the World Trade Center had been attacked and served as a catalyst for his future.

"Being around the military on Oahu definitely sparked my interest in airplanes and military service," Suyderhoud said.

After completing Officer Candidate School and other vigorous training schools required for pilots, he eventually found himself wearing the blue and gold flight suit. Suyderhoud relates the patience of becoming a Blue Angel to a Hawaiian pastime.

"Learning to fly the Blue Angel maneuvers is like learning to surf," he





Suyderhoud speaks to students from Lowell High School as a part of San Francisco Fleet Week, Saturday. The Blue Angels conducted several community engagements and three air shows over the course of San Francisco Fleet Week.

said. "As the rider or pilot, there are so many variables and inputs necessary to manage those variables. (However, the more you practice), the more you become consciously competent and become aware of the variables that may cause you to fall off of your surfboard. Finally, through constant repetition you reach the point you become unconsciously competent and become comfortable in the ocean or in the air."

Suyderhoud was able to accomplish his childhood dream by understanding that mission accomplishment requires determination and passion.

"Success is born through the crucible of discomfort," he said. "Getting better at something is rarely easy and if it's worthwhile it takes hard work, which is uncomfortable. Marcus Mariota did not win the Heisman Trophy and get drafted to the NFL because he sat around in an armchair playing video games. It's also important to not be afraid of losing. (Loss blossoms new) lessons, lessons spawn learning (which) gives way to knowledge and ability that (inherently) leads to winning."

## **Showcasing the MAGTF: America's force in readiness**

Lance Cpl. Harley Thomas

Marine Corps Base Hawaii

Marines and sailors with Marine Aircraft Group 24 are scheduled to perform Marine Air-Ground Task Force demonstrations at the 2015 Kaneohe Bay Air Show, Saturday and Sunday aboard Marine Corps Base Hawaii.

The purpose of the demonstration is to give members of the community a first-hand account of what the MAGTF is capable of accomplishing.

"At the heart of every Marine mission is the seamless integration of combat arms, logistics and aviation assets under a central command," states the official MAGTF Marine Corps website. "Only the Marine Corps possesses the combined arms capability known as the MAGTF. As adept against modern armies as it is against insurgents not distinguished by uniforms, the MAGTF can undertake ship-to-shore and airto-ground missions in every clime and place."

Maj. Peter Mantuano, the future operations officer with MAG-24, said the purpose of the MAGTF is to effectively conduct amphibious and expeditionary operations while utilizing a combined air-ground team.

"The Marine Corps trains for all operations, from start to finish, the way we fight," said Mantuano, a Visalia, Calif., native. "This is what gives us experience and the ability to integrate logistics, aviation and ground operations better than anyone else on the battlefield."

Mantuano said the Marine Corps deploys projection forces with the ability to move ashore with sufficient sustainability for prolonged operations. He said MAGTFs have long provided the United States with a broad spectrum of response options when U.S. and allied interests have been threatened, and in non-combat situations that require instant response to a crisis.

"From disaster relief in the Philippines, non-combatant evacuation operations for American citizens in Lebanon or combat operations in Iraq and Afghanistan, the MAGTF helps maintain our title as a force in readiness," Mantuano said. "On many occasions, this has helped bring stability to a region and sent signals



Cpl. Henry Antenor | 31st Marine Expeditionary Uni

**USS BONHOMME RICHARD, AT SEA** — Marines with the Maritime Raid Force, 31st Marine Expeditionary Unit, rappel from a Navy MH-60S helicopter onto the flight deck of the USS Bonhomme Richard during fast-rope insertion training March 2, 2014.

worldwide that the U.S. is willing to defend its interests and is able to do so with a significantly powerful force on extremely short notice."

According to the official site, there is no better integration of air, ground and logistics assets into one unit than the MAGTF.

"Whether the mission calls for the rapid insertion of ground units or for providing close air support, the Marines (within the MAGTF) can count on (each other)," the base website states. "The Marines (also) the ability to project power from the sea, whether it's to provide aid, defeat an oppressor or reestablish order, and it is one of the most significant areas of difference from the other services. Marines hit the beach with the full support of every logistics and aviation asset in a MAGTF."

Mantuano said that while the MAGTF can be combined with components of other services, the Marines are designed to operate on their own.

"Being here in Hawaii is unique

because we don't always get the chance to train with other branches of service," he said. "Training as an isolated MAGTF, we are familiar with training how we fight. However, if we do get the chance to work as part of a larger joint-force, especially with our sister service, the Navy, our capabilities are augmented and we are able to better perform aviation and maritime operations."

Mantuano said he hopes the public enjoys the air show and walks away from it with new knowledge about what the MAGTF and service members aboard MCB Hawaii are capable of.

"It's a unique opportunity for the service members here and the public, and I hope they understand we aren't limited to combat operations," Mantuano said. "The Marines and Sailors work hard every day to provide the materials and resources to perform well, and this air show gives them the opportunity to showcase all the hard work they have put in every day to make this possible."



Gunnery Sgt. Ismael Pena | 31st Marine Expeditionary Unit
USS BONHOMME RICHARD, AT SEA

— U.S. Marines with Battalion Landing Team
2nd Battalion, 4th Marines, 31st MEU practice fast-rope training aboard the USS Bon-

homme Richard while at sea Feb. 4, 2015.

# Sports & Lifestyle

## Kaneohe Bay Air Show Presents The Navy Blue Angels

#### Navy Capt. Thomas Frosch Flight Leader / Commanding Officer



Capt. Tom Frosch is a native of Clinton Township, Mich. He graduated from the U.S. Naval Academy in Annapolis, Md., with a Bachelor of Science degree in engineering. Frosch joined the Blue Angels in November 2012. He has more than 3,800 flight hours and 830 carrier-arrested landings.

#### Navy Lt. Cmdr. Mark Tedrow Lead Solo



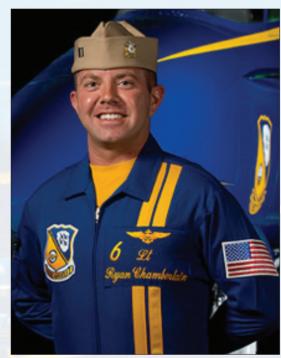
Lt. Cmdr. Mark Tedrow is a native of Charleroi, Pa. He is a graduate of the U.S. Naval Academy, in Annapolis, Md., with a Bachelor of Science degree in history. Tedrow joined the Blue Angels in September 2011. He has accumulated more than 2,200 flight hours and 212 carrier-arrested landings.

Navy Lt. Matt Suyderhoud Right Wing Pilot



Lt. Matt Suyderhoud is a native of Honolulu. He graduated from Saint Louis University in St. Louis with a Bachelor of Science in aviation science. Suyderhoud joined the Blue Angels in September 2014. He has accumulated more than 1,800 flight hours and has over 320 carrier-arrested landings, including arrested landings on every aircraft carrier in the U.S. Navy.

Navy Lt. Ryan Chamberlain Opposing Solo



Lt. Ryan Chamberlain is a native of Bloomington, Ill. He graduated from Southern Illinois University in Carbondale, Ill., with a Bachelor of Science degree in aviation management. Chamberlain joined the Blue Angels in September 2012. He has accumulated more than 1,700 flight hours and 300 carrierarrested

Navy Lt. Andy Talbott Left Wing Pilot



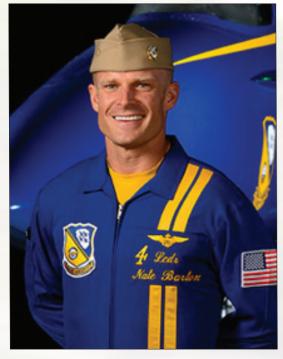
Lt. Andy Talbott is a native of Sedan, Kan. He graduated from Kansas State University in Salinas, Kansas, and graduated with a Bachelor of Science degree in airway science. Talbott joined the Blue Angels in September 2014. He has accumulated more than 1,800 flight hours and has 335 carrier-arrested landings.

**Marine Corps Capt. Jeff Kuss Narrator** 



Capt. Jeff Kuss is a native of Durango, Colo. He graduated with a Bachelor of Arts degree in economics from Fort Lewis College. Kuss joined the Blue Angels in September 2014. He has accumulated more than 1,400 flight hours and 175 carrier-arrested landings.

Navy Lt. Cmdr. Nate Barton Slot



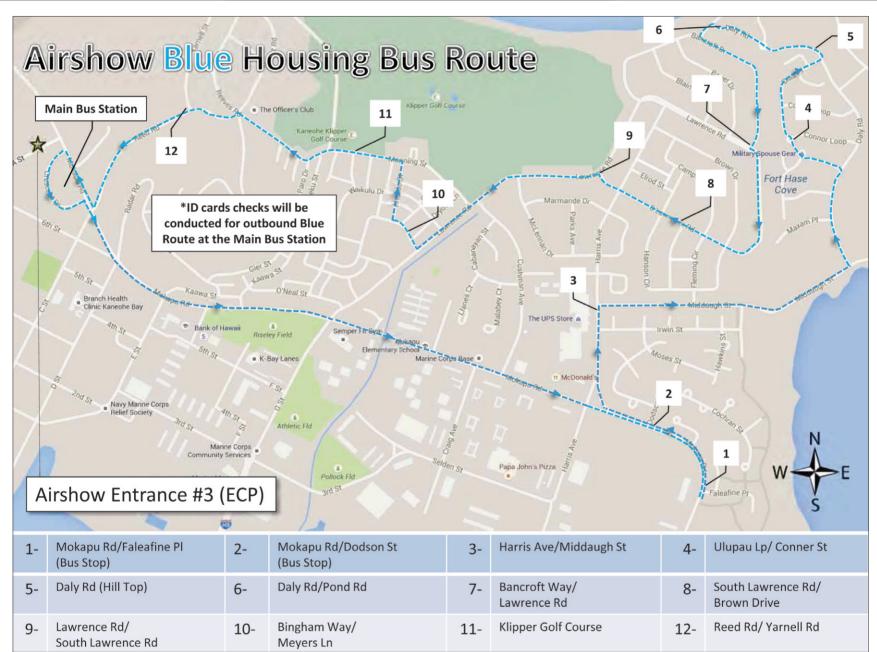
Lt. Cmdr. Nate Barton is a native of Hummelstown, Pa. He is a graduate of U.S. Merchant Marine Academy, Kings Point, N.Y., with a Bachelor of Science degree in logistics. Barton joined the Blue Angels in September 2012. He has accumulated more than 2,300 flight hours, including 850 in the EA-6B Prowler, and more than 1,200 in the F/A-18 Hornet airframe.

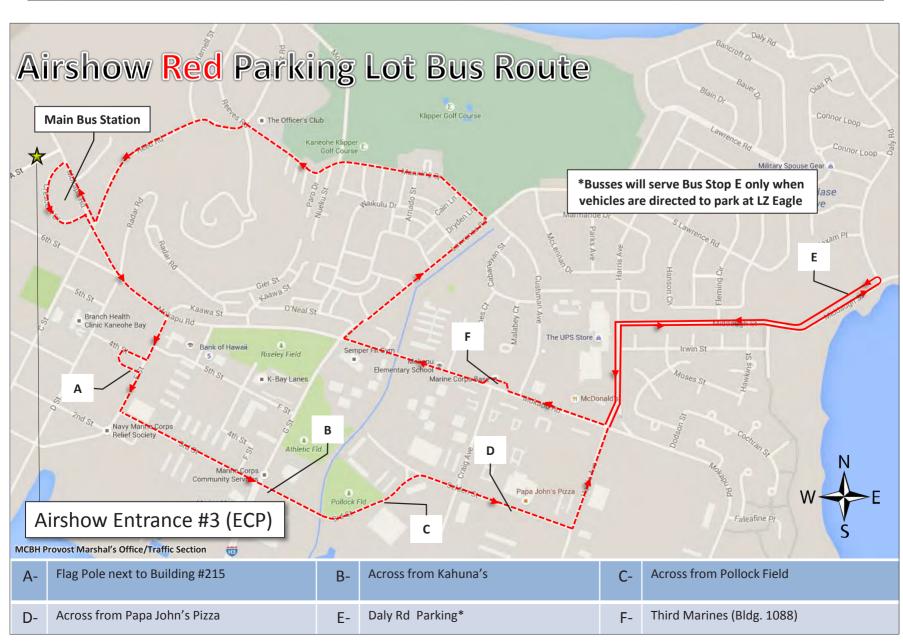
Marine Corps Capt. Corrie Mays Events Coordinator

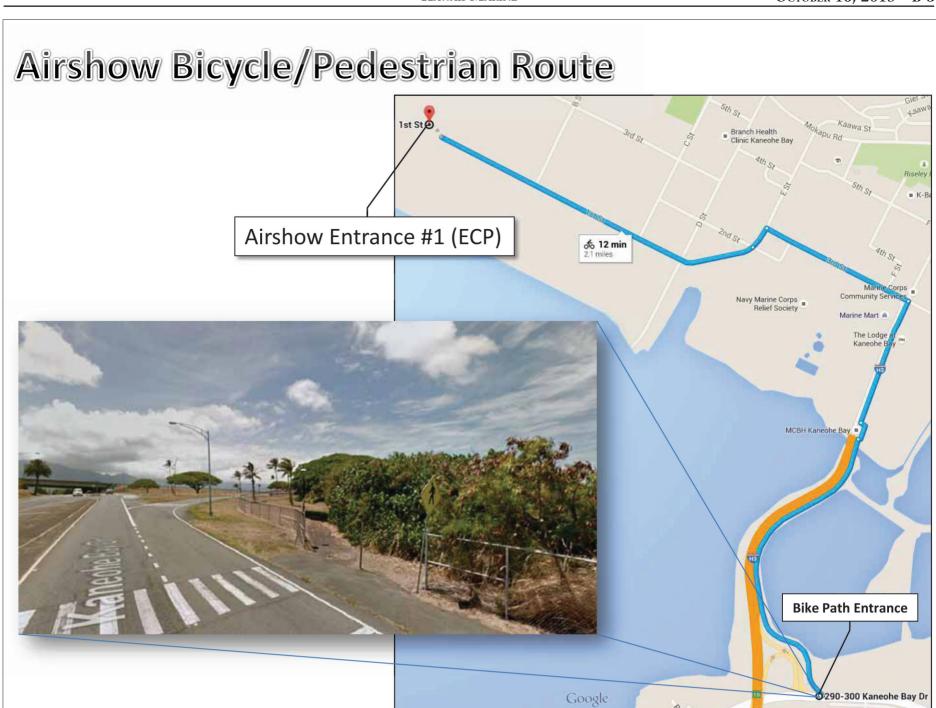


Capt. Corrie Mays is a native of Marstons Mills, graduated Mass. She from the University of Georgia, in Athens, Ga., with a Bachelor of Science degree in environmental economics and management. Mays joined the Blue Angels in September 2014. She has accumulated more than 700 flight hours.









## Congratulations, Kaneche Bay Air Show drawing contest winners!





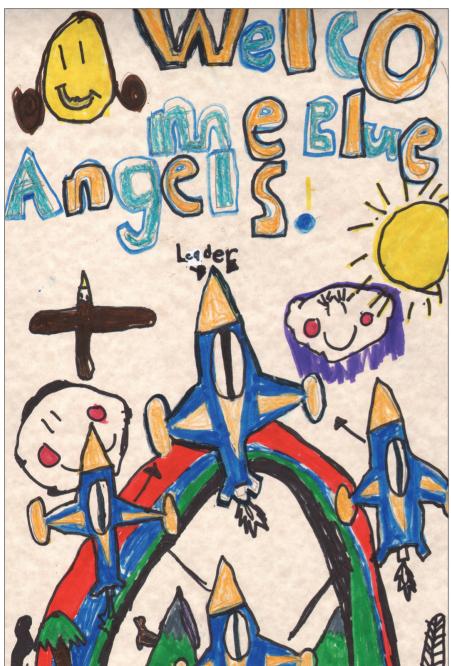
Karla Marques



**Eve Brady** 

Ji Yoo Kim

# Congratulations, runners up for the K-Bay Air Show drawing contest!



**Isabel Benavides** 





**Bayden Cartrette** 



**Hayden Dearing** 

#### Jacquie B to return to Kaneohe Bay Air Show

**Kristen Wong** 

Marine Corps Base Hawaii

"Jacquie B" Warda will return to Marine Corps Base Hawaii for the Kaneohe Bay Air Show Saturday and Sunday. Warda, of Danville, Calif., was the first female to begin working in the aviation business at the age of 50, and in 2010 became the first female to perform at the Al Ain Aerobatic Show 2010 in the United Arab Emirates.

"Third time's a charm," said Warda, who performed at MCB Hawaii in 2010 and 2012. "Each time somebody puts on an air show they learn a lot of things ... each time it just gets better."

Warda currently flies the Extra 300, a mid-wing aerobatic monoplane with two seats.

The Extra 300 is heavier than her original Pitts S-1T Biplane. Still, she likes having two seats, so she could take people for rides, something she couldn't do with the biplane.

"It's a challenge because of its size and the extra weight," Warda said. "But it's a great performing aircraft. There's hardly anything it won't do."

Pete "Wheeler" O'Hare, the director of the Kaneohe Bay Air Show, said Warda, who will be the only female professional aviator performing this year, also takes the time to meet the public during each show.

"She makes sure that she spends the time with those people (who) really want to look up to a female aviator especially one with her talent and abilities," O'Hare said. "Being able to perform at an air show is a challenge to begin with. But all the time she spends with the crowds is just as important — young folks have someone to look up to."

Not only is she a delight in the air, but she's also "very personable," said O'Hare, who met Warda in person in 2007 at the International Council of Air Shows convention.

Warda, whose father, two uncles and brother are all pilots, has been interested in flying since she was 3 years old. She earned her pilot's license on June 5, 1987. Her qualifications include a commercial license with ratings to fly both single engine seaplanes and



Jacquie "B" Warda will be returning to the Kaneohe Bay Air Show Saturday and Sunday. She currently flies the Extra 300, a mid-wing aerobatic monoplane with two seats.

traditional land planes.

"(It was) probably the most exciting thing I've ever done in my life," said Warda, recalling her first flight. "It's not like anything on earth. It's a hundred times better than a roller coaster. It's the most thrilling experience that I've ever had to date."

She earned her nickname "Jacquie Baby" from a fellow pilot, and the name eventually became her call sign.

Warda flew for recreation while working as a secretarial executive assistant for 20 years and a legal secretary for seven. She started performing in the air in 2003 through encouragement from a retired air show pilot with whom she trained.

"I really enjoyed it," Warda said. "It was kind of by accident. It wasn't something I dreamed about. I was just happy to fly."

Today, the 61 year old practices flying five days a week. She said she could spend up to five hours at the airport, preparing for her flights, practicing and cleaning her aircraft. She performs in as many as 15 air shows annually. During each air show, Warda said she could take five, or even 10 flights.

"(An) air show weekend's a busy weekend for (Warda and her team)," Warda said.

In the future, Warda said she hopes to perform in air shows in China. However, the country is currently working on logistical issues.

"They want to have air shows, but they don't have the infrastructure to handle it," Warda said. "So, I would really like to fly a show in China. I know it will happen, they're just trying to build airports as fast as they can. They're working on it."

#### Paradise Flyers to appear in Kaneohe Bay Air Show

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The Paradise Flyers Radio Control Club, which has been featured in past air shows aboard Marine Corps Base Hawaii, will be participating in the 2015 Kaneohe Bay Air Show, Saturday and Sunday.

"The Paradise Flyers are a returning crowd pleaser," said Pete O'Hare, director of the Kaneohe Bay Air Show. "They have performed (for many years) and are a big hit with the air show spectators. This is a unique organization. They practice as a team (almost) weekly and have very unique aircraft from actual jet engines such as the F-22 and FA-18 to prop warbirds."

The group will conduct a flying demonstration and provide a static display for air show attendees. The demonstration consists of various styles of radio-controlled aircraft, from World War II warbirds to modern jets.

Each craft has different fuel sources: turbine, gas, electric and propeller. The demonstration will be pre-show entertainment for early attendees to the

"We're sort of the warm-up band for the rock stars," said Mike Youngling, the air show coordinator for PFRCC.

The club will also have a tent with static displays of their model planes for air show patrons to view.

"People are amazed at how sophisticated the models are and how realistic they look," Youngling said. "The prop planes sound like prop planes and the jets sound like a jet, smell like a jet, so they usually get a kick out of that."

According to Youngling, there are three common questions the general public usually asks RC flyers: the cost, the speed of the plane and how long it takes to learn how to fly an RC plane.

For those who are curious, Youngling said it could take as little as three

weekends to learn how to fly an RC plane. The cost could be as low as \$100 or could reach the thousands, depending on how much the enthusiast is willing to spend. An average RC plane may fly approximately 90 to 100 mph, whereas a jet-powered plane could reach 150 mph.

Youngling, of Mililani, Hawaii, joined PFRCC while he was an activeduty airman in 2007. Now retired from the Air Force, Youngling has been flying RC planes since 1976 and owns numerous models, including an F-86 Sabre and a World War II Spitfire.

"It's always thrilled me to create something and then watch it fly," Youngling said. "I've (also) always been interested in aviation."

The club, which has been active aboard Marine Corps Air Station Kaneohe Bay since the late '90s, is an activity sponsored by Marine Corps Community Services. The current membership of 60 active-duty service

members, dependents, retirees and civilians regularly uses Landing Zone Westfield to fly their aircraft every Sunday and federal holiday.

As far back as the '90s, PFRCC has participated in air shows at MCB Hawaii. Youngling said it was the club's way of showing gratitude to the base for allowing them to fly at LZ Westfield. The club has also performed at four of Pacific Aviation Museum's Biggest Little Air Shows.

Youngling encourages people to visit the PFRCC tent during the air show to meet the members and ask about the model planes.

"We're excited to support the (Kaneohe Bay) Air Show, to meet with the public, show what we do and support the base," he said.

For more information about the Kaneohe Bay Air Show, visit kaneohebayairshow.com. For more information about the club, visit pfrcchi.org.