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## Welcome home Hawaiian Raptors

Story and photos by  
Tech. Sgt. Aaron Oelrich

15th Wing Public Affairs

*Editor's note: Because of security considerations and host nation sensitivities, the Hawaii Air National Guard will not release the names of its personnel who deployed, and the country, or base where the Raptors operated.*

Friends and family celebrate the homecoming of their loved ones as they returned to Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, April 8.

More than 200 active duty, Air National Guard Airmen and the F-22 Raptors aircraft returned from a six-month deployment.

“It is good to be home, I think everyone did an amazing job out there,” said an aircraft maintainer from the 154th Maintenance Squadron. “I can't wait to be around my family, have some good food and go to the beach.”

The Hawaiian Raptors are made up of F-22 pilots from the 199th Fighter Squadron and the active duty 19th

Fighter Squadron, supported by the Hawaii Air National Guard's 154th Maintenance Squadron and the active duty 15th Maintenance Squadron.

The deployment to the Central Command area of responsibility marked the first operational deployment for the Hawaiian Raptors. The Central Command

area of responsibility encompasses the Southwest Asia and most of the Middle East. The Hawaiian Raptors were an integral part of Operation Inherent Resolve.

“Our Airmen performed extremely well and they did it with the Aloha spirit. Maintenance did an outstanding job, and met all their tasks. We integrated well with the other

coalition forces and conducted our operations flawlessly,” said one of the pilots from the Hawaii Air National Guard.

The F-22 fighter aircraft and the Airmen of the Hawaiian Raptors started this mission by departing from Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam in late

September 2015.



(Top) Airmen from the Hawaiian Raptors conduct an end of runway inspection of several F-22 Raptors. (Above) Leaders from the Hawaii Air National Guard's 154th Wing and the Active-duty 15th Wing greeted Airmen from the Hawaiian Raptors.

## USS Port Royal, Coronado complete IDCERTEX

Story and photo by  
MC3 Christopher Veloicaza

Commander, U.S. 3rd Fleet  
Public Affairs

PACIFIC OCEAN (NNS)—Guided-missile cruiser USS Port Royal (CG 73) and littoral combat ship USS Coronado (LCS 4) Crew 204 successfully completed an independent deployer certification exercise (IDCERTEX) along the coast of Southern California, April 10.

IDCERTEX is a schedule of events and scenario driven exercise designed to provide realistic, integrated training to assess independently deploying units while exercising advanced level mission skills.

“IDCERTEX is designed to make sure our crew is prepared for every possible mission we're called on during deployment,”



Sailors conduct live-fire exercises on the aft-missile deck of guided-missile cruiser USS Port Royal (CG 73).

said Lt. Cmdr. David Stanford, Port Royal's operations officer. “We're dealing with other ships and practicing many of the same missions that we'll be performing in 5th and 7th fleet.”

The exercise, led by Commander, U.S. 3rd Fleet and executed by Commander, Carrier Strike Group 15, included Port Royal, Coronado, guided-missile destroyer USS Chosin (CG 65), lit-

toral combat ship USS Freedom (LCS 1) Crew 111, Helicopter Maritime Strike Squadrons 35 and 37, and Helicopter Sea Combat Squadron 23.

“This IDCERTEX was significant because it was the first deployment certification event for Coronado and the first for an LCS-2 variant,” said Capt. Warren R. Buller, commodore of Littoral Combat Ship Squadron 1.

“We have certified a number of rotating crews in the LCS-1 variant to support earlier deployments of Freedom and USS Fort Worth (LCS 3) but this IDCERTEX was our first opportunity to showcase the capabilities of the LCS-2 variant and to prepare Coronado for her maiden deployment.”

IDCERTEX began with a series of missions unique to maritime security operations that require the use of the visit, board, search and seizure teams, embarked aviation

detachment, as well as other ship specific operations. The integrated phase involves training and coordination between multiple ships and aircraft and consists of flight operations, strait transit formations, replenishment-at-sea, and other required mission evolutions.

“We've been cooperating with other ships during this exercise to a fair degree,” said Stanford. “This is actually the first IDCERTEX between LCSs and a cruiser, and it's definitely presented a challenge in trying to accommodate to each other's capabilities but has also exposed us to the right resources to best accomplish the mission.”

IDCERTEX served as CSG 15's final opportunity to evaluate and certify Port Royal and LCS Crew 204 Sailors across multiple warfare areas prior to their regularly scheduled deployments this summer.

## Pinwheel planting at MFSC marks Child Abuse Prevention Month

Story and photo by  
Brandon Bosworth

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The Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam Military and Family Support Center (MFSC) hosted a pinwheel planting ceremony on April 13 to commemorate Child Abuse Prevention Month.

More than 100 children from Pearl Harbor Elementary School planted pinwheels in front of the Military and Family Support Center located at 4827 Bougainville Drive. Pinwheels are the national symbol of the movement to prevent child abuse.

“We want to send a message that Child Abuse Prevention Month is really important,” said

Raegan Patrick-Mudd, education services facilitator, MFSC. “We hope people will look at the pinwheels and remember the whimsy and fun of childhood, as well as the impact they have on their children's lives.”

Each year in April, the president of the United States issues a proclamation to declare April National Child Abuse Prevention Month. The tradition began in 1983, when President Ronald Reagan declared that “Child abuse and child neglect continue to threaten the lives and health of over a million of our nation's children. Their physical suffering and emotional anguish challenge us, as parents, neighbors, and citizens, to increase our attention to their protection and

intensify our efforts to prevent their maltreatment.”

President Barack Obama continued the tradition this year.

“During National Child Abuse Prevention Month, we recommit to giving every child a chance to succeed and to ensuring that every child grows up in a safe, stable, and nurturing environment that is free from abuse and neglect,” reads Obama's 2016 Presidential Proclamation.

An additional pinwheel planting will also take place at the Center Drive Child Development Center today from 2:30 to 4:30 p.m. See page B-5 for details.

Raegan Patrick-Mudd hands out pinwheels to students from Pearl Harbor Elementary School.





# JBPHH hosts joint service immersion program for senior enlisted personnel

**Story and photo by  
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*Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam Public Affairs*

With the goal of strengthening the bonds between services, command master chiefs, chief master sergeants, sergeant majors and master chief petty officers all attended the Senior Enlisted Leader Cross-Pollenization (SELCROSSPOL) program at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, April 8.

This month’s iteration of the SELCROSSPOL was sponsored by the United States Air Force and included tours of the 15th Wing maintenance facilities, the interior of a C-17, and the Hawaii Air National Guard F-22 maintenance hangar.

The inaugural event, which took place last month, was sponsored by the Navy and included a visit to the USS Paul Hamilton.

The program began in November 2015 by Air Force CMSgt. Robert Jingst and Navy Region Hawaii Command Master Chief David Carter. Their goal is to connect senior enlisted leaders from across the armed forces.

The program was developed to eliminate barriers between the services, integrating and immersing the sister services in each other’s culture.

“Each branch of service offers something unique to the mission and we need to rely on each other to be more effective in accomplishing that mission,” said Carter. “The more we know

about what each other has to offer, the better we can leverage those unique capabilities and more effectively execute the mission.”

“This is the second meeting for the program, which was created to ‘cross pollinate’ E9s across the island,” said CMSgt. Christopher Gradel, Defense Information Systems Agency



Participants in the Senior Enlisted Leader Cross-Pollenization program take a tour of a C-17 Globemaster III aircraft at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, April 8.

## Mississippi visits Yokosuka during western Pacific deployment

**Lt. j.g. Tamsyn Thompson**

*USS Mississippi Public Affairs*

YOKOSUKA, Japan—Virginia-class attack submarine USS Mississippi (SSN 782) arrived at Fleet Activities Yokosuka, April 11, for a routine visit as part of its maiden deployment to the Indo-Asia-Pacific. Mississippi is homeported in Pearl Harbor.

This visit strengthens the positive alliance between the U.S. and Japan through the crew’s interaction with the Japan Maritime Self Defense Force.

It also demonstrates the U.S. Navy’s commitment to regional stability and maritime security

in the U.S. 7th Fleet area of operations.

“Port visits are ideal to supporting the Sailors and executing our commitment to international relations,” said Cmdr. Eric Rozek, USS Mississippi commanding officer. “Yokosuka provides my crew an opportunity to visit Japan as well as reach back to family and friends in the United States.”

Although this is Mississippi’s second visit to Japan during the current deployment, the officers and crew said they



are excited to be in port and experience the culture after a month at sea. With a dynamic underway schedule, the in-port period allows Sailors an opportunity to reset before another underway.

“I’m looking forward to seeing the more historical side of Japan,” said Yeoman Seaman Danny Smith. “This is my first deployment, as well as the first time that I’ve been able to travel outside of the United States. I’d like to go to a baseball game and visit a museum during my off time.”

(DISA) Pacific Senior Enlisted Leader. “The monthly program facilitates team building amongst enlisted leaders, increases service culture understanding, and ultimately become more effective in the joint environment across Oahu.”

Increasing understanding of other’s services was just one goal of the program, but so far, it seems to be effective.

“Every time I do this, I learn something important,” Carter said. “For this particular iteration, I learned more about the complexities of maintaining the F-22 and the role and importance of the Hawaii Air National Guard.”

“I highly recommend this program to any Senior Enlisted Leader,” Carter said. “Along with the knowledge gained about the capabilities of our forces across the island, the networks created will benefit anyone who participates.”

The next SELCROSSPOL event is slated to take place next month at the United States Coast Guard’s station at Sand Island.

For more information about SELCROSSPOL or to inquire about participation, contact Air Force CMSgt. Robert Jingst at 449-1579 or Navy Command Master Chief David Carter at 473-2209.

### Happy birthday U.S. Submarine Force



**Photo by Kawika Grant**

Every year on April 11 for at least the past seven years retired Navy Cmdr. David Grant places flowers at the base of the Submarine Memorial at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam.



# Diverse VIEWS



Who is your favorite professional athlete of all time?



**Steven Allee**  
766th Specialized Contracting Squadron

“My recent favorite pro athlete is ‘The Rock’ because of his dedication to his profession and his ability to remember how hard the road to success is. He gives a lot back to his fans.”

**David “Duna” Hodge**  
JBPHH Community Relations

“Cal Ripkin Jr. The Iron Man shortstop/ third base for the Baltimore Orioles from 1981-2001. Because he’s the man. He played 2,632 consecutive games.”



**Chief Master Sgt. Eric Becera**  
297th Air Traffic Control Squadron

“Julius Erving (Dr. J). He had the smoothest style in basketball.”

**Julianne Johnson**  
Navy family member

“UH’s softball team’s No. 1 player, centerfielder Kelly Majam and also infielder Mysha Sataraka. I play multiple sports as well, and while growing up here and playing softball too, it was really great to have role models who grew up here or were from here, and are still playing and the best in the sport.”



**Lt. Col. Joyce Merl**  
297th Air Traffic Control Squadron

“Joe Montana because I am a huge 49ers fan, and during his time we won the Super Bowl a few times.”

**Chief Yeoman (SW/AW) David Parrott**  
Commander Naval Surface Group Middle Pacific

“Ryne Sandberg ‘Ryno’, second base for the Chicago Cubs from 1981 to 1997. The first baseball game I ever saw, he hit a homerun.”



**Master Sgt. Cory Reeves**  
613th Air Operations Center

“Former pro wrestler ‘The Rock.’ He was and always will be the most electrifying man in sports entertainment. Do you smell what The Rock is cookin’?”

**Ensign Ben Ralen**  
USS Chafee (DDG-90)

“Tom Brady. The man is a legend and a class act. Also, you know, four Super Bowl rings isn’t too shabby either!”



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Letter to Airmen:

## COMPACAF delivers message about sexual assault

**Gen. Lori J. Robinson**

*PACAF commander,  
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Air Forces*



Gen. Lori J. Robinson

This month, we observe the 12th annual Sexual Assault Awareness and Prevention Month with the theme, “Eliminate Sexual Assault: Know Your Part. Do Your Part.” It is clear our Air Force does not tolerate, condone, or ignore sexual assault. Moreover, I call on you to be part of the solution by living our core values each and every day while possessing the social courage to “Do Your Part” to intervene when appropriate, to report crimes,

and to support victims. #notjustApril highlights the importance of sexual assault prevention and response every day of the year.

Eliminating sexual assault requires every Airman to be an active participant. We all

have a role in treating others with dignity and respect, understanding bystander intervention to help identify and stop unsafe behavior and in eliminating social and professional retaliation against victims who report sexual assault. We hope that victims feel secure and empowered in coming forward with their allegations, and secure in the fact that their reports will be taken seriously.

This year, commanders and SAPR teams have been innovative in creating interactive activities to combat sexual assault, such as Hickam’s “Single Airmen Resiliency Retreat,” Kadena’s “Take

Back the Night” rally and march, and Osan’s “Clothesline Project.” Other installations are hosting proclamation signings, leadership panels/summits, storytellers’ events, and screenings of “The Hunting Ground” to raise awareness and promote prevention.

I encourage you to attend the SAAPM events scheduled on base. For more information please contact your unit SAPR office.

Thank you for your ongoing efforts and commitment to creating a safe and mutually respectful workplace for all Airmen—together, we will eliminate sexual assault from our Air Force!

## Air Force ROTC cadets discuss importance of SAPR

**Story and photo by  
2nd Lt.  
Kaitlin Daddona**

*15th Wing Public Affairs*

Future military officers at the University of Hawaii Air Force Reserve Officer Training Corps program learned about the importance of Sexual Assault Awareness and Prevention Month with members of the 15th Wing Sexual Assault Prevention and Response office and the university’s Title 9 staff at the UH Manoa Campus, April 7.

The cadets at Detachment 175 viewed the 2015 documentary “The Hunting Ground,” and discussed the realities of sexual assault on college campuses and in the military.

“It’s important that we, as active duty members, reach out to the cadets because they are future officers,”



2nd Lt. Allyssa Schimmoeller offers Air Force Reserve Officer Training Corps cadets Sexual Assault Awareness and Prevention Month tokens.

said 2nd Lt. Allyssa Schimmoeller, 647th Force Support Squadron chief of readiness and plans and 15th Wing alternate Sexual Assault Response coordinator. “Not only are they the upcoming lead-

ers in our Air Force, they are also in the vulnerable age group in which sexual assaults occur most often. If we can educate them and create dialogue that makes them more aware, we can be a part

of the culture change.”

The students said they were surprised by the film’s presentation of the high numbers of sexual assaults that get reported without punishing end-results for the perpetrators.

“It frustrated me to see how helpless the victims were,” one student said. “It’s disgusting.”

Capt. Thomas Odgers, Det. 175 Operations Flight commander, said that SAPR training, even for those people who are not yet active duty, is imperative for being a good wingman.

“It’s not stuff you really want to talk about,” Odgers said. “We want to pretend it doesn’t ever happen, and then everything will be alright. But, the point is we have to talk about it. We’ve got to break that culture. The sooner we do, the better it’s going to be for everyone.”

## DBIDS to be implemented at JBPHH this month

**Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam Public Affairs**

Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam will begin transitioning its electronic access systems to the Defense Biometric Identification System (DBIDS). A Department of Defense (DoD) owned and operated system, DBIDS is a significant enhancement to military installation force protection and improves the

management of base access and screening of civilian and military personnel at DoD installations.

The transition period begins with ID card registration at installation gates from April 25 to May 20 done on a staggered basis, with full implementation beginning May 21 at Joint Base and its annexes at Wahiawa, West Loch, and Lualualei.

The change should be transpar-

ent to personnel seeking to enter JBPHH. During the transition period, personnel might experience slight delays at installation access points when gate personnel scan an ID card for the first time.

More information will be available in next week’s publication of Ho’okele.

For questions, contact the JBPHH Pass & ID office at 449-0872 or 449-0865.

## USS Iwo Jima recovers Apollo 13 command module



Crewmen aboard the USS Iwo Jima (LPH-2), prime recovery ship for the Apollo 13 mission, guide the command module atop a dolly on the ship, April 17, 1970. Apollo 13 launched April 11, 1970, commanded by Navy Capt. James A. Lovell. The ship endured an explosion, forcing an immediate return to Earth. The command module with three crewmen aboard splashed down only about four miles from the recovery vessel in the south Pacific Ocean.

Official NASA photo

## Temporary lane closure announced

The Honolulu Rail Transit project will continue utility work in the Nimitz Highway and airport area. Saturday lane closures are set to begin April 16, continuing for the next two to three months. Beginning April 16 from 7 a.m. to 4 p.m., lane closures will take place in the vicinity of North Nimitz Highway and Valkenburgh Street. Drivers should proceed with caution while traveling through the area.

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# 735th AMS hosts joint-service deployment process symposium

Story and photo by  
2nd Lt. Michelle Paras

735th Air Mobility Squadron

With the goal of informing other services about the deploying-unit process, the 735th Air Mobility Squadron hosted the U.S. Army's 25th Infantry Division during a joint-service deployment process event at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam.

The event was designed to help soldiers understand more about how the Air Force can benefit its sister services during their deployment process.

Nearly 100 soldiers attended the March 24 event, including Major Gen. Charles Flynn, 25th ID commander, and Brig. Gen. Patrick Matlock, 25th ID deputy



Members from the 259th Human Relations Company brief the U.S. Army 25th Infantry Division.

commanding general.

“It was an honor hosting and being able to discuss how the 735 AMS can help the 25ID deploy more effectively,” said Lt. Col. Maria Moore-McLendon, 735th AMS commander. “It was a long

awaited and much needed discussion. Both Generals were very appreciative and the goal is to keep the dialogue going.”

The visit began at the Freight Terminal with a brief by Aubrey Mullen, 735th AMS special plan-

ning supervisor, on the topic of joint inspections. Mullen said the goal should be ensuring all documentation is completed by the unit prior to arrival at Hickam.

The 25th ID ended their day at the Passenger Termi-

nal, where they received a brief by the 259th Human Relations Company on deployment in-processing procedures.

Afterward, 1st Lt. Kimberly Robinson, 735th AMS Passenger Services officer-in-charge, 2nd Lt. Justin Rees, 735th Passenger Services assistant officer-in-charge and Master Sgt. Terence Wright, 735th superintendent, provided insight on the 735th's passenger processing and upcoming terminal renovation.

“This visit reflects the 735th's unwavering support to the warfighter anytime and anywhere they need to go — whether it's in direct support of a contingency response, or a desperately needed humanitarian assistance and disaster relief mission,” Wright said.

# USS Bremerton visits Sasebo during Indo-Asia-Pacific deployment

Lt. j. g. Lucas Evans

USS Bremerton Public Affairs

SASEBO, Japan—Los Angeles-class attack submarine USS Bremerton (SSN 698) arrived at Fleet Activities Sasebo for a visit as part of its deployment to the Indo-Asia-Pacific region, April 6.

Homeported in Pearl Harbor, Bremerton's crew looks forward to repre-



U.S. Navy photo by MC1 Steven Khor

USS Bremerton (SSN 698) is underway on routine operations.

senting the U.S. Navy as they continue their Indo-Asia-Pacific deployment.

This visit strengthens the already positive alliance between the U.S. and Japan through the crew's interaction with the Japanese Maritime Self Defense Force.

It also demonstrates the U.S. Navy's commitment to regional stability and maritime security in the U.S. 7th Fleet area of operations.

“My crew is excited to visit Sasebo,” said Cmdr. Wes Bringham, commanding officer.

“Our partnership with Japan is very important to security in the western Pacific and this port visit provides us a great opportunity to learn about our ally's culture and history. Bremerton first visited Sasebo in March 1986 and my crew is proud to continue the long tradition of partnership between Japan

and the U.S.”

Bremerton is capable of executing anti-submarine warfare, anti-surface ship warfare, intelligence, surveillance and reconnaissance.

“It takes a well-trained and motivated crew of top-notch Sailors to maintain America's longest-serving submarine in her top war-fighting condition,” said Command Master Chief Wade Jacobson, chief of the boat.

# Fleet chief petty officer training team keeps leaders on course

Navy takes another step in developing leaders

MC2 Brian M. Wilbur

U.S. Pacific Fleet Public Affairs

“If we want to have the greatest Navy in the world, we must have the greatest leaders in the world,” said Master Chief Petty Officer of the Navy (MCPON) Mike Stevens.

In today's ever-changing world it can be difficult to keep up with current trends, beliefs and methods. Stevens said he believes success still begins and ends with

leadership and that a new way of training Sailors is important. He also believes the Fleet CPO Training Team (FCPOTT) he established in 2010 can deliver the kind of training Sailors need to tackle today's challenges.

“It is one element of several things we have done over the past five years to help prepare our chief petty officers for the challenges they will face in the 21st century,” Stevens said.

The training team conducts a one-day session for Chiefs Messes, First Class Petty Officer Associations (FCPOA) and soon, possibly in wardrooms. Post-tour

command master chiefs, hand-picked by fleet master chiefs, help the command identify challenges it faces and determine the best way to overcome those challenges. This allows the command to own the process and, in turn, reset and reenergize the leadership.

“The training is geared to be delivered to individual CPO or FCPO messes in this format because the groups are uniquely qualified to figure out their own issues or areas for improvement instead of having ‘outsiders’ come in and tell them how to fix themselves,” said Command Master

Chief Lawrence Linton, a Norfolk-based facilitator. “We use this method so they can provide their own critical self-assessment.”

Command Master Chief Jeffrey Steinly, a Hawaii-based facilitator, explained how important it is to keep distractions to a minimum during training. Off-site training allows the participants to fully concentrate and gives them the opportunity to get together in an environment other than work.

“We've held a few training sessions on a ship in the Chiefs Mess or training classroom and you always get interruptions; 1MCs going off, people are thinking

about their work because they're at their work,” Steinly said. “We ask in our surveys if it was better to hold the training off-site, and universally, the participants say yes because it takes them out of that element and allows them to focus on that self-improvement and all-around group improvement.”

Commands interested in receiving training can contact Steinly via email at jeffrey.steinly@navy.mil.

To read the full story and to learn more, visit the All Hands Online website at <http://1.usa.gov/261bIMR>



# Pearl Harbor-Hickam Highlights

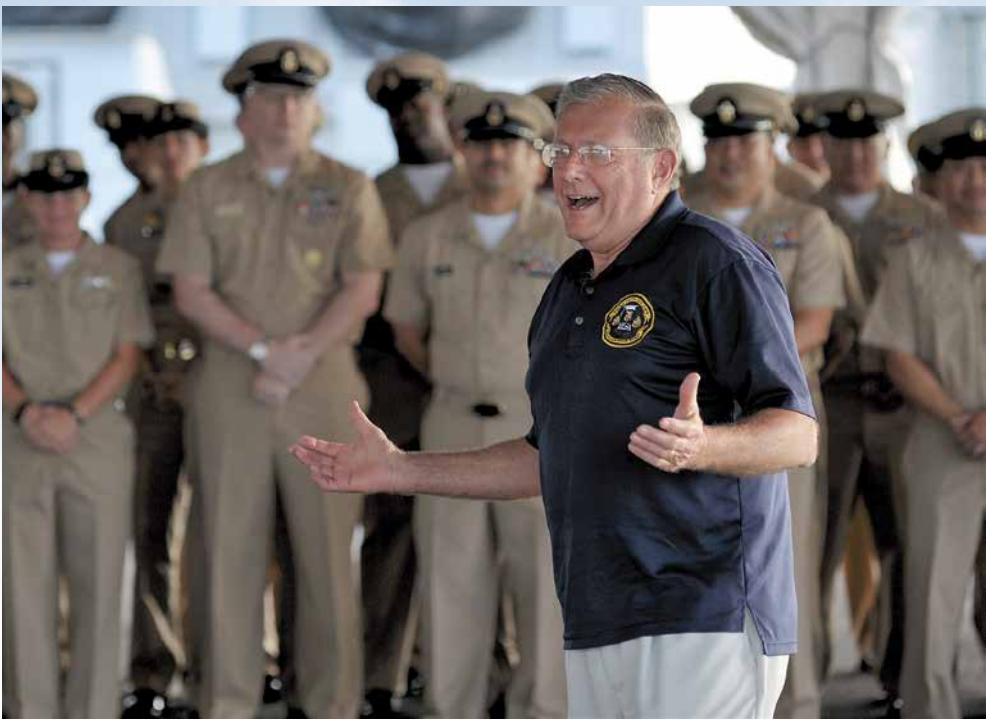


Cub Scouts from Pack 388 learn different methods used to lift fingerprints during a tour of the 647th SFS at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, April 5. During the tour, members of the 647th SFS provided weapon, fingerprint and vehicle demonstrations for the Cub Scouts in Den Five of Pack 388.

U.S. Air Force photo by Tech. Sgt. Aaron Oelrich

(Right) Retired Master Chief Petty Officer of the Navy Duane Bushey, the seventh MCPON, delivers remarks during a chief petty officer birthday anniversary ceremony aboard the Battleship Missouri Memorial on Ford Island at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam. April 1 marked the 123rd anniversary of the rank of chief petty officer.

U.S. Navy photo by MC2 Johans Chavarro



(Above) Mike Domitrz, right, an author and motivational speaker on the topic of sexual assault prevention, speaks to a Sailor during a Sexual Assault and Prevention Response event at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, April 5.

U.S. Navy photo by MC2 Jeff Troutman



(Above) Sailors fight a simulated fire during a crash and salvage drill on the flight deck of guided-missile cruiser USS Port Royal (CG 73) during an independent deployer certification exercise.

U.S. Navy photo by MC3 Christopher A. Veloicaza



(Left) A technical sergeant from the 154th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron greets his family at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, April 5 after returning from a six-month deployment.

U.S. Air Force photo by Tech. Sgt. Aaron Oelrich



# VP-9 Golden Eagles return from overseas deployment

**From Patrol Squadron 9 Public Affairs**

Following a seven-month deployment, the last P-3C Orion maritime patrol aircraft, belonging to the “Golden Eagles” of Patrol Squadron 9, touched down April 4. Sailors were reunited with friends and family at Marine Corps Base Hawaii, Kaneohe Bay.

From September through March, the squadron proved its capabilities through operations across Europe, Africa and South America. The squadron’s aircraft and aircrew maintained a 99.8 percent mission completion rate, completing 760 missions encompassing a total of 4,839 mishap-free flight hours.

Cmdr. Gonzalo Partida, the squadron’s commanding officer, praised the efforts and accomplishments of his Sailors.

The commitment and professionalism of the squadron’s more than 350 Sailors is what allows them to accomplish tasking across the globe, Partida said.

“We’ve operated from 12 countries over the past seven months and I could not be prouder of what the Golden Eagles have achieved. Homecomings are a reminder of why we deploy, to keep our loved ones safe and to protect the freedom we enjoy.” During the course of deployment, VP-9 participated in eight major military exercises.

“Participating in multilateral exercises allows us to maintain interoperability with our allies and helps our crews stay sharp and ready for the fight,” said Lt. Cmdr. Kevin Francis Riley, a naval aviator in the squadron.



U.S.Navy photo by MC3 Amber Porter

Cmdr. Gonzalo Partida, commanding officer of Patrol Squadron (VP) 9, reunites with his family.

“Working with NATO and non-NATO countries significantly increased theater security cooperation in Europe and provided VP-9 Sailors an opportunity to learn about the culture and people from our closest allies,” said Lt. Celesse Hidrovo-Guidry, a naval flight officer.

“I feel so fortunate to have seen so many different parts of the world that most people never get a chance to experience,” said Aviation Structural Mechanic 3rd Class Sabrina Rios. “As a squadron, we worked hard to keep the [aircraft] flying on these important missions and meet our objectives. I’m proud of our dedication while deployed, but I’m so happy to finally

be coming home!” Golden Eagles made an additional positive impact in the community of their host nations by participating in several community relations events.

“It has been great to get out into the local community and help other people while soaking up the culture at the same time,” said Information Systems Technician 1st Class Robert Leviker. “I am excited to have been part of such a unique experience.”

“It’s been an honor to serve my country overseas,” said Aviation Electronics Technician 2nd Class Allison Grimes. “We’ve all made some great memories, but after seven months I’m definitely looking forward to making some new memories in Hawaii.”

# Longtime military housing specialist named Joint Base Civilian of Year

**Story and photo by Brandon Bosworth**

*Assistant Editor, Ho'okele*

Gail Lile, supervisory housing management specialist, Housing Services Center, Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, was honored as JBPHH Civilian of the Year (Supervisors and Managers) for fiscal year 2015 during an all-hands call at Hickam Theater, April 12.

During the event, Lile was presented with a citation by Capt. Stanley Keeve Jr., commander of Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, noting some of her professional accomplishments as well as her “keen perception, outstanding professional knowledge, flawless coordination and attention to details.”

Born and raised in Kalihi Valley, Lile has worked for the federal government for nearly 37 years.

“It was 1979, and I was working for an insurance company,” she said. “Someone suggested I take the civil service test.”

Lile took the test,



Gail Lile was honored as JBPHH Civilian of the Year.

scored well, and was soon working as a GS-3 Clerk-Typist in Guam. She later took a position in New London, Conn. Lile eventually found her way back home to Hawaii, and has worked in military housing locally since 1987.

“What would I say about Gail?” said Ann Holland, who works with Lile at the Housing Services Center and nominated her for Civilian of the Quarter (which became Civilian of the Year).

“She takes pride in all that she does, pride in herself and pride in

her team. All that she does is well vetted and understandable. She’s organized and prompt with everything be it information for a family, a staff member or persons in leadership.

Lile said she still loves her work and is “extremely honored” to be named 2015 JBPHH Civilian of the Year.

“I feel blessed to have this job,” she said. “I enjoy working here and my goal is to be a compassionate advocate for military families. I try my best to provide them with the services they need.”

## GOT SPORTS

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## Hickam running track to close April 16-17

This weekend, from April 16 to 17, the running track located by the Hickam Bowling Center will be closed for stadium light repair.

Personnel are required to stay outside of the area barriers. Please obey caution, warning and directional signage. Use caution while driving through the area.



# Seabees build two new ramps at Wahiawa CDC

**Denise Emsley**

*Naval Facilities Engineering Command, Hawaii Public Affairs*

On April 6, Builder 3rd Class Michael Trinh and Engineering Aide Constructionman Molitau Faumuina from Naval Facilities Engineering Command Hawaii’s Public Works Department Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam Seabee Division work together surveying and sighting-in the correct elevation for Wahiawa Child Development Center, Naval Computer Telecommunication Area Master Station Wahiawa’s second new ramp.

“This project enables these young Seabees to enhance their basic skills and knowledge for future, more complex



U.S. Navy photo by CEC (SCW) Rolando Cayetano

Seabees construct ramps at the Wahiawa Child Development Center, Naval Computer Telecommunication Area Master Station Wahiawa.

endeavors,” said Construction Electrician Chief (SCW) Rolando Cayetano, NAVFAC Hawaii Seabee division head.

Two new American Disability Act compliant ramps are to replace one of the old ramps that were primarily used to exit the facility during monthly fire drills. The new ramps will allow participants in the Wahiawa Child and Youth Programs to use them more regularly regardless of age, disability or physical limitation and provides an added layer of safety for users.

Construction of the first ramp was a joint effort between Seabees from NAVFAC Hawaii Public Works Department JBPHH and Construction Battalion Mobile Unit 303 and completed late March.

# COMPACAF wraps up Australia, New Zealand visit

**Staff Sgt. Alexander Martinez**

*Pacific Air Forces Public Affairs*

Gen. Lori J. Robinson, Pacific Air Forces commander, deepened ties with partner nations and reaffirmed PACAF’s commitment to the rebalance in the Pacific during a two-week trip to New Zealand and Australia, March 3 to 17.

Robinson traveled to New Zealand and Australia to discuss current and future partnership engagements with the goal of improving interoperability among air forces, ensuring increased security and stability in the Indo-Asia-Pacific region, and honoring the men and women of the Royal New Zealand and Royal Australian Air Forces.

During her time in New Zealand, Robinson spoke with U.S. Embassy and New Zealand De-



Photo courtesy of RNZAF

Gen. Lori Robinson, Pacific Air Forces commander, performs a traditional hongi greeting with Royal New Zealand Air Force service members.

fence Force leaders and discussed the importance of air force-to-air force interoperability and expanding security cooperation.

“We appreciate New Zealand’s strong leadership role in the Pacific as we all face challenges with security and stability, and humanitarian assistance and

disaster relief,” Robinson said.

Robinson also visited RNZAF Base Ohakea, where she was the keynote speaker at the 75th Anniversary of Women Serving in the RNZAF Celebration, which preceded a two-day biennial RNZAF Women’s Development Forum.

The theme for the event was “Celebrating the past and embracing the opportunities of the future,” and Robinson honored the women in attendance by highlighting the importance of their service, and shared her personal experiences and how she’s seen the Air Force change during

her time in service.

“Over time in my long career I watched things change, attitudes change, and I’ve watched our service become more and more inclusive with more diversity of thought, background, race and gender,” Robinson said. “All of these things make us a better institution.”

A key engagement while in Australia was the RAAF Airpower Conference in Canberra, where Robinson delivered a speech emphasizing the benefits of interoperability and highlighting the broad spectrum of U.S. capabilities relating to the challenges shared by Pacific Partner nations. During her speech, she addressed military and security leaders from across the Indo-Asia-Pacific region who assembled to discuss joint and multi-domain integration of security practices.

“I know that together, as a joint and coalition team—and together with our

highly capable allies and partners—we can and will work through these challenges and prevail against the heavily contested environments of today and tomorrow,” Robinson said.

She also highlighted the importance of maintaining a strong and enduring presence in the region, to include humanitarian assistance and disaster relief operations.

“In the past few years, Pacific Air Forces Airmen have participated alongside our joint and coalition partners in humanitarian assistance and disaster relief operations in Japan in 2011, the Philippines in 2013, and most recently in Nepal last year,” Robinson said. “These theater challenges highlight the requirement to effectively integrate multi-domain operations across the joint force and we do this by utilizing the air tasking cycle to connect strategic guidance with operational and tactical tasks.”



**HO'OKELE**  
FOR THE NAVY AND AIR FORCE TEAM IN HAWAII

# Life & Leisure

*O'Kane brings*

# HOOPS CHAMPIONSHIP

Story and photos by Randy Dela Cruz, Sports Editor, Ho'okele

**A** common saying in sports is that defense wins championships.

*back to ship*

If ever that expression held any truth it was made evidently clear on April 11 at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam Fitness Center. An undersized but relentless USS O'Kane (DDG-77), No. 1 seed from the Afloat Division, pressed Naval Submarine Support Command (NSSC) into submission, 46-34, to win the 2016 JB-PHH intramural basketball crown.

"I don't have any words except that I'm really satisfied," O'Kane head coach Fire Controlman 1st Class Kenroy Edwards said following the win. "First year that we coached them, we didn't have uniforms or anything. So I took it upon myself to get uniforms, because we've got to look the part if we're going to play the part."

Edwards said that it was three years ago when he became head coach of the team, but it took two back-to-back losses, separated by two seasons, before he was able to stoke the fire red-hot.

"Last year, we lost to NIOC in the first round (playoffs)," Edwards said. "That hurt, but no excuses. When we lost to USS Preble (DDG 88) the first game of this season, that was the sparkplug. When that happened, it was like that wasn't going to happen again. We're not going to lose again."

While neither of the teams came out on fire in the first half, O'Kane mixed just enough firepower on offense to slowly pull away from NSSC.

O'Kane point guard Boatswain's Mate Seaman Jahleen Tabor made a move to get things going and zeroed in two long-range jumpers to put his team ahead at 8-2.

Fellow backcourt mate Machinist's Mate 3rd Class Donovan Jemison also picked up the slack with two treys of his own, and with only 1:47 remaining before halftime, Personnel Specialist 3rd Class Roland Love went two-for-two from the charity stripe to make it 21-7.

While the O'Kane offense was doing just enough to build up a double-digit lead at halftime, it was the team's blistering defense that truly ruled the game.

NSSC scored only two points on two free throws from Logistics Specialist 2nd Class Jerry Acosta in the first 14 minutes of play and didn't score a basket until Chief Yeoman Markus Howard sank a layup with 6:16 to go before halftime.

"It's all man-to-man defense," Edwards admitted. "We believe in it, we eat it, we breathe it. If you can stop your man, we just got to worry about where the ball goes."

Tabor explained that because the team operates best from transition, defense plays a huge role in how successful it performs.

"We try to score off of our defense," Tabor pointed out. "We're all fast and we play smart ball. No one is bigger than 6-foot 4-inches so we try to get the fast breaks going and try to get fouled."

Tabor and Jemison may have led the team with 18 of O'Kane's 23 first half points, but as NSSC started to slow down the backcourt duo, the pace got picked up by Gas Turbine System Technician (Mechanical) 2nd Class Shane Robinson, whose three-point bomb at the 13:53 mark all but put the game away at 31-14.

"Our whole team is versatile," Robinson said. "There is more than one scorer on our team. If one person isn't going good, the next person is going to take over."

Although O'Kane may have entered the playoffs as the underdogs, previously only one other Afloat team has won an intramural basketball title. Edwards said that if every one comes back next season, he believes that the team could do it again.

"I'm not going to say anything that anyone can hold me to later on, but I'm going to say this, any team, at any time, I think my guys are more hungry," Edwards said.

Below, O'Kane guard Personnel Specialist 3rd Class Roland Love slips past Chief Yeoman Markus Howard.

At right, Machinist's Mate 3rd Class Donovan Jemison jumps beyond the defense of Lt. Derrick Olsen.







Above, 15th Medical Group: 2016 Above 30 League intramural basketball champions. Below, retired Army Sgt. Rick June tries to get a shot off past the defense of retired Navy chief Troy McCloud.

# 15th Medical Group sweeps to hoops championship

**Story and photos  
by Randy Dela Cruz**  
*Sports Editor, Ho‘okele*

Needing two wins on the same night to claim a championship title is no easy task for any team to accomplish.

However, holding fast to their season-long goal of bringing home a trophy to their command, the 15 Medical Group got through the semifinals with a 46-37 win over the Old Bulls, before coming back in the championship nightcap to defeat Dry Dock, 57-42, on April 12 to win the inaugural Over 30 League basketball crown at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam Fitness Center.

“Like I’ve said all season, defense wins ball games,” Medical Group head coach Senior Airman Christopher McCloud said. “That was the main emphasis on both games today. We wanted to make sure we play defense and keep ourselves in a situation where we dictate our offense. [If] we keep the pressure on all day, we can run most teams out of the building.”

Although both of the Medical Group’s opponents entered the postseason at a lower seed, the night began by affirming that anything could happen in the one-and-done tournament. The fifth-seeded



Dry Dock took care of business and beat the No. 1 seed 647th Security Forces Squadron, 52-21, to earn their way to the season final.

The Medical Group punched their way into the championship round with a nine-point win over the Old Bulls and used that momentum to control the early minutes of their showdown versus Dry Dock.

While the Medical Group was getting a balanced attack led by guard Frederick Adams, a military spouse, Dry Dock managed to stay close via their

twin-towers combo of Electronics Technician 1st Class Richard Wheeler and retired Navy chief Troy McCloud.

With only seconds on the clock before halftime, Wheeler snuck through the lane for a lay-up to pull to within five points at 22-17.

However, instead of letting the clock run out on the shot, Medical Group guard Staff Sgt. Tyrone Shannon quickly dribbled to the frontcourt and swished a bull’s eye from the left wing for 25-17 lead at halftime.

Holding on to an eight-point lead, McCloud said that this is where the team had to make a stand on defense and the primary two targets were on Dry Dock’s big-man combo of Wheeler and McCloud.

The tandem accounted for 13 of the team’s 17 points in the first half, but in the second half, the high-scoring pair was held to a mere six points.

“We knew that McCloud was tired and he didn’t seem to want to do much, so we didn’t worry too much about him,” the coach said. “But we wanted to get the ball out of Wheeler’s hands. We wanted to pressure him early and force him to make bad shots and we did that.”

With 12:10 remaining on the clock, Tech. Sgt. Steven Mata sank a trey to

give the Medical Group a 39-29 lead.

The shot by Mata seemed to be the spark needed by the Medical Group to pull away, as teammate Rick June followed with back-to-back shots and then added a third after a free throw by Staff Sgt. Jamaar Milner to cap off a 10-0 run and a 46-29 lead.

For the game, June led all scorers with 20 points, while teammate Adams added 13 and Milner chipped in with 7.

Although Wheeler and McCloud did end up with 19, Dry Dock got a huge boost from guard Chief Cryptologic Technician (Interpretive) Jason Townsend, who popped in five treys to finish with 15 points — all in the second half.

“We’ve been short-handed all season, but we jell pretty well,” Townsend said. “We play our hearts outs. We’re a mixed batch. A lot of us came from the players’ pool and we finally jelled during the playoffs.”

Although McCloud has yet to taste the intramural championship, he said that taking the Above 30 League is pretty sweet.

“This feels great,” he said. “Finally, something great is coming to the Med Group. Hard work pays off and that’s what this team did. I couldn’t ask for anything more from these guys.”



# Students honor veteran with ‘Heart of a Hero’ award

Story and photo  
by Brister Thomas

Students of the Young Patriot’s Club at Navy Hale Keiki School (NHKS) presented the fifth annual “Heart of a Hero” award to Thomas Kahalu Lee, Jr. during a March 31 awards ceremony.

The idea of the Heart of a Hero award was designed and generated by the students in grades first through fourth of NHKS Young Patriot’s Club to honor local military heroes. The students led the entire event, from selecting their own hero to lining the red carpet as side boys to salute this year’s honoree.

Lee was chosen to be the fifth recipient based on his military service and heroic attributes such as bravery, honesty and selfless contributions to the community.

Lee’s story raised the curiosity of the students when they first met him at a school function last year. They were especially touched by his story of dedication to America and his fun-loving personality.

Lee serves the state of Hawaii and the governor’s office as the military affairs liaison. A graduate of Moanalua High School, Lee is an Army and



A student in the Young Patriot’s Club presents the Heart of a Hero award to Thomas Kahalu Lee Jr.

Navy veteran. After being honorably discharged from the Navy in 1999, he was personally moved to serve again in the Army following the Sept. 11, 2001 attacks.

A cancer survivor and recipi-

ent of a Purple Heart, “this hero truly embodies the perpetual sense of giving and sacrifice,” said Capt. J.P. Wilcox, NHKS Board of Governors chairperson.

Fourth grader Carter B. said of Lee, “He really cares about

the military and our country. He never gave up and has a heart for everyone.”

As the students surrounded him during the ceremony, Lee said, “I can’t describe how blessed a feeling I had to be

amongst such a great group of young students. Sharing time with the Young Patriots and their families will always be a cherished moment. It is with truly heartfelt appreciation and sincere mahalo palena ‘ole (gratitude beyond measure) to all of the children of the Young Patriot’s Club, director Raduziner, parents and all of the NHKS staff.”

“They voted for him because his energy is contagious and his service so loyal,” said Monique Raduziner, NHKS director and mentor of the Patriot’s Club.

“Tom Lee is everything a hero should be. He is courageous, strong, compassionate and a superb role model. Our students recognized his heart and unanimously choose him, because as children with pure hearts, they easily recognize someone with a hero heart,” Raduziner said.

“I look at these children and am reminded that there is the greatest hope for our future and for our country. When you look in to their eyes the future looks very bright,” Raduziner said.

(For more information, contact Brister Thomas, Navy Hale Keiki School communications, at 808-284-0293 or email navy-halekeiki@gmail.com, or visit the website ohana.nhks.org.)



Photo courtesy of Pacific Aviation Museum Pearl Harbor

# Students participate in new museum education program

Pacific Aviation Museum  
Pearl Harbor

More than two dozen sixth and seventh graders from Maunaloa Elementary School on Molokai and Lanai High and Elementary School traveled to Pacific Aviation Museum Pearl Harbor for an inaugural outreach education program.

The program included hands-on aviation-related STEM (science, technology, engineering and math) activities, as well as guided tours to, and a sleep over at, historic Pearl Harbor World War II sites, including Pacific Aviation Museum Pearl Harbor, USS Bowfin, the Battleship Missouri Memorial and USS Arizona Memorial.

Pacific Aviation Museum Pearl Harbor recently hosted the students and three accompanying teachers. All travel, housing, food/beverage and curriculum expenses were paid for through a donation by Barbara Cargill, which was secured by the museum.

In addition, the students were the first to participate in a new program at Pacific Aviation Museum called Wings To Rockets.

“Wings To Rockets is a new program that combines the ‘best of the best,’” said Shauna Tonkin, director of education at Pacific Aviation Museum Pearl Harbor. “We’ve taken some of the most popular aviation and STEM-related activities from our education programs and combined them to create a highly interactive curriculum where all elements of science, technology, engineering and math are presented in a format that keeps students engaged.”

“Also, by incorporating guided tours to our neighboring Pearl Harbor historic sites, they not only learn about the history of World War II, but they can see

first hand the role that science and technology played during one of America’s most prolific periods of war. Being able to host students from Molokai and Lanai is an added bonus, thanks to the generosity and support we received from a private donor,” Tonkin said.

“Coming from a small, isolated island, our students rarely get an opportunity such as the one offered by Pacific Aviation Museum Pearl Harbor,” said seventh-grade teacher Mark Sacco from Lanai High and Elementary School. “The activities offered throughout our

“Wings To Rockets is a new program that combines the ‘best of the best.””

— Shauna Tonkin,  
director of education  
at Pacific Aviation Museum  
Pearl Harbor

stay were engaging, hands-on, informative and focused on real-life aeronautic issues and situations. There was not a moment wasted.

“The historical component that was covered through visits to Pacific Aviation Museum and neighboring sites was brought to life and provided the students with a rare opportunity to learn about and explore the history of Pearl Harbor,” Sacco said.

“This was a whole new learning experience,” said seventh-grader Mary Claire from Lanai High and Elementary School. “We learned how to fly (with the use of a simu-

lator) and I liked how we got to see what planes had to do with World War II and how they worked.”

“Like students from Lanai, we come from a small, rural area,” said sixth-grade teacher Wendy Espaniola from Maunaloa Elementary School. “This was really a once in a lifetime opportunity and presented a wonderful way to take learning out of the classroom. For all of us, including myself, this was our first time on Ford Island and all of the students thoroughly enjoyed themselves. In the schools, there is a big push for incorporating STEM programs into our curriculum, and everything we did had this component.”

“My favorite activities were flying an airplane (through the use of a simulator) at Pacific Aviation Museum and programming robots to go into a square on the USS Missouri. I was really surprised at how many new things I learned and I didn’t know all of these sites were here,” said sixth-grade student Divine Brown-Davis from Maunaloa Elementary School.

Some of the aviation-related STEM activities that students participated in at Pacific Aviation Museum Pearl Harbor included table-top experiments, seeing the effects that airflow have on a wing and the use of a P-40 flight simulator.

The program concluded with a “Wings To Rockets Winging Ceremony” where Tonkin highlighted some of the many activities students enjoyed during their three-day stay.

Based on the success of this program, the Museum plans to welcome another group of students from Molokai next month.

(For more information, visit [www.pacificaviationmuseum.org/education](http://www.pacificaviationmuseum.org/education) or call 808-445-9137.)

## Joint Base to celebrate Earth Day at Hickam Harbor

Reid Tokeshi

Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam Morale, Welfare and Recreation

Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam Morale, Welfare & Recreation (MWR) is presenting a weekend of camping, family activities and a movie under the stars April 22-23. The two-day event is being organized and managed by MWR’s Outdoor Recreation (ODR) department.

The weekend begins with setting up camp on the grass at Hickam Harbor at 4 p.m. on April 22. Attendees can spend the afternoon creating their own fun.

As the sun sets, ODR will set up a movie screen so everyone can view a family-friendly film under the stars. At the conclusion of the film, families will camp out for the night.

When the morning comes around on April 23, camping gear will be packed away to make room for the next event, the annual Earth Day

Celebration. There will be live musical entertainment featuring the Navy’s Pacific Fleet Band as well as food vendors, information booths, events and activities to entertain and educate kids and adults.

For those wishing to camp overnight, advanced registration is required. Reservations are being accepted at the Hickam Harbor Marina office. Cost is \$30-\$35 to reserve a camping space. The fee does not include camping gear. Those wishing to rent camping equipment can contact the Outdoor Adventure Center (OAC) at 473-1198 for information. Camping time is from 4 p.m. on April 22 to 8 a.m. on April 23.

The Earth Day celebration begins at 11 a.m. Attendance is free and is open to all base-eligible patrons. Patrons do not need to camp the night before to attend the Earth Day festivities.

(For more information on Camping in the Park / Movie on the Beach and Earth Day, call ODR at 449-5215.)



## Get your purple on to recognize military children

Jim Garamone

DoD News, Defense Media Activity

WASHINGTON — Time to get your purple on, America. April 15 is Purple Up! day, a time for Americans to show their support for military families.

“It’s to build awareness for the needs of military families,” said Barbara A. Thompson, the director of DoD’s Office of Family Readiness Policy.

This is not a DoD program, but a grassroots effort that began in 2011 as a way to honor the sacrifices military children make every day for the nation. According to the 4-H Military Partnerships website, 4-H clubs in New Hampshire developed the “Purple Up! for Military Kids” initiative while working with children of deployed guardsmen and reservists, and they saw Purple Up! as a way to build awareness in their communities.

“It’s grown like wildfire across the United States and now DoD has embraced it, too,” Thompson said.

The 4-H went with purple because it is the color that symbolizes all branches of the military. “It is a combination of Army green, Marine red, and Coast Guard, Air Force and Navy blue,” according to the 4-H. “The goal of ‘Purple Up!’ is for military youth to actually see the support in their school, youth groups and the community.”







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Photo courtesy Kernel Popcorn

Kernel Popcorn will be bringing his magic show to Sharkey Theater, Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, April 24.

# Magic show coming to Sharkey Theater

**Reid Tokeshi**

*Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam  
Morale, Welfare and Recreation*

The Kernel Popcorn magic show will be held April 24 at Sharkey Theater, Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam.

“It’s the audiences that keep me coming back time and time again,” said the Kernel, who has performed at U.S. installations around the world for 25 years. The Kernel Popcorn show has traveled to bases in Asia, Europe, the South Pacific, Iceland and even the Azores.

When asked to describe his show, the Kernel says it’s suitable for all

ages, focusing on positive family entertainment with lots of audience participation.

“It’s basically a family magic comedy show, one that you can sit with your grandparents and walk away not being offended,” the Kernel said.

He added that he hopes everyone leaves the show having had a laugh or two and “they would be telling their friends that they missed the show of shows.”

In addition to his main show at Sharkey Theater, Kernel Popcorn will be performing a small show at the Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam Library at 3 p.m. on April 30. He is also performing

two shows on Kauai at the Pacific Missile Range Facility (PMRF) on April 19. The Kernel often works with Morale, Welfare & Recreation (MWR) to do multiple shows at his stops.

“MWR is one of the strongest supporters of the the Kernel Popcorn show, knowing that the show is focused on the families and children who are on bases around the world outside of the continental United States,” the Kernel said.

All Kernel Popcorn shows are free and are open to all Department of Defense cardholders and their guest. Seating is first come, first served. No tickets needed.

# MWR to feature fun festivities for military children

## Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam Public Affairs

April is the Month of the Military Child, and Joint Base Morale, Welfare and Recreation has a bunch of upcoming events for children and teens.

- A pre-teen event will be held from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday at Makai Recreation Center for children ages 9 to 12 years old. Food will be provided. Registration will be accepted at the door. The cost is \$5. For more information, call 448-0418 or visit [facebook.com/JBPHHpreteens](http://facebook.com/JBPHHpreteens).
- A Rubber Ducky Swim will be held from 9 a.m. to noon Sunday at Pool 2 on the Hickam side of Joint Base. Thousands of rubber duckies will be thrown into the shallow end of the pool and into the baby pool. Children will compete in finding the special rubber ducky. The first child who is able to find the rubber ducky with a colored bottom will receive a special prize. Parents are required to be in the water with children who have not passed the swim test. This is a free event. For more information, call 260-9736.
- Month of the Military Child bowling specials will be held from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. April 18-22 at the bowling center on the Hickam side of Joint Base.

Children ages 12 years old and under can bowl one game free. Shoe rental is extra. For more information, call 448-9959.

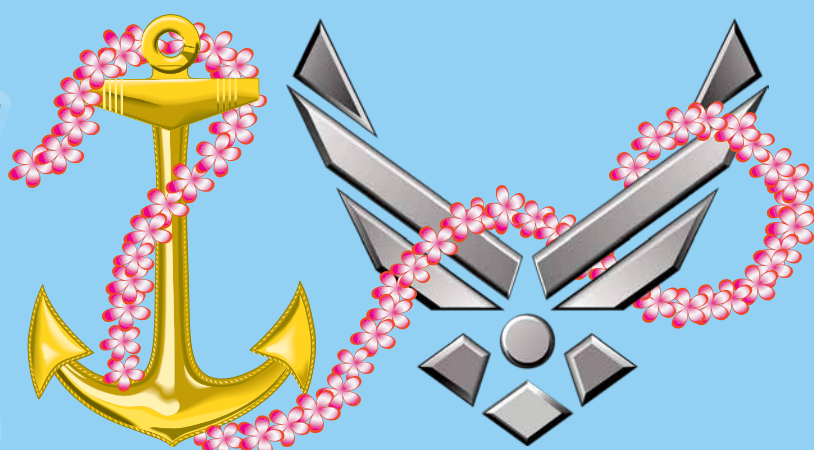
- Family night parents vs. teens dodgeball will be held from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. April 19 at the Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam Teen Center. Families of teenagers ages 13 to 18 years old are invited to meet the staff and play dodgeball at the teen center. Light refreshments will be available. This is a free event. For more information, call 448-0418.
- A Kernel Popcorn magic show will begin at 3 p.m. April 20 at the Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam Library. Kernel Popcorn will perform magic tricks and sign autographs. There is no charge for this event. For more information, call 449-8299.
- Month of the Military Child Day will be held from 3 to 5 p.m. April 20 at the bowling center on the Pearl Harbor side of Joint Base. Patrons ages 12 and younger can bowl at no charge and play for 30 minutes in the Adventure Alley for Children. For more information, call 473-2574.
- A Kernel Popcorn magic show will begin at 2 p.m. April 24 at Sharkey Theater. Doors and the snack bar will open at 1 p.m. Kernel Popcorn is a professional

magician and family entertainer. The show is first-come, first-served. Seating is limited and no tickets are necessary. The show is open to Department of Defense cardholders and their guests. For more information, email [info@greatlifehawaii.com](mailto:info@greatlifehawaii.com).

- A Teen Employment Program job fair will be held from 3 to 6 p.m. April 22 at building 1923 (530 Peltier Ave.). This event is open to 14 to 18-year-old family members of active-duty and retired military, Department of Defense and contractor employees, who are currently enrolled in high school. Interested teens will need to bring their application filled out, two forms of identification (military ID, passport, birth certificate or school ID), three reference letters and bank account information for direct deposit. For more information, call 449-3354.
- Keiki hand-pole fishing and reef walking will be held from 9 a.m. to noon April 23 at the MWR Outdoor Recreation-Hickam Harbor for children ages 4 to 8 years old. Kids and parents can learn the art of hand-pole fishing, shoreline dunking, sea life discovery and Hawaiian crafts. Poles, bait, nets and view boxes will be provided. Participants can bring a camera, sunscreen, reef shoes, snacks and drinks. The cost is \$ 12 per child. Participants need to sign up by April 20. For more information, call 449-5215.



# APRIL COMMUNITY CALENDAR



## NMCRS SAVINGS TICKET

**NOW TO APRIL 23** — Since 1904, the Navy-Marine Corps Relief Society (NMCRS) has been helping active duty and retired service members and their families when the unexpected happens. A \$5 donation for a Pearl Harbor Navy Exchange shopping ticket will give back to the NMCRS. Authorized patrons only are eligible. FMI: 423-3287.

## PINWHEEL PLANTING — TODAY

A pinwheel planting and ceremony to spread awareness that April is Child Abuse Prevention Month will be held from 2:30 to 4:30 p.m. at the Center Drive Child Development Center (CDC), building 930. The doors will open at 2 p.m. Capt. Stanley Kieve Jr., commander of Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, will lead the pinwheel planting and ceremony with about 300 children in attendance. The event will feature a photo booth, activities for children, refreshments, and entertainment featuring CDC children and recording artists. A carnival will be held from 3 to 4:30 p.m. FMI: Rose Harding, director of CDC Center Drive, at 471-1978. In addition, in honor of national Child Abuse Prevention Month, people can support children by wearing blue every Friday in April. The Joint Base Military and Family Support Center is also holding luggage and backpack drive for foster children, with drop off locations around Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam. FMI: 474-1999, or visit [www.facebook.com/JBPHH.MFSC](http://www.facebook.com/JBPHH.MFSC) or email [mfschawaii@navy.mil](mailto:mfschawaii@navy.mil).

## TAX RELIEF FRIDAY — TODAY

Tax Relief Friday will begin at 7 pm. today at Sharkey Theater. Active duty military will receive free admission. FMI: 473-0726.

## BEACH CLEANUP — SATURDAY

The Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam community and other military volunteers can participate in the Fort Kamehameha Beach and Ahua Reef Reserve cleanup from 7:30 to 10 a.m. Volunteers, including family members ages 12 and above, can help clean up the area where mangrove has recently been cleared. Volunteers should meet at the Fort Kamehameha parking lot by 7:30 a.m. Dress to get dirty, wear covered shoes and bring sunscreen. To volunteer, contact MAC William Matteson at [William.n.matteson@navy.mil](mailto:William.n.matteson@navy.mil) or (209) 216-7190. FMI: Kathy Isobe, Navy Region Hawaii Environmental PAO at 473-0662 or email [Kathy.isobe@navy.mil](mailto:Kathy.isobe@navy.mil).

## SEXUAL ASSAULT AWARENESS AND PREVENTION MONTH RIDE — SATURDAY

The sixth annual Sexual Assault Awareness and Prevention Month ride, presented by the Oahu Ruff Ryders, will start and end at Ke'ehi Lagoon Beach Park. Registration will start at 9 a.m. and the ride will begin promptly at 11 a.m. The cost per participant is \$25. Proceeds will be donated to the Sex Abuse Treatment Center. After the ride, prizes, food and entertainment will be available at the lagoon park. FMI: 681-2440 or (615) 713-8050.

## LEISURE AND TRAVEL SHOWCASE

**SATURDAY** — A Leisure and Travel Showcase will be held from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday at the Pearl Harbor Navy Exchange mall courtyard. Patrons can get travel advice and learn about the activities on Oahu, the neighbor islands and the mainland. Vendors will hand out information about hotel properties, tour attractions and cruises. There will be prize giveaways and live entertainment. This is a free event by Joint Base Information, Tickets and Travel. FMI: 473-0792.

## NORTH SHORE BIKE RIDE — 21

North Shore Bike Ride will begin at 8 a.m. from the MWR Outdoor Adventure Center Fleet Store location. Patrons will start at Waimea Bay and travel beyond Sunset Beach. This trip is seven miles round-trip on level terrain. The trip includes gear and transportation. The cost is \$25 including bicycle (\$20 without). Participants need to sign up by April 18. FMI: 473-1198.

## LIBERTY'S BARRACKS BASH — 21

Liberty's Barracks Bash will be held from 5 to 7 p.m. at NCTAMS Barracks. Single Sailors and Airmen can join the Liberty staff for free barbecue and drinks. There will be music and games. Registration is not required for this event. This event is open to single, active-duty military E1-E6 only. FMI: 473-2583.

## AMERICAN GIRL EARTH DAY EVENT — 23

The Pearl Harbor Navy Exchange will celebrate Earth Day with Lea Clark, 2016 American Girl of the Year. Patrons can sign up at the aloha center located in the mall rotunda to enjoy the activities, games and crafts at the event. Seats are limited to 40 per session. There will be three sessions in one-hour increments starting at 10 a.m. The event is for authorized patrons only. FMI: 423-3287 or email [Stephanie.Lau@nexweb.org](mailto:Stephanie.Lau@nexweb.org).

## JROTC ANNIVERSARY FUN RUN — 23

Oahu all-service Junior JROTC (Junior Reserve Officers Training Corps) programs will celebrate the 100th JROTC anniversary by hosting a 5K run at Ford Island. The run will begin at 6 a.m. at the end of the runway at Ford Island. Registration is open now and the public can participate to support the JROTC cadets. Oahu-based JROTC programs are encouraging all JROTC and ROTC alumni to join them for the event, either as a participant or a volunteer. FMI: visit [active.com](http://active.com) and search for JROTC 100th or visit [JROTCAnniversary.com](http://JROTCAnniversary.com).

# MOVIE SHOWTIMES



## ZOOTOPIA

From the largest elephant to the smallest shrew, the city of Zootopia is a mammal metropolis where various animals live and thrive. When Judy Hopps (Ginnifer Goodwin) becomes the first rabbit to join the police force, she quickly learns how tough it is to enforce the law. Determined to prove herself, Judy jumps at the opportunity to solve a mysterious case. Unfortunately, that means working with Nick Wilde (Jason Bateman), a wily fox who makes her job even harder.

## SHARKEY THEATER

### FRIDAY — 4/15

7:00 PM The Divergent Series: Allegiant (PG-13)

### SATURDAY — 4/16

2:30 PM Miracles From Heaven (PG)  
4:50 PM Zootopia (PG)  
7:00 PM London Has Fallen (R)

### SUNDAY — 4/17

2:30 PM Zootopia (3-D) (PG)  
4:50 PM Miracles From Heaven (PG)  
7:10 PM The Perfect Match (R)

## HICKAM MEMORIAL THEATER

### FRIDAY — 4/15

6:00 PM Zootopia (PG)

### SATURDAY — 4/16

3:00 PM Zootopia (PG)  
6:00 PM The Brothers Grimsby (R)

### SUNDAY — 4/17

3:00 PM Gods of Egypt (PG-13)  
6:00 PM Deadpool (R)

### SUNDAY — 4/21

7:00 PM London Has Fallen (R)





Sailors play a new interactive game to evaluate the most effective training practices.

U.S. Navy photo

# Command launches ‘Recruit Reboot’ to train shipmates

From Naval Service Training Command Public Affairs

GREAT LAKES — Naval Service Training Command has announced a new interactive game to evaluate the most effective training practices at Recruit Training Command, the Navy’s only boot camp.

Signups are now open for all Navy personnel to play Recruit Reboot from April 25 to May 13. Playing will help provide the best possible Sailors to the fleet and shape the 21st Century Navy.

Recruit Reboot is a completely anonymous game on the Massive Multiplayer Online War Game Leveraging the Internet (MMOWGLI) platform, generated by the Navy Post-Graduate School and NSTC to use feedback commentary to help solve challenges. Players provide feed-

back by playing “idea cards” on six areas of training including militarization, damage control, seamanship, personal financial development, policy, and watchstanding. Players earn points with each card they play as well as by commenting on another player’s card. The more points they earn, the more players help provide the most effective training for their future shipmates.

The player with the most points wins the game and will earn a Flag Letter of Commendation, awarded by Rear Adm. Stephen C. Evans, commander, Naval Service Training Command, for their positive impact on Naval Accessions Training. Although player points are displayed, their feedback will remain anonymous.

To sign up and play visit <http://mmowgli.nps.edu/recruitreboot/>.

# Silver Dolphin lanai opening meal set

The Silver Dolphin Bistro at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam will serve a special meal from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. April 20 to celebrate its lanai opening.

The menu will include chicken and wild rice soup, roasted steamship beef round with creamy horseradish sauce and honey glazed Cornish hen.

The meal will also include fully loaded mashed potatoes, herb buttered green beans, seasoned corn on the cob, a garden salad bar and assorted fresh fruit bar and assorted dinner rolls. The meal will also have a ceremonial cake, assorted cheesecake and assorted ice cream bars.

The meal is open to U.S. military, Department of Defense employees, retirees and family members of active duty military with valid ID cards.

The price of the luncheon is \$5.55.

# Celebrating 20 years of service



Photo by Michelle Poppler

Master Sgt. China Hageman retires from the Air Force after 20 years of service during a ceremony with family and friends at Hickam Beach.

# MFSC to hold upcoming events

Joint Base Military and Family Support Center (MFSC) will hold upcoming events this month.

- Million Dollar Sailor/Airman will be held from 7:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. April 19 and 20 at MFSC Pearl Harbor. This two-day class is designed for junior Navy and Air Force personnel who can learn about proper budgeting techniques, credit management, savings and investment options,

insurance, military pay and allowances and consumer rip-offs. The class will also cover loans, credit scores and reports, and new and used car purchasing techniques.

- Recruitment for the FBI will be held from 1 to 3 p.m. April 21 at MFSC Pearl Harbor. Agency representatives will be available to talk about the career choices available and to discuss qualification requirements and hiring procedures.
- A seminar on starting your

own business will begin at 3:30 p.m. April 27 at MFSC Hickam. This seminar will be presented by the Small Business Administration and the Business Action Center. It will provide information on how to get started, questions you need to ask yourself before embarking on your new journey and tips on creating a business plan.

*(For more information and to register, visit [www.greatlifehawaii.com](http://www.greatlifehawaii.com) or call 474-1999.)*