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Hickam airlift squadrons participate in Balikatan 2016

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Airmen and C-17 Globemaster III aircraft from the active duty 535th Airlift Squadron and Hawaii Air National Guard 204th Airlift Squadron returned to Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam after participating in exercise Balikatan 2016.

Balikatan is an annual bilateral exercise designed to increase interoperability between the U.S. and Philippine armed forces with this year's iteration running through mid-April throughout various regions of the Philippines.

The squadrons supplied airlift support and completed high and low altitude package delivery. Airmen had the opportunity to complete real-world hands-on training unique to the international airspace that surrounds Clark Air Field in the Philippines.

"I have learned a lot about what goes into deployment, from coordinating and communication," said U.S. Air Force Capt. Brandon Chang, Balikatan project officer for the two squadrons. "Because I was doing the planning, I did not fly as much, but I know that all the other guys gained experience in a variety of air operations."

In addition to providing airlift support to an A-10 Thunderbolt II squadron from Osan Air Base, the crews flew a wide variety of missions during the exercise such as static line air-drop, high altitude low-opening, equipment drop, low altitude maneuvers, and provided a high mobility artillery rocket system move for U.S. Marines.

Another mission highlight was a mass casualty air evacuation where U.S. Air Force pararescue worked side-by-side with Armed Forces of the Philippines rescuers to care for simulated casualties while in-flight to a safe location.

To overcome communication difficulties on the flight-line, tower liaison officers from the Hawaii Guard assisted Philippine air traffic control personnel.

Throughout the exercise, the two squadrons functioned as a well-blended unit with no distinction between active duty and guardsmen.

Philippine topography provided the aircrews and maintenance Airmen the opportunity to work through a variety of missions and gain training not normally available at home station. Missions were flown daily for a two-week period to give the aircrews time to grow in their skills and experience.

"It is our job to better our skills and to get a different view of operations while working with different agencies coordinating with the Armed Forces of the Philippines," said Chang. "All of the skills we gained during this exercise will pay high dividends in the future."

Pacific Surface Action Group departs Pearl Harbor for western Pacific

MC3 Katarzyna Kobiljak

Navy Public Affairs Support
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The Pacific Surface Action Group (PAC SAG) departed Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam (JBPHH) following a scheduled port visit en route the western Pacific, April 27.

The PAC SAG is comprised of the embarked staff of Destroyer Squadron 31 (CDS-31), guided-missile destroyers USS Spruance (DDG 111), USS Decatur (DDG 73) and USS Momsen (DDG 92) and embarked "Devil Fish" and "Warbirds" detachments of Helicopter Maritime Strike Squadron (HSM) 49.

Adm. Scott Swift, commander, U.S. Pacific Fleet, addressed the crew of Momsen April 26 to highlight the significance of their mission and explain how their capability will be tested throughout their deployment.

"The potential options that you can explore as part of this three-ship SAG is very exciting," said Swift, during his visit to Mom-

sen. "One of the great benefits the Navy brings to the nation is flexibility, and part of that flexibility is going to be demonstrated as soon as you get underway from Hawaii."

Deploying as a PAC SAG allows the three ships to execute a broad range of maritime operations in the U.S. 7th Fleet area of operations while under the command and control of U.S. 3rd Fleet.

During WWII, the vast majority of 3rd Fleet was forward deployed throughout the Pacific islands in campaigns all the way up to Japan.

"This deployment is a little bit of returning to your roots; our roots of having 3rd Fleet deploying forward through this PAC SAG, throughout your entire cruise," Swift said.

The destroyers are trained and prepared to conduct maritime security operations, which include addressing challenges to international law at sea such as piracy and other illicit activities. The PAC SAG will also operate with regional navies to promote security, stability and prosperity.

(For more information about Pacific Surface Action Group visit <http://www.c3f.navy.mil/>.)

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— Adm. Scott Swift, commander U.S. Pacific Fleet

U.S. Navy photo by MC3 Katarzyna Kobiljak

JBPHH to host Holocaust remembrance events

Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam Public Affairs

Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam will host two events during the National Days of Remembrance to raise awareness and honor the victims of the Holocaust.

On May 2 from 11 a.m. to noon, an educational and historical brief adapted from

the U.S. Holocaust Museum will be held at Hollister Auditorium on the Hickam side of Joint Base. This brief will provide historical insight on what events led to the Holocaust.

On May 5, from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., the Holocaust Remembrance Observance will be held at the Aloha Jewish Chapel on the Pearl

Harbor side of Joint Base. As guest speaker for the event, Dr. Jackie Palmer-Lasky, professor of Political Science at the University of Hawaii, will share perspective from her family roots in Poland during the Holocaust.

This year's theme for the National Days of Remembrance is "Learning from the Holocaust: Acts of Courage"

and is designed to honor the sacrifice and tragedy that occurred more than 70 years ago.

The Holocaust was the state-sponsored, systematic persecution and annihilation of European Jews by Nazi Germany and its collaborators between 1933 and 1945. Six million men, women, and children were murdered.

Homefront Heroes: JBPHH recognizes military children

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In celebration of the “Month of the Military Child,” Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam held the Homefront Heroes award ceremony at the Hickam Military and Family Support Center, April 20.

Homefront Heroes is an annual event to recognize children whose parents are currently serving in a deployed environment, or who are on temporary duty. The event is intended to highlight the sacrifices the children make, and the challenges they face when their loved one is away from home.

During the event, the children were able to participate in the award ceremony which emulated Navy and Air Force award ceremonies. The event was complete with an emcee and leaders present to award the children a medallion.

On hand to present the medallions was Col. Charles Velino,



Col. Charles Velino, commander, 15th Operations Group, places a medallion on Jewel Keiter.

15th Operations Group commander.

“Although this event is held but once a year, it is important

to remind our children they are appreciated and their support is cherished,” said the commander. “This event highlights the sacri-

fices they make and it is important to recognize the challenges they face on a day-to-day basis while their mom or dad is away.”

Jeremy Simon, Military Family Support Center Work and Family Life consultant, said the Homefront Heroes award program is a way to recognize the service and sacrifice of military children who also have to endure the deployments of their parents in uniform.

“In celebration of the Month of the Military Child, we would like to recognize and appreciate the support and sacrifice of America’s youngest heroes—The children! Our military children are just as proud of their parents as the parents are of them,” Simon said. “But sometimes, as a kid, you don’t see the uniform—you see Mom or Dad and only know that they have to go away.”

Simon said while deployments and time away from their parents might not be as difficult as it was in years past, (due to the advent of modern technology) he said you can’t replace Mom or Dad with a computer screen.

“There are more ways now

than ever before to help us keep in touch with family when we deploy. We can call or video conference using computers or cell phones, and it is amazing. To be able to see and hear our loved ones and feel a part of their lives on a daily basis—but it is not a replacement for actually being there in person.”

Simon said the little moments are the ones that are missed the most—to be there to give a hug, or put a bandage on a skinned knee, moments and memories we miss that happen when the video isn’t on.

“I think it is very important to recognize the sacrifices of military children,” he said. “So often, a service member is thanked for their service and military spouses are recognized for the support they give to their service member, but children sometimes aren’t as noticed even though they provide just as much love and support when their military parent is away.”

For more information about the Homefront Heroes program, visit <http://homefrontheroes.com/>

Volunteers honored at annual recognition ceremony

**Story and photo by
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The Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam Military and Family Support Center (MFSC) hosted the annual JBPHH Volunteer Recognition Ceremony on April 26 at the Historic Hickam Officers’ Club.

Award categories included Volunteer Family of the Year, Volunteer Spouse of the Year, Volunteer Command/Unit/Directorate of the Year, Volunteer Community/Nonprofit Agency of the Year, Community Volunteer of the Year and Youth Volunteer of the Year.

“Today we are here to honor and recognize a special group of people who have fully embraced the spirit of volunteerism,” said Susan Hodge, MFSC work and family life consultant. “Their supervisors, commanders, and agency directors have recognized their untiring efforts and commitment to making a difference in our community.”

Col. Richard Smith, 647th Air Base Group commander and deputy commander, JBPHH, was on hand to honor the winners and hand out the awards.

The winners were:

- Sgt. 1st Class James and Melissa Morton,

JBPHH Volunteer Family of the Year

- Kelly Monfort, JBPHH Volunteer Spouse of the Year

- Autumn Ollice, JBPHH Youth Volunteer of the Year

- 690th Cyperspace Operation Squadron, JBPHH Volunteer Command/Unit/Directorate of the Year

- Wet Hens, JBPHH Volunteer Community/Nonprofit Agency of the Year

- Suzanne Rolsen, JBPHH Community Volunteer of the Year

- First Class Petty Officer Bellarose Doloroso, JBPHH Military Volunteer of the Year



First Class Petty Officer Bellarose Doloroso receives the JBPHH Military Volunteer of the Year citation from Col. Richard Smith, 647th Air Base Group commander and deputy commander, JBPHH.

USS Chung-Hoon Sailors remember USS Sigsbee

**Story and photo by
MC2 Marcus L. Stanley**

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Affairs*

SOUTH CHINA SEA —Sailors aboard guided-missile destroyer USS Chung-Hoon (DDG 93) operating in the South China Sea recently remembered USS Sigsbee (DD 502).

On April 14, 1945, a kamikaze plane struck Sigsbee during the battle of Okinawa, killing 23 Sailors and causing extensive damage to the ship.

The same day, 71 years later, Sailors aboard Chung-Hoon operating in the South China Sea, ensured what happened aboard Sigsbee is never forgotten.

At the time of the attack, Sigsbee was under the command of Cmdr. Gordon Pai’ea Chung-Hoon. Chung-Hoon received the Navy Cross and Silver Star for his heroic efforts while serving as commanding officer from May 1944 to October 1945. USS Chung-



Sailors aboard the guided-missile destroyer USS Chung-Hoon (DDG-93) hold a ceremony in honor of USS Sigsbee (DD 502) in the western Pacific, April 14.

Hoon is named in honor of Rear Adm. Chung-Hoon.

“It’s an honor to serve aboard Chung-Hoon and to try to live up to the legacy of the crew of USS Sigsbee,” said Cmdr. Tom Ogden, commanding officer of Chung-Hoon. “It’s our job to always remember those heroes that have come before

us, and to tell their story to future generations of Sailors.”

During the attack, Sigsbee suffered extensive damage to its port engine and a complete loss of steering control. The ship was towed to Guam for repair and then towed back to Pearl Harbor. Sigsbee was

finally decommissioned on March 31, 1947 in Charleston, South Carolina.

“Being aboard USS Chung-Hoon is something I am proud of,” said Cryptologic Technician (Maintenance) 2nd Class Cody Goldizen, a native of Riverton, West Virginia. “I am serving in the light shining

forth from the accomplishments and sacrifices of the crew of USS Sigsbee, and I am forever grateful.”

During the ceremony, Chung-Hoon Sailors gave a 21-gun salute and committed 23 flowers to the sea in honor of those 23 fallen Sigsbee Sailors who lost their lives.

Ogden spoke about why it was important that Chung-Hoon Sailors remember the sacrifice of all who served aboard Sigsbee.

“As we take time tonight to remember the heroes of our past and continue to forge the next links in the chain of our naval heritage, we must remember that we are a critical part of that chain,” Ogden said. “We are all committed to the task at hand, be it damage control after a kamikaze attack, or the daily maintenance check you have done 90 days in a row. Take time to remember Sigsbee’s sacrifice and strive to live up to their heroic example.”

Providing a ready force supporting security and stability in the Indo-Asia-Pacific, Chung-Hoon is operating as part of the John C. Stennis Strike Group and Great Green Fleet on a regularly scheduled 7th Fleet deployment.

For more news about Chung-Hoon please visit www.facebook.com/pages/USS-CHUNG-HOON-DDG-93.

Hawaii COLA survey results released for 2016

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U.S. Pacific Command (PACOM) announced the results of the 2016 Hawaii Cost of Living Allowance (COLA) survey April 13. COLA is paid to active duty service members to offset the higher prices of goods and services in Hawaii as compared to the Continental United States (CONUS).

The outcomes of the survey annotated that Oahu’s COLA index will remain the same at 124, Kauai’s COLA index will increase from 132 to 134, Maui’s COLA index will increase from 134 to 138, and the Big Island of Hawaii’s COLA index will decrease from 132 to 126.

PACOM Quality of Life & Education Branch officials said that the Big Island’s drop can be attributed to decreased trans-



portation, telephone and Internet usage, and clothing costs. Officials also point out how important it is for maximum survey participation because it aids in accurately calculating these rates whether they increase or decrease, ultimately contributing to the quality of life for service members.

David Tom, PACOM Quality of Life & Education analyst, said a COLA index of 124 means the average cost of goods and services is 24 percent more expensive on Oahu than the CONUS average. For example, a one-point-index change equals approximately \$30 per month for an E-6 with three dependents and 10 years of service.

The COLA indexes were determined based on the results of two different surveys: The Living Pattern Survey (LPS) and the Retail Price Schedule (RPS). All active duty services members stationed in Hawaii who had been in Hawaii at least three months were asked to complete the LPS, in which service members identified the local stores they shopped in and the amount they purchased from the commissary and exchange. Based on information received by the LPS, the Directorate of Manpower and Personnel at PACOM used the RPS to do a price collection of select items from the top two stores identified in each category (e.g., food, groceries, clothing). The

RPS data was then sent to the Defense Travel Management Office, who compared the Hawaii prices to the CONUS average for equivalent goods and services.

U.S. Air Force Col. Peter Santa Ana, director of Manpower and Personnel at PACOM, said the 72 percent participation rate for this year’s LPS survey completed by service members in February was a major increase compared to the 2014 LPS 10 percent participation.

“This year’s LPS participation rate was absolutely phenomenal,” Santa Ana said. “Commanders and senior enlisted leaders at all levels strongly emphasized the importance of completing the LPS. Without their strong support, we would not have been able to achieve the overall participation rates of 72 percent on Oahu and 100 percent on the neighbor islands. We now have the blueprint to replicate this LPS participation in 2019 and ensure the most accurate

COLA calculation for our service members and their families.”

Santa Ana explained the importance of participating in these types of surveys.

“The increased LPS participation gave a more accurate data point for assessing the higher cost of goods and services experienced by service members stationed in Hawaii,” Santa Ana said. “On Oahu, accurate information helped to stem an even further reduction in the COLA rate beyond that experienced last year.”

Tom said service members stationed on Kauai or Maui will see an increase in their paychecks effective May 1, whereas service members stationed on the Big Island of Hawaii will see a decrease in their paychecks effective June 1.

For more information and to calculate your COLA, visit the Defense Travel Management Office at <http://www.defensetravel.dod.mil/site/colaCalc.cfm>

Diverse VIEWS



What was your favorite childhood toy?



Staff Sgt. Carolyn Harris
154th Comptroller Flight, HIANG

"My favorite childhood toy was my rollerblades. Whenever my cousins would come over, we would spend all day riding around and chasing each other while making up games until our parents would call us in to eat and shower. Best childhood memories ever."

ETC Barry Bashaw
Naval Submarine Support Command

"G.I. Joes, because I had a lot of fun with them."



Sgt. 1st Class Jaime Maldonado
U.S. Army, 8th Theater Sustainment Command

"My favorite childhood toy were my G.I. Joe action toys. Reason why, no matter how many times there was a battle no one ever lost their life. They were able to get away at the last minute."

Gunnery Sgt. Juan Espinosa
V-13

"Star Wars action figures. Star Wars was very action. New technologies, futuristic, and the action figures were very realistic."



Wakia Meadows
15th Aerospace Medicine Squadron

"My favorite childhood toy was my bicycle. It was my favorite because we used to race down a big hill and I always won."

ND2 Melissa Nguyen-Alarcon
Pearl Harbor Naval Shipyard

"Four-wheeler, because I could go out exploring on it."



Bill Miller
613th Air and Space Operations Center

"My favorite childhood toy was my BMX bike because it gave me the freedom to go where I wanted to with my friends to explore."

IT1 Morgan Smario
Cyber Protection Team Naval Operations Information Command Hawaii

"Thunder Cats, because I was six."



Master Sgt. Andrew Walker
8th Intelligence Squadron

"Definitely LEGO and Lincoln Logs. I loved building things."

Provided by David D. Underwood Jr., Lt. j.g. Jacqueline Muslin and Bettie Feibel.

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Commentary

Ohana comes in many different forms

Col. Randall S. Huiss

15th Wing Commander



Col. Randall S. Huiss

The first time I heard the word "ohana" was nearly two years ago as I was lucky enough to assume command of the 15th Wing. Part of the Hawaiian culture, ohana means family, and it is definitely a concept that comes in many forms.

Ohana can be your immediate family, your extended family, your work family, your community and many others. Regardless, in nearly every case, it is a group of individuals who come together to support each other in a common cause as part of a team.

Last week, I was lucky enough to witness this on three separate occasions.

The first was during a Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency mission to Vietnam, in which we had the honor of returning one of our own. Being part of the crew and witnessing their professionalism was something that I will not soon forget. As we were standing on the ramp behind our aircraft rendering honors to the remains of one of our Air Force family, we were all filled with an incredible sense of pride for

our service and our nation. No other country in the world goes to the extent that we do to bring back those that gave the ultimate sacrifice in service to our great nation.

The second occasion was at the end of the week, where I had the privilege of attending the 5th Battlefield Coordination Detachment dining out. As one of only three Air Force members in attendance, our Army brethren went out of their way to make us feel a part of the team or their ohana.

Although I'm sworn to secrecy on the contents of their grog, it was a fantastic experience being a part of such a rich tradition, with certain events paying homage to a history that extends as far back as the Revolutionary War. The fellowship

was great and the bond between service members was tremendous. Numerous times throughout the evening, there was one phrase that was uttered reinforcing our common purpose—one team, one fight.

Finally, the 15th Wing is blessed to have the support of a group of civic leaders, known as the Friends of Hickam, who are dedicated to providing aid and assistance to Airmen stationed here in Hawaii. I have never witnessed a community that is so giving and so determined to help our Airmen. They also know how to have fun. Something that, at times, in my opinion, have gotten away from a little too much in the Air Force.

Over the weekend, a few of us and our families were lucky enough to be a part of a traditional luau complete with digging the imu and cooking the pig (and other things) in the ground in a tradition which started hundreds of years ago. It is a lot of work to cook like this, but roughly 16-17 hours later, when we pulled the pig out of the ground and the meat simply fell off the bone, it was all worth it!

This was not simply a

dinner out at a restaurant, but an invitation for approximately 40 of our Air Force family members to be welcomed into someone's home. Talk about feeling as though you were part of a family. I can think of no better way to feel welcomed, and can never thank them enough for their support to our Wing and our Airmen.

It's hard to believe it has been nearly two years since given the reigns of the greatest Wing in the Air Force, and yes, I might be a little biased! Although at times it seems like we never have enough manpower, never have enough money, and have way too many additional duties, the one thing that cannot be argued is the sense of family or ohana that not just our Air Force, but all of our services possess.

At some point, I will no longer have the privilege of wearing my Air Force uniform, but the friendships that I have made, the many memories that I will always have, and the incredible professionals that I get to work with every day will be something that I will never forget.

Mustangs stabled at Hickam



Photo courtesy of the state of Hawaii Department of Transportation
North American P-51 Mustangs are shown here on the flight line at Hickam Field, April 26, 1945, which was 71 years ago this week.

Temporary closure of waterfront McDonald's

The waterfront McDonald's, located next to the Pearl Harbor Memorial Chapel at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, is temporarily closed due to repairs to the restaurant's sewer line. Repair work is expected to continue this week and will reopen May 1. Updates will be provided on JBPHH Facebook.

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Getting fit for sexual assault awareness

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The Navy Information Operations Command (NIOC) along with the Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam Sexual Assault Prevention and Response (SAPR) office hosted a SAPR JAMthon at Ward field April 8 in support of Sexual Assault Awareness Month.

Commands came together to participate in the SAPR JAMthon: “Can’t Touch This” event by continuing with efforts to educate and train service members and civilians about resources available to victims of sexual assault.

The month began with a proclamation signing by Capt. Stanley Keeve, Jr., commander, Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam.

“This type of behavior is not acceptable nor will it be tolerated in the United States Navy,” Keeve said.

Instructor Master Chief Kyuuca Simpson led a fun-filled morning inspiring everyone in attendance to continue to get fit through a Total Body



U.S. Navy photos by CTT3 Christopher House

(Top) Service members participated in the Total Body Fit program as part of the SAPR JAMthon 2016 event at Ward Field, JBPHH. (Inset) Capt. Stanley Keeve, Jr. delivered remarks at the SAPR JAMthon.

Fit physical training program. Keeve and Cmdr. Thomas Gorey, JBPHH chief staff officer joined by Command Master Chief Daniel L. Tschida of NIOC

participated in the physical training along with the SAPR training instruction focusing on reporting options and the definition of consent.

Retired former Navy Region Hawaii Command Master Chief Marc Sibal was also in attendance. He recalled when he was in leadership the

importance of awareness and highlighting sexual assault not only in April, but throughout the entire year.

Each year in April, sev-

eral events and training are held at JBPHH, which encourages everyone to “Eliminate Sexual Assault: Know Your Part. Do Your Part.”

SAPR hosts third annual leaders summit for 15th Wing

Story and photo by
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15th Wing Public Affairs

The 15th Wing Sexual Assault Prevention and Response (SAPR) office recently hosted the third annual leaders summit to better equip Hickam leaders with the knowledge to support victims of sexual assault.

The educational event included presentations from three guest speakers who spoke about ways to help leaders better support sexual assault survivors and understand the reporting and investigative process.

Col. Randy Huiss, 15th Wing commander, opened the summit by addressing the importance of continuing to work on prevention and awareness throughout the year.

“This is a significant issue,” he said. “First you have to acknowledge you have a problem, and I

think we’ve done that by being here today. Let’s continue to do our part as leaders to protect, support and lead.”

Huiss said we have a long way to go as a society, but we’re heading in the right direction.

“This month is Sexual Assault Awareness and Prevention Month, but we can’t only put our effort into this month—we have to continue this in our day-to-day lives,” he said. “Parents trust us with their most prized possession—their sons and daughters—and they should feel comfortable in knowing they are going to a safe place.”

In addition to Huiss, the guest speakers, Anne Munch, Dr. Ted Cross, and Dr. Jennifer Freyd, each educated more than 60 attendees on topics such as the effects of retaliation and victim blaming, how the collection of evidence impacts victims, and the impact of institutional betrayal on the well-being of victims.



Dr. Jennifer Freyd, a professor of Psychology at the University of Oregon, speaks to a crowd of Airmen about the impact of institutional betrayal on the well-being of sexual assault victims.

“The presenters are all well-known experts and researchers in the field of sexual assault prevention and response and contributed to the understanding of reporting, investigations, persecutions and after care for sexual

assault survivors,” 1st Lt. Molly Morrissey, 15th WG deputy Sexual Assault Response Coordinator, said.

Though the topic was the same, Morrissey said the event differed from the annual SAPR

training attendees receive. The speakers provided a more well-rounded and specific approach to prevention and response based on their studies and professional experiences, which included information on sexual assault forensic exams, the use of evidence in the investigative process, and the impact of the response and support to a sexual assault survivor after reporting that can directly affect their healing processes.

Morrissey said the speakers’ expert knowledge in the military and civilian sectors better equipped the leaders and other members of the military family to promote prevention and support sexual assault survivors.

“My hope is, that by learning this valuable information through the presentations, the leaders gained insight and knowledge to be able to support survivors, not just in April, but every day,” she said.

SAPR ‘Plant for Change’ recognizes SAAPM, Earth Day

Story and photo by
Tech. Sgt. Terri Paden

15th Wing Public Affairs

In the spirit of inspiring positive change in the community, the 15th Wing Sexual Assault Response Coordinator’s (SARC) office hosted the first “Plant for Change” event at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, April 22.

In recognition of Earth Day, this family-friendly event was an opportunity for participants to do something better for the environment,

while also learning about sexual assault prevention. Tech. Sgt. Christine Kearney-Kurt, 15th Wing SARC office non-commissioned officer-in-charge, said the event was symbolic of physically changing the community while also changing the ideas about sexual assault in the community.

“We want to grow a

healthier culture ... a culture where it’s okay for sexual assault victims to come forward and have people believe them and respect them,” she said.

Ideally, as the seeds planted will grow and change the landscape in the community, the seeds of knowledge planted today will grow and change the climate and culture in the Air Force of tomorrow. “The

goal is also to have a full community of bystanders willing to intervene—not just for sexual assaults, but for anything that’s going wrong,” Kearney-Kurt said.

In addition to providing seeds for planting, the event also featured face painting, bean bag toss, informational booths, and plenty of sunshine.

Tech. Sgt. Kevin Rondeau, 15th Operations Group, and his wife Liz attended “Plant for Change” with their 3-year-old son Jax.

“My son understands Earth Day and its importance so he

was pretty excited when we told him about this event,” Liz said.

Though Jax is too young to understand the larger implications of the event, Liz is hopeful he will

look back and be proud of “Plant for Change.”

“Hopefully by the time he’s old enough he’ll know that he was a part of something positive,” she said.



Tech. Sgt. Kevin Rondeau, 15th Operations Group, assists son Jax Rondeau, 3, with putting soil in a planting pot during the “Plant for a Change” Sexual Assault Awareness Prevention Month event at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam.

Pearl Harbor-Hickam Highlights



U.S. Navy photo by MC2 Brian M. Wilbur

Adm. Scott Swift, commander of U.S. Pacific Fleet, speaks to Sailors assigned to the Pacific Surface Action Group (SAG) during an all-hands call aboard USS Momsen (DDG 92), April 26. The Pacific SAG includes the guided-missile destroyers USS Decatur (DDG 73), USS Spruance (DDG 111) and Momsen, and is deploying to the western Pacific.



U.S. Navy photo by CW04 Jonathan Dela Cruz

Capt. Stanley Keeve, Jr., commander, Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, Col. Richard L. Smith, deputy commander, Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, center, and Scott Jungk Joint Base director, Fleet and Family Readiness cut a ceremonial ribbon with service members during the grand opening of the Silver Dolphin Bistro lanai, April 20. The new pergola/lanai will seat an additional 40-60 authorized patrons in an open-air eating area.



NEX photo by Kenneth Chan

Sailors read an exhibit at an information booth during last week's Earth Day events at the Pearl Harbor Navy Exchange, which promoted planet-saving tips.



Photo courtesy of the Philippine Consulate General Honolulu

U.S. Air Force Maj. Gen. Thomas Harwood III, left, mobilization assistant to the commander of Pacific Air Forces, looks on as honored guests lay a wreath at the 74th Commemoration of "Araw ng Kagitingan" (Philippine Day of Valor), April 16, at the National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific in Honolulu.



U.S. Navy photo by MU1 Alex Ivy

Musician Seaman Brent Mitchell and Musician 3rd Class Paul Tomson, assigned to the U.S. Pacific Fleet Band, perform with the U.S. Pacific Fleet Band's "Pipeline" during the Earth Day Celebration at Hickam Harbor, April 23.



U.S. Navy photo by MC2 Laurie Dexter

The guided-missile destroyer USS O'Kane (DDG 77) transits the Pacific Ocean off of the coast of Oahu, April 20.

Regoli replaces Partida as VP-9 commanding officer

**Patrol Squadron Nine
Public Affairs Department**

During a ceremony held April 21, the command of Patrol Squadron Nine (VP-9) passed from Cmdr. Gonzalo Partida to Cmdr. Elizabeth Regoli at Marine Corps Base Hawaii, Kaneohe.

Regoli became the 67th commanding officer of VP-9 since its establishment in 1951.

Partida led the “Golden Eagles” through a tri-theater deployment spanning Europe, Africa and South America, fulfilling Maritime Patrol and Reconnaissance support in the Fourth and Sixth Fleet Areas of Responsibility from September 2015 to April 2016.

In his address to the command, Partida said, “I’ve been blessed to serve with our nation’s finest citizens as we traversed the globe touching three continents. As I sadly depart the World Famous Golden Eagles, my family and I take with us an incredible story crafted by 360 of my favorite people.”

Partida’s next assignment will be to Commander, Naval Air Forces in San Diego.

This is Regoli’s first tour in Hawaii. She originally served at NAS Whidbey Island with the VP-40 “Fighting Marlins.” Following a department head tour with the “Old Buzzards” of Special Projects Patrol Squadron ONE in Jacksonville, Florida, and a tour serving as the naval military aide to the vice president, she joined VP-9 in 2015 as execu-



U.S. Navy photo by MC3 Amber Porter

Cmdr. Elizabeth Regoli, far right, relieves Cmdr. Gonzalo Partida as commanding officer of Patrol Squadron (VP). The ceremony was overseen by Capt. Troy Bauder.

tive officer.

Assuming the duties as executive officer of the squadron will be Cmdr. Jeffrey Bowman. This is his second tour in Hawaii, and he joins VP-9

following a tour serving as the training officer at Patrol Squadron Thirty in Jacksonville, Florida.

“My family and I are extremely excited to be joining

the Golden Eagles ohana, and I am honored to be able to serve with the outstanding professional men and women of VP-9. This next year will be particularly special as it

will be the Command’s last home-cycle in beautiful Hawaii before executing our homeport change to Whidbey Island, Washington and transitioning to the P-8A.”

USS Preble CO presented innovation leadership award

**Story and photo by
MC2 Tamara Vaughn**

U.S. Pacific Fleet Public Affairs

Adm. Scott Swift, commander of U.S. Pacific Fleet, presented Cmdr. Jeffery Heames, commanding officer of USS Preble, the 2015 SECNAV Innovation Award for the innovation leadership category during Heames’ change of command ceremony, April 22.

“I am thrilled to be here,” Swift said during the ceremony at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam. “The work of the crew of Preble is personally known to me. Preble’s fleet reputation as an innovator first came to me in the form of an email from the 7th Fleet commander, explaining in detail some pretty impressive, innovative actions Jeff Heames and his crew took during operations.”

Under Heames’ lead-

ership, Preble’s Sailors developed more than 54 innovative concepts, ranging from new warfighting tactics and techniques, to streamlined administration and operational improvements, to safety management tools and practical mariner innovations.

“Innovation is a responsibility of the entire command,” Swift added. “There’s a reason ships don’t have an ‘innovation department,’ or an ‘innovation flying squad.’ It is not the responsibility of a select few; it is the responsibility of all. Innovation has to be part of all that we do. It is part of who we are. It is our heritage as U.S. Navy Sailors. And it is clearly a core characteristic of the entire Preble crew.”

The SECNAV Innovation Awards Program seeks to recognize top talented Sailors, Marines and civilians or teams

who made significant innovative achievements in calendar year 2015. The establishment of the Innovation Awards Program was part of a larger effort to incentivize contributors and leaders of innovation across the Navy. These efforts include empowering and rewarding innovators by incorporating innovation into performance reviews and providing cash rewards.

Heames, who turned over command of Preble to Cmdr. John Bowman, credits his successful leadership style and innovation efforts to having a good ship and a great crew.

“The leadership award is an incredible honor certainly, but it warms my heart to include my crew,” Heames said. “In reality it is all of the Sailors that have truly made the difference. The freedom we have to generate ideas is truly an American strength.”



Adm. Scott Swift, commander, U.S. Pacific Fleet, presents Cmdr. Jeffery Heames, commanding officer of USS Preble (DDG 88), the 2015 SECNAV Innovation Award.

PACAF commander to senators: Homeland defense ‘sacred responsibility’

Cheryl Pellerin

DoD News, Defense Media News

WASHINGTON (AFNS) —“Defense of the homeland is a sacred responsibility and the No. 1 mission of the Department of Defense,” Gen. Lori J. Robinson told a Senate panel April 21 during her nomination hearing to become commander of U.S. Northern Command and North American Aerospace Defense Command.

Robinson, who now commands Pacific Air Forces and is air component commander for U.S. Pacific Command, testified before the Senate Armed Services Committee, not-

ing that the U.S. faces a rapidly evolving and growing threat environment in terms of the number of those who wish to harm the nation and the complexity of tools at their disposal.

“Our country faces many challenging threats from within and abroad, ranging from threats such as home-grown violent extremist, cyberattacks and trafficking of drugs and other illicit products by transnational criminal organizations—two threats posed by nation states such as Russia, North Korea and Iran,” Robinson said.

“In my experiences as the Pacific Air Forces commander and the air com-

ponent for (U.S. Pacific Command Commander Navy Adm. Harry) Harris, I’m intimately aware of the tenuous situation on the (Korean) peninsula and throughout the region, and understand the potential threats posed to the security of our homeland,” the general said.

Robinson told the panel that if confirmed she will work to uphold the faith that the American people have placed in NORTHCOM and NORAD and to ensure that the commands remain vigilant and postured to outpace any potential threat.

If confirmed, Robinson said, she will continue to develop strong relationships with U.S. homeland

partners, so the nation is prepared to provide defense support to federal, state and local authorities as requested when the American people need it.

The general added that she would further strengthen the outstanding U.S. friendship with Canada and help grow U.S. partnerships with

Mexico and the Bahamas.

Last month, after President Barack Obama nominated Robinson to head NORTHCOM and NORAD, Defense Secretary Ash Carter released a statement that said Robinson has excelled in an array of leadership positions where training, force structure and readiness

are paramount.

“Her deep operational experience,” the secretary added, “will enable the men and women of NORAD and NORTHCOM continue building upon the excellence they have demonstrated under Adm. William Gortney’s strong and steady leadership in this critical command.”



Special meal set for May 11

A special meal to celebrate Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month will be served from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. May 11.

The menu will include chicken papaya soup, Chinese chicken with cashews, roasted pork, kalbi beef short ribs, huli huli chicken breast, steamed jasmine rice, pancit, fried lumpia and stir-fried vegetables.

The meal will also include a ceremonial cake, assorted dinner rolls, char siu bao (roast pork buns), a garden salad and fruit bar, assorted cheesecake and an ice cream bar.

The luncheon price is \$5.55. The special meal is open to U.S. military, retirees, Department of Defense civilians and family members of active duty military with valid ID cards.

Shipyard course graduates praise new knowledge, ohana

Story by **Jensin W. Sommer**

Congressional and Public Affairs

Twelve international naval officers who called Joint Base Pearl Harbor Hickam temporary home for eight weeks graduated this month from the International Shipyard Management Course (ISMC) hosted by Pearl Harbor Naval Shipyard and Intermediate Maintenance Facility Feb. 29 – April 15. They comprise the 19th ISMC class to graduate since the course began 17 years ago.

Shipyard commander Capt. Jamie Kalowsky spoke during their graduation ceremony about the shipyard's important role in enhancing naval shipyard management knowledge around the globe. This year's graduates will return to their respective countries of Algeria, Bangladesh, Indonesia, Pakistan, Republic of Korea, Republic of the Philippines, Tunisia, and Uruguay, with "their brains full of shipyard management knowledge and their luggage full of gifts and local



U.S. Navy photo by Justice Vannatta

Members of the 2016 International Shipyard Management Course stand with Pearl Harbor Naval Shipyard and Intermediate Maintenance Facility Commander Capt. Jamie Kalowsky at the conclusion of the ISMC graduation ceremony held April 8 at Joint Base Pearl Harbor Hickam. Also in the photo to Kalowsky's left is Capt. Rey dela Cruz, Armed Forces of the Philippines Liaison Officer to U.S. Pacific Command.

souvenirs," he said.

Cmdr Jawad Riaz, Pakistan Navy, senior ranking officer of the class, spoke on behalf of his classmates and praised the program and shipyard staff during his remarks.

"This course plays a vital role in our professional careers and has exponentially enhanced

our professional skills to implement in our shipyards," he said. "We are grateful for the exceptional interest and expertise demonstrated by the course organizers, department heads, instructors and subject matter experts."

For most of the ISMC students, this was their first visit

to Hawaii. "When we came here a few weeks ago, we all were malihini and at this time when we are preparing to leave, we consider ourselves ohana with wonderful people like you," Raiz said to the assembled shipyard staff and course instructors.

ISMC is managed and exe-

cuted with funding from Naval Education and Training Security Assistance Field Activity based in Pensacola, Florida.

The shipyard is a field activity of Naval Sea Systems Command (NAVSEA) and a one-stop regional maintenance center for the Navy's surface ships and submarines.

PACFLT enhances bilateral cooperation with Vietnam

Story and photo by **MC2 Tamara Vaughn**

U.S. Pacific Fleet Public Affairs

U.S. Pacific Fleet (PACFLT) senior military leaders hosted bilateral staff talks with officials from Vietnam to exchange ideas on a variety of technical and operational topics at PACFLT headquarters, April 12-14.

The talks, the sixth between the PACFLT staff and their Vietnamese counterparts, focused on strengthening ties between the two nations by agreeing on bilateral and multilateral naval activities that deepen cooperation; exchanging



Rear Adm. Patrick A. Piercy, U.S. Pacific Fleet (PACFLT) director of maritime operations, right, and Rear Adm. Do Minh Thai, Deputy Chief of Staff of Vietnam People's Navy, attend bilateral staff talks at PACFLT headquarters.

ing knowledge and developing methodologies ranging from maritime

domain awareness, maritime security, and submarine rescue; and learning

lessons from past cooperative efforts.

Rear Adm. Patrick A.

Piercy, PACFLT's director of maritime operations, met with Rear Adm. Do Minh Thai, deputy chief of staff of the Vietnam People's Navy, to discuss planning and joint training concentrated on maximizing future opportunities, including expanding on the scope and complexity of bilateral engagements, and humanitarian and disaster response efforts that will allow countries to rapidly respond in the event of a crisis.

"The bilateral naval talks provided a great opportunity to build and strengthen our existing Navy and Marine Corps relationships with our counterparts from Viet-

nam," Piercy said. "Our forces are better prepared and more versatile because of our ability to better communicate with our partners and learn from each other and contribute to the norms, rules, standards, and laws that maintain stability in maritime Southeast Asia."

The three-day conference included events such as a tour of the Pacific Aviation Museum and the Battleship Missouri Memorial, demonstrations at Marine Unmanned Aerial Vehicle Squadron Three, a tour of a P-3C Orion from Patrol Squadron 47, and a visit to the Naval Submarine Training Center Pacific.

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Capt. Stanley Keeve, Jr., commander Joint Base Pearl-Harbor Hickam, and Command Master Chief Jack Johnson, Joint Base Pearl-Harbor Hickam, watch as students plant pinwheels at the Center Drive Child Development Center.
U.S. Air Force photo by Capt. Nicole White

Life & Leisure

Month of the Military Child

April was the Month of the Military Child, and many events were held on Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam. A few of them included pinwheel planting ceremonies to raise awareness about child abuse prevention, a rubber ducky swim for kids, a Homefront Heroes ceremony, and performances by the magician Kernel Popcorn.



U.S. Air Force photo by Capt. Nicole White

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(Above) A child assists magician Kernel Popcorn during a performance at Sharkey Theater, April 23. (Below) The Homefront Heroes awards ceremony April 20 at the Military and Family Support Center-Hickam recognized children whose parents are currently deployed or are frequently TDY.



MWR Marketing photos

(Above) Children try to find the special rubber ducky to win a prize at the Rubber Ducky Swim hosted by Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam Aquatics, April 17 at Hickam Pool 2. (Left) A child gets an up-close look at a crab during the Earth Day celebration at Hickam Harbor, April 23.



U.S. Air Force photo by Capt. Nicole White

(Above) Military children carry a classroom banner in the Child Development Center student parade.

Seadragons are too hot for 766 SCONS

Story and photo
by Randy Dela Cruz

Sports Editor, Ho'okele

The 94th Army Air and Missile Defense Command (94 AAMDC) Seadragons didn't just breathe smoke in the early innings of their Red Division intramural softball game versus 766th Specialized Contracting Squadron (766 SCONS), but also the team unleashed a red-hot attack that shortened up a seven-inning game to five in a 19-8 mercy-rule victory on April 26 at Ward Field, Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam.

After falling behind 1-0 in the top of the first, the Seadragons got five runs in the bottom half of the frame, before really tearing the game wide open with a 10-run explosion to close out the third inning.

In back-to-back games, the Seadragons have totaled 34 runs in starting off the 2016 season with a perfect record of 3-0, while the 766 SCONS dropped their first game and fell to 1-1.

"It doesn't always happen that way," Staff Sgt. Brandin Sabala said about the Seadragons hot sticks. "Normally, it's ones and twos an inning. It just happened out there that everyone was hitting pretty good today."

Sabala, who is the team's pitcher, was the beneficiary of the Seadragons' outburst. He said that up by 16-2 in the third, all he had to do was make sure that he kept the ball in play.

"I was just trying to get ahead of them in the strike zone," he said. "And then just try to throw them something that they would swing at."

While the Seadragons didn't need any help in picking up runs, the team got a big boost in its first at-bat. Two errors by SCONS fielders accounted for three runs, before a sacrifice and RBI single up the middle



Spc. Ronney Magee goes downtown for an inside-the-park shot to give the Seadragons a 6-1 lead in the third inning.

by Spc. Michael Salas made it 5-1.

Then in the very next inning, team captain and coach Spc. Ronney Magee got full extension on a swing and blasted an inside-the-park homer to make it 6-1.

"I've been playing since I was knee-high and I just did what I do best: hit it long," Magee said. "I like my pitches low and if I get them low, I try to go as long as I can."

After the 766 picked up a run to make it 6-2, the Seadragons

were back at it again and this time with a vengeance.

The team loaded them up with no outs, which set the stage for Sabala to help his own cause by picking up a clutch double that drove in two runs.

Next, Magee got an opportunity to pad on a couple more insurance runs and launched a single that made it 11-2.

A couple more fielding errors topped off a tough inning for the 766, which fell behind by a score of 16-2 after three complete frames.

Magee said that a couple of days of batting practice during the week have worked wonders in keeping the team's bats sharp.

"I'm the coach too, so that's why I can give my guys two days of practice of BP, so they can be as comfortable as I am at hitting the ball," Magee said.

Although to their credit the 766 never gave up and even came back to tally six runs in the top of the fourth, the early outburst by the Seadragons was just too much to overcome.

"Most of the team, so far, we all played together last year too," Sabala said. "So everyone is real comfortable playing with each other, so it makes it easier."

Last season, Sabala said that the team missed the playoffs by only a single game.

Magee said that with an improved defense, he sees no reason why the Seadragons can't go all the way.

"We've come to win it all," Magee said. "That's the motto and that's what we've been doing since day one: winning it all."



647th SFS wastes no aloha on Hawaii

Story and photo
by Randy Dela Cruz

Sports Editor, Ho'okele

Every once in a while, a player who raises the level of play in the sport of his or her selection comes through the ranks.

On April 23, military family member Jordan Abraham may have just become the player to watch in intramural soccer. The fleet-footed striker made easy work of USS Hawaii (SSN 776) by picking up four goals and one assist in leading the 647th Security Forces Squadron to a 6-1 victory over Hawaii.

The win kept the 647 SFS firmly locked in second place in the Blue Division with a 5-3 record, with Hawaii close behind at 4-3.

“We got all of our players here and we all just seem to work together better and better each game to lead up to this point, and it was a real good breaking point for us to see, heading into the playoffs, what we’re made of,” Abraham said. “We just all played very well today.”

Although on paper, both teams looked to be very evenly matched, the game itself produced no such illusion of being equal.

Perhaps unfamiliar of the speed and quickness of Abraham, the Hawaii defense had no answer for the 647 SFS striker.

Moving from left to right, Abraham flew by the defense on left wing and easily took it all the way to the goal for a 1-0 lead.

Then on the next trip down-



647th SFS striker Jordan Abraham, a military family member, beats a defeater before finishing off a shot.

field into Hawaii territory, Senior Airman John Hoosier teamed up with Abraham for goal number two. Abraham zipped a shot to the foot of Hoosier, who deflected the ball past the goalkeeper for 2-0 lead.

As the first half was winding down, Abraham still had one more goal in him and he didn’t let it go to waste.

Running down the right cor-

ner near the Hawaii goal, Abraham chased down a pass that flew over the top of his head.

Chasing down the toss, Abraham caught the ball on one bounce and kicked it to the back of the net for a 3-0 lead going into halftime.

“I saw the keeper was out, so I took my shot,” Abraham said. “We’ve all been playing with each other for awhile. We stay

positive, but we all don’t want to play greedy.”

Coming off halftime, everything continued to go the 647’s way. Abraham knocked in his third goal of the game to make it 4-0.

Then just a few minutes later, with 647 SFS on the attack again, Hoosier got back in the scoring column with a spectacular follow-up shot of his

own to take an insurmountable 5-0 lead.

Hoosier led the charge on a breakaway, but his first kick was flicked away by the goalkeeper.

Instead of giving up on the shot and retreating back to his defensive spot, Hoosier kept his eyes on the ball and picked up the ricochet off the block, before knocking it back in for the goal.

“That’s the way I play the game,” Hoosier admitted. “You never give up on the ball. Just because it hits someone, the ball’s never out of play. The ball goes out and they blow the whistle. That’s when you stop, but if the ball is in the middle of the field, you just keep pushing at it.”

With the clock winding down, Electrician’s Mate (Nuclear Trained) 1st Class Paul Waring finally got Hawaii on the scoreboard, but Abraham wasn’t finished just yet. He sank one final goal before the horn sounded.

Although the 647 SFS’s record is far from perfect at 5-3, this is obviously a team that is way more dangerous than their numbers suggest.

Hoosier said that with everyone coming into their own, he suggests that the team might be peaking just in time for the playoffs.

Abraham agrees with Hoosier and added that if things continue to improve, the 647 SFS just might be in contention to win it all.

“We can win in all,” he said. “We’ll need to stay positive and do what we did today. Don’t be greedy and we can win all the time honestly.”



Mike Todd of PACOM/JIOC beats the throw to Na Kai Koa second baseman Hospitalman Jarvis Tavares-Somildam for a double.

PACOM/JIOC comes back to win in extra innings

Story and photo
by Randy Dela Cruz

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Pacific Command/Joint Intelligence Operation Center (PACOM/JIOC) scored on an in-field error in the bottom of the ninth to take a 17-16 win over Naval Health Clinic Hawaii Dental Na Kai Koa on April 26 in a Red Division showdown of top teams at Ward Field, Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam.

The comeback was nothing short of miraculous as PACOM/JIOC fell behind at 11-2 after only an inning and a half, but slowly turned things around to stay unbeaten after both teams entered the clash with identical 2-0 records.

“We just refused to lose,” said PACOM/JIOC pitcher Mike Todd, a Department of Defense civilian. “It was just based on

playing together. We had a couple of replacement players in there. But they settled down, played ball and just listened to what we were trying to tell them. It was a good test.”

Todd, who was near perfect in his pitching performance the week before, found the going tough against an aggressive Na Kai Koa batting lineup that came to play.

Hospitalman Jarvis Tavares-Somildam opened up the game with a leadoff single and then touched home plate for the first run of the game on a two-run, inside-the-park shot by Hospital Corpsman 2nd Class Christian Ferrell.

Then, with one out and one man on base, Hospital Corpsman 1st Class Joshua Rabbitt drove home the third run of the game on a single.

When the smoke cleared, PACOM/JIOC looked shocked

staring up at a six-run deficit before even stepping up to the plate.

PACOM/JIOC got a bit lucky in the bottom of the first by getting two runs back on a fielding error, but the smoking lumber unleashed by Na Noa Kai in the first still had a few embers left in it in the second.

Tavares-Somildam and Ferrell started off another inning with back-to-back hits and Rabbitt came through again with another RBI single.

The big hit of the inning though, came off the bat of Hospital Corpsman 2nd Class Shawn Johnson, who deposited a two-run single with two outs to raise the team’s lead to nine at 11-2.

While both teams traded zeros off the next two frames, Tech. Sgt. Brian Graff got the offense started again for PACOM/JIOC with an RBI single.

Todd gave up two hits in a row to open up the top of the fourth, but hung in there to throw his second shutout inning of the game.

Todd then led off the bottom of the fourth with double, which opened the door for PACOM/JIOC to pull to within two runs and 11-9.

Another shutout by Todd and three runs by PACOM/JIOC in the fifth gave the team its first lead of the game at 12-11.

The game remained tight until the top of the eighth, when Tavares-Somildam and Ferrell came through to drive in three runs and take a 16-13 lead.

However, in the bottom of the eighth, with two outs and PACOM/JIOC trailing by one, Todd kept his team alive with an RBI single, which set up the heart-thumping end in the bottom of the ninth.

Rabbitt, whose early hitting

was a key reason for Na Kai Koa’s lead, said that against a tough team like PACOM/JIOC, all it took was just one small lull in the team’s attack to unravel its nine-run advantage.

“Unforeseen injuries in the second inning caused a miss flow in our batting lineup,” Rabbitt explained. “It held us up a couple of innings until we caught our flow back. It was back and forth. This gives us a lot of confidence and motivation for the rest of the season. We know we can beat them. We had the game won.”

Todd also said that a solid game like that against another very good team would go a long way in establishing how far the season goes for PACOM/JIOC.

“This was a good test,” he said. “It’s big, because we win a couple of blowout games and now we show that we’re capable of taking it to that fever pitch.”

Museum to participate in youth summit

Pacific Aviation Museum Pearl Harbor

Pacific Aviation Museum Pearl Harbor will participate in the “National Youth Summit on Japanese American Incarceration in World War II” from 10 to 11:30 a.m. May 17 in the museum theater. The event is free and open to the public. It is an outreach program for middle and high school students sponsored by the Smithsonian’s National Museum of American History in partnership with the Japanese American National Museum. Pacific Historic Parks and WWII Valor in the Pacific National Monument are also providing support for the summit.

Pacific Aviation Museum Pearl Harbor is one of four Smithsonian affiliate organizations hosting a regional youth summit, and is partnering locally with the Japanese Cultural Center of Hawaii to host a panel discussion with scholars, family members of those incarcerated at Honouliuli Internment Camp, and Hawaii’s youth.

In 1942, President Franklin D. Roosevelt signed Executive Order 9066, resulting in the imprisonment of Americans

of Japanese ancestry.

Here on Oahu, on March 1, 1943, the Honouliuli Internment Camp opened. It was the longest operating and largest WWII internment and POW camp in Hawaii, incarcerating nearly 4,000 individuals. On Feb. 24, 2015, President Barack Obama signed a proclamation declaring Honouliuli a national monument.

Panelists and the audience will explore the history of Japanese American incarceration and will discuss how fear and prejudice can upset the delicate balance between the rights of citizens and the power of the state. The program will also focus on the role of young people in shaping America’s past and future.

Panelists, who will provide their insight to what took place during WWII and its relevance to the nation’s current situation and its future, will be joined by students.

Teachers are encouraged to bring their students to the free summit.

Seating is limited and must be reserved in advance. For more information on the National Youth Summit or to reserve seats, call 808-445-9137 or email education@pacificaviationmuseum.org.

Hickam Commissary to undergo reset

Hickam Commissary will go through a total store reset. The commissary will close at 4 p.m. May 18. On May 19 and 20, the commissary will be closed for the reset. The commissary will re-open for business at 8 a.m. May 21 with normal operating hours. During the reset, the Pearl Harbor Commissary will be open. FMI: Totolua Ripley at 449-1363, ext. 301.

NEX celebrates gift card winner



NEX photo by Stephanie Lau

Pearl Harbor Navy Exchange \$1,000 NEX gift card winner Sherri Kingsbury of Kaneohe, left, receives her prize from Terrance Shimomi, NEX home office manager. Kingsbury is a family member of retired Navy Seabee Chief Utilitiesman Patrick Kingsbury. The prize is given to members of the military community to show gratitude for their commitment to serving the country.

National Prescription Drug Take-Back Day events to be held

Drug take-back locations

As part of National Prescription Drug Take-Back Day, unused or expired medication can be turned in for safe, anonymous disposal from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturday at locations throughout the state, including Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam. New or used needles or syringes and illegal substances such as marijuana and methamphetamine will not be accepted.

Military locations

Pearl Harbor Navy Exchange
Marine Corps Exchange, Marine Corps Base Hawaii
Post Exchange, Schofield Barracks

Other locations

Hawaii State Capitol
Kahala Mall
Pearl City Police Station
Mililani High School
Windward Mall

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Tomorrow is National Prescription Drug Take-Back Day. This Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) program aims to provide a safe, convenient, and responsible means of disposing of prescription drugs, while also educating the general public about the potential for abuse of medications.

Various locations throughout the island will provide a safe

venue for those wanting to turn in expired, unused and unwanted prescription drugs to a local drop-off site anonymously and free of charge.

During last year’s National Drug Take-Back Day, Americans turned in 350 tons (more than 702,000 pounds) of prescription drugs at more than 5,000 sites nationwide. Overall, in its 10 previous Take Back events, the DEA and its partners have taken in more than 5.5 million pounds—more than 2,750 tons—of pills.

Blood drives

- May 2, 3, and 4, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., 2nd Stryker Brigade, building 2097, Schofield Barracks
- May 9, 8 a.m. to noon, Marine Aviation Logistics

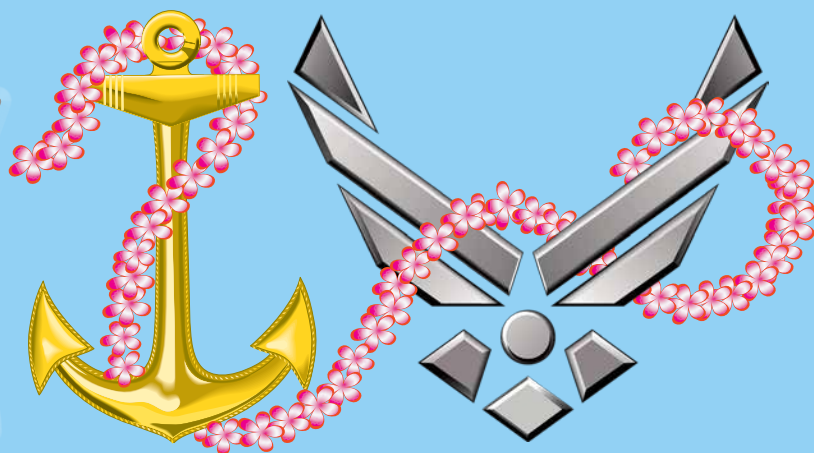
Squadron 24, building 375, Marine Corps Base Hawaii

(For more information, contact Michelle Lele-Himalaya, Armed Services Blood Program, Tripler Army Medical Center, at 433-6699 or email Michelle.Lele.civ@mail.mil.)

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PEARL HARBOR - HICKAM

COMMUNITY CALENDAR



MCDONALD'S TEMPORARY CLOSURE

NOW — The waterfront McDonald's, located next to the Pearl Harbor Memorial Chapel at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, is temporarily closed due to repairs to the restaurant's sewer line. Repair work is expected to continue this week and the restaurant will reopen May 1. Updates will be provided on JBPHH Facebook.

NATIONAL PREPAREDNESS DAY — TODAY

Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam Emergency Management Office will host a National Preparedness Day event. Information booths will be staffed from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Pearl Harbor Navy Exchange and Hickam BX to provide the military community with free resources and handouts to prepare themselves and families on tsunamis, hurricanes, and other natural disasters. The event is held in support of FEMA America's PrepareAthon National Day of Action, held April 30.

WAHIAWA BLOCK PARTY — TODAY

A block party at the Wahiawa Annex sports field will be held from 2 to 4 p.m. The block party will feature Joint Base Morale, Welfare and Recreation information booths, activities, games and food. FMI: www.greatlifehawaii.com or 473-2651.

HEALTHY KIDS DAY — SATURDAY

The Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam branch of the Armed Services YMCA will hold a Healthy Kids Day event from 9 to 11 a.m. at Aliamanu Military Reservation Field. The event will feature activities for the children of active-duty service members, including booths focusing on healthy living. There will also be fitness activities. FMI: 473-3398.

HICKAM EXCHANGE HOURS CHANGE

SATURDAY — The Hickam Exchange main store hours will change effective Saturday. The new hours will be Sunday through Thursday from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. On Friday and Saturday, the store will be open from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. FMI: 423-7694 or email newmanbe@aafes.com.

FISHPOND CLEANUP — SATURDAY

A Loko Pa'aiau Fishpond cleanup volunteer opportunity in conjunction with Earth Month will be held from 9 to 11 a.m. at McGrew Point housing area. Volunteers will clean up the area where mangrove has recently been cleared. Base access is required. Volunteers from Joint Base and other military should meet in the parking lot next to the McGrew Point tennis courts by 9 a.m. Participants should dress to get dirty, wear covered shoes and sunscreen, and bring water. The minimum age to participate is 12 years old. All participants will need to sign a waiver form. To volunteer, contact MAC William Matteson at William.N.Matteson@navy.mil or call (209) 216-7190. FMI: Jeff.Pantaleo@navy.mil or call 471-1171, ext. 368.

FOCUS ON STOCK INVESTING — MAY 3

A course on investing with stocks will be held from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. at Military and Family Support Center Hickam. FMI: www.greatlifehawaii.com or 474-1999.

SPONSOR TRAINING — MAY 3

A class on sponsor training will be held from 1 to 3 p.m. at Military and Family Support Center Wahiawa. The class is designed to give the new sponsor information needed to assist incoming personnel and families. Spouses are encouraged to attend. FMI: www.greatlifehawaii.com or 474-1999.

DIVISION OFFICER'S SEMINAR — MAY 4

A division officer's financial leadership seminar will be held from 7:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at Military and Family Support Center Pearl Harbor. This training is for non-CFS (Command Financial

Specialist) trained E-7s and above. The seminar provides a basic understanding of typical military financial problems, how to deal with a financial crisis with one of your members, and creates an awareness of resources available. FMI: www.greatlifehawaii.com or 474-1999.

SUICIDE PREVENTION TALK — MAY 6

A "safeTALK" suicide prevention event will be held from 8 to 11 a.m. at Military and Family Support Center Pearl Harbor. Trained suicide alert helpers learn to move beyond common tendencies to miss, dismiss or avoid suicide. They identify people with thoughts of suicide and apply the TALK steps (Tell, Ask, Listen, Keep Safe) to connect the person at risk to suicide first-aid caregivers. FMI: www.greatlifehawaii.com or 474-1999.

FITNESS AND WELLNESS FAIR — MAY 6

A free Fitness and Wellness Fair for the Joint Base military and civilian community will be held from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam Fitness Center. FMI: 471-2019.

POLICE DEPARTMENT RECRUITMENT

MAY 12-17 — The San Jose (California) Police Department will conduct on-site testing in Hawaii for the position of police recruit officer. Those who are interested can apply online at www.joinspdblu.com to qualify for on-site testing. FMI: See www.facebook.com/JBPHH-MFSC for qualifications and testing dates and times.

STAR-SPANGLED BABIES SHOWER

MAY 14 — Expectant and new military mothers may register now to be the guest of honor at a special baby shower from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Moanalua Terrace Community Center, 2500 Radford Drive, Honolulu. The Operation Homefront event is for military moms from active-duty E-1 through E-6 families or post-9/11 wounded, ill or injured of all ranks. In order to attend, participants must register online prior to the event. FMI: Visit www.operationhomefront.net/event/list to register.

SHARKEY THEATER

TODAY — APRIL 29

7:00 PM Batman V Superman: Dawn of Justice (3-D) (PG-13)

SATURDAY — APRIL 30

2:30 PM Batman V Superman: Dawn of Justice (3-D) (PG-13)
5:30 PM 10 Cloverfield Lane (PG-13)
7:30 PM Eye in the Sky (R)

SUNDAY — MAY 1

2:30 PM Batman V Superman: Dawn of Justice (3-D) (PG-13)
5:30 PM My Big Fat Greek Wedding 2 (PG-13)
7:20 PM Midnight Special (PG-13)

THURSDAY — MAY 5

7:00 PM Batman V Superman: Dawn of Justice (PG-13)

HICKAM MEMORIAL THEATER

TODAY — APRIL 29

6:00 PM Batman V Superman: Dawn of Justice (PG-13)

SATURDAY — APRIL 30

3:00 PM The Divergent Series: Allegiant (PG-13)
6:00 PM Batman V Superman: Dawn of Justice (PG-13)

SUNDAY — MAY 1

3:00 PM Zootopia (PG)
6:00 PM Eye In The Sky (R)

THURSDAY — MAY 5

7:00 PM Batman V Superman: Dawn of Justice (PG-13)

MOVIE SHOWTIMES



FREE ADVANCE SCREENING CAPTAIN AMERICA: CIVIL WAR

Political pressure mounts to install a system of accountability when the actions of the Avengers lead to collateral damage. The new status quo deeply divides members of the team. Captain America (Chris Evans) believes superheroes should remain free to defend humanity without government interference. Iron Man (Robert Downey Jr.) sharply disagrees and supports oversight.

Free advance screening at Hickam Memorial Theater. Saturday April 30 at 2:00 p.m., doors open at noon. Tickets are available at the Hickam food court. FMI: 422-4425.