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## PACFLT commander holds PAC SAG all hands call

Adm. Scott Swift

*Editor's note: The Pacific Surface Action Group departed Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, April 27 following a port visit en route to the western Pacific. U.S. Pacific Fleet Commander Adm. Scott Swift delivered the following remarks during an all hands call at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, April 26.*

First, let me add my welcome to the many welcomes that you've already had arriving here in Pearl Harbor. I've been following with interesting news reports about your deployment, about the Pacific Surface Action Group (PAC SAG) joining up and then getting underway and heading out here to Pearl Harbor.

It's really an important event. A lot of times as Sailors, and I call myself a Sailor, you may be wondering what the purpose is behind what you're doing while on cruise. I think this is really a unique activity. Being an aviator, I spent all my time at sea in a carrier strike group and the first 10 years of it was here in the Pacific. The next 10 years was in the Middle East and ever since then I've been lucky enough to be a Pacific Sailor. Each cruise was pretty much like the last cruise and I expected the next cruise would go pretty much like that as well.

What is really unique here with the PAC SAG is that instead of sending independent deployers out, which is what you would normally do with



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.

Spruance, Momsen and Decatur, you're deployed together as a PAC SAG.

It's part of that effort that you've been reading about called distributed lethality, meaning the combined lethality of a three-ship SAG is much greater than an individual DDG, as impressive as an individual DDG is.

Most of our operations are responding to Humanitarian Assistance Disaster Response situations, whether it is past cyclone relief or the earthquake in Japan that we're supporting now. In those cases, we're much more effective

and efficient operating as a three ship SAG as well.

Late next year in 2017, we'll have the first operational deployment of JSF F-35B's. We will have a large-deck amphibious ship that will be forward deployed in the Pacific and it will embark Marine JSFs. I think this is going to revolutionize where we are with expeditionary strike groups. The three-ship PAC SAG that Decatur, Momsen and Spruance are part of will pave the way for another SAG, just like this one, attached to the large-deck amphibious ship so that it

will become what I'm calling an "Up Gunned ESG."

Looking at Decatur's unique BMD capability in comparison to Spruance and Momsen, we will leave this up to the commodore—but I have asked of the commodore to deploy as if you were part of an ESG and think in terms of those composite warfare command (CWC) warfighting concepts and apply them as you are steaming around. So, Decatur may very well be the air defense commander, if you will, of the PAC SAG and be responsible for the air defense of the SAG.

There may be a Zulu or a Whiskey or all the other CWC warfare areas that would normally be spread between the Momsen and Spruance. The commodore has already been talking with the Pacific Air Forces about the ability to expand to the concept of joint access and maneuver in the global commons. So, this SAG will interact with Air Force assets that are already operating in theater.

I'm excited about the potential options you will explore as part of this three ship SAG. Now, 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 all get underway from Hawaii. Spruance will take off down south to do an OMSI (Oceania Maritime Security Patrol) patrol and pull into Tonga for engagements there while the rest of the SAG heads west, and then eventually, Spruance will rejoin them; another example of the flexibility that we have as a naval force.

To read the full story, visit [Navy Live Blog at http://ow.ly/4nqYCG](http://ow.ly/4nqYCG)

## Holocaust Remembrance Day service held at JBPHH Aloha Jewish Chapel

Story and photo by  
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Aloha Jewish Chapel, Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, observed Holocaust Remembrance Day with a service held May 5.

The internationally recognized date for Holocaust Remembrance Day corresponds to the 27th day of Nisan on the Hebrew calendar. The date also corresponds with the anniversary of the 1943 Warsaw Ghetto Uprising in Nazi German-occupied Poland. The theme of this year's theme was "Learning from the Holocaust: Acts of Courage."

Dr. Jackie Palmer-Lasky, professor of political science at the University of Hawaii, was the guest speaker. She spoke of her father's experiences as a Polish Jew who was born the youngest of 10 children in 1913. As a child, he witnessed violent pogroms against Jews before he and the rest of his immediate family immigrated to the United States in the early 1920s. As an adult, he joined the U.S. Army Air Corps and fought in Europe during World War II.

In 1987, Palmer-Lasky and her father took a trip to Poland to reconnect with their family roots. They visited the small town where he was born, and were presented with a page from a Torah scroll by a Catholic family who lived in the area.

"They had been keeping it hidden away for over 40 years,"



Dr. Jackie Palmer-Lasky speaks at a Holocaust Remembrance Day event held at Aloha Jewish Chapel, Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, May 5.

Palmer-Lasky said. "They told us they kept it because someday someone would come back for it."

Palmer-Lasky explained that many Jewish texts and relics were hidden away to protect them from being desecrated by the Nazis.

After discussing her own family history, Palmer-Lasky offered some words of hope for the future.

"The way forward requires everybody from each background and tradition to realize the connection we all have," she said. "I

feel very hopeful when I see vibrant diversity and interfaith communities."

The ceremony also included readings of the words of John Paul II and Anne Frank as well as the lighting of six memorial candles, with each candle representing one million Jews killed by the Nazi regime during the Holocaust.

The service concluded with the singing of the funeral prayer "El male rachamim" and a recitation of the Mourner's Kaddish.



## DBIDS to be implemented at Joint Base this month

Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam  
Public Affairs

Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam is 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 until 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 transparent to personnel seeking to enter Joint Base. During the transition period, personnel might experience slight delays at installation access points when gate personnel scan an ID card for the first time.

Due to a recent system update, Pre-Medicare Retiree ID cards with a previous "INDEF" end date will now be issued with an expiration date. If you currently hold an older ID with the social security number printed, it may not scan properly.

Effective June 1, gold cards will no longer be a valid credential to access the JBPHH installation. All gold card carriers must coordinate with JBPHH Pass and ID office to exchange their gold card for a JBPHH DBIDS credential prior to June 1 to avoid any delays in base access.

Furthermore, all individuals possessing an Armed Forces Exchange Services Identification Privilege card (DD Form 2574) will be vetted by JBPHH Pass and ID office prior to entering the installation unescorted. For further details on the vetting process or additional questions, please contact JBPHH Pass and ID office at 808-449-0865 or 808-449-0872.

# USS Chafee holds change of command ceremony

Story and photo by  
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USS Chafee Public Affairs

The guided-missile destroyer USS Chafee (DDG 90) held a change of command ceremony at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, April 29. Cmdr. Brian Fremming succeeded Cmdr. Shea Thompson as Chafee's commanding officer.

After an 18-month tour on USS Chafee (DDG 90) as commanding officer, Thompson is moving on to new challenges.

Originally a native of San Marcos, California, Thompson received his commission from the United States Naval Academy in 1997. He began his first tour as the damage control assistant aboard the USS George Philip (FFG 12). In 2000, he served aboard USS Cape St. George (CG 71) as the strike officer and then the navigator.

Thompson also served as the weapons officer and combat system officer aboard USS John Paul Jones (DDG 53) from 2004 until 2007. He joined USS Chafee in April 2013 as its executive officer before fleeting up to commanding officer in November 2014.

Thompson led USS Chafee through a productive 2015.

USS Chafee spent seven of the 12 months of 2015 deployed in Third, Fourth, and Seventh Fleets. During its time underway, Chafee traveled 53,600 nautical miles and conducted port visits in Australia, Mexico and South America.

The destroyer participated in conjunction with the United States Coast Guard in the Oceania Maritime Security Initiative and never missed a chance to board a vessel of interest.

USS Chafee worked with navies from Australia and New Zealand during Talisman Sabre, and navies from Mexico, Colombia, Peru, Chile, Argentina, and Brazil during Unitas Atlantic and Pacific exercises.

USS Chafee was recently awarded a fourth consecutive Battle "E" as well as an environmental award from the Secretary of the Navy.

Fremming, an Iowa native, will succeed Thompson as the newest commanding officer aboard Chafee, previously serving as the ship's executive officer. He completed his department head tours on USS John Paul Jones (DDG 53) and USS Chancellorsville (CG 62) as the operations officer. He has a master's degree in national security and strategic studies from the United States



Cmdr. Brian Fremming arrives with the official party for the guided-missile destroyer USS Chafee (DDG 90) change of command ceremony.

Naval War College.

Thompson moves on to San Diego to take a position with the Warfare Tactics Instructors program at the Naval Surface

Warfare Development Group.

USS Chafee is named for Gov. John Chafee, who served in both the enlisted and officer ranks in the United States Ma-

rine Corps during World War II and Korea. He went on to serve as Secretary of the Navy, and senator and two-term governor of the state of Rhode Island.

## Fly, fight, run: Hickam Airman sets new local fitness assessment record

Story and photo by  
2nd Lt. Kaitlyn Daddona

15th Wing Public Affairs

When Paul Fracolli was 10 years old, he wanted to see how long it would take him to run a mile. He strapped on his sneakers, asked his mom to follow him in the family car, and hit the road. When he raced a mile, she stopped the timer and beeped the horn.

Fast forward to April 15 on the Earhart Track at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, where Fracolli, a first lieutenant and pilot in the 19th Fighter Squadron, just beat the Hickam physical training test run time record of 8:22 in just 7:55 and, somehow, he did it without any stress.

"The test proctor mentioned the record when we were about to start running," Fracolli said. "So I figured, well, OK, I think I can beat that, so I might as well try."

The running portion of the test came after Fracolli maxed out the pushups with 69 repetitions and the sit-ups with 70 repetitions, rounding out his assess-



1st Lt. Paul Fracolli, 19th Fighter Squadron, crosses the finish line on the Earhart Track.

ment score to a perfect 100. And this was not his first record-breaking run. Fracolli also beat the high score at Laughlin Air Force Base with a 7:40 mile and a half in 2012.

"Fracolli was just like any other member testing—quiet and focused," said Tech. Sgt. Jarret Espiritu, fitness assessment cell non-commissioned officer-in-charge. "My su-

pervisor was out there with me that day and we saw him gliding towards the finish line. You know a runner when you see one. It comes natural to them. He was one of them."

However, Fracolli hasn't always been a runner. Focused on other sports like swimming and water polo, he only started running three or four times a week to sup-

plement his workouts as a student and Air Force Reserve Officer Training Corps cadet at the University of California—Los Angeles.

"That's when I realized I was actually sort of into it," he said. "It wasn't my biggest passion, but I didn't mind throwing on some music and exploring Bel Air or trying to beat my times for my routes through LA."

Once running became an activity he did for fun, Fracolli challenged himself with running goals. A junior in college, he trained for a marathon, running up to 60 miles per week, even through the aches and pains.

"It's easy for me to look back on that whole experience through a happy cloud, because it was awesome to have a goal that felt way out of my league," he said. "But in reality, training for the marathon was very consuming."

Perhaps it is this persistence that helped Fracolli get his name on the Wall of Fame, a program the Hickam Fitness Assessment Cell began in April to highlight those Airmen who exceed the standards.

## Naval Health Clinic Hawaii operations to be closed today

All Naval Health Clinic Hawaii (NHCH) operations will be closed today, May 6. This includes all medical and dental facilities at Makalapa, Camp Smith, Wahiawa, Marine Corps Base Hawaii Kaneohe Bay and Pearl Harbor Naval

Shipyard Clinics. Providers will be attending required training.

Beneficiaries are asked to take this into consideration when scheduling care. All routine care should be planned prior to or after May 6. This

includes appointment scheduling, prescription refills, laboratory draws, etc.

All clinics will reopen for regular business hours on Monday, May 9. For NHCH hours of operation, visit <http://www.med.navy.mil/sites/nhch>.

Beneficiaries can speak to a nurse anytime 24/7 by calling the toll-free "Nurse Advice Line" at 1-800-874-2273, option 1. To book an appointment on line, visit [www.tricareonline.com](http://www.tricareonline.com). The Schofield Barracks Acute Care

Clinic (ACC) is open from 7 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. for walk-ins only. The ACC can be reached at (808) 433-8850. For emergencies, dial 911 or go to Tripler Army Medical Center. For active duty dental emergencies, dial (808)864-4705.

# Diverse VIEWS



Today is Military Spouse Appreciation Day. What do you look for in a significant other?



**Staff Sgt. Georgette Brooks**  
37th Intelligence Squadron

"The top quality I look for in a spouse or significant other is kindness because this quality fosters a connection of growth in a relationship."

**EO2 Christina Chingman**  
CMBU 303

"My favorite thing about my husband, Joshua, is really being able to love him with all of my heart! I really married my dream guy. There really is nothing about him I don't like! When we first met, it started with his magnetic smile. However, now that we have a daughter, I can honestly say he is a true gentleman and he always has respect and courtesy toward others. I love the example he is naturally able to set."

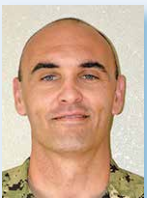


**Staff Sgt. Michael Day**  
735th Air Mobility Squadron

"The top quality I look for in a spouse is honesty. I feel that honesty sets a solid foundation that every relationship needs."

**SW2 Phil Franks**  
CBMU 303

"Her initiative, definitely. She is a master at multi-tasking. She's a hard-working mother and a full time student. We've been married 10 years. I still don't know how she does it. She's amazing at balancing it all with continued dedication!"



**Tech. Sgt. Brandon Hockenbarger**  
15th Aerospace Medicine Squadron

"The top quality I look for in a spouse or significant other is honesty, loyalty and candidness. Being able to stay true to their feelings no matter what, and tell me when I'm wrong, even if they know it will hurt me."

**QM2 Kyle Stevens**

Commander, Navy Region Hawaii

"How much she genuinely cares for my well-being and my son's well-being. She's really there for our family, and that means so much."



**Staff Sgt. (Sel) Jacquelyn Twitty**  
8th Theater Sustainment Command

"The top quality I look for in a spouse is stability and generosity as my spouse is the rock I lean on when things get tough, and we both enjoy giving back to our community."

*Provided by David D. Underwood Jr., Bettie Feibel and Ensign Krystyna Nowakowski.*

Want to see your command featured in Diverse Views?  
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## 'Celebrating the contributions' of AAPIs

*May is Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month*

**Barack Obama**

*President of the United States of America*



Barrack Obama

Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders (AAPIs) are the fastest growing racial group in our country, growing over four times as rapidly as the population of the United States.

As one of the most culturally and linguistically diverse groups in America, the AAPI community reminds us that though we all have distinct backgrounds and origins, we are bound in common purpose by our shared hopes and dreams for ourselves and our children.

Our nation's story would be incomplete without the voices of countless Asian Americans, Native Hawaiians, and Pacific Islanders who have called the land we all love home. This month, we honor the irreplaceable roles they have played in our past, and we recommit to ensuring opportunities exist for generations of AAPIs to come.

The AAPI community's long and deeply-rooted legacy in the United States reminds us of both proud and painful chapters of our history. Confronted with grueling and perilous working conditions, thousands of Chinese laborers on the transcontinental rail-

road pushed the wheels of progress forward in the West. Japanese American troops fought for freedom from tyranny abroad in World War II while their families here at home were interned simply on the basis of their origin. And many South Asian Americans in particular face discrimination, harassment, and senseless violence often in the communities in which they live and work.

Today, AAPIs lend their rich heritage to enhancing our communities and our culture. As artists and activists, educators and elected officials, service men and women and business owners, AAPIs help drive our country forward. Yet despite hard-won achievements, AAPIs continue to face obstacles to realizing their full potential.

One in three AAPIs does not speak English fluently, and certain subgroups experience low levels of educational attainment and high levels of unemployment. AAPIs also often experi-

ence heightened health risks, and millions of AAPI men, women, and children in the United States live in poverty.

My administration is committed to supporting and investing in AAPI communities. Thanks to the Affordable Care Act, 20 million uninsured adults have gained health insurance coverage, including 2 million AAPIs.

Among Asian Americans under the age of 65, the uninsured rate has declined by 55 percent since 2013. Last year, we brought together thousands of AAPI artists; advocates; and business, community, and Federal leaders from across America for the first-ever White House Summit on AAPIs to discuss the key issues facing their communities.

The summit was hosted by the White House Initiative on AAPIs, which I reestablished during my first year in office and is housed within the Department of Education. We are working with federal agencies to build stronger and more robust regional networks across our country that improve access to federal resources and expand opportunities.

We have worked to protect civil rights, foster educational equity, and create economic opportunity across our country. Because a lack of detailed data perpetuates the false notion of AAPIs as a model minority, we are working across govern-

ment to improve data collection to counter existing stereotypes and to shed light on the realities faced and resources needed by the AAPI community.

Through the White House Task Force on New Americans, federal agencies are working with cities and counties around America to build welcoming communities that allow immigrants and refugees to thrive. And we will continue working to allow more high-skilled immigrants to stay in our country—too many talented AAPIs are held back from fully realizing our country's promise, and too many have suffered the consequences of our nation's broken immigration system.

Peoples of diverse backgrounds and circumstances have long come to our country with the faith that they could build a better life in America, and spanning generations, the story of AAPIs in the United States embodies this promise.

During Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month, let us celebrate the many contributions our AAPI brothers and sisters have made to the American mosaic, and let us renew our commitment to creating more opportunities for AAPI youth as they grow up and embrace the hard work of active citizenship, adding their unique voices and experiences to our nation's narrative.

## Asian American, Pacific Islander Heritage Month

### Navy salutes Asian American, Pacific Islander Heritage

**Chief of Naval Personnel Public Affairs**

*Editor's note: The JBPHH Diversity Committee will host two events commemorating Asian American, Pacific Islander Heritage Month. See page B-5.*

WASHINGTON (NNS)—The Navy joins the nation in celebrating the contributions of Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders during Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month throughout May.

The Navy encourages commands to embrace this year's national theme "Walk Together, Embrace Differences, Build Legacies."

This year's three imperatives serve to promote equal representation and to remove barriers in developing diverse leaders, acknowledging the challenges that still exist today.

Today, there are 24,500 Asian American and Pacific Islander Sailors serving in the Navy, including eight admirals and 235 master chief and senior chief petty officers. These Sailors represent more than 56 ethnic groups, speaking more than 100 languages from Asia and the Pacific

Islands, living in the United States.

Asian American and Pacific Islanders of various nationalities and ancestry have been serving in the Navy since the early 19th century. The rich history of these cultures, their struggles against adversity to achieve equality, significant contributions to the American experience, and the opportunity to build the foundation for a bright future are made reality by some great leaders who share the same heritage.

Senior leaders serving in the Navy today, who are Asian American and Pacific Islanders, are:

- Adm. Harry B. Harris Jr., commander, U.S. Pacific Command, was previously commander, U.S. Pacific Fleet. Born in Japan and raised in Tennessee and Florida, he became a P-3 Orion navigator after graduating from the U.S. Naval Academy in 1978.

- Adm. Raquel C. Bono is the director of the Defense Health Agency. She is a diplomat of the American Board of Surgery. Of Filipino descent, her brother, Anatolio B. Cruz III, was also an admiral in the Navy until he retired in 2013.

- Rear Adm. Peter A. Gumataotao,

a native of Guam, is the deputy chief of staff, Strategic Plans and Policy, NATO Supreme Allied Command Transformation in Norfolk.

- Rear Adm. Jonathan A. Yuen is commander, Naval Supply Systems Command and 47th chief of Supply Corps. He is a member of the Acquisition Professional Community.

- Another Sailor of Asian American decent is Capt. Sunita L. Williams, currently serving as an astronaut for NASA. She served as the flight engineer for the Expedition-14 crew and science officer at the International Space Station in 2007. In 2012, she served as a flight engineer on Expedition-32 and then commander of Expedition-33. Her seven space walks set records for women.

The Defense Equal Opportunity Management Institute provides printable posters, presentations, guidance for organizing observance, and educational facts on their website, <http://www.deomi.org/> under the section "Special Observances."

For more information about the history of Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders and their numerous contributions to the Navy, visit <http://ow.ly/4ntqjx>

## Governor proclaims Hawaii Military Appreciation Month

Gov. David Ige will officially proclaim May as Hawaii Military Appreciation Month. Seven service members will be recognized for their outstanding community service at the Hawaii State Capitol governor's office today at 9 a.m.



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Chief of Staff  
**Capt. Mark Manfredi**

Commander, Joint Base  
Pearl Harbor-Hickam  
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## Joint Base hosts Holocaust historical brief

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*Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam Public Affairs*

In recognition of Holocaust Remembrance Week, Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam (JBPHH), along with the JBPHH diversity and observance committee held the Holocaust historical and educational brief May 2 at Hickam's Hollister Auditorium.

This year's theme is "Learning from the Holocaust: Acts of Courage," which highlights the courageous actions of various Jewish individuals during the pre, during and post-World War II era.

The brief provided in-depth insight to various atrocities the Jewish people encountered in the face of Germany's Third Reich. The event also provided information about the difference between the concentration and death camps, and the gruesome methods used to commit systematic genocide.

The briefing was provided by John Allen, cantorial soloist, co-leader of military Chavurah at JBPHH's Aloha Jewish Chapel and University of North Carolina-Charlotte graduate, specializing in Holocaust literature and history.

"Remembrance is important for two reasons," he said. "The first reason is honoring and remembering the victims, both Jewish and otherwise. Many people forget Roma, homosexual, and people with any type of physical or mental disabilities were also killed in the Holocaust."

Allen said this during his brief, and added if people who were not Jewish in any way, but married a Jewish person were deemed "unfit" in the eyes of the Third Reich



John Allen describes the details of the Nuremberg Laws during the Holocaust historical and educational brief May 2, held at Hickam's Hollister Auditorium.

—and were subjected to the same cruel and inhumane mistreatment.

"The second reason remembrance is important is to always remember the sentiments which led ultimately to the holocaust," he said. "To understand those (sentiments) and to be especially vigilant whenever we hear similar sentiments echoed in our society today.

Allen said a perfect example in today's society is comments he said he sees on a daily basis—including those on news websites and Facebook threads, which often contains threats of physical violence and intolerance

directed at certain ethnic groups."

"'Never again' wasn't meant exclusively for us Jews," he said. "It is to remind us to stand up against hate and intolerance when any group is persecuted—to speak out when politicians or people who have strong social power harness such sentiments to forward an agenda of intolerance and discrimination."

For more information about the Holocaust Remembrance Week or its events, contact the JBPHH diversity and observance committee at (808) 673-3903 or (219) 808-7355.



## Navy expands tattoo options, command ball cap wear

Chief of Naval Personnel  
Public Affairs

WASHINGTON (NNS)—In response to feedback from the fleet and senior enlisted leadership, the Navy announced two changes to its uniform policy, March 31, in NAVADMIN 082/16.

First, the Navy is updating its tattoo policy and will authorize Sailors to:

- Have one tattoo on their neck that does not exceed one inch in any direction.

- Have visible tattoos below the elbow or knee—no longer restricting their size or amount.

- Allow Sailors with sleeve tattoos to be assigned to Recruit Training Command and Recruiting Command positions—previously not allowed.

The Navy's tattoo content restrictions will remain the same: no tattoo located anywhere on the body can be prejudicial to good order, discipline and morale, or be of a nature that brings discredit upon the naval service.

This policy update is being made in response to the increased popularity of tattoos for those currently serving and in the population from which the Navy draws its recruits. It is also meant to ensure the

Navy does not miss opportunities to bring in talented young men and women who are willing to serve.

More information on these changes, which go into effect April 30, can be found in NAVADMIN 082/16.

Second, NAVADMIN 082/16 also authorizes commands to immediately wear a coyote-brown command ball cap with the Navy Working Uniform Type II and III. The manner of wear, logos, lettering and overall descriptions can be found in Navy Regulations, Chapter 3, article 3501.8.

The eight-point cover will remain the standard head gear worn with the NWU Type II and III during uniform inspections, special events and as determined by the unit commanding officer.

Ball caps are considered organizational clothing and commands may use appropriated funds to buy them. Information on how commands may purchase these ball caps can be found in NAVADMIN 082/16, and can be found at [www.npc.navy.mil](http://www.npc.navy.mil).

Complete information on Navy uniform policy and regulation can be found at <http://www.public.navy.mil/bu-pers-npc/support/uniforms/Pages/default2.aspx>

## PACFLT staff establishes new EIDWS program, awards first pins

Story and photo by  
MC2 Tamara Vaughn

*U.S. Pacific Fleet Public Affairs*

As the importance of information dominance has grown, so too has the need for U.S. Pacific Fleet (PACFLT) Sailors to be skilled in the information technology field. In the past, PACFLT staff Sailors earned the Enlisted Information Warfare Specialist (EIDWS) pin at other commands. That all changed March 1 when the PACFLT EIDWS instruction was signed, opening the doors for two PACFLT Sailors to earn their pins.

Master Chief Cryptologic Technician Collection Tara O'Brien and Chief Intelligence Specialist Jared Jeppson, pinned April 21, are the first to earn the EIDWS insignia from PACFLT.

"It feels good to be one of the first to be pinned at PACFLT," O'Brien said. "It is definitely a plus for our Sailors. We can do everything right here and we don't have to go through another organization to get qualified. It's phenomenal because you have a lot of Sailors that are going to come here first term on shore duty, in a rate that does not see much sea time, have the chance to earn a warfare pin."

The Navy established the EIDWS program Feb.



Master Chief Intelligence Specialist Jason Martin, U.S. Pacific Fleet staff enlisted information dominance warfare specialty program manager, pins the EIDWS device on Master Chief Cryptologic Technician Collection Tara O'Brien, center, and Chief Intelligence Specialist Jared Jeppson during a pinning ceremony.

19, 2010, with a goal of providing a common link among the information dominance corps (IDC) communities. Navy Information Dominance Forces (NAVIDFOR) released a message in June 2015 that revised who can administer the program.

"There were some business rule on whether your command can have a program or not," said Master Chief Intelligence Specialist Jason Martin, PACFLT EIDWS program manager. "That depended on if you had enough information war-

fare (IW) Sailors. PACFLT did not qualify at first, because the staff was so diversified, but when we added all detachments that we support and added those numbers to the mix, we then had a meeting to show our intent and got the thumbs up to start the program."

Martin, who was qualified at his previous command, built the program from the ground up, to achieve specific knowledge, skills and experiences to enhance the Sailors' understanding of information warfare, and

to increase the Navy's warfighting and mission effectiveness.

"The number one reason for PACFLT to have this program was accessibility and professional development; making

Sailors more aware of the mission set," said Martin. "We have different disciplines of IW Sailors who are now cross pollinating with one another. Warfare programs are essential in ensuring our Sailors understand and are able to effectively engage a situation, operate effectively and ensure backup as needed on a daily basis."

Martin said building the program was a lengthy process and required establishing controls.

"All warfare programs only stand on their integrity and I want PACFLT to be the gold standard," he said. "We are a flag command and we should be leading at the front. When it came to developing this program we strived for excellence. We made sure we did everything right and are always inspection ready."

The EIDWS program was designed to institute a rigorous qualification program to identify highly qualified and diversified information dominance profes-

sionals. It covers specific knowledge pertaining to the IDC ratings. To qualify, Sailors must demonstrate an understanding of several rates, including aerographer's mate, cryptologic technician, information systems technician, and intelligence. The updated program opened the door for several hundred IW Sailors and reservists who would normally have a hard time earning their qualification.

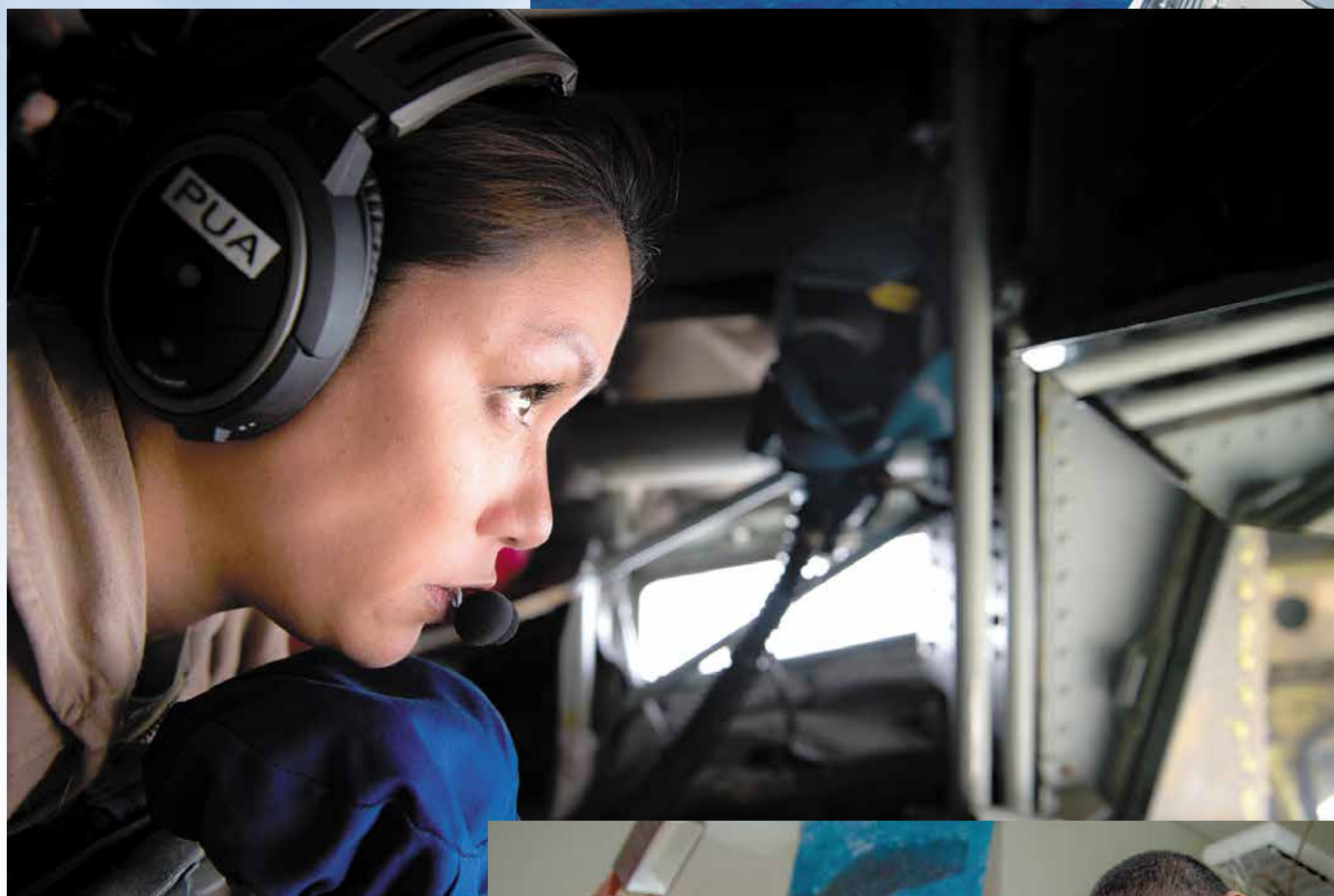
"It is an arduous and often unforgiving environment we Sailors normally operate in," O'Brien said. "It dictates the need for all personnel to have a basic understanding and operating knowledge of the IDC platform as it pertains to warfighting, mission effectiveness, and command survivability."

The new PACFLT staff program is open to personnel in IDC ratings who meet the prerequisites and may become available next year to other Staff Sailors on a case-by-case basis.

# Pearl Harbor-Hickam Highlights

(Right) Gunner's Mate 3rd Class Matthew W. Bray fires a shot line as the guided-missile destroyer USS Chung-Hoon (DDG 93) gets set to conduct a replenishment-at-sea with the fleet replenishment oiler USNS Walter S. Diehl (T-AO 193), April 16.

U.S. Navy photo by MC2 Marcus L. Stanley



(Left) U.S. Air Force Staff Sgt. Pua Jumawid maneuvers the boom of a KC-135R Stratotanker over Iraq in support of Operation Inherent Resolve, April 29. Jumawid is a boom operator deployed out of the 203d Air Refueling Squadron at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam.

U.S. Air Force photo by Staff Sgt. Douglas Ellis

(Right) Chief Operations Specialist Frank Butler, assigned to the guided-missile destroyer USS Chung-Hoon (DDG 93), dances with some of the children during a community service project conducted with "Child@Street 11," a nonprofit organization that provides low-income families with early education opportunities for their children in Singapore, April 22. 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.

U.S. Navy photo by MC2 Marcus L. Stanley



(Below) U.S. Sailors assigned to Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam and local volunteers participate in a cleanup at the ancient fishpond, Loko Pa'aiau, at McGrew Point Navy housing, April 30. The fishpond restoration is an ongoing cultural resources project involving the Navy and the local community.

U.S. Navy photo by MC2 Laurie Dexter



# JBPHH command master chief retires after 30 years

Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam’s Command Master Chief Jack D. Johnson, Jr. presents a bouquet of roses to his wife, Anne, during his retirement ceremony aboard the USS Missouri, April 29. The ceremony was attended by family members, friends and active duty military members who came to see Johnson’s completion of more than 30 years of active duty service in the United States Navy.

U.S. Navy photo by MC2 Jeff Troutman



# ‘Pacific’ is a great read for heritage month

Review by Bill Doughty

Tragedy and triumph. “Collision” and cooperation. War and Peace.

Simon Winchester, explores the yin and yang of the world’s biggest ocean in “Pacific: Silicon Chips and Surfboards, Coral Reefs and Atom Bombs, Brutal Dictators, Fading Empires, and the Coming Collision of the World’s Superpowers” (2015, HarperCollins). “Pacific” is a great read for Asian Pacific American Heritage Month.

Winchester’s clear-eyed assessment ranges from atmospheric testing of nuclear weapons, garbage gyres, El Niño and the “Ring of Fire” to the joys of surfing in a book he calls “a description of the modern Pacific Ocean” that begins at the end of the Second World War.

Japan rose from the ashes of Hiroshima and Nagasaki to become an innovative and inventive world power, creating the transistor and transforming business. The Japanese people rejected an authoritarian military-controlled government to “display a mettle quite unimaginable in its scope, heft, and range” in the Pacific theater:

“In those first months after the surrender, the country was gripped by a spasm of self-repair, of make-do and mending, of precipitous institutional about-faces and adaptations. Factories that had weeks before been making war materials switched their production lines to start making items needed not by generals and admirals, but by the bone-tired civilians and by the ragged menfolk returning from the battlefields .... A piston ring fabricator named Soichiro Honda took small engines used during the war as radio generators and strapped them onto the frames of Tokyo’s bicycles—the resulting Bata-Bata motorcycles, the name being onomatopoeic, later evolved into a brand of bike still famed from 1950s Japan as the Dream. Its popularity and commercial success heralded the birth of today’s automobile giant, the Honda Motor Company.”

The end of empires casts a long shadow in this book: Imperial Japan and especially the British Empire and how that monarchy’s influence faded in Hong Kong and Australia.

Darwin, Australia becomes a focal point in a discussion about Pacific storms and the effects of global climate change. “During the war, more Japanese bombs rained down on Darwin than on Pearl Harbor,” Winchester writes. But when Supercyclone Tracy turned from the sea toward Darwin on Dec. 25, 1974, it destroyed 80 percent of the city. “There has never been a more dreadful and destructive event in recorded Australian history.”

Winchester mentions how the Joint Typhoon Warning Center in Hawaii tracks storms in the Pacific, including Typhoon Haiyan in 2013, which “devastated much of the Leyte Gulf region of the southwestern Philippines.”

He quotes former U.S. Pacific Commander Adm. Samuel Locklear III, who, three months before Haiyan, said changes in the climate were causing increased typhoon activity. “Significant upheaval related to the warming planet is probably the thing most likely to happen ... and that will cripple the security environment,” Locklear said. “Probably that will be more likely than the other scenarios we often talk about.”

Winchester discusses coral bleaching, first seen on the Great Barrier Reef in late 1981, “under threat from a rise in sea temperature and acidity.” He also describes the Pacific garbage patch, effects of plastic pollution on birds, efforts to stop overfishing, and rising sea levels in Kiribati.

The explosion of Mt. Pinatubo, accompanied by a devastating typhoon in 1991, is described as a pivotal moment in the history of the region. Winchester reports how the USS Midway (CV 41) and USS Abraham Lincoln (CVN 72) were diverted to the Philippines to help with evacuation and recovery (Operation Fiery Vigil) and of the vacuum created by the loss of Clark Air Force Base and Subic Naval Base.

The U.S. Navy figures prominently in “Pacific,” from the USS Pueblo incident with North Korea in 1968 at the height of the war in Vietnam and during the Cold War to deployment of littoral combat ships today to Singapore.

Winchester shows how the border for North Korea was created by a grease pencil on a National Geographic map early in the Cold War and what that meant for those affected by the “wretched annoyance” of the “pariah state.”

While he focuses primarily on three nations – United States, Japan and Australia—Winchester also presents an enlightening discussion about China and it’s “new Great Wall” at sea, saying the founding of the People’s Republic “would eventually turn the Pacific into a cauldron of contention,” challenging ships in international waters with claims of sovereignty.

“And still the contagion spreads, and becomes ever broader. In recent years, China’s dominance of the South China Sea has been followed by attempts to impose similar hegemonic control over the East China Sea. A long-standing claim made by the Chinese to the disputed

Diaoyu Islands, an uninhabited cluster northeast of Taiwan that the Japanese have long called the Senkaku Islands, was suddenly backed up in 2013 when the Beijing government declared the airspace overhead a restricted area, and demanded that all aircraft, civilian and military, report and seek permission before entering it.”

Past and future. Fear and hope. Symbolism and stark reality. The yin and yang of “Pacific” rides on warships and surfboards.

Through the words of Jack London and Mark Twain and his own storytelling, Winchester introduces us to surfing icons George Freeth, Hobie Alter and Duke Kahanamoku—“a swimmer to beat all and a surfer to crown all, and if not the father of surfing ... its greatest of ambassadors, to America and beyond.” His writing about the sport comes alive:

“The Pacific is a liquid place, and on most of its inhabited coastlines this liquid is warm and ultramarine and inviting. It is also by its very nature ceaselessly in motion. For centuries native peoples who lived on many of the islands of the ocean’s tropical interior have made great use of all this motion in ways that provided them with the purest joy imaginable. they rode out on long wooden boards through the beachside surf and spume and waited, floating, for a wave to lumber in from the ocean, and then stood up on the boards, toes gripping the leading edge, and from the wave’s summit crest, rode the boards down its steep green face, all the way back into shore.”

The love for the sea becomes transcendent and expansive in “Pacific’s” epilogue, “The Call of the Running Tide,” as he describes the “duty of humanity” for Malama Honua, “to care for our island Earth.” Malama Honua is the name of the three-year worldwide voyage of traditional wa’a, or sailing canoe, Hokule’a, sailing with, as Winchester points out, “No compass. No extant.

No radar. No radio. And certainly no GPS.”

“They have left the Pacific behind. The crew have now to divine their way across seas—the Indian Ocean, the Mediterranean, the Atlantic Ocean, the Caribbean Sea— that are very different from their home waters. They will pass beneath skies and patterns of stars quite strange to them. Whether or not they succeed, those aboard all keenly believe that their simple attempt will serve as a powerful reminder of the sea’s singular importance. That is what all on the boat and back in Hawaii believe lies at the heart of their venture. Malama Honua: that all should be urged to care for a body of water that nourishes every living thing on earth, that gave it life in the first place, and yet that is now wearily compelled to absorb all the excesses of the humans who live beside and around it.”

Winchester concludes:

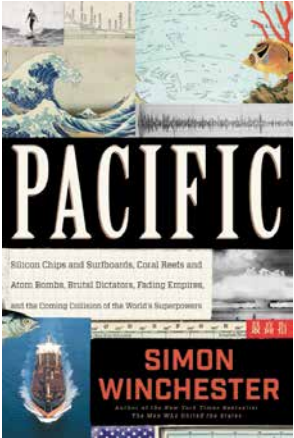
“It seems to me there is even more potent symbolism to the Hokulea’s journey, symbolism that relates quite specifically to the ocean where the boat was born, where her crew members revived and then learned their skills, and from where she came to venture out to the rest of the planet. The Pacific occupies a unique position among the world’s seas; the Hokule’a’s journey has served as a reminder of why.”

At the end of this insightful book about the modern history of the Pacific, readers can be excused for wanting more stories from the author. But as one considers China, North Korea, global climate change—and the hopefulness of Malama Honua—his-tory is still being written here.

(A version of this review appears on Navy Reads blog. Doughty writes for Navy Reads, dedicated to critical thinking through reading: <http://navyreads.blogspot.com/>)



Photo by Jason Patterson



# Course 15 – Air Force PME proves difficult for NCO corps

**Staff Sgt. Christopher Stoltz**

*Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam Public Affairs*

Course 15. These words are quickly becoming a topic of interest (or for some, a topic of frustration) for Airmen and Non-Commissioned Officers throughout the Air Force. Whether it is speaking to testers in person, or reading posts of discouragement on popular internet websites like Reddit, it is apparent the course is causing stress for those who are required to take it. Regardless, for the foreseeable future, Course 15 is here to stay, and can affect the career paths of the Enlisted Corps.

Replacing the traditional “in-residence” NCO Academy, Course 15 is a cost-saving measure intended to instill basic leadership and managerial concepts to Airmen, preparing them for selection and attendance to the NCO Academy Intermediate Leadership Experience.

Course 15 consists of four core attributes: military professional, operational airman, unit manager and managerial communicator. To successfully complete the course, students are re-

quired to pass two course exams, demonstrating competency by meeting or exceeding the minimum passing score on each exam.

“Course 15 is an important component of our continued force development,” Chief Master Sgt. Jerry Williams Jr., 15th Wing command chief, said.

“Passing the course is an attribute that will allow continued growth and the opportunity for Airmen to potentially attend our in-resident Intermediate Leadership Experience (ILE). Course 15 is a prerequisite for ILE candidates (staff sergeants/tech sergeants) between seven to 12 years’ time-in-service (TIS). Studying early, scheduling the test early, and completing both sections of the test early are the best ways to approach the course.

“Airmen who fail to complete the applicable distance learning course within 12 months of notification will automatically be rendered ineligible to reenlist or extend until the requirement is met,” Williams said.

Additionally, if the distance-learning course is not completed within the 12 months prescribed and it is on or after the promotion eligibility cutoff date, Airmen

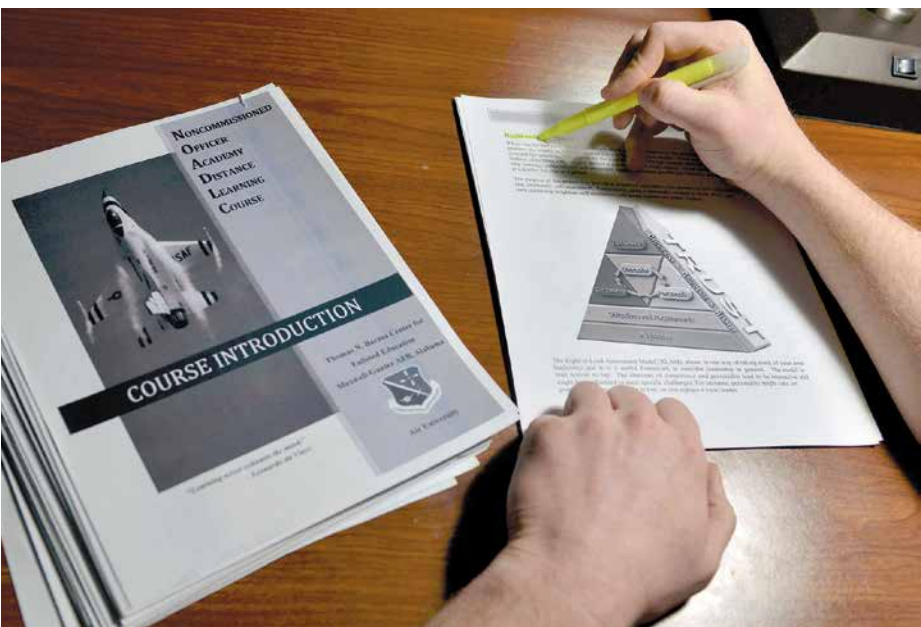
will be ineligible for promotion during the promotion cycle. This includes testing, consideration if already tested, or cancellation of the promotion sequence number if previously selected.

Williams said it is important that all eligible members complete the course to foster professional development. He also acknowledged the difficulty of the tests and the higher-than-expected failure rate. According to Williams, the current pass rate for Hickam is only at 61 percent.

“I believe our failure rates are high for two reasons,” Williams said. “One, the course material is challenging, lengthy, and covers diverse topics. Two, NCOs are not investing enough time studying to fully comprehend the material in order to score well on these difficult tests.”

Williams also stated he is informed of concerns there might be a disconnect between current Senior NCOs who attended in-residence professional military education, compared to the NCOs who are required to complete EPME courses.

“With this course we’ve changed the method of delivery and how we’re evaluating our respective



U.S. Air Force photo by Senior Airman John Nieves Camacho

Course 15 is a distance-learning format for enlisted Airmen that is a portion of the NCO Academy experience.

levels of comprehension, in comparison to when our older generation completed legacy correspondence courses,” Williams said. “Being candid, I’m not discounting the difficulty of this course; on the same note, I thought our early versions of Senior NCO EPME correspondence courses were difficult as well. With all that said, I would say it is all relative. Correspondence courses are intended to

challenge us while building a solid foundational learning platform.”

Williams said his advice to those who will take or are currently enrolled is to study to the point that course material is fully understood, and remind testers not to take the course for granted.

“I would like to challenge our enrolled candidates not to lose sight of what these EPME courses are designed to do—further de-

velop professional Airmen,” he said. “With anything that’s worthwhile, it’s going to take hard work and dedication in order to succeed. Based upon this short term sacrifice, you’ll have a more equipped tool kit once the course is complete and you’ll be better equipped to serve your Airmen and take care of mission requirements. Again, I know it’s not easy, but keep pressing forward until you’re done.”



## ‘New to the Navy’ mobile app upgraded

**Navy Personnel Command Public Affairs**

MILLINGTON, Tenn. —The “New to the Navy” mobile application is a one-stop resource for answers to many of the frequently asked pay and personnel questions Sailors may have, and now it’s even better.

On April 29, the Navy updated the app providing more in-depth information, streamlining content

location, and making overall performance improvements.

Information additions include a new tab category “Links and References,” which contains information and links Legal Services and Voluntary Education (VOLED). The Legal Services section covers the types of legal assistance and support the Judge Advocate General provides, such as wills, notary, etc. The VOLED section pro-

vides links to the Navy College Program website, the Web Tuition Assistance site, and much more. The update also adds pertinent information for reserve pay and personnel content.

Additional new content consists of updated checklists and content changes. There is a section for Sailors to know what to do when they want to get married while on leave, and what to do when they’re getting ready to

move to a new command. There are also updates to the list of the Navy’s common terms and acronyms to help new Sailors and family members learn to navigate the service’s alphabet soup.

The application is available now on all mobile platforms via their respective application stores:

Apple: <http://ow.ly/4n-raoE>

Android: <http://ow.ly/4n-rasr>

# Life & Leisure

## Books on Bases

Story by Tech. Sgt. Terri Paden  
Photos by Tech Sgt. Aaron Oelrich

*15th Wing Public Affairs*

(Above) Senior Airman Michael Reeves, 15th Wing Public Affairs, dressed as Kylo Ren and Lt. Col. Christopher Lapack, 15th Wing chaplain, dressed as Darth Vader, take a photo with Troy and Landon Trazoon. (Below) Tech. Sgt. Brandon Hockenbarger, 15th Medical Group, dressed as Captain America.



(Above) Staff Sgt. Katherine Danks reads to her daughter Charlotte as her son Eddie reads his new book.



In celebration of the Month of the Military Child, the 15th Wing Public Affairs office and Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam Public Affairs office teamed up with Blue Star Families to provide more than 1,000 books to children of service members during the Books on Bases event, April 28.

The free event, which also offered attendees an opportunity to take pictures with a few of their favorite superheroes, also doubled as a food drive. Canned good items were collected to donate to local food banks.

"We accepted canned-good donations in exchange for an extra book during the event, which enabled us to donate nearly 400 pounds of food to the Hawaii Food Bank," said Staff Sgt. Christopher Stoltz, JBPHH Public Affairs photojournalist and event organizer.

As for the costumes? Why not! "I figured if we were giving out books to children, why not dress like some of the characters they read about in the books we're giving them," he said.

Parents and children alike said they were delighted by the event.

"Thank you so much for the free book event today," said parent Heather Blain. "My girls loved their new books and getting their picture taken with superheroes and villains."

Although the event was an exciting way to celebrate military children, Stoltz said it also touched many members of the community.

"This event is beneficial to the base in a myriad of ways, but also to the surrounding community we live in," Stoltz said. "By asking for canned good donations in return for books we were able to not only promote literacy and reading in our youth, but to provide a much-needed meal to local residents who might be struggling to put a meal on their table for their children."

According to Stoltz, though the idea was to celebrate the wrap-up of the Month of the Military Child, it's important to continue to honor military children even when it's not April.

"There are plenty of events and volunteer opportunities that help others, but there aren't many dedicated to military children," he said. "Although we appreciate our families

and our children, we often forget the struggle they can go through on a day-to-day basis—especially when their parent is TDY (on temporary duty) or deployed."

Nicole Provance, a JBPHH parent and book drive attendee, said the event was an awesome way to celebrate military children.

"I think this was a wonderful idea. Giving books to kids is always a bonus," she said.

Stoltz said the idea for the book drive was born nearly two years ago after he found abandoned boxes of books in his office.

"I remember stumbling upon a few boxes of books when I first arrived here and always wondered why I never saw any events like this," he said. "This year I reached out to Blue Star Families and asked if the books on bases program was still active and, lucky for me and the hundreds of children who received free books, it was. I thought to myself; 'why don't I hold an event?' I think of it as just a small way to give back to the community that supports us—the community we fight for."

Stoltz said the only downside to the effort put into bringing the event to life was not being able to give away more books to more children. He said this event is significant because of the Month of the Military Child, but it's also personal to him.

"I want to thank everyone who volunteered in any way, but I would especially like to thank the children who came out," he said. "As a former latch-key child, I understand what it's like to be without a parent on occasion—to have to check for the boogeyman or patch cuts and scrapes yourself. I know the circumstances are not necessarily the same, but just remember you are strong, you are brave, you are always in your mom and dad's thoughts, and most of all, you are loved."

Senior Airman Michael Reeves, 15th Wing Public Affairs (center), dressed as Kylo Ren, Staff Sgt. Christopher Stoltz, Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam Public Affairs, dressed as Spiderman, and Tech. Sgt. Brandon Hockenbarger, 15th Medical Group, dressed as Captain America, hold up the canned food donated by participants of the Books on Bases event.





# Late rally lifts Na Kai Koa to comeback victory

**Story and photo  
by Randy Dela Cruz**

*Sports Editor, Ho'okele*

After only four games into the new season, Naval Health Clinic Hawaii Dental Na Kai Koa is fast gaining the reputation as this season's cardiac kids. Last week, in a battle of two undefeated teams, Na Kai Koa dropped a heartbreaking 17-16 decision to Pacific Command/Joint Intelligence Operation

Center (PACOM/JIOC) that took two extra innings to finish. Another loss at the hands of Headquarters Pacific Air Forces (HQ PACAF) in their meeting on May 3 at Ward Field, Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam could have devastating consequences to any hopes of a Red Division pennant to Na Kai Koa, but instead of falling behind the league leaders by two games, the team somehow managed to score six times in its last at-bat to salvage an 8-2 victory. The win put Na Kai Koa at 3-1 in the

division, but more than importantly, kept the team's pennant dreams alive. Na Kai Koa pitcher Capt. Tim Neumann, who was engaged in a game-long-pitchers dual with Chief Master Sgt. Chris Roth of HQ PACAF, said he was back to his old self in shutting down the opposition. "Last week was an unusual game for me," Neumann said about the 17 runs he allowed to PACOM/JIOC. "I just was off, so I was just doing what I usually do this week."

Neumann surrendered a run to HQ PACAF in the bottom of the first and another in the fifth, but was masterful in every other inning. The key, he said, was in his ability to move his pitches around and keep the batters from digging in. "I was just kind of like, throwing it high, inside, outside," he said. "So if you get a strike on a guy that is high and inside, if people are looking right at it, they think they can hit it, but they'll foul it off."

While Neumann was keeping HQ PACAF batters at bay, Roth was equally as good in handcuffing Na Kai Koa at the plate.

However, with the score tied at 2-2 going into the top of the seventh inning, luck finally ran out on Roth.

Na Kai Koa put two runners on base with no outs, which set the stage for Hospital Corpsman 2nd Class Christopher Ferrell, who got a hold of an offering by Roth and lined a base hit for two runs and the lead. "I looked for the outfielders," Ferrell explained about his clutch hit. "Just like last week, they played in and I hit it over their heads. Today, they played deep, so I can land it in the shallow outfield."

Ferrell downplayed his hit as being the catalyst that sparked the rally, but nevertheless, it wasn't a coincidence that Na Kai Koa hitters awoke from their slumber. Hospital Corpsman 3rd Class Gregory Fehrs drove in Ferrell with a single, while Neumann reached base on an error to put two runners on base. With Na Kai Koa running out of players, the team forced Lt. Cmdr. Mike Andersen into duty to pinch-hit. Strolling up to the box, while favoring an obvious leg injury, Andersen came through and lined a single to the outfield to drive in a run, before limping to first and then being removed for a pinch runner.

Finally, with two men on, Hospital Corpsman 2nd Class Joseph Yu cleared the bases to top off a six-run rally. "It's all momentum," Ferrell noted. "We knew we needed to do it. Like we said last week, we had a lot of injuries. We still have a lot of injuries and a lot of people on leave. Everybody can play everywhere and we found that out today."



Na Kai Koa pitcher Capt. Tim Neumann tossed five shutout innings and went the distance for an 8-2 complete-game win over HQ PACAF.



2016 Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam intramural soccer champs USS Michael Murphy (DDG 112).

## Michael Murphy sweeps up soccer championship

**Story and photos  
by Randy Dela Cruz**

*Sports Editor, Ho'okele*

USS Michael Murphy (DDG 112) didn't fare too well in the season opener of the 2016 Joint Base intramural soccer season, but as the saying goes, "it's not how you start, but how you finish."

Michael Murphy, which went on to capture the Blue Division regular-season title with a 5-1-1 record, topped off two days of playoff action by shutting out 747th Communication Squadron (747 CS)/690th Cyberspace Operations Squadron (690 COS), 3-0, to win the Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam intramural soccer championship on May 1 at Earhart Field, JBPHH.

By winning the crown, Michael Murphy became the first ship to win a base soccer title and comes off the heels of USS O'Kane (DDG-77) winning the Joint Base intramural basketball championship—making it the first time ever for ships to win back-to-back top honors in intramural sports.

The only other ship to win a Joint Base intramural sports title was USS Port Royal (CG 73), which took the 2014 intramural basketball flag.

While the win for Michael Murphy was a total team effort on defense and offense, leading the way for victory had to be the play of Gas Turbine System Technician (Electrician) 2nd Class Jesus Ruiz, who scored two goals in the first half and then added an assist on the



Gas Turbine System Technician (Electrician) 2nd Class Jesus Ruiz of USS Michael Murphy (DDG 112) (left) shoots to try for his third goal of the game.

third and final goal in the second half.

Ruiz said that coming out fast was a key element leading to the ship's championship run.

"Our mentality of the game was to go in there and score first," Ruiz admitted. "Once we scored first, we relieved pressure so we can keep going."

With the game knotted up at

0-0 minutes into the first half, Ruiz, standing near midfield, picked up the ball after being kicked away by 747/690 goalkeeper Staff Sgt. Will Bryant.

Seeing that Bryant had a lot of ground to cover in coming back for the ball, Ruiz blasted a shot that stayed high, straight and true all the way to back of the net for the first goal.

"My teammates yelled, 'shoot,' and I know where the goal was so I ripped it," Ruiz said. "Once I looked up after the shot was gone, I noticed it was in the direction of the goal."

Bryant said although he tried to get back to cover the empty hole, he had to cut across too far and the kick was just too good.

"I kicked the ball from the

goalkeeper's box and he (Ruiz) had a great steal," Bryant said. "I was running back trying to cover the goal and he had the whole goal for space."

Then midway through the first half, Ruiz found himself near the goal one more time and finished off a second shot for goal number two.

"The pass just opened up and I saw that I had the ability to cut," Ruiz explained. "As soon as I cut, I just look up and see the open net and I took the keeper far side."

Up by two goals at halftime, it didn't take Michael Murphy long to add another goal to their total.

Ruiz, who had been on the scoring side of the ball, this time was a playmaker as he took a pass from Command Master Chief Ben Pierson, before passing it back to Pierson for the goal.

"When you have two senior midfielders like we do that has the vision of the game and can look around and pick people out, it makes it really easy," Pierson said about his kick on goal.

From that point on, the Michael Murphy defense, which had held the 747/690 to only two shots on goal, really stiffened to lock up the win.

Pierson said that the championship win was a direct result of the team's hard work each week to get better.

In fact he said, the victory well represents how every shipmate carries out their duties on Michael Murphy.

"The Michael Murphy spirit is 'lead the fight,'" Pierson pointed out. "That's what we did."

## Shipyard remains undefeated by stopping 690th COS

**Story and photo  
by Randy Dela Cruz**

*Sports Editor, Ho'okele*

Pearl Harbor Naval Shipyard broke open a close game with three runs in the third and three more in the fourth to beat 690th Cyberspace Operations Squadron (690 COS), 12-2, in a mercy-rule-shortened game that was halted one inning early due to the league's 10-run-advantage protocol.

The game, which was played on May 3 at Ward Field, Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, kept Shipyard in contention for the Red Division pennant with a perfect 3-0 record, while the 690 COS fell to 0-3.

"It's fun," Machinist's Mate (Aviation) 1st Class Clayton Skoog said about the back-to-back, three-inning rallies that gave Shipyard an 8-2 lead. "Wave after wave, it just keeps building off of each other. Everybody keeps getting into that rhythm and it keeps going."

Batting in the bottom half of the first inning, Shipyard immediately gave an indication of the kind of day at the plate it was going have, when Chief Interior Communications Electrician Johnie Nicholson got things rolling with a leadoff single.

On the very next at-bat, Machinist Mate 1st Class J.J. Foust drove a pitch to the opposite field and watched as the ball got past the right fielder and rolled toward the fence.

Nicholson easily scored and was followed close behind by Foust for a two-run, inside-park job that immediately put Shipyard on top.

"It's always a good feeling to get the first runs on the board," Foust said. "The pitcher was throwing the ball low and outside, so you just go with it."

The 690 COS managed to get back one of those runs in the top of the second to cut the lead down to half, but after scoreless frames for both teams, Shipyard went back to work.

Again, the catalyst for the rally in the bottom of the third was the combination of Nicholson and Foust.

Nicholson drove in a run on a RBI double and then was chased home by Foust, who lined a base hit to make it 4-2.

Foust scored with the third run of the inning on a single by Chief Information System Technician Billy Lewis.

After Lewis tossed his third shutout inning out of four, Shipyard continued to spread the wealth around in the batter's box, as Skoog blasted a two-run double to center and then touched

home himself on another RBI single by Nicholson to make it 8-2.

Fittingly, the game was put to rest in the bottom half of the sixth inning behind the bats of Nicholson and Foust.

Nicholson took care of the first run on an RBI single and then umpire called the game, when Foust lofted a sacrifice fly for the 10-run advantage.

Many players agreed that the ease of which Shipyard has cruised through the current season could be directly attributed to the fact that the team is deep and filled with veteran players.

"It's nice," Skoog said about the team's depth. "We had a guy get hurt today and a guy get hurt from last week. It's nice to throw somebody in there that can get the job done."

Plus, Foust said that the chatter and good-natured ribbing that you hear coming from the Shipyard dug-out is genuine and that keeps everybody loose and ready to deliver.

"It's all camaraderie," he stated. "You just got to keep talking to each other. It just keeps everybody up."

Foust said that if the team continues to do the things that it knows it can do on the field, Shipyard should keep on winning.

"We need to be consistent," Foust said.



Machinist Mate 1st Class J.J. Foust keeps his eyes on the ball before driving it to the right-field fence for a two-run, inside-the-park homer.

# New Navy Youth Swim Test now required for all MWR aquatics



MWR Marketing photo

A Navy-wide swim test is now required for all patrons 17 years and under who wish to have full access to JBPHH pools.

**Helen Ko**

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

Effective this month, a new Navy-wide minimum swimming skill level is required for any and all patrons ages 17 and under who wish to have full access to Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam pools. Current swim card owners will need to retest for the new standard.

After completing the Navy

Youth Swim Test, swimmers will be given a wristband to signify their swimming ability while at the pool and will also be issued a new Navy Youth Swim License. The swim test is valid for one year and will need to be reassessed every year.

The swim test is as follows:  
1. Swim a pool length (minimum of 25 yards) unassisted without rest. Swimmers must use a recognizable swim stroke for the entire distance.

2. Tread water for a mini-

mum of 60 seconds.

3. Jump into the deep end of the pool and return to the surface.

4. Exit the pool unassisted. For patrons interested in retesting, swim tests are offered daily by lifeguards at times determined by the local aquatics program. Swimmers are only allowed to test once per day. All swimmers who pass the deep-water swim test will be awarded a Navy Youth Swim License. For more information, visit [greatlifehawaii.com](http://greatlifehawaii.com).

## 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 at the Silver Dolphin Bistro at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam.

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.

### Upcoming blood drives



Tripler Army Medical Center Blood Donor Center has updated its schedule of upcoming blood drives as part of the Armed Services Blood Donor Program (ASBP). To schedule an appointment online, call to make an appointment, and check [www.military-blood.dod.mil](http://www.military-blood.dod.mil) for the latest information.

#### Currently scheduled drives include:

- May 9, 8 a.m. to noon, Marine Aviation Logistics Squadron 24, bldg. 375, Marine Corps Base Hawaii
- May 23, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., NEX, Tripler Army Medical Center
- May 24, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., Club 14, U.S. Coast Guard Sector Honolulu, Sand Island
- May 25, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., Pearl Harbor Memorial Chapel, Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam

*(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](mailto:Michelle.Lele.civ@mail.mil).)*



Students in the Hickam Elementary School Chorus perform on stage.

## Hickam Elementary Chorus performs Mulan Jr.

**Story and photo by Hickam Elementary School**

Hickam Elementary School (HES) Chorus held its annual school production with performances of Mulan Jr. on the HES main stage on May 4 and 5. A final performance will be held tonight for parents of the chorus and invited guests.

The production under the direction of music teacher Tracie Higashi marked her 20th year as the Hickam Elementary Chorus artistic leader.

Student Erica Triplett, sixth grade, plays Mulan, a young Chi-

nese woman who takes her aged father's place during a general military draft to counter a Hun invasion. The story happens during the Han Dynasty of China. Mulan hides her hair to join the male-only fighting unit.

Her bravery and strategic thinking helps her rise and be recognized as a War hero. Later, Mulan's identity is revealed, which causes an uproar in the traditional army. In the end, she remains a hero and becomes a role model for females.

"I am excited to see the beautiful work of our students and Ms. Higashi presented to our commu-

nity," said Alisa Bender, Hickam Elementary School principal. "The singing, costumes, make up and lighting all comes together in a magical adventure and shares a message of courage."

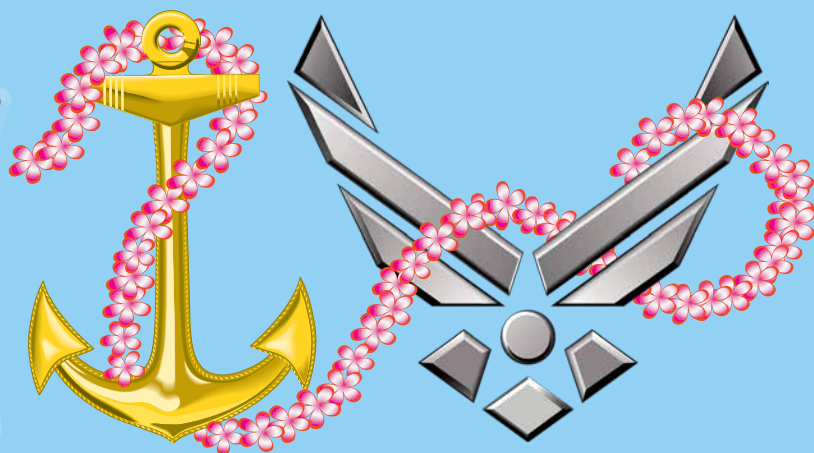
From Oliver Twist to Jungle Book performances, previous HES productions were praised by admirals and generals.

"I'm from New York, and I've seen plays there," said John Erickson, Central District Complex Area superintendent. "When I saw Tracie Higashi's productions with our students, I was blown away. We've had admirals and generals request our students perform for them."

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# COMMUNITY CALENDAR



## FITNESS AND WELLNESS FAIR — TODAY

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. Experts will provide information about fitness and ways to live a healthier lifestyle. Activities will include a truck pull/bench press contest, martial arts, hula and Zumba demonstrations, free five-minute chair massages, prizes and giveaways. FMI: 471-2019.

## SPRING CRAFT FAIR — SATURDAY

The 41st annual Spring Craft Fair will be held from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam Arts and Crafts Center lawn. Admission is free for shoppers. The event will also include a dog show from 10 to 11:30 a.m. FMI: 448-9907.

## MOTHER'S DAY MATINEE SPECIAL

**SUNDAY** — Mothers will get in free for the 2:30 p.m. movie at Sharkey Theater with a paying family member. Check [www.greatlifehawaii.com](http://www.greatlifehawaii.com) for more information on the movie that will be playing. FMI: 473-0726.

## SUICIDE PREVENTION TRAINING

**MAY 9** — Suicide prevention tools training will be held from 1 to 4 p.m. at Military and Family Support Center Pearl Harbor. The training is recommended for first responders (medical, emergency services such as fire and security), chaplains and chaplain assistants, counseling staff, legal personnel, victim advocates and prevention program specialists. FMI: 474-1999 or [www.greatlifehawaii.com](http://www.greatlifehawaii.com).

## NEX/DECA INCREASED SECURITY

**MAY 9-13** — The Pearl Harbor Navy Exchange and DeCA (Navy Commissary) complex will have increased security presence during the week of May 9-13. The increased security measures are routine and may include limited entry points as well as random vehicle

inspection. Please plan ahead for minor delays. All patrons should be aware that increased security measures can occur at any time at the NEX/DECA without notice.

## CIVILIAN RESUME WRITING — MAY 10

A class on writing resumes for civilian jobs will be held from 12:30 to 3:30 p.m. at Military and Family Support Center Wahiawa. Registration is encouraged. It is also helpful to bring your own laptop, a draft resume and a civilian job announcement you may be interested in. FMI: 474-1999 or [www.greatlifehawaii.com](http://www.greatlifehawaii.com).

## FEDERAL RESUME WRITING — MAY 10

A workshop on writing federal resumes and navigating USAJobs will be held from 8 to 11:30 a.m. at Military and Family Support Center Wahiawa. Registration is encouraged. It is also helpful to bring your own laptop and a federal job announcement from USAJobs that you may be interested in. FMI: 474-1999 or [www.greatlifehawaii.com](http://www.greatlifehawaii.com).

## SPECIAL MEAL AT SILVER DOLPHIN

**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. at the Silver Dolphin Bistro at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam. 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. FMI: 473-2519.

## PCS WORKSHOP — MAY 12

A "Smooth Move" workshop to give participants a better understanding of the Permanent Change of Station (PCS) process will be held from 8 to 11:30 a.m. at Military and Family Support Center Hickam. It will include discussion of entitlements, travel regulations, shipping a vehicle, filling out paperwork, clearing quarter, researching the new base and financial planning. FMI: 474-1999 or [www.greatlifehawaii.com](http://www.greatlifehawaii.com).

## HERITAGE MONTH PROGRAM — MAY 13

An Asian American Pacific Islander Heritage Month program will be held from 9:30 to 11 a.m.

at the Pearl Harbor Memorial Chapel. This year's theme is "Walk Together, Embrace Difference, and Build Legacies." The purpose of this event is to increase awareness and educate diverse military and civilian communities. The event is sponsored by the Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam Diversity Committee. FMI: 473-4951.

## STAR-SPANGLED BABIES SHOWER

**MAY 14** — Expectant and new military mothers may register now to be guests of honor at a special baby shower from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Moanalua Terrace Community Center, 2500 Radford Drive. 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](http://www.operationhomefront.net/event/list) to register.

## MWR SUPER GARAGE SALE — MAY 14

The Joint Base Morale, Welfare and Recreation Super Garage Sale will be held from 8 a.m. to noon at Richardson Field. Admission is free for shoppers. Parking will be at Rainbow Bay Marina and overflow parking will be at Aloha Stadium (for minimal cost). The event is open to the public, but no pets are authorized at the event. FMI: [www.greatlifehawaii.com](http://www.greatlifehawaii.com).

## MEET THE ARTIST — MAY 14

Local artist Kuana Torres Kahele will make an appearance from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Pearl Harbor Navy Exchange Hawaiian giftware department. The event is for authorized patrons only. FMI: 423-3287 or email [Stephanie.Lau@nexweb.org](mailto:Stephanie.Lau@nexweb.org).

## DROWNING PREVENTION DAY — MAY 15

A drowning prevention day will be held from 9 a.m. to noon at Pool 2 at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam. Patrons of all ages can attend Morale, Welfare and Recreation water safety briefs and participate in activities focused on water safety to prevent drowning. FMI: 260-9736.

# MOVIE SHOWTIMES



## BARBERSHOP: THE NEXT CUT

It's been more than 10 years since our last appointment at Calvin's Barbershop. Calvin and his longtime crew, including Eddie, are still there, but the shop has undergone some major changes. Most noticeably, our once male-dominated sanctuary is now co-ed. The ladies bring their own flavor, drama and gossip to the shop challenging the fellas at every turn. Despite the good times and camaraderie within the shop, the surrounding community has taken a turn for the worse, forcing Calvin and our crew to come together to not only save the shop, but their neighborhood.

## SHARKEY THEATER

### TODAY — MAY 6

7:00 PM Barbershop: The Next Cut (PG-13)

### SATURDAY — MAY 7

2:30 PM Miracles From Heaven (PG)

4:50 PM Barbershop: The Next Cut (PG-13)

7:10 PM The Boss (R)

### SUNDAY — MAY 8

2:30 PM Batman V Superman:

Dawn of Justice (3-D) (PG-13)

5:30 PM My Big Fat Greek

Wedding 2 (PG-13)

7:30 PM Barbershop: The Next Cut (PG-13)

### THURSDAY — MAY 12

7:00 PM The Divergent Series:

Allegiant (PG-13)

## HICKAM MEMORIAL THEATER

### TODAY — MAY 6

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Allegiant (PG-13)

### SATURDAY — MAY 7

3:00 PM Zootopia (PG)

9:00 PM Batman V Superman:

Dawn of Justice (PG-13)

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# Military Youth Volleyball Club team closes out first season

**Bettie Feibel**

*Navy Region Hawaii  
Public Affairs*

The military community’s Girls Under-16 Youth Volleyball Club team closed out their first season with pride in their commitment and successes during the six-month season.

Formed by two active duty service members who played volleyball while attending Riverside Community College together, the “PAC 16 Elite” range from ages 10 to 16. They are also all daughters of active duty military members stationed throughout Oahu.

Reunited through their respective military service here on Oahu, Army Sgt. Tatiana Brown, Headquarters Battalion, 25th Infantry Division, stationed at Schofield Barracks, joined forces with Navy Utilitiesman 3rd Class Justine Blanche of CBMU 303 Detachment Pearl Harbor. They wanted to bring a team to the bases in the region.

The pair formed a group to compete at the local level and entered the team into the USAV Aloha Region Juniors league, part of USA Volleyball, which provides membership for the islands of Oahu, Maui and Kauai.

Blanche said she enjoyed her first time coaching military teens.

“It was a phenomenal learning experience for all of us. While some of the girls had some form of intermural base play time, this league exposed the girls to a higher level of volleyball, and each and every one of them improved tremendously since beginning the season,” Blanche said.

Completion of the season

opens up the road for both coaches. Their respective service trials for the Armed Forces Volleyball tournament begin this week, with Brown reporting to Fort Bragg, North Carolina for her first attempt to play for the Army. Blanche reports to Mayport, Florida for the Navy’s team, whom she represented in 2012.

Twenty-two members are selected to participate in a weeklong trial, followed by seven days a week of practice, and selections of only 12 players to participate in the respective service teams at the national tournament in Orlando, Florida.

If selected, this will be the first time for the two friends and co-coaches to face off on the court since college, more than eight years ago.

Both Soldier and Sailor said they are nervous and excited for this opportunity to compete while representing their services and they are also anxious to return to Oahu to check in on their “students.”

“Some of them are currently rolling into their high school team’s respective summer conditioning and practice camps. While I’m really ecstatic to play for the Navy, I’m equally happy about returning to check in on my players, see how they are continuing to progress and follow the action as they follow our lead, and face-off competitively while representing their respective high schools,” Blanche said.

Whether within the public school system or through available intermural tournaments this fall, both youth and adult players said the season has brought them all to want to continue with the sport full-blast.



Photo courtesy of Cristhine Kraft



## NEX gives back to students with ‘A-OK’

The Navy Exchange Service Command (NEXCOM) has been offering students a chance to help pay for college through its A-OK Student Reward Program since 1997.

The A-OK Student Reward Program offers all qualified students to participate in a quarterly drawing for monetary awards of \$2,500, \$1,500, \$1,000 or \$500 for a total of \$5,500 per quarter. The next drawing will be held at the end of this month.

Any eligible full-time student that has a B-grade point average equivalent or better, as determined by their school system, may enter the drawing. Home-schooled students can also qualify with acknowledgement that the student has a “B” average or equivalent record of accomplishment.

Eligible students include dependent children of active duty military members, Reservists and military

retirees enrolled in first through 12th grade. Military children without an individual Dependent Identification Card must be accompanied by their sponsor to submit their entry. Each student may enter only once each grading period and must re-enter with each qualifying report card.

To enter the drawing, stop by any NEX with a current report card or progress report and have a NEX associate verify the eligibility. Then, fill out an entry card and obtain an A-OK ID which entitles the student to 19 discount coupons for NEX products and services. Along with the award, each winner will receive a lapel pin, certificate and medallion ribbon “In Honor of Academic Excellence.”

Since the program’s inception, NEXCOM has awarded more than \$640,000 to students with the help of its vendor partners.

## Hawaii Exchange to hold Patriot Pet Contest

### Army and Air Force Exchange Service

Hawaii Exchange shoppers who think they have a top dog...or cat...or bird or reptile ... can try to fetch their share of great prize giveaways.

Shoppers can bring their pets to compete for prizes at the Hickam main store from 11 a.m. to 12 p.m. May 14 and Schofield Barracks main store from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. May 28. All pets are welcome. Contest categories for both locations are best aloha costume, best pet/owner look-alike, best trick and strangest pet.

“For many military members, pets are very much an important part of their family, providing love and companionship and easing stress of daily duties,” Robert Rice said, Hawaii Exchange general manager. “With the Patriot Pet contest, the Exchange salutes these furry, fuzzy, feathered—and sometimes even scaly—members of the military family.”

Besides the in-store contest Hawaii Exchange shoppers wanting to unleash their pet’s best-in-show potential can enter Fluffy and Fido in the Army & Air Force Exchange



Photo courtesy of Army and Air Force Exchange Service

Service’s worldwide Patriot Pet Just Say Treat online photo contest for a chance at a \$1,000 grand prize.

From May 6 through June 2, authorized shoppers can upload a photo of their prized pet at [www.shopmyexchange.com/sweepstakes](http://www.shopmyexchange.com/sweepstakes). One grand-prize winner will take home a \$1,000 Exchange gift card, while two first-place winners will each receive \$500 gift cards. Four third-place winners will get \$250 gift cards each.

Rules and more information for the online contest can be found at [www.shopmyexchange.com/sweepstakes](http://www.shopmyexchange.com/sweepstakes) once the contest launches. Just Say Treat winners will be notified toward the end of June.

*(For more information about the in-store pet event, shoppers can visit the Hickam Main Exchange’s customer service area.)*

## Annual Spring Craft Fair to be held tomorrow



MWR Marketing photo

The dog show returns to the 41st Annual Spring Craft Fair at the Arts & Crafts Center.

### Reid Tokeshi

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

The Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam Arts & Crafts Center will host its annual Spring Craft Fair tomorrow from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Now in its 41st year, the fair will feature more than 120 booths selling original, handmade arts and crafts.

The dog show was particularly popular at last year’s craft fair and will be returning this year. Contestants can enter their dogs in the following categories: best costume, most obedient,

owner/dog look-alike or best trick. Entry into the contests is free. Sign-ups will start at 9 a.m. Saturday morning and the contest will begin at 10 a.m.

A wide range of items available for purchase is expected, such as home décor, jewelry, glasswork, fiber arts and more.

In addition to the crafts, there will be music, food demonstrations, make-and-takes, pony rides, archery, contests and prize drawings throughout the day. Food vendors will be on hand selling a variety of dishes.

*(For more information, patrons can visit [www.greatlifehawaii.com](http://www.greatlifehawaii.com) or call 448-9907 ext. 101/102.)*



“The Good Dinosaur” will be shown for free May 28.

## Dinosaur, Hello Kitty at NEX

Pearl Harbor Navy Exchange will hold two events on May 28.

The movie “The Good Dinosaur” will be shown free at the Pearl Harbor Navy Exchange lower parking lot on May 28. Admission tickets can be picked up from the NEX aloha center concierge desk starting May 9.

Seating is limited to the first 150 authorized patrons and they should be prepared to present an ID. Seating starts at 6:30 p.m. and the movie begins at 7 p.m. No purchase is necessary.

In addition, children can get a free balloon from Hello Kitty while supplies last from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. May 28 at the Pearl Harbor Navy Exchange mall children’s department. The event is for authorized patrons only.

*(For more information, call 423-3287 or email [Stephanie.Lau@nexweb.org](mailto:Stephanie.Lau@nexweb.org).)*