

### **Pacific Partnership Public Affairs**

USNS Mercy (T-AH 19) arrived in Pearl Harbor May 18 as the ship and approximately 700 embarked personnel begin Pacific Partnership 2016. In its 11th year, Pacific Partnership will emphasize disaster preparedness through multilateral

cooperation in the Indo-Asia-Pacific region. While in port, Mercy will take on supplies and additional mission members, both civilian and military, and will con-

tinue mission preparation.

"It is a privilege and an honor to lead such a talented and dedicated group of professionals on this mission," Capt. Tom Williams, US Navy, Pacific Partnership 2016 mission commander said. "We will embark more personnel here in Hawaii and continue to build our team with our partners. I look forward to working together in our first mission stop early next month."

After a brief stop in Guam next, Mercy will

visit Timor Leste, the Republic of the Philippines, Vietnam, Malaysia and Indonesia, where Pacific Partnership personnel will participate in subject-matter expert and civil-military exchanges, emphasizing the importance of cooperation on a

regional scale.

Mission members will engage in side-by-side humanitarian and disaster relief seminars, as well as medical, dental and civil-engineering medical symposiums and projects while on the mission.

### Celebrating Asian American, Pacific Islander Heritage Month with Aloha

Story and photos by MC1 Rebecca Wolfbrandt

Navy Public Affairs Support Element Detachment Hawaii

Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam (JBPHH) celebrated Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage month at the Pearl Harbor



Chapel, May. 13.

Weaving in the Department of Defense Asian American Pacific Islander heritage theme "Walk Together, Embrace Differences and Build Legacies," the event focused on both the contributions and legacy of their service.

Capt. Nonito V. Blas, deputy commander of Pearl Harbor Naval Shipyard and Intermediate Maintenance Facility and Guam native, delivered a keynote speech.

Blas recounted a personal story of how his culture and his Navy service intertwined.

"In Guam, before you can marry you have to get permission," Blas said. In order to marry his wife, Denise, he had to promise his father-inlaw that he would provide for her. In order to do that, his wife pushed him to study every night for one hour so he would make rank.

When Sailors would ask Blas how he made rank he replied, "Well, marry a girl like Denise and study a lot.'

Blas used this anecdote to illustrate how his culture drove him to greater heights and his wife.

Radford High School students perform a dance for Sailors and guests at the Pearl Harbor Chapel at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam during the Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month Celebration, May 13.

in his naval career.

During the ceremony, several musical performances to celebrate the cultural traditions, ancestry, native languages and unique experiences of Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders were given, including dance performances from Radford High School students and a musical performance from Blas

larger effort to remember the history of the Asian and Pacific Islander community.

"The month of May was chosen to commemorate the immigration of the first Japanese to the United States on May 7, 1843," Chief Petty Officer Donny Faavi, from the Diversity and Special Observance Committee said. "It was also here on Oahu.

This celebration is part of a chosen to mark the anniversary of the completion of the transcontinental railroad on May 10, 1869. The majority of the workers who laid the tracks were Chinese immigrants.'

The Asian American Pacific Islander Heritage Month celebration on JBPHH was only one of many events to commemorate the month

The Navy has approximately 24,500 Asian American and Pacific Islander service members currently serving, including eight admirals and 235 master chief and senior chief petty officers. These service members represent more than 56 ethnic groups, speaking more than 100 languages from Asia and the Pacific Islands, living in the United States.

# Combined Military Band will make music Saturday

### **Army Music Hawaii**

The 31st annual Combined Military Band Appreciation Concert will be held Saturday, May 21 at 6 p.m. at Hawaii Theatre.

In recognition of May as National Military Appreciation Month, Maj. Gen. Charles A. Flynn, commanding general of the 25th Infantry Division, will

host the event in association with the Hawaii Theatre and the Honolulu Council of the Navy League.

National Military Appreciation Month encourages U.S. citizens to observe May as a symbol of patriotic unity, to honor current and former members of the U.S. Armed Forces, as well as those who have died in the pursuit of freedom and peace.

The host for this year's concert is the 25th Infantry Division Band ("Army Music Hawaii") under the leadership of commander and bandmaster, Chief Warrant Officer 4 Jonathan Ward, and band 1st Sgt. Jeremy Davis.

Besides the Army, this concert will feature bandmasters and musicians from all military service bands across Oahu including, the U.S. Marine Corps Forces Pacific Band, the Navy's U.S. Pacific Fleet Band, the U.S. Air Force Band of the Pacific Hawaii, and the Hawaii Army National Guard's 111th Army Band.

Seating will begin at 5 p.m. for guests with tickets on a first come, first serve basis. Any unoccupied seats remaining at 5:45 p.m. will be open to anyone on a space available basis.

Free ticket and event information is available from the Hawaii Theatre box office located downtown at 1130 Bethel St. (between Hotel and Pauahi Streets) during regular box office hours. Box office hours are Tuesday through Saturday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

For information, call the box office at 528-0506 and visit www.hawaiitheatre.com.

### May 20, 2016 Ho'okele A-2 Navy Hale Keiki School celebrates 69th annual Lei Day

### Story and photos by MC1 Nardel Gervacio

### Navy Public Affairs Support Element Detachment Hawaii

Navy Hale Keiki School celebrated its 69th annual Lei Day program May 13, promoting awareness and appreciation for the Hawaiian culture and its traditions.

Lei Day became an established ceremony in 1928, when Don Blanding, a Hawaiian poet, encouraged the keeping of a day when lei would be worn by all. The celebration is linked with the inner life of Hawaii's people.

"Our school has been celebrating Lei Day for sixty-nine years," Sarah Garcia, a fourth grade teacher and Lei Day coordinator said. "Our students are primarily military families living in a variety of places before moving to Hawaii. This is a great experience for them while living in Hawaii for a few years."

In attendance were Rear Adm. John Fuller, commander, Navy Region Hawaii and Naval Surface Group Middle Pacific and his wife as well as other distinguished visitors.

The Lei Day program began with a special blessing of ocean salt (or pa'akai) and taro plant (or kalo). Salt was used to preserve and flavor foods and holds a special place of honor in the Hawaiian culture. The taro plant represents the connection to the land. Salt and taro reminds the people of Hawaii their responsibility to preserve the natural beauty of the islands.

Following the blessing, the event began with the arrival of the Royal Court, representing the eight Hawaiian Islands along with narrations from each grade level's history of the island and how it plays a part in Lei Day. Each class then performed a song and dance for all that attended.

"I love these kinds of events because I get to see what the teachers do with the students outside the class," Saskia Leather said. "Just to see the love that the teachers have for the kids, to put together (an event), which they do it on their own time. It's really nice to see that they care about our children."



Garcia said that the teachers try to teach their students the local culture, to celebrate lei day as well as research the islands and learn about their home before leaving the island.

The program came to an end with all children coming together on stage to sing "We Are Family.'

This was a great success," Garcia said. "The kids have been working really hard since January of this year working on performances with their class and they were all excited to share all their performances with their families."

The Legislature of Hawaii established official flowers and colors for each of the eight islands. It is tradition for the island of Hawaii to use these special flowers and colors in their Lei Day pag-



Students at Navy Hale Keiki School perform for family members and guests including Rear Adm. John Fuller and Mary Fuller.

### hameha Day celebrations.

"I think it's great. It's won-

better way to throw a party love it, the adults love it and it derful to have a gathering to that involves singing and seems that everyone just had a eants, Aloha Week, and Kame- help the kids appreciate the dancing," Lauren Smith said. great time."

different cultures and what "I think it's awesome, the kids

of technical knowledge what we do," Cryptologic and a culture of formality Technician (Collection)

allows our cryptologists to 1st Class Christopher A. perform exceptionally on Hines said. "We under-a daily basis," Ogden said. stand that our role is vital

# Chung-Hoon earns Cryptologic Excellence Award

MC2 Marcus L. Stanley

USS Chung-Hoon (DDG 93) Public Affairs

SOUTH CHINA

SEA — Guided-missile destroyer USS Chung-Hoon (DDG 93) was awarded the Com-

mander, U.S. 7th Fleet (C7F) Quarterly Cryptologic Excellence Award for cryptologic efforts in support of theater, fleet and national tasking, May 16.

Homeported at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, Chung-Hoon was also recognized in April as the Task Force 70 (CTF 70) Cryptologic Ship of the Quarter for the second fiscal quarter.

"Chung-Hoon is the gold standard for cryptology in the 7th Fleet AOR [area of responsibility] and truly has earned their selection as the winner of the C7F Cryptologic Excellence Award," fleet cryptologist Cmdr. James C. Dudley said. "During the second

U.S. Navy photo by MC1 Katherine Hofman

The guided-missile destroyer USS Chung-Hoon (DDG 93) transits Pearl Harbor Dec. 7,2014.

quarter of fiscal year 2016, **USS** Chung-Hoon set the standard for cryptologic excellence for the John C. Stennis Strike Group,

CTF 70 and C7F." Cmdr. Tom Ogden, Chung-Hoon's commanding officer, praised his cryptologic team for

their accomplishment and spoke about the impact the team has made through their efforts.

"Combining a high level

They know their equipment and the procedures to use it, and then through creativity and innovation they break new ground in the world of cryptology."

The cryptologic operations efforts aboard Chung-Hoon resulted in collection and analysis that produced time sensitive-reports, indications and warnings vital to fleet and strike group force protection.

"The impact of USS Chung-Hoon is evident in the cryptologic dominance and professional accomplishments of the Sailors," Dudley said. "Cmdr. Tom Ogden has developed a culture of cryptologic excellence aboard his ship that should be commended."

"I believe the cryptologic culture aboard Chung-Hoon stems from every cryptologist sincerely striving and desiring to be the best at

to the overall mission, and we use that as fuel to do our jobs."

The Chung-Hoon cryptologic team dedicated more than 800 hours of troubleshooting and maintenance to five systems, enabling the team to maximize collection and reporting for C7F, CTF 70, John C. Stennis Strike Group, and national consumers.

"USS Chung-Hoon continues to perform above and beyond, seeking answers to difficult questions in pursuit of cryptologic success," Dudley said. "This type of tenacity enhanced the collection of high-value signals, provided in-depth analysis, superb reporting and training to units throughout the AOR."

Chung-Hoon is operating as part of the John C. Stennis Strike Group and Great Green Fleet on a regularly scheduled 7th Fleet deployment.



### What is the one must-have food item in your emergency preparedness kit?



Staff Sgt. Ronnie McFayden 15th Medical Support Squadron

"Water. It is a must to have water in an emergency kit."

### **CS3** Joshua Bickert Joint Base Pearl Harbor Hickam

"I would argue food items are not 'must-have.' I would actually lobby for an emergency first-aid kit, preferably with an AED."





### Staff Sgt. Martin Panganiban Defense Logistics Agency

"MREs. They may not taste great, but they last long and will keep me alive. Just don't give me the omelet."

SH2 Graylon Keeton Transient Personnel Unit

"I would say any non-perishable food item would be the most important, because you can't survive without it. In emergencies, water can be collected from a litany of sources, but food



becomes harder to come across in times of need."



#### Maj. Amanda Rasmussen HQ PACAF

spoon!"

**DFCA (E-2) Patience Pinard** Transient Personnel Unit

"One must-have food item in an emergency preparedness kit would have to be beef jerky. It's great for energy and non-perishable. However,

I would argue water is the most important to have in a kit. You can go days without food, but not without water."



Senior Airman Charles Saenz 324th Intelligence Squadron

"MREs for the calorie content."

### May 20, 2016 Ho'okele A-3 Enjoying your summer: Be smart and be safe

**Secretary of Defense** Ash Carter

The summer months are a time to be with friends and family, taking the opportunity to relax, travel and enjoy water sports and barbecues. It's a chance to enjoy a break, and recharge for the challenges and opportunities ahead.



Ash Carter

Sadly, it is also a period of risk. Last summer, we lost 71 service members, between Memorial Day and Labor Day, due to a variety of

haps related to private motor vehicles or water sports. Many of these incidents could have been prevented with more aggressive trip planning to reduce fatigue, adherence to proper personal protective equipment standards, or a more moderated use of alcohol.

Our people are our greatest asset and we must encourage them to treat safety as an imperative and to manage properly or eliminate circumstances where they or others are put at risk. Please remind your

fatal accidents, with the team members about the preponderance of mis- importance of exercising importance of exercising good judgment and looking out for one another so that we can ensure that summer is a safe and happy time for all. We must give our best efforts to keep our military and civilian personnel and their families safe.

As we soon begin the summer, I would like to offer personally my sincere gratitude for the outstanding accomplishments we have achieved and to extend my warmest wishes to you and your families. Have a fun, rewarding and safe summer.



Hikers view the setting sun from the Lanikai pillboxes.



rate the Memorial Day to 2:30 p.m. May 30 weekend have been scheduled across Oahu.

• A veterans candlelight Memorial Day eve ceremony will be held from 4 to 8 p.m. May 29 at the National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific (Punchbowl) to honor all American prisoners of war and those missing in action.

• The Honolulu mayor's Memorial Day ceremony will be held from 8 to 10:30 a.m. May 30 at Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific (Punchbowl).

• The governor's Memorial Day ceremony USS Parche Memorial.

Events to commemo- will be held from 12:30 at the Hawaii State Veterans Cemetery at Kaneohe.

• The annual King Kamehameha Day Floral Parade from downtown to Waikiki will begin at 8 a.m. May 30. The event is scheduled to include a joint service color guard, U.S. Army Pacific, Pacific Air Forces, Commander Pacific Fleet and the Marine Forces Pacific Band.

• A U.S. Submarine Veterans Memorial Day Ceremony will be held at 9 a.m. May 30 at the

### 'Mighty Mo' admission free to all military on Memorial Day

### **Battleship Missouri Memorial**

The Battleship Missouri Memorial will honor Armed Forces service members who paid the ultimate sacrifice to protect America's freedom by providing free admission to all active duty, reserve, auxiliary, and retired U.S. military personnel and family members on Memorial Day.

On Monday, May 30, present a valid mili-tary I.D. for free admission at the ticket and information booth at the Pearl Harbor Visitor Center or at the entrance to the Battleship Missouri Memorial for those having approved base access onto Ford Island.

'It's an honor to welcome our military ohana aboard the Battleship Missouri Memorial as our guests on Memorial Day and join us in remembering all those who served and sacrificed to protect our freedoms," Michael A. Carr, president and CEO of the Battleship Missouri Memorial said.



Staff Sgt. Oliver Truong



'Peanut butter. There is nothing better than eating PB out of a jar with a

56th Air and Space Communications Squadron

"Canned Chef Boyardee. It will last forever unopened and can be eaten cold."



Provided by David D. Underwood Jr. and Staff Sgt. Christopher Stoltz

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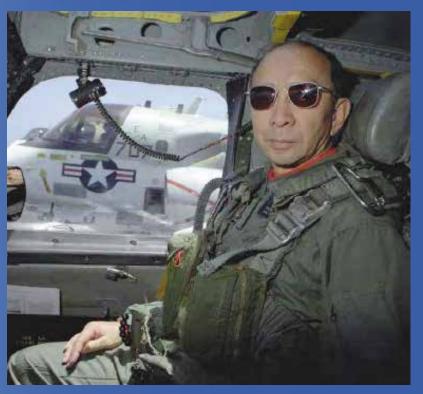


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# Kihune honored for gallantry in combat

Kihune commanded Robert guided-missile destroyer that conducted nightly strikes against North Vietnam while successfully dodging hundreds of rounds of enemy fire without sustaining damage. He also was awarded a Legion of Merit with a combat "V" for gallantry. He retired in 1994 after 35 years of distinguished service, with the rank of vice admiral. He was the first Navy vice admiral of Hawaiian ancestry. May is Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month.

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# SS Charlotte returns home May 13 from a six-month without the selfless ded- and 22 personnel quali- Philippines and Japan come the Charlotte crew

### **MC2 Shaun Griffin**

Submarine Force Pacific **Public Affairs** 

Friends and families of the crew of USS Charlotte (SSN 766) gathered pierside to welcome back the Los Angeles-class fast-attack submarine as it returned to Joint Base

western Pacific deployment.

"I am incredibly proud of our talented team and all they have accomdrew T. Miller, a native of Hilton Head, South in submarines and now Carolina and Charlotte's commanding officer. "Charlotte could not have Pearl Harbor-Hickam, accomplished her tasking Sailors advanced in rank

ication of the crew that has committed themselves to the defense of our nation.'

During the deployment, plished," said Cmdr. An- 26 Sailors earned their designation as qualified wear their dolphin warfare insignia. Along with this accomplishment, 20

fied as supervisory watch standers.

During the six-month deployment, Charlotte conducted several missions vital to the support of national and fleet commander objectives. Charlotte's crew also enjoyed liberty in the Philippines and Japan.

the most," Machinist's Mate (Nuclear) 3rd Class Andrew Lantz, a native of Havre de Grace, Maryland, said. "Seeing new places and doing cool stuff while underway is why I joined the Navy.'

Friends, families and guests, which included retired submariners, "I liked visiting the crowded the pier to wel-

home.

"It feels great and exhilarating," said Travis Bradford, father of Yeoman Seaman Apprentice Bryan Bradford, hailing from Rockford, Ill. "I'm happy for him because, at first, he didn't know what to do at school. He decided to sign up, and we kept supporting him."

# SS Charlotte holds change of command

### **MC2 Shaun Griffin**

Submarine Force, U.S. Pacific Fleet

Command of the Los Angeles-class fast attack submarine USS Charlotte (SSN 766) was passed May 17, as Cmdr. Andrew T. Miller, commanding officer of Charlotte, was relieved by Cmdr. Timothy J. Yanik at the submarine piers of Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam.

Guest speaker retired Adm. Kirkland H. Donald, former director of the Naval Nuclear Propulsion Program, praised Miller for his exceptional leadership.



U.S. Navy photo by MC2 Michael H. Lee Cmdr. Andrew T. Miller salutes during the change-of-command ceremony for the USS Charlotte (SSN 766).

ships ready to go to sea, and take the fight to the enemy," Donald said.

"Drew Miller has done exactly that.

"Teams need great quarterbacks, and that's Drew Miller," Donald said. "He's demonstrated all attributes of a successful leader — competence, integrity, toughness and stamina.'

Miller said he was honored to have the opportunity to command Charlotte and stressed the important role teamwork played in Charlotte's success.

"I challenge anyone to find a team of officers and crew who

"The CO's job is to make their are more resilient and are as capable of the relentless pursuit of getting the mission accomplished while continuing to maintain their positive attitudes throughout it all," Miller said.

As Yanik assumed command of Charlotte he addressed the crew about the command's future.

"To the men of Charlotte, in the past year, both on deployment and prior, you have had a tumultuous schedule with numerous challenges," Yanik said.

"You have not only endured, but have become stronger. I look forward to what the future holds and the challenges we will face."





U.S. Navy photo by MU1 (SW) Alex Ivy

the community.





(Right) Fire Control Technician 3rd Class Quincy Miller, left, and Fire Control Technician 3rd Class Jesse Cotton converse during a special luncheon in honor of Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month at the Silver Dolphin Bistro at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, May 11.

U.S. Navy photo by MC2 Jeff Troutman

(Above) Pvt. Steven Jackson from the 25th Combat Aviation Brigade removes rotor blades off an AH-64 Apache that landed at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam en route to Wheeler Army Airfield, May 12. The Apaches are assigned to the 25th Combat Aviation Brigade from National Guard units as part of U.S. Army Aviation restructuring.

U.S. Navy photo by MCC John M. Hageman

(Left) Cmdr. Andrew T. Miller, commanding officer of the Los Angeles-class fast-attack submarine USS Charlotte (SSN 766), is greeted by his children as the submarine returns to Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, May 13.

U.S. Navy photo by MC2 Shaun Griffin





Senior Airman Connor Gray describes functions of the C-17 Globemaster III aircraft to Dawn Harry during her tour, May 10.

## JBPHH helps grant one final wish

#### Story and photo by Staff Sgt. **Christopher Stoltz**

### Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam Public Affairs

Dawn Harry, a breast-cancer survivor from Huntington Beach, California, visited Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam May, 10. She said she has always been fascinated with military history, particularly naval history – as her father was a naval aviator.

Harry's visit to Hawaii and JBPHH is part of the Dream Foundation, which is a program that grants wishes to adults who are terminally ill.

Originally, Harry was a cancer survivor. She overcame breast cancer once before, but one week short of her being cancer-free for five years, her doctors found metastatic, terminal cancer.

"I have been battling cancer for six years," she said. "Last year, the cancer spread to my ribs, and eventually, the thoracic region in my vertebrae."

Harry said she has six months to live.

"I wanted to visit Pearl Harbor and Hickam while I them all for their service.

still had a chance," she said. "My father was in the Navy and it was important to me to see a glimpse of what made him, him. It was an honor to be able to talk with some of the men and women who serve, who help keep

our country safe." Harry's tour allowed her to visit the 535th Airlift Squadron, where she was treated to a static tour of a C-17 Globemaster III aircraft. After the static, Harry had lunch at the Silver Dolphin Bistro and visited the USS Arizona Memorial. Dawn completed her base tour aboard the USS Hopper, where she was given a full tour by Cmdr. J.D. Gainey, commanding officer, and Command Master Chief Augustine Cooper.

"It was truly a pleasure to host Dawn," Gainey said. "Any time we get a chance to highlight the hard efforts of our men and women, we'll take it. We are just glad to be a part of this trip.'

Gainey and Cooper presented Harry with a challenge coin, and even a hat with her name embroidered. She shared some of her story with the crew, and thanked

Harry said the visit to JBPHH fulfilled a lifelong dream of hers. She said her fight with cancer has been long and arduous, but has given her perspective.

"People who have had cancer are in a family grouped together. They all understand the feeling of know-ing you may die," she said. "There are also feelings of being at your lowest, the strenuous times you have to go through treatments, surgeries, chemotherapy, radiation, injections, etc. There seems to be a silver lining, but then your hair falls out, you lose your energy and your life as you once knew it changes completely."

Harry said the best part of the trip to Oahu and JBPHH is that it helped her change this mindset, and more importantly, it helped her remember what it was like to be "normal" again.

"The Dream Foundation, the United States Navy, the United States Air Force and the staff from our hotel all made me feel real again, in a very surreal situation. I just want to thank everyone for making my dream become reality, for making me feel special," Harry said.

### Service members volunteer at the annual Boy Scout Makahiki

### Story and photo by MC1 Phillip Pavlovich

Hawaii-based Sailors and other service members volunteered their time to set up displays and demonstrations for Hawaii Boy Scouts at the annual Boy Scout Makahiki at Ala Moana Beach Park, May 14.

Volunteers from the Navy. Army and Air Force set up displays during the Makahiki to educate and give the scouts and attendees an opportunity to receive a hands-on experience with a variety of the island's military capabilities."

A lot of scouts join public service whether it's the fire department, police force or the military," said Chief Navy Diver Gregory Howe, of Mobile Underwater Diving Salvage Unit (MDSU) 1, and a volunteer at the Humvee sta-

tion. "It's great for us to come out here and show them where the knowledge of the training they're currently receiving can take them.

"The event allowed the Navy to show the community a little bit of what military life is like, said Navy Diver 2nd Class Paul Pendleton, attached to MDSU 1, a volunteer at the Navy diving station.

Throughout the park, Boy Scouts and other participants tried on a Navy diving helmet and viewed weapons and equipment from the participating services.

"I enjoy what I do in the Navy and being able to come out here and share that with Boy Scouts here is very rewarding," Pendleton said.

Makahiki started 105 years ago with the Scouts of Aloha Council, and is the oldest Scout show in the nation.



Specialist Bradley Gray, right, receives fingerprints from a child during a Boy Scout Mahahiki event at Ala Moana Beach Park, May 14.

### Patrol Squadron Four Sailors help local organization support of the Garden Ini- is working with a local end of the day an interior place for El Salvadoran work!" said Alex Marks,

Story and photo by MA2 Eugene Esparza

tiative group on April 30.

is a faith-based, non-profit vador.

church, La Gran Comis-The Garden Initiative ion, in La Libertad, El Sal-

Cooperative Security Location Comalapa, El organization, which seeks One of the church lead-Salvador to improve local communi- ers, Alex Marks, recently ties by actions of kindness reached out to CSL and stallation. The Sailors said morals, but more impor- as for the community and COMALAPA, El Salva- and through training and requested help in builddor-Twenty-seven Coop- equipping local churches ing a nutrition center and with general upkeep of erative Security Location and social organizations (CSL) Comalapa, El Sal- to improve the nutrition the church. Through the vador and Hawaii-based of local children, adults help and expertise of CSL Patrol Squadron Four (VP- and families through gar- and VP-4 personnel, con-4) personnel donated more dening in their own back struction began on the nuthan 135 work hours in yards. The organization trition center and at the

wall had been built, a sink installed, the church ceiling and perimeter gates painted and hazardous dethat they were pleased with the work performed, and are excited about coming back in the weeks ahead to help finish the project.

youths to congregate and

executive director of the play. The center will pro- Family Garden Initiative vide a safe learning en- and church leader. "It is vironment where young an honor and a blessing bris removed from the in- children will be taught for us personally, as well church here in La Lıbertad." **Cooperative Security** Location Comalapa provides critical logistics, infrastructure, and operational support to forward deployed U.S. and partner nation aviation assets participating in Joint Interagency Task Force South assigned counter-narcotic/ illicit trafficking operations, U.S. Naval Forces Southern Command-directed humanitarian missions, and search-andrescue efforts.

Master Chief Francisco Valdovinos, Master at Arms 2nd Class Erek Mateo, Master at Arms 2nd Class Santos Calderon and Cmdr. Donald Williams from Cooperative Security Location Comalapa assist personnel in a community relations event supporting a local church April 30.

"It was a great accomplishment to see us all come together for one cause, to help the less fortunate," said Master at Arms 2nd Class James Farrell, a Sailor from CSL.

This new nutrition center project will not only help feed the local population, but its other main objective is to provide a safe tantly have a place to go to play with other children.

Many children in El Salvador are considered to be at risk of gang violence. This nutrition center will welcome youths of all ages to help them lead a life free from violence. CSL Comalapa personnel are dedicated to this cause and will continue to support this project on their

days off. "Thank you again for your help in coordinating Saturday's event, and for your team's awesome

# JBPHH outlines new drone usage policy

#### Story and photo by Staff Sgt. **Christopher Stoltz**

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

Editor's note: Regulations governing the control of personal model aircraft and the use of in prohibited areas within Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, state that PMAs are not permitted to be flown without written permission from the Joint Base commander. Operators will comply with requirements provided by the Federal Aviation Administration.

One of the more popular gifts this past holiday season was the drone, also known as a personal model aircraft. Personal model aircraft (PMA) drones provide the pilot numerous capabilities, including photo and video recording. Airmen and Sailors alike at Joint Base Pearl Hardulged in the thrill of flight, but now have a new set of rules to abide by.

The new policy, which was originally outlined by the Federal Aviation Administration and signed locally by JBPHH commander Capt. Stanley Keeve, Jr., became effective May 5.

The policy includes new regulations outlining do's and don'ts of personal model aircraft usage, including:

•PMA must be flown at altitudes below 400ft above ground level and remain clear of surrounding obstacles

• Must be electric or gas powered and constructed primarily o f lightweight materials

> (e.g., plastic, wood, canvas, paper or foam) •Must

not weigh

bor-Hickam (JBPHH) have in- in excess of 55-pounds (25kg) • Must be operated during daylight hours

> Must be flown in approved areas / locations that do not interfere with the operations, safety or security of personnel, facilities, and/or resources

• Must be operated in a manner that gives way to and does not interfere with any manned or unmanned aircraft operations

• Must not be flown within five statute miles (4.4 nautical miles) of the airfield without prior notification to the airfield control tower

•PMA cannot be flown for payment or commercial purposes

•PMA cannot be outfitted with any type of audio or visual recording devices

•Cannot be used in conditions where wind exceeds 15 knots (17 mph)

•Use is prohibited during force condition protection (FP-CON) Bravo or higher

Before applying for local permission for their PMA's, service members must first register with the FAA. Once

approved, the process to approve a PMA on JBPHH can begin.

According to the policy, all personnel subject to the UCMJ, regardless of status, (this includes all service members) may be subject to federal punishment, including imprisonment, for violating the rules defined by the policy.

"The policy was established in response to the growing popularity of PMAs and several events, not necessarily within our command, that have happened," said Senior Master Sgt. Jeremy Isaac, Headquarters PACAF/A4S Security Forces operations superintendent. "Not only does the policy prevent potential flight safety hazards, it helps us maintain security of our resources, given the recording capability of most current PMA's.<sup>3</sup>

Isaac advised drone users to closely follow the instructions and rules, and said there have been numerous incidents in the news where "flying a toy" turned into something more nefarious.

One example is when a popular chain-restaurant built a "mobile mistletoe" drone to hover near diners, which ended up crashing into a photographer's face and slicing her nose open at a location in New York City.

In addition to the risk during personal use, drones can pose a very real threat to air traffic if it flies near the path of an airliner. In July 2015, this potential scenario almost became reality when an Airbus A320 aircraft avoided a drone flying at an altitude of 700-feet at London Heathrow Airport.

Isaac said he believes the policy is extremely beneficial for JBPHH and aircraft flying in and out of Honolulu International Airport, and said the policy ensures flight safety of JBPHH assets, personnel and maintains an unparalleled force protection posture.

"As long as our base residents follow the guidance, there should not be any issue," he said. "I would encourage drone hobbyists and enthusiasts to do their homework and familiarize themselves with FAA guidance as well as local operating instructions to ensure that they operate them in a safe and enjoyable manner."

For more information regarding drone usage, visit the following webpage; http://www. faa.gov/uas/registration/. To read the signed local policy, visit http://ow.ly/2cRl300lbUv.

HOOKELE Online http://www.hookelenews.com/ or visit https://www.cnic.navy.mil/Hawaii

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# May is Motorcycle Safety Awareness Month

### **Naval Safety Center**

May is motorcycle safety awareness month. The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration and the Naval Safety Center want to take this time to remind everyone that motorcycles will be on the roads.

All drivers are asked to please share the road and look twice for motorcycles.

Because of their smaller size compared to other vehicles they are often difficult to distinguish in traffic and appear to be farther away than they actually are.

This misperception has led to more than a few cars moving over on or merging into motorcycles' lane of traffic, causing mishaps.

So far in fiscal year 2016 to date through May 3, the Navy has experienced six motorcycle deaths. This is up from five



deaths incurred during the same time frame in fiscal year 2015.

The Marine Corps has experienced four motorcycle deaths through this same time period, which is down by 50 percent (eight) from the same period in fiscal year 2015.

riders under the age of 27. The under-age-25 group is usually riding sport bikes and wearing all protective gear, but they are riding above their abilities and pushing their machines' capabilities.

Commands need to ensure military riders take the man-Most mishaps occur with dated motorcycle safety train-

ing, and that commands have an established motorcycle mentorship program in place.

Commander, Navy Installations has a contractor to assist in this training effort. Each major installation has rider coaches available to provide training. There is no need to postpone training with the number of rider coaches now available.

Contact your Motorcycle Safety Representatives (MSRs) or local installation safety office to obtain information on available courses.

Command MSRs need to be more involved in rider mentoring and the riding process.

Motorcycle riders cannot be supervised at all times but command leaders involvement can exercise prudent measures to ensure their personnel know and comply with all motorcycle safety requirements.

Command MSRs need to 757-444-3520, ext. 7842.

share the information from the NAVSAFECEN weekly Rider Down reports to increase awareness of motorcycle mishaps on a weekly basis, and visit the web links below for additional information where you will find posters, infographics, talking points, tips and other motorcycle safety information:

• www.nhtsa.gov/safety/ motorcycles

• www.trafficsafetymarketing.gov/sharetheroad

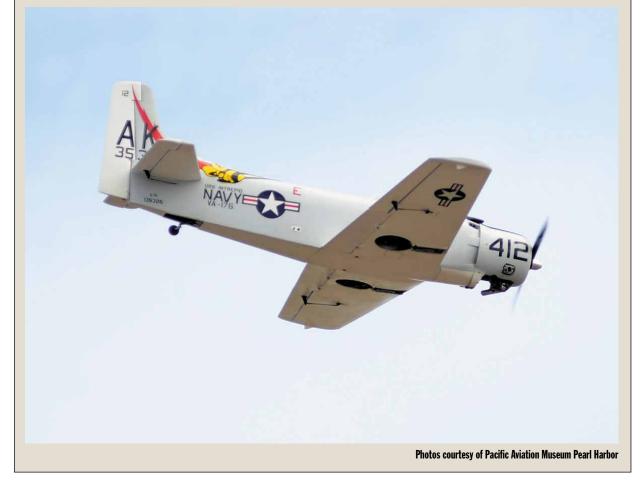
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Remember that there is no such thing as a fender-bender for a motorcycle rider. They are completely exposed. Together we can reduce needless mishaps and safely share the road.

For comments or questions, please contact the Naval Safety Center Traffic and Recreation, Off-Duty Safety Division at

# Just 'wing it' at Biggest Little Airshow





### **Pacific Aviation Museum** Pearl Harbor

Pacific Aviation Museum Pearl Harbor's ninth Biggest Little Airshow will again be in "plane view" for all to see from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on June 4 and 5.

This year's annual event will pay tribute to the 74th anniversary of the Battle of Midway.

The festivities will feature a wide array of remote-control aircraft. There will also be music, food, booths and exhibits, keiki rides and other activities.

Guests will be able to drive on to Ford Island for this event, or take the free shuttle from the Pearl Harbor Visitor Center.

(For more information, visit www.pacificaviationmusuem.org or call 441-1013 or 445-9069.)



**MWR Marketing photo** Beachfest will be held Memorial Day at Hickam Harbor.

### Beachfest will return to Hickam Harbor on Memorial Day

### **Reid Tokeshi**

Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam Morale, Welfare and Recreation

Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam Morale, Welfare and Recreation is bringing Beachfest back to Hickam Harbor on Memorial Day, May 30.

Similar to a backyard beach party but on a larger scale, Beachfest will feature games and activities such as a donut eating contest, scavenger hunts, obstacle courses, group challenges and lawn games. The Pacific Fleet Band will be providing live musical entertainment on the main stage.

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just cardboard and duct tape. The group attempts to prove the seaworthiness of their vessels by racing it in the water.

Patrons can support military organizations on this Memorial Day by buying food from the fundraising booths. Hamburgers, hot dogs, chili and nachos are among the items available for purchase.

As in the previous Beachfest, customers are encouraged to go green by bicycling to the event. MWR's Outdoor Recreation department has designated a nearby spot as a valet bike parking lot.

All activities are subject to change, so for updates One of the new events online registration for the this year is the Recy- regatta and more infor-

mation, patrons can Teams build a boat out of www.greatlifehawaii.com.

# Upcoming blood drives 🐌

• 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.)



Sgt. Koryn Gyotoku lines a shot down the third base line.

# PACOM/JIOC still lays claim to JBPHH top team

### Story and photo by Randy Dela Cruz

### Sports Editor, Ho'okele

From their 5-0 start this season to their latest 18-6 trashing of 690th Cyberspace Operations Squadron (690 COS), Pacific Command/Joint Intelligence Operation Center (PACOM/ JIOC) can easily make the case that they are the most dominating intramural softball team at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam.

Watching PACOM/JIOC play this season has been like observing a swirling caldron of gasses just ready to erupt into

keep up with the tremendous firepower of PACOM/JIOC, it was just a matter of time before all hell broke loose and the COS was sent home early due to the league's 10-runmercy rule.

Honestly, in the 10 years of my playing service ball, this is the best team that I've played on," said versatile util-ity player Sgt. Koryn Gyotoku, who has been one of the main cogs in the PACOM/JIOC attack. "I think this has a lot to do with having players from all of the branches and uniting us into one team."

As they've done on many occasions this season, PACOM/ JIOC wasted little time in pinning the 690 back on their heels.

chased home two more runners on a double with two outs.

Pitcher Mike Todd, a Department of Defense civilian, then slashed a single to put PACOM/ JIOC up by a score of 4-0 after only a half-inning of play.

Ålthough the 690 got a huge two-run hit from pitcher Tech. Sgt. Wayne Fiery to pull to within a run at 4-3, PACOM/ JIOC was back at it again in the top of the second inning by tallying two more times to take a 6-3 advantage.

Todd then went to work and pitched back-to-back goose eggs before PACOM/JIOC added two more runs in the top of the fourth and appeared to be well on their way to another leia clutch RBI single by Staff Sgt. Will Bryant.

Bryant's hit led to three runs and cut the deficit down to two at 8-6.

But as if on cue, PACOM/ JIOC Tech. Sgt. Brian Graff led off the top of the fifth and crunched a pitch deep and over the left-field fence as the ball hugged the foul pole for a solo shot.

"I just wanted to get it started," Graff said about his long shot. "I just caught just enough of it and the wind did the rest.'

What happened next was an incredible hit parade as Graff was followed by five singles and three doubles, which included were in batting practice mode," an opposite-field, two-bagger off Graff said. "I led off with the the bat of Gyotoku that drove in homer and everybody just hit two of the 10 runs scored in the top of the fifth.

consciously putting it in the right side of the field," she said. "Occasionally, when I feel like they're predicting where I'm going to hit the ball, I'll hit it to the left."

With as deep and talented a ball club such as PACOM/JIOC, Gyotoku said that she has no doubt this team has what it takes to go all the way this year.

Graff said the great thing about this team is that while you never know when it's going to happen, you can almost bet that big innings are going to be part of every PACOM/JIOC game.

"Tonight, I don't know, but it felt like the first few innings we

an explosion of runs at any given time.

Against the 690 on May 17, while their opponents were

surely win.

However, after posting two With one run already on the outs to open the bottom of the board in the top of their first fourth, the 690 staged a minimore than game to try and inning, Tech. Sgt. Joe Berube rally that was spearheaded by

line drives and missiles after that. We just need something to "Nine times out of 10, I'm get it started."

# 747th Communication Squadron makes it two in a row



Staff Sgt. Larry Best makes the long throw from shortstop for a putout at first.

### Story and photo by Randy Dela Cruz

### Sports Editor, Ho'okele

The beauty of the softball season is that no matter where you start off there is always hope that things could turn around for the better.

After an abysmal start that saw the 747 CS get off to an 0-4 beginning this season, the 747 CS are showing some signs of life in their starting lineup and are hoping that things are turning the corner.

On May 17, the 747 CS took on another struggling squad and while the game stayed close at he start, the 747 CS knew just when to step on the gas and pull away from the Afloat Training Group Middle Pacific (ATG MIDPAC) to earn a tough 12-7 victory in a Red Division intramural softball matchup.

The win was the second in row for the 747 CS, which now holds a 2-4 record, while the ATG is still struggling with a 1-5 mark.

We started off slow, but we knew that if we could come back together, we could get back and win," Tech. Sgt. Quin-ton Ridges said. "It was defense and we finally got our bats going. Hitting is contagious. You don't want to be the guys that stop momentum so everygoing and the bats rolling."

Like two heavyweight fighters feeling each other out, the 747 scratched their way to two runs in the top of the first, but the ATG got right back in the game with three runs in the bottom of the second to take a one run lead.

In the top of the third, courtesy of a lead-off double from the barrel of Senior Airman Jamal Jones, the 747 scored with no outs to tie the score at 3-3.

ATG picked up a run on a sacrifice fly to make it 4-3 in their favor, but instead of bringing momentum onto their side, the 747 came back and stole the advantage on an RBI double by Ridges.

Two batters later, Senior Karoum Bilal skipped a base hit over first base that rolled into right field to drive in two runs and 6-4 advantage.

"It was good to get the goahead run," said Ridges about Bilal's clutch base hit. "That changed the momentum. After that, there was no looking back, we just kept rolling."

In the top of the fifth, the 747 threatened to break the game wide open with two more runs to take an 8-4 lead.

An error on the lead-off hitter put a man in scoring position, before Senior Airman Zachary Murphy drove in a run with a sacrifice fly to make it 7-4, before 747 pitcher Tech. Sgt. Gifford body likes to keep the chips Young slashed an RBI single for some more wins."

to extend the lead.

Up by four runs, the 747 all but locked the game away with two more runs in the top of sixth to take a commanding 10-4 lead.

Big hits in the inning came off the bats of Jones and Staff Sgt. Larry Best who drove in a run each on clutch singles.

"That was one of our highlights this evening. We got some really good hits," Young said about the team's solid day at the plate.'

While Young admits that the team has a far way to go before it can be considered a contender in the division, he feels that the team is in a much better place today than when it started the season.

"We're really excited that we're making some progress,' he said. "It's been a long rode, but I think we're starting to synchronize. When we fall back, I feel that we get stronger.

One thing is for sure. Young believes that no matter what team the 747 squares up against in the future, things won't be as easy as they were in the past.

"I think we have a lot more potential to have much more success this season," Young said. "There are some areas we need to work on and fix, but if we can get those fixed out in practice, I really believe that we have a better chance

# COOL ACTIVITIES Joint Base

Joint Base Morale, Welfare and Recreation is gearing up for the summer with a series of events and activities for youngsters and adults alike.

• The National Alliance for Youth Sports Start Smart is a parent/child interaction program designed to introduce young players and their parents to flag football by offering instructions on the basics and game-like activities. The season runs from July 9 to Sept. 17. Registration opens on May 23 and closes June 17. The season is open to children ages 3 to 5 years old. For more information, call 473-0789.

○ Youth sports summer camps will be held in July. Gymnastics/ninja camp will be held from July 11-15, golf camp will be held July 18-22 and skateboarding/BMX camp will be held July 25-29. Registration opens May 23 and closes June 24. For more information and fees, call 473-0789 or register online at www. greatlifehawaii.com.

A summer movie will be held from 6 to 9 p.m. May 27 at Pool 2. The movie "The Good"



Dinosaur" rated PG will begin when the sun goes down. Floats are welcome and popcorn will be provided.

• A free movie night from 6:30 to 9 p.m. May 27 at Hickam Harbor will feature the movie "On Any Sunday: The Next Chapter." The movie is a documentary chronicling today's motorcycle culture. For more information, call 449-5215.

A "Color Your Summer 3.0" event will be held from 4 to 8 p.m. May 28 at the Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam Teen Center. Registration is through May 25. The cost is \$5 and the event is open to teens ages 13 to 18. Teens should wear white and prepare to get dirty. For more information, call 448-0418.

• A recycled cardboard regatta will be held at the Memorial Day Beach Fest at 11 a.m. May 30 at Hickam Harbor. There are two categories, command and family/group. Prizes will be awarded to first, second and third place finishing boats in each category, and a most spectacular sinking category. For more information, call 449-5215 and register at www.greatlifehawaii.com.

Summer crafts camps will be held from May 31 to July 29 for ages 7 and up at the Joint Base Arts and Crafts Center. Participants can register at the arts and crafts sales store. The cost is \$60 per session. For more information, call 448-9907, ext. 103.

Chuck Milligan will perform two comedy hypnosis shows. An adult-themed show for patrons ages 18 and older will be held at 7:30 p.m. June 4 at Sharkey Theater. An all-ages show will be held at 2 p.m. June 5 at Sharkey Theater. No tickets are needed but seating is limited. The event is open to military-affiliated personnel, Department of Defense cardholders and their sponsored guests. For more information, visit www.greatlifehawaii.com.

MWR will present the All-Military Surf Classic from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. June 4 at Kalaeloa White Plains Beach. The event is open to activeduty military, Reservists, military retirees, Department of Defense civilians and their family members only. Participants can enter in only one division. The entry deadline is May 25. For more information and to register, visit www. greatlifehawaii.com or call 682-4925.

• A preteen School's Out event will be held from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. June 4 at the Makai Recreation Center for kids 9 to 12 years old. The event will include games and food. For more information, call 449-3354.

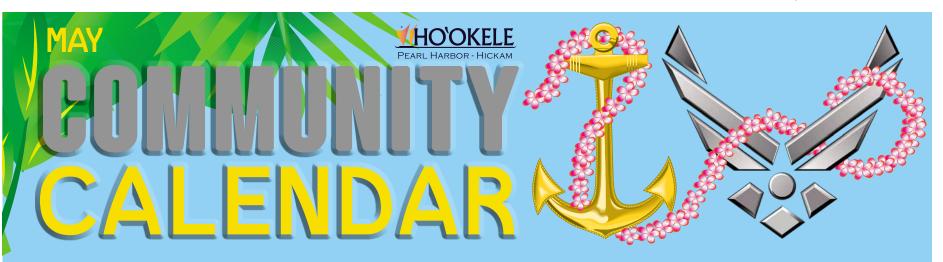
• Youth Ocean Adventure Camps will begin June 6 at Hickam Harbor. The cost is \$165 per two-week session and there will be multiple sessions to choose from throughout June and July. There will be a variety of activities, including swimming, fishing and kayaking. For more information call 449-5215 and register online at www.greatlifehawaii.com.

The first Trash Boat Regatta will be held from 10 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. June 11 at Hickam Harbor Beach Park. The cost is \$15 per boat/team. There are three categories to choose from: single paddler, multiple paddlers small boat and multiple paddlers big boat. Prizes will be awarded. For more information, call 449-5215 and register at www.greatlifehawaii.com.

Summer Sun Fun Run 5K will begin at 8 a.m. June 18 at Hickam Fitness Center. The event is free and there is no need to sign up. Awards will be given to each winner in the men's, women's

youth boys and girls and men's and women's stroller categories. For more information, call 448-2214 or visit the Hickam Fitness Center.

For more information visit www.greatlifehawaii.com or subscribe to MWR's digital magazine Great Life Hawaii.



### **HICKAM COMMISSARY RESET**

**TODAY** – Hickam Commissary is closed today for a total store reset. The commissary will re-open for business at 8 a.m. Saturday with normal operating hours. During the reset, the Pearl Harbor Commissary will be open. FMI: Totolua Ripley at 449-1363, ext. 301.

### WEST LOCH MEMORIAL CEREMONIES

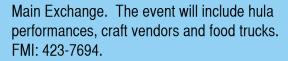
**SATURDAY, SUNDAY** – A celebration of life and remembrance of the West Loch Disaster will be held from 3 to 4 p.m. Saturday at the National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific (Punchbowl). A prayer in memory of the West Loch Disaster victims will be held from 3 to 4 p.m. Sunday at the State Capitol rotunda. The events are hosted by the African American Diversity Cultural Center Hawaii.

### **COMBINED MILITARY BAND CONCERT**

**SATURDAY** – The 31st annual Combined Military Band Appreciation Concert will be held at 6 p.m. at Hawaii Theatre. Seating will begin at 5 p.m. for guests with tickets on a first come, first served basis. Any unoccupied seats remaining at 5:45 p.m. will be open to anyone, space available. Free ticket and event information is available from the Hawaii Theatre box office located downtown at 1130 Bethel St. (between Hotel and Pauahi Streets) during regular box office hours. Box office hours are Tuesday through Saturday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. FMI: 528-0506.

### **CELEBRATION AT EXCHANGE**

**SATURDAY** – An Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month celebration will be held from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Hickam



### **ANGER MANAGEMENT**

**MAY 24** – An anger management class will be held from 8 to 11 a.m. at Military and Family Support Center Pearl Harbor. The class is designed to help participants better understand, channel and control their anger. FMI: www.greatlifehawaii.com or 474-1999.

### **APPLIED SUICIDE INTERVENTION SKILLS TRAINING** – MAY 24–25

Applied Suicide Intervention Skills Training (ASIST) training will be held from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at the Aloha Jewish Chapel on the Pearl Harbor side of Joint Base. ASIST is a two-day, 15-hour, workshop. Attendees can learn to be better caregivers to those having thoughts of suicide. FMI: www.greatlifehawaii. com or 474-1999.

### **INTERVIEW SKILLS**

**MAY 25** – A class on sharpening your interview skills and exploring the local job market will be held from 4:30 to 6 p.m. at Military and Family Support Center Pearl Harbor. FMI: www. greatlifehawaii.com or 474-1999.

### **HOME BUYING**

**MAY 25** – A workshop focused on the home purchase decision process and how to avoid unexpected expenses and stumbling blocks will be held from 4:30 to 6 p.m. at Military and Family Support Center Pearl Harbor. FMI: www.greatlifehawaii.com or 474-1999.

### **MOVIE NIGHT AT NEX**

**MAY 28** – The movie "The Good Dinosaur" will be shown free at the Pearl Harbor Navy Exchange lower parking lot. Admission tickets

can be picked up from the NEX aloha center concierge desk. 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. FMI: 423-3287 or email Stephanie.Lau@nexweb.org.

### **HELLO KITTY EVENT**

MAY 28 — Children can get a free balloon from Hello Kitty while supplies last from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Pearl Harbor Navy Exchange mall children's department. The event is for authorized patrons only. FMI: 423-3287 or email Stephanie.Lau@ nexweb.org.

### **SWORD PRESENTATION**

**MAY 28** – A Japanese sword presentation by Mike Nii will be held from 10 a.m. to noon at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam Library. The event is in honor of Asian American Pacific Islander Month. Nii will discuss the sword, its construction, terminology and etiquette. FMI: 449-8299.

### **BEACH FEST**

**MAY 30** – A free Memorial Day Beach Fest sponsored by Joint Base Morale, Welfare and Recreation will be held from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Hickam Harbor. Free valet bike parking will be offered. A command and adult/family recycled cardboard regatta will be offered. The event will include contests and family activities. The event is open to all Department of Defense ID cardholders and their sponsored guests. FMI: www.greatlifehawaii.com. In addition, volunteers are being sought for the event. FMI: Staff Sgt. Ciara Meyers at Ciara. meyers@us.af.mil.



# SHOW TIMES



### THE HUNTSMAN: WINTER'S WAR

Betrayed by her evil sister Ravenna (Charlize Theron), heartbroken Freya (Emily Blunt) retreats to a northern kingdom to raise an army of huntsmen as her protectors. Gifted with the ability to freeze her enemies in ice, Freya teaches her young soldiers to never fall in love. When Eric (Chris Hemsworth) and fellow warrior Sara defy this rule, the angry queen does whatever she can to stop them. As war between the siblings escalates, Eric and Sara unite with Freya to end Ravenna's wicked reign.

### SHARKEY THEATER

TODAY – MAY 20 7:00 PM The Jungle Book (3-D) (PG)

SATURDAY – MAY 21 2:30 PM The Jungle Book (PG) 4:50 PM The Huntsman: Winter's War (PG-13) 7:20 PM Elvis and Nixon (R)

SUNDAY – MAY 22 2:30 PM The Jungle Book (3-D) (PG) 4:50 PM Criminal (R) 7:10 PM The Boss (R)

**THURSDAY – MAY 26** 7:00 PM The Huntsman: Winter's War (PG-13

### **HICKAM MEMORIAL THEATER**

**TODAY – MAY 20** 6:00 PM Barbershop: The Next Cut (PG-13)

SATURDAY – MAY 21 3:00 PM The Divergent Series: Allegiant (PG-13) 6:00 PM The Boss (R)

**SUNDAY – MAY 22** 3:00 PM Barbershop: The Next Cut (PG-13) 6:00 PM Criminal (R)

THURSDAY - MAY 26 7:00 PM The Boss (R)

# Food safety at the grill is everyone's responsibility

### Kevin L. Robinson

#### DeCA public affairs specialist

When commissary patrons go to the backyard grill, the Defense Commissary Agency wants to remind them to "Be Food Safe."

Disregarding the tenets of Be Food Safe can turn the family gathering into a trip to the emergency room, said the director of DeCA's Public Health and Safety Directorate, Col. Michael A. Buley.

Salmonella, E. coli and listeria can all be unwanted guests at the barbecue if people don't pay heed to proper food handling, said Chris Wicker, DeCA's public health advisor.

"The juices from raw meats can contain bacteria that could transfer to other foods," he said. "Cooked foods should be placed onto plates and containers that are clean, so there is no risk of cross contamination.

ture are also key factors for grilling and protecting your loved ones from foodborne illness," Wicker said. "Always ensure proper temperatures are reached for all cooked meats and that no food is left out longer than two hours. Keep cold foods cold and hot foods hot.'

Before any cookout, Wicker said grill masters should consider the following basic food safety tips:

• Be clean. Before cooking or eating — and definitely after using the bathroom — wash your hands with soap and water for at least 20 seconds. Don't forget the grill. It should also be cleaned before preparation begins.

Separate the food. Keep raw food apart from cooked food. The juices from raw meats can contain bacteria that could transfer to other foods. That means use separate plates or containers for raw meat, poultry or sea-

to the grill and different containers entirely for the cooked products unless the carriers have been washed thoroughly in soap and water. Also, keep cooking utensils and cooking surfaces clean from potential cross contamination.

• Marinate in refrigerator. Any food that is marinating should be covered and kept in a refrigerator until ready to cook. Also, don't reuse marinade containing raw meat.

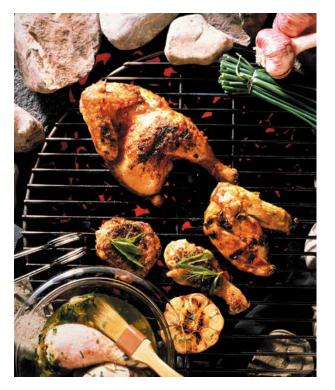
• Cook it completely. This means you cannot take shortcuts on the amount of time it takes to thoroughly cook meat. Use a food thermometer to ensure meat is ready to eat. For example, ground beef and pork should be cooked at 160 F, chicken at 165 F and steaks and roast at 145 F. For shrimp, lobster and crab, cook until pearly and opaque. You can use your microwave, oven or stove to precook the food immediately before placing it on the grill.

Chill and freeze -"Time and tempera- immediately. Food should never be off the grill or out of the cooler for more than two hours. And, when the outside temperature is hotter than 90 F, food can only be left out for an hour.

• Hot, hot, hot. Keep hot food wrapped, insulated in a container and at or above 140 F. Eat hot takeout food within two hours of purchase. When reheating food on the grill, make sure it reaches 165 F.

• Keep it cold. If it's meant to be cold, it needs to stay that way at or below 40 F. Chicken salad, potato salads, bagged and green salads, and certain desserts must be protected from warm temperatures by placing them on ice in coolers. Remember to drain the water from melted ice in those coolers and replace ice as necessary.

The DeCA website's food safety page, https:// www.commissaries.com/ food\_safety.cfm, is a good



food when moving food source for more information about proper food handling techniques.

> safety alerts and product recalls affecting mil- general food safety in-

itary commissaries, visit formation, visit the webwww.commissaries.com and click on the "Food For the latest food Recalls" box near the bottom of the front page. For

site, choose the "News & Info" tab near the top of the front page and select to https://www.youtube. "Food Safety" from the drop-down box.

(To watch a video about food safety at the grill on DeCA's YouTube page, go com/watch?v=WkwCEj2wfyE.)