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USS Michael Murphy sorties to conduct MEDEVAC

Commander, U.S. Third Fleet Public Affairs

The guided-missile destroyer USS Michael Murphy (DDG 112) conducted an emergency medical evacuation (MEDEVAC) June 19 to assist a Sailor in need of medical attention aboard guided-missile destroyer USS Shoup (DDG 86).

At approximately 2:14 p.m., June 17, Shoup notified Commander, U.S. 3rd Fleet that a Sailor aboard required MEDEVAC. Shoup, more than 1,000 miles from shore,

was not within helicopter range to conduct the transfer, and U.S. Coast Guard District 14 did not have an asset in the area that could affect a rapid transfer of the Sailor ashore. Michael Murphy, the 3rd Fleet duty ship, was directed to provide support.

Within hours of the initial report, Michael Murphy, sortied from Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam with a Navy medical doctor from Hawaii embarked. While Michael Murphy made best speed to close within helicopter range of Shoup, the medical team

aboard Shoup worked to keep the Sailor stable.

Embarked Helicopter Maritime Strike Squadron (HSM) 35 launched an MH-60R helicopter from Shoup early in the morning June 18, to transfer the Sailor to Michael Murphy. Once safely aboard, Michael Murphy headed back to Hawaii and transferred the Sailor and embarked doctor to Tripler Army Medical Center (TAMC) as soon as the ship was within helicopter range.

The Sailor is currently being treated by medical

personnel at Tripler Army Medical Center.

“While our thoughts and prayers remain with the young Sailor who is fighting through this medical emergency, we could not be more proud of the extraordinary team effort from USS Shoup, USS Michael Murphy and the medical teams ashore,” Vice Adm. Nora Tyson, commander, U.S. 3rd Fleet, said.

“There is nothing more important to us than the health and safety of our Sailors and that was on display during every facet of

this emergency response.”

Homeported at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, Michael Murphy is named for Lt. (SEAL) Michael P. Murphy, a New York native who was posthumously awarded the Medal of Honor for his heroic actions during Operation Red Wing in Afghanistan in 2005. Murphy was the first person to be awarded the medal for actions in Afghanistan and the first member of the U.S. Navy to receive the award since the Vietnam War.

U.S. Navy photo by MC2 Eli K. Buguey

Navy, Hawaii sign Memorandum of Understanding

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Navy Public Affairs Support Element Detachment Hawaii

Hawaii Gov. David Y. Ige, and Dennis McGinn, assistant secretary of the Navy for energy, installations and environment, signed a Memorandum of Understanding between the State of Hawaii and the Department of the Navy during a ceremony at the Hilton Hawaiian Village in Honolulu, June 21.

This agreement provided an opportunity to strengthen the partnership between the two parties and leverage financial and human resources toward a shared vision on the reduction of greenhouse gas emissions, petroleum and imported fossil fuel usage, water consumption, clean transportation and maximizing energy efficiency.

“The Memorandum of Understanding we are signing today allows us to capitalize to the greatest extent possible our com-



Hawaii Gov. David Y. Ige and assistant secretary of the Navy for energy installations and environment, Dennis McGinn, sign the Memorandum of Understanding between the State of Hawaii and the Department of the Navy related to collaboration on clean energy solutions, June 21.

combined wisdom, resources and experience to achieve greater energy efficiency, security, economic vitality and carbon reduction,” Ige said.

According to Ige, the Department of the Navy and Department of Defense are the biggest customers of Hawaii's electric utility and has an enormous im-

act on Hawaii's economy.

“Through energy efficiency and renewable energy projects our collaboration is intended to accelerate our pace to 100 percent renewable energy,” Ige said. “In this regard Department of the Navy is poised to be as important to Hawaii's future as it has in the past.”

“We are citizens of Hawaii so it's the right thing to do to protect Hawaii and its environment. It makes perfect sense to have this agreement and work on it together,” said Rear Adm. John Fuller, commander, Navy Region Hawaii and commander, Naval Surface Group, Middle Pacific, who attended the ceremony.

Three civilian swimmers rescued from Majors Bay, PMRF

Pacific Missile Range Facility Public Affairs

Pacific Missile Range Facility (PMRF) Fire and Emergency Services (EMS) personnel rescued three distressed civilian swimmers from the waters off Majors Bay June 22 at PMRF after they became caught in a strong rip current.

The three swimmers were reportedly swimming at Majors Bay when one was carried out to sea by the strong



Courtesy photo

The PMRF Fire and Emergency Services team rescued three distressed swimmers from the waters off Majors Bay.

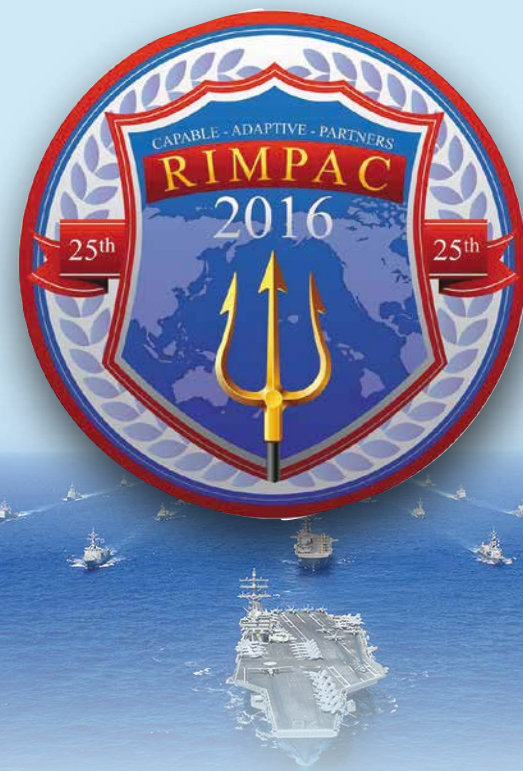
rip current. Two of his friends attempted to assist but were also

carried away.

All three swimmers began drifting east about

150 feet from the shore.

PMRF EMS personnel were dispatched to the scene where two rescue swimmers immediately entered the water and paddled out to assist the three distressed swimmers. A jet ski was simultaneously launched and began retrieving the swimmers one at a time returning them safely to shore. The rescue operations occurred in treacherous high surf conditions. There were no reports of injuries.



RIMPAC exercise begins June 30

U.S. Third Fleet Public Affairs

SAN DIEGO—Twenty-six nations, 45 ships, five submarines, more than 200 aircraft and 25,000 personnel will participate in the biennial Rim of the Pacific (RIMPAC) exercise scheduled June 30 to Aug. 4, in and around the Hawaiian Islands and Southern California.

Hosted by U.S. Pacific Fleet, RIMPAC 2016 will be led by U.S. Vice Adm. Nora Tyson, commander of the U.S. 3rd Fleet (C3F), who will serve as the Combined Task Force (CTF) commander. Royal Canadian Navy Rear Adm. Scott Bishop will serve as deputy commander of the CTF, and Japan Maritime Self Defense Force Rear Adm. Koji Manabe as the vice commander. Other key leaders of the multinational force will include Commodore Malcolm Wise of the Royal Australian Navy, who will command the maritime component; Brig. Gen. Blaise Frawley of the Royal Canadian Air Force, who will command the air component; and the amphibious task force

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Navy sends third Red Hill update letter to stakeholders

**Navy Region Hawaii
Public Affairs**

Rear Adm. John Fuller, commander of Navy Region Hawaii and Naval Surface Group Middle Pacific, sent a third Red Hill “stakeholder letter” to business and community leaders, and elected officials, June 10.

Fuller shared the latest news about the fuel storage facility, explained why Red Hill is important especially on the eve of RIMPAC (Rim of the Pacific Exercise) 2016, and explained how the Navy is monitoring groundwater with additional sites in order to keep drinking water safe.

This latest correspondence is a means to keep communication lines open, provide details about ongoing improvements and show transparency with our military mission in Hawaii.

“I want to begin by assuring you that testing clearly indicates that all drinking water near Red Hill continues to be safe,” Fuller said. “Additionally, independent testing indicates that neighboring drinking water used by the Honolulu Board of Water Supply (BWS) also remains safe to drink and continues to meet all federal and state safe drinking water standards.”

“The Navy and Defense Logistics Agency (DLA) continue our Red Hill facility inspections and modernization upgrades to further protect drinking water and minimize the risk of future releases,” Fuller said.

“We prepared documents that Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) recently posted to their website: [http://www.epa.gov/red-](http://www.epa.gov/red-hill/)



U.S. Navy photo by MC2 Laurie Dexter

Rear Adm. John Fuller, commander of Navy Region Hawaii and Naval Surface Group, Middle Pacific, briefs members of the Honolulu Board of Water Supply, Moanalua Valley Community Association, and Pearl City Neighborhood Board No. 21 during a visit to one of the fuel tanks, Sept. 15, 2015, at the Red Hill Underground Fuel Storage Facility near Pearl Harbor.

hill/. This website contains a summary of meeting discussions, outlines, and reports by the Navy and the DLA for the EPA and the State of Hawaii Department of Health (DOH).”

The EPA and DOH held a series of meetings last month.

“As part of the Administrative Order on Consent (AOC) agreement, we participated with DLA, DOH and EPA in three days of meetings: May 10-12 at the DOH offices,” Fuller said.

“Subject matter experts from the University of Hawaii, BWS with their consultants, State Department of Land and Natural Resources (DLNR), and United States Geological Survey also attended. During this same week the EPA also invited their consultants who will help with future Red Hill facility inspections. EPA’s consultants reported that the facility meets or exceeds

all current industry standards for the storage and management of bulk fuel, and these experts found no immediate deficiencies requiring correction.”

Fuller said, “During the May meetings all attendees gave considerable attention to the topic of groundwater monitoring. As you may recall, the Navy installed two additional monitoring wells in the Red Hill area in October 2014, bringing the number of active monitoring wells to 10 total sampling locations. We will install four additional monitoring wells 2016-2017 for a new total of 14 monitoring points around the facility. The regulatory agencies are now reviewing the work plan for the January 2014 fuel release investigation and potential remediation, and separately, the groundwater flow evaluation. The agencies are also evaluating comments by the BWS and their consultants.”

“We continue to meet our commitments outlined in the AOC including tank inspection, repair and maintenance procedures, and the tank upgrade alternative reports. In early April the Navy and DLA submitted to EPA and DOH the first reports on the current release detection and tank tightness testing section as well as the current corrosion and metal fatigue practices section.”

Both of these reports are pending approval from the regulatory agencies, which also received comments and input from BWS.

“We continued upgrading the facility’s fire suppression, ventilation, and oil-tight door systems during the last few months,” Fuller said. “We also completed inspections and conducted maintenance upgrades to main pipelines to prevent potential leaks. We continue warranty repairs on Tank 5 and plan

to put that tank back into service only after it is ready; we are targeting year’s end.”

The Navy and DLA remain committed to securing the funding necessary to fulfill obligations under the AOC as dictated by the regulatory agencies, according to Fuller.

“We will continue to submit water test results to DOH and will promptly inform DOH, EPA and the public if there is ever any risk to our drinking water,” Fuller said.

Beginning June 30 and through July, the Navy will host the Rim of the Pacific exercise. Twenty-seven nations will participate in and around Hawaii, and RIMPAC 2016 is expected to bring tens of millions of dollars into the state.

“Most importantly, this cooperation-building exercise, designed to strengthen peace, sta-

bility and understanding here in the Pacific further underscores the strategic importance the Red Hill Facility continues to play in meeting our national and international defense obligations,” Fuller said.

Fuller concluded his letter reiterating the Navy’s commitment to “safeguarding our national interests, and ensuring the free flow of commerce so vital to us in Hawaii” while ensuring the drinking water remains safe.

“I am firmly committed to protect the drinking water in and around the Red Hill Facility; we will work collaboratively with the regulators under the AOC, and to continue keeping you informed along the way,” Fuller said.

Previous stakeholder letters are available at <http://www.cnic.navy.mil/redhill/> or <http://www.epa.gov/region9/waste/ust/red-hill/index.html/>.

Team Navy breaks records at Warrior Games competition

**Shannon Leonard and
Robin Hillyer-Miles**

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WEST POINT, N.Y.—The first full day of competition of the Department of Defense (DoD) Warrior Games began June 16 with track and field competitions at the U.S. Military Academy’s Shea Stadium in West Point, New York.

Track consists of racing chair and standing categories at various distances. Field events include standing and seated shot put and discus.

In his first race in the hand-cycling racing chair category, retired Fire Controlman 3rd Class Jason Reyes broke the games’s 200-meter record.

“Breaking the 200-meter record was amazing. I feel privileged to be here and being in the books just makes me feel more proud,” Reyes said.

“Navy Wounded Warrior — Safe Harbor is always there to help me progress and motivate me to do better,” he said.

Another first-time competitor in the DoD Warrior Games, Musician 3rd Class Abbie Johnson, won gold in the 100-meter dash



U.S. Navy photo by MC1 Kiona Miller

Team Navy enters Shea Stadium at the U.S. Military Academy located in West Point, New York as part of the 2016 Department of Defense Warrior Games Opening Ceremony, June 15.

and competed in four other races. Johnson is with Navy Wounded Warrior — Safe Harbor Pearl Harbor.

“The 800-meter was a great race and learning experience. The other girls gave me a lot to push for and I gave it my all. I am just really happy to be here,” Johnson said.

Team Navy brought home 14 gold, 12 silver and eight bronze

track and field medals.

The second day of competition began with archery in the Gillis Field House. Archery is composed of individual and team compound and recurve bow categories.

Team Navy athletes, retired Hospital Corpsman 2nd Class Roel Espino and retired Machinist’s Mate 2nd Class Christopher Lowe, competed in the individual compound competition. Both qual-

ified for round one and round two, and then battled head-to-head for the bronze medal. Espino, who formerly worked at Naval Health Clinic Hawaii, pulled out the win.

Navy wounded warrior athletes excelled at shooting events during the fourth day of competition, at the Department of Defense Warrior Games, June 19.

Shooting events involve competitors using air pistols and air rifles to fire a series of shots at a stationary, electric target. Shooting categories include air pistol, air rifle (standing) and air rifle (prone), all at a distance of 10 meters.

Senior Chief Culinary Specialist Maria Torres, formerly of Navy Food Management Team Pearl Harbor, competed in the air rifle prone division.

“I won the bronze medal today and it was really exciting!” Torres said. “I was not expecting to [receive a] medal. We have an awesome team of Navy shooters and I just feel very blessed to have this opportunity.”

Torres was diagnosed with breast cancer in 2009, and in 2014 she was diagnosed with metastatic breast cancer in the bones. She shared feelings regarding her involvement with the Navy Wounded Warrior — Safe

Harbor (NWW) adaptive sports program.

“Adaptive sports has kept my mind away from feeling sorry for myself and has given me a sense of accomplishment,” Torres said. “It has also helped me realize that there are still many things that are possible even in my current physical condition.”

Team Navy had a strong showing in the shooting competition, winning three gold and three bronze medals.

The Warrior Games were held June 15-22. Approximately 250 wounded warrior athletes participated in the competition.

Navy Wounded Warrior — Safe Harbor (NWW), which sponsors Team Navy, is the Navy and Coast Guard’s wounded warrior support program. Team members have upper-body and/or lower-body injuries, spinal cord injuries, traumatic brain injuries, visual impairments, serious illnesses and post-traumatic stress.

For the latest updates about the DoD Warrior Games, visit <http://warriorgames.dodlive.mil> and follow NWW on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram. Visit <http://www.safeharbor.navylive.dodlive.mil> or call 855-628-9997 to learn more about NWW and adaptive sports.

Pacific Angel 16-2 ends with closing ceremony in Cambodia

Capt. Susan Harrington

Pacific Air Forces Public Affairs

KAMPOT PROVINCE, Cambodia — Pacific Angel 16-2 to Kampot Province, Cambodia, came to an official end June 20 during a closing ceremony at Wat Seung Primary School, one of the sites renovated by multinational civil engineers during the humanitarian mission.

The joint and combined humanitarian assistance/civil military operation mission, led by the U.S. Air Force, is designed to build partner capacity through health services outreach, engineering civic projects and subject matter exchanges.

The ceremony featured the U.S. Ambassador to Cambodia, a flag officer from the United States, and provincial officials.

“Pacific Angel events are a cornerstone of Pacific Air Force’s relief efforts,” Maj. Gen. Michael Compton, Air

National Guard assistant to the commander, Pacific Air Forces said. “Not only does Pacific Angel allow us to help people in need, but it also helps us improve our interoperability with like-minded military and civilian medical and engineering professionals in Cambodia and with our multinational partners in the region.”

Throughout the course of the week doctors, dentists, and pharmacists from the U.S., Cambodia, Australia, Vietnam and Thai militaries and two non-governmental organizations, along with 65 volunteers from the provincial hospital and local villages, saw more than 3,400 patients at two different sites. Together they provided general health, dental, optometry, pediatrics, and physical therapy services. Multinational civil engineers spent approximately 2,100 man-hours working on restoration projects for four local schools and two medical facilities, impacting the lives of



U.S. Air Force photo by Senior Airman Omari Bernard

U.S. Air Force Maj. General Michael Compton, Air National Guard assistant to the commander, Pacific Air Forces, Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, congratulates the Pacific Angel 16-2 Team, June 20, in Kampot Province, Cambodia.

more than 1,000 individuals daily.

“Pacific Angel demonstrates very clearly what capable militaries can offer to the societ-

ies that they serve,” William Heidt, the U.S. ambassador to Cambodia said. “They can provide a trained and capable force, ready to provide basic

humanitarian services wherever needed, particularly in cases of emergencies or natural disasters.

During his speech the Ambassador emphasized dual purpose and benefit of the Pacific Angel mission, both enhancing participating nation’s humanitarian assistance and disaster relief capabilities, but at the same time providing needed humanitarian aid.

“Thanks to training conducted during Pacific Angel, the Cambodian and international team members here today are ready to establish operations wherever the next emergency strikes,” Heidt said. “This event prepared all of our countries for more unified international responses to disaster and humanitarian crises.

Events and engagements such as Pacific Angel are critical to advancing each military’s ability to operate together while preserving peace and stability in the region.

Diverse VIEWS



Share a tip to help someone in the military who is going through a permanent change of station (PCS)



Maj. Marc Aurilio
HQ PACAF

“Don’t wait to make appointments, especially during the busy season.”

PS3 Romyben Gervacio
Personnel Services Detachment Pearl Harbor



“A tip I think people could benefit from is to read your orders in its entirety. This is because sometimes you can miss vital information on your orders, which will only slow down the process and cause frustration.”



Master Sgt. Allen Cubarrubias
15th Maintenance Squadron

“Ensure all important documents, (passports, vehicle titles, birth certificates, etc.) are not accidentally packed by TMO.”

PSSN Stephanie Rojas
Personnel Services Detachment Pearl Harbor



“I would recommend making a list of tasks you need to complete heading into your PCS, because it will help put things into perspective and make it easier for you to remember what you need to complete.”



Staff Sgt. Austin Kinsey
690th Cyberspace Operations Squadron

“Start researching the area to find a good place to live. Some locations have more options than others. Get a sponsor early and talk to them often to make the move easier.”

PS3 Shiquez Russell
Personnel Services Detachment Pearl Harbor



“A tip I would say is important for those stationed here is to make sure you submit your request for TLA before you leave the island. It makes the process extremely difficult if you fail to do so.”



Master Sgt. Amanda Lovelady
613th Air and Space Operations Center

“Make sure you save copies of all PCS related documents. You never know when you may need them again.”

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

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Luapele, Whitmore Gate closure to begin July 18

Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam Public Affairs

From 4 a.m., July 18 through 11 p.m., Nov. 1, both the Luapele Gate and Whitmore Gate will be closed for installation of automated vehicle gate systems. Traffic for Luapele Gate will be directed to use Borchers Gate, and traffic for Whitmore Gate will be directed to use the Saipan Gate for inbound and outbound traffic. Expect delays at alternate gates due to increased traffic flow. All personnel are required to obey traffic control directions. More details to follow in next week's edition of Ho'okele.

Commentary

Commentary: How are you living your dash?

Maj. Dorrinda Mazza

15th Comptroller Squadron



Maj. Dorrinda Mazza duty assignments are all summed up with one little symbol, a dash. This little dash represents all we've accomplished on this earth, in the Air Force or at a duty assignment. Yet, who really cherishes the worth of that dash? Maybe it will be family and friends after we've departed. Maybe it will be co-workers and wingmen after we've separated, retired or PCS'd. If you are reading this,

you are still living your dash. So, I contend that we should also cherish this little dash. Pause, be mindful in this present moment, and take a look at how we are living our dash before our end date arrives. If you are like me, living a busy life, in my case as an Airman, a wife, a mother, a daughter, a sister and a friend, simply finding time to reflect on life can be challenging. The hustle and bustle of days seems to turn days into weeks, weeks into months and months into years. And before you know it, years have passed. So I challenge you right now. Take some time to reflect. Are you pursuing your dreams? Are you on a path to achieve your goals? Are you living as the person you want to be remembered for? To honestly answer those questions, survey your life's priorities. Define your values, passions and

purpose in life. Values define the foundation of who you are, what you stand for, and what's important in your life. Passion is that desire to participate in activities that you love to do. It could be your occupation, your hobby or both. Purpose is what you were meant to do, whether that takes on spiritual or philosophical meaning. Once defined, figure out if you are truly living in union with your values, passions and purpose. If you are not, what changes can you make? What steps can you take today to help you reach your dreams, achieve your goals, and live as the person you want to be remembered for? And so, it all goes back to that little dash. Such a small symbol represents our life, years in the Air Force and time spent at our duty assignments. How are you living your dash?

RIMPAC 2016 exercise to commence

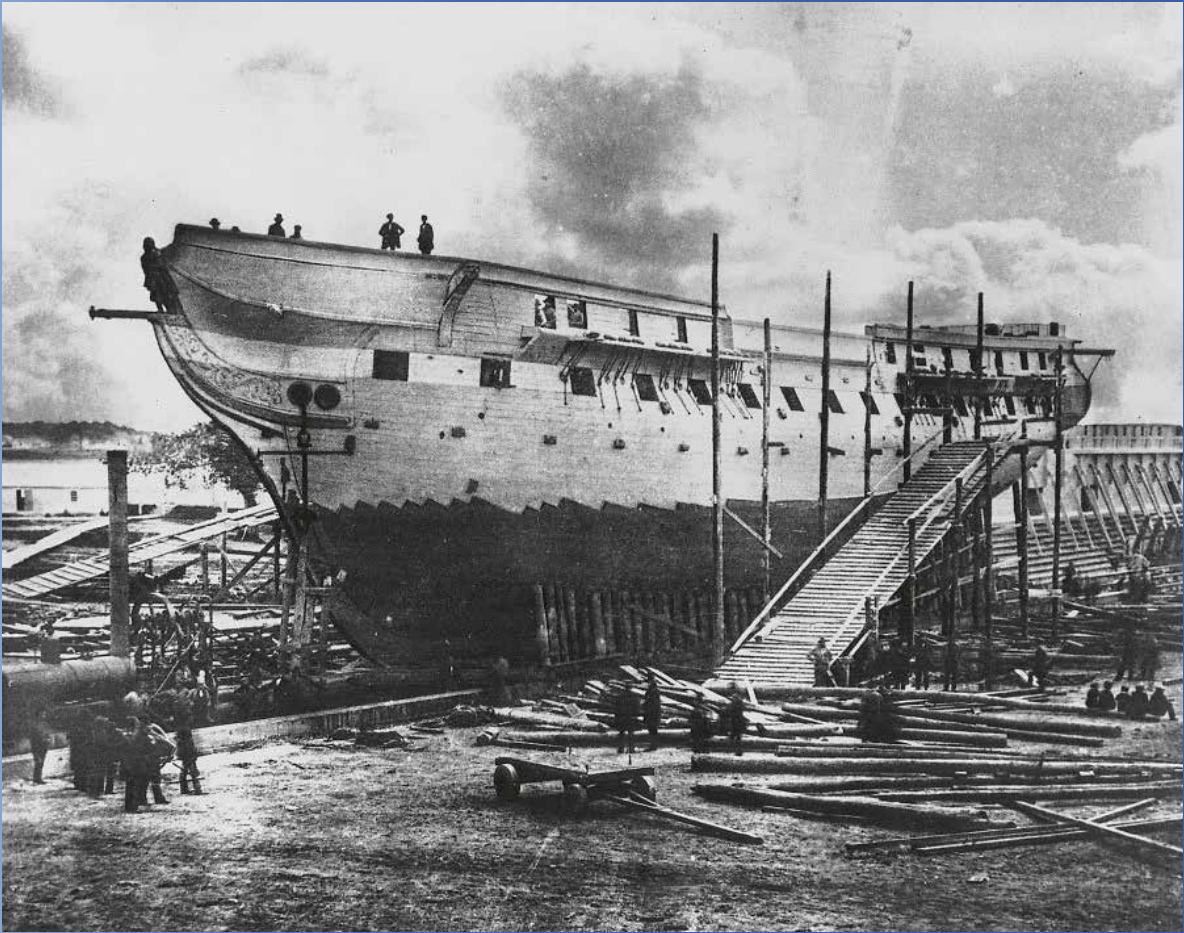
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will be led by Royal New Zealand Navy Commodore James Gilmour. The world's largest international maritime exercise, RIMPAC, provides a unique training opportunity that helps participants foster and sustain cooperative relationships that are critical to ensuring the safety of sea lanes and security on the world's oceans. RIMPAC 2016 is the 25th exercise in the series that began in 1971. The theme of RIMPAC 2016 is "Capable, Adaptive, Partners." The participating nations and forces will exercise a wide range of capabilities and demonstrate the inherent flexibility of maritime forces. These capabilities range from disaster relief and maritime security operations to sea control and complex warfighting. The relevant, realistic

training program includes amphibious operations, gunnery, missile, anti-submarine and air defense exercises, as well as counter-piracy, mine clearance operations, explosive ordnance disposal and diving and salvage operations. This year's exercise includes forces from Australia, Brunei, Canada, Chile, Colombia, Denmark, France, Germany, India, Indonesia, Italy, Japan, Malaysia, Mexico, Netherlands, New Zealand, Norway, People's Republic of China, Peru, the Republic of Korea, the Republic of the Philippines, Singapore, Thailand, Tonga, the United Kingdom and the United States. This is the first time that Denmark, Germany, and Italy are participating in RIMPAC. Additional firsts will involve flexing the command and control structure for various at sea events and incorporating a submarine

rescue exercise. This year will see amphibious operations in the Southern California operating area, feature a harpoon missile shoot from a U.S. Navy littoral combat ship and highlight fleet innovation during the Trident Warrior experimentation series. The Department of the Navy's Great Green Fleet yearlong initiative will also play a major role in RIMPAC. The initiative highlights global operations using energy conservation measures and alternative fuel blends to demonstrate how optimizing energy use increases resiliency and operational readiness. During RIMPAC, almost all participating units will operate using an approved alternate-fuel blend. Details of RIMPAC activities and imagery are available at <http://www.cpf.navy.mil/rimpac>. Much more about RIMPAC will be in next week's issue of Ho'okele.

‘Old Ironsides’ readies for restoration



Naval History and Heritage Command photo

On June 24, 1833, which was 183 years ago today, the USS Constitution entered dry dock at Charlestown Navy Yard in Boston for overhaul. The ship was saved from scrapping after public support rallied to save the ship following the publication of Oliver Wendell Holmes' poem "Old Ironsides." The ship is shown here later, during USS Constitution's 1850s restoration at the Portsmouth Naval Shipyard, Kittery, Maine. The restoration not only refurbished the ship as needed, but altered it from a warship to a sailing training vessel for the young U.S. Naval Academy. This photograph of Constitution is the first taken of it. Note how the hull looms over the people on the pier next to it.

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U.S. Pacific Fleet commander visits Republic of Korea

**U.S. Naval Forces
Korea Public Affairs**

BUSAN, Republic of Korea—Commander, U.S. Pacific Fleet visited South Korea June 15-18, to meet with senior U.S. and Republic of Korea (ROK) leaders, and express his support for Sailors and the U.S. Navy mission in Korea.

During his visit, Adm. Scott H. Swift met with U.S. Army Gen. Vincent K. Brooks, commander, U.S. Forces Korea; ROK Army Gen. Kim Hyun-Jip, deputy commander, Combined Forces Command; and Adm. Jung Ho-sub, ROK chief of naval operations.

Swift also met with Vice Adm. Um Hyun Sung, ROK vice chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff; retired Adm. Park In-Yong, director, ROK National Safety Commission; and Dr. Hwang In Moo, vice minister of ROK National Defense.

“It has been a whirlwind visit with a lot of events,” Swift said, “but it is important that our [U.S. and ROK] relationship remains strong. Candid conversation among friends is critical to any good relationship, and I am confident that our bond is tighter now than it has ever been.”

During his visit, Swift also



U.S. Navy photo by MC3 Jermaine M. Ralliford

Adm. Scott H. Swift, the commander of U.S. Pacific Fleet, speaks to Sailors during an all-hands call at Commander, U.S. Fleet Activities Chinhae, June 17.

met with Sailors in Seoul, Chinhae, and Busan—the new home for the U.S. Navy in Korea — where he toured Commander, U.S. Naval Forces Korea headquarters.

“I think it is important that

you are here in Busan because now you are much closer to the ROK fleet” Swift said. “Both navies work so much with one another throughout the year that it just makes sense for you to be here. I think this move only

strengthens the alliance.”

Swift had another opportunity to meet and speak with Sailors during a lunch and all-hands call at Commander, Fleet Activities Chinhae (CFAC), the only U.S. Navy installation in

the ROK.

After being introduced by Cmdr. Terry McNamara, CFAC’s commanding officer, Swift spoke about the importance of the Navy mission in Korea, thanked the Sailors and civilians present for their service, and emphasized his philosophy of “People First, Mission Always.”

“When I was a junior officer I always heard that people were our most valuable asset, but then I would see and hear things that were contrary to that,” Swift said.

“Even today, when we say ‘Mission First, Sailors Always’ we are putting our people second, so I say ‘People First’ because if we don’t take care of our people [Sailors and civilians alike], then we will not be able to accomplish any mission. If we do care for our people, like most leaders today are doing, then the mission will take care of itself.”

After the meeting, Swift traveled to the ROK Naval Academy where he spoke to more than 140 midshipmen and spoke on topics ranging from bilateral exercises, deterring North Korea, and offered his opinion on how to be a successful naval leader.

This visit was the second time Swift visited Korea since assuming command of U.S. Pacific Fleet.

Sailor awarded Australia’s Conspicuous Service Cross

**Story and photo by
MC2 Tamara Vaughn**

U.S. Pacific Fleet Public Affairs

U.S. Pacific Fleet headquarters at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam was notified that one of its Sailors was awarded the Conspicuous Service Cross, June 13.

The Sailor, Royal Australian Navy Capt. David Peter Mann, assigned to U.S. Pacific Fleet as the Australia exchange officer, earned a place on the “Queen’s Birthday 2016 Honours List.”

“When I was informed of the news that Capt. Dave Mann had earned this prestigious award I was absolutely delighted; however, I was not surprised as he is a superior officer and great representative of the Royal Australian Navy,” William Wesley, executive director of Plans and Policy, said. “He has worked on our staff now for the past year and epitomizes the tremendous bond that we enjoy on a daily basis between our navies. Our staff has benefited daily from his superb experiences, exceptional expertise and unique perspective that he provides us on the Indo-Asia Pacific region.”

Mann was awarded the cross for his support and outstanding devotion to duty as Director Navy Capability Needs and Analysis, Navy Strategic Command, in support of force design and development in operations from Jan. 2013 to Dec. 2015.

“I was incredibly shocked,” Mann said. You don’t normally go to work to get a medal. It was an honor to get that level of an award for my last two years of work that I was doing in Australia. I was just gobsmacked.”

Mann worked in a unique position as a military analyst reviewing high profile projects for the Royal Australian Navy in future requirements, infrastructure and planning. He and his team developed policy for regional strategy, strategic, functional and operational planning.



Royal Australian Navy Capt. David Peter Mann, assigned to U.S. Pacific Fleet as the Australia exchange officer.

The Conspicuous Service Cross was introduced Oct. 18, 1989, and recognizes a diverse range of contributions and service; the award list is put out twice a year during Australia Day in Jan. and the Queen’s Birthday in June. The award recognizes those who have shown outstanding devotion to duty, or achievement in the application of exceptional skills, judgment and dedication, in non-warlike situations.

According to Mann, the award was extra special because it was awarded not only to him but to those who have helped him achieve his goals.

“During my posting I had the fortune and pleasure of working with a small professional team looking beyond the horizon whilst remaining focused on the people that matter the most,” Mann said. “I would not have been able to apply myself to the job without the support and sacrifice of my wife, Nicole, who juggled family commitments and her own Navy career at the same time. I am proud to have my work recognized in the Queen Birthday Honors and I hope my efforts assure the future capability of our world class Navy.”

SUBRON 7 changes leadership

**Story and photo by
MC2 Michael H. Lee**

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The commanding officer of Submarine Squadron (SUBRON) 7 passed on his duties during a change of command and retirement ceremony at the submarine piers of Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, June 16.

Capt. Craig R. Blakely, commanding officer of SUBRON 7, was relieved by Capt. Robert A. Roncska, who recently served as the prospective commanding officer instructor for Commander, Submarine Force, U.S. Pacific Fleet and deputy director of submarine/nuclear power distribution control division (PERS-42) at Naval Personnel Command in Millington, Tennessee.

The ceremony’s guest speaker, Rear Adm. Fritz Roegge, commander, Sub-

marine Force, U.S. Pacific Fleet, praised Blakely for his leadership on the waterfront and significant contributions to the Navy.

“The submarine force retains the unique ability to go undetected anywhere in the world and to hold at risk the things that potential adversaries hold most dear,” Roegge said. “Our submarines here in Pearl Harbor, under Commodore Craig Blakely’s charge, are able to do this because they are the world’s most capable submarines, and they are operated by the world’s most capable crews.”

Submarine squadron commanding officers are known by the honorary title of commodore.

“The staff of SUBRON 7 is the most professional, team-oriented group I have ever met,” Blakely said. “Two years ago, I asked them to help the ships and to help train the sailors. I could not be happier with

how they owned the mantra of, ‘We work for the boats, not the other way around.’”

Roegge also commended Blakely for his years of faithful service.

“We honor Craig not only for his superb leadership of SUBRON 7, but we also celebrate a 28-year career of excellence and service,” Roegge said.

Blakely, who calls Reno, Nevada, home, was awarded the Legion of Merit during the ceremony for his command of SUBRON 7, serving from May 2014 to June 2016.

As Roncska assumed command he commended the staff at SUBRON 7 for their professionalism.

“To the staff of SUBRON 7, I stand before you humbled and in awe of your operational and tactical expertise,” Roncska said. “I am honored to join the SUBRON 7 team and I feel privileged to be your commander.”



Capt. Craig R. Blakely and wife, Joni, are piped ashore during the Submarine Squadron (SUBRON) 7 change-of-command and retirement ceremony.

Pearl Harbor-Hickam Highlights



DoD photo by Tech. Sgt. Kathrine Dodd, U.S. Air Force

A detail of Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency (DPAA) personnel carry cases containing possible remains of unidentified Service members during a dignified transfer ceremony at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, June 16. The remains were repatriated from Laos by DPAA recovery teams and will be examined by forensic anthropologists and forensic odontologists at DPAA's skeletal identification laboratory.



U.S. Navy photo by MC2 Class Ryan J. Batchelder

(Above) The guided-missile destroyer USS Chung-Hoon (DDG 93), left, and the Indian Navy Shivalik-class stealth multi-role frigate INS Sahyadri (F49) maneuver while conducting a search-and-rescue exercise June 15 during Exercise Malabar 2016.



U.S. Air Force photo by Capt. Susan Harrington

U.S. Air Force Tech. Sgt. Robert Redmond welds a bathroom door at Ang Chum Trapaing Chhuk Junior High School in Kampot Province, Cambodia, while Staff Sgt. Aaron Weathers keeps the door steady during Pacific Angel 16-2, June 12.



U.S. Navy photo by MC1 Marcus L. Stanley

Sonar Technician (Surface) 2nd Class Christopher Arnold coils line as the guided-missile destroyer USS Chung-Hoon (DDG 93) conducts replenishment-at-sea, June 15.



U.S. Navy photo by MC3 Jermaine M. Ralliford

Master-at-Arms Seaman Apprentice Elysia Clark, assigned to Commander, Fleet Activities Chinhae takes a selfie with Adm. Scott H. Swift, the commander of U.S. Pacific Fleet, during his visit to CFAC, June 17.



U.S. Navy photo by MC3 Jake Greenberg

The Nimitz-class aircraft carriers USS John C. Stennis (CVN 74), center, and USS Ronald Reagan (CVN 76) conduct dual aircraft carrier strike group operations June 18 in the U.S. 7th Fleet area of operations in support of security and stability in the Indo-Asia-Pacific.

Two carrier strike groups double down in western Pacific Ocean

Commander, Task Force 70 Public Affairs

PHILIPPINE SEA—The USS John C. Stennis (CVN 74) and USS Ronald Reagan (CVN 76) strike groups commenced dual carrier flight operations in the Philippine Sea June 18. USS Chung-Hoon (DDG 93), homeported at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, is one of the ships in the groups.

The ships and aircraft assigned to both strike groups began coordinated operations in international waters demonstrating the United States unique capability to operate multiple carrier strike groups in close proximity.

While at sea, the strike groups conducted air defense drills, sea surveillance, replenishments at sea, defensive air combat training, long range strikes, coordinated maneuvers and other exercises.

“This is a great opportunity for us to train in a high end scenario,” Rear Adm. John D. Alexander commander, Battle Force 7th Fleet and commander of Carrier Strike Group (CSG) 5, said. “We must take advantage of these opportunities to practice warfighting techniques that are required to prevail in modern naval operations.”

As a Pacific nation and a Pacific leader, the United States has a national interest in maintaining security and prosperity, peaceful resolution of disputes, unimpeded lawful commerce, and adherence to freedom of navigation and overflight throughout the shared domains of the Indo-Asia-Pacific. For more than 70 years, the U.S. Navy has been a persistent and stabilizing presence conducting operations throughout the region on a daily basis.

“Rear Adm. Alexander and I first flew together as a crew in an A-6 carrier-based aircraft in July 1988,” Rear Adm. Marcus A. Hitchcock, commander of CSG 3 said. “Today, we continue that long history as our two Carrier Strike Groups maneuver together in the Philippine Sea. No other Navy can concentrate this much combat power on one sea or synchronize the activities of over 12,000 Sailors, 140 aircraft, six combatants and two carriers. It was truly impressive, and it is an important operational capability.”

U.S. Navy aircraft carriers have conducted dual carrier strike group operations in the western Pacific including the South China Sea, East China Sea and Philippine Sea for several years. These operations typically occur when strike groups deployed to the 7th Fleet area of operations from the West Coast of the United States are joined with the forward deployed carrier strike group from Japan.

In Sept. 2014, USS George Washington (CVN 73) and USS Carl Vinson (CVN 70) strike groups

conducted combined operations in the western Pacific and in Sept. 2012 they operated in the South China Sea and East China Sea. In 2009, George Washington and USS Nimitz (CVN 68) operated together in the western Pacific, and in 2001, USS Constellation (CV 64) and Carl Vinson operated together in the South China Sea.

“Working with Rear Adm. Hitchcock and Carrier Strike Group Three, during their deployment to the Indo-Asia-Pacific region, has been a great opportunity for us to train on how we would operate multiple carrier strike groups in a contested environment,” Alexander said. “The U.S. Navy has flown, sailed and operated throughout the western Pacific in accordance with international law for decades, and will continue to do so.”

CSG 3 consists of the aircraft carrier USS John C. Stennis (CVN 74),

guided-missile cruiser USS Mobile Bay (CG 53) and guided-missile destroyers of Destroyer Squadron (DESRON) 21, USS Stockdale (DDG 106), USS Chung-Hoon (DDG 93) and USS William P. Lawrence (DDG 110), and the aircraft of Carrier Air Wing (CVW) 9. CSG 3 began operating in the western Pacific Feb. 4.

CSG 5 consisting of the aircraft carrier USS Ronald Reagan (CVN 76), guided-missile cruisers USS Shiloh (CG 67) and USS Chancellorsville (CG 62) and guided-missile destroyers from Destroyer Squadron (DESRON) 15, USS Curtis Wilbur (DDG 54), USS McCampbell (DDG 85), USS Benfold (DDG 65), and the aircraft of Carrier Air Wing (CVW) 5, is forward-deployed to Yokosuka, Japan and routinely, patrols the western Pacific. CSG 5 commenced its summer patrol of the Indo-Asia Pacific, June 4.

USS Bremerton welcomed home

Story and photo by MC2 Michael Lee

Commander, Submarine Forces Pacific

Friends and family members gathered pier-side to cheer the return of the Los Angeles-class fast-attack submarine USS Bremerton (SSN 698) following the successful completion of its six-month western Pacific deployment at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, June 15.

Cmdr. Wes Bringham, hailing from Dallas and Bremerton’s commanding officer, praised his crew for their outstanding performance and determination throughout the deployment.

“A large focus of this deployment has been individual development and building ‘bench depth’ in the crew,” Bringham said. “We have been wildly successful at this, in large part due to the drive and motivation that each sailor has had to excel.”

Thirteen sailors advanced in rank, and 19 earned their submarine warfare qualifications,

which allows them to wear the submarine warfare insignia and shows others they have mastered overall submarine warfare knowledge.

“Bremerton has completed 15 western Pacific deployments throughout her 35 years of service,” Bringham said. As the oldest commissioned Los Angeles-class submarine, it proved its fighting spirit while it steamed more than 30,000 nautical miles to complete its missions.

“It all starts with having the proper mindset. From a new Sailor’s first day aboard, they are taught that our boat isn’t ‘old’, it’s a ‘classic’ and classics take work to restore and maintain,” said Bremerton’s chief of the boat Master Chief Fire Controlman Wade Jacobson, from Alum Bank, Pennsylvania.

“One of the highlights of the deployment was participating in two bilateral exercises with the Republic of Korean Navy, exercises Foal Eagle and Ship Anti-Submarine Warfare Readiness and Evaluation Measurement (SHAREM),

to further ties with the U.S. Pacific ally,” Bringham said.

“My crew got a lot out of the interactions with our close ally, and we learned a lot about operations in the constrained waters near the Korean Peninsula,” Bringham said.

“Our participation in these exercises contributed to the interoperability and combined warfighting capability between our two countries.”

While building relationships in the Pacific, Bremerton conducted port-call visits to Guam, Japan, Republic of Korea, and Singapore.

“We pulled into ports of countries I would have never dreamt to visit and experience their rich cultures,” said Machinist’s Mate 1st Class Albert I. Rice, from Grandview, Texas.

“From Buddhist temples in South Korea, to centuries-old castles in Japan, and to gazing upon the city of Singapore, this deployment certainly offered experiences that will have a lasting impact on my life.”



Cmdr. Wes Bringham, commanding officer of the Los Angeles-class fast-attack submarine USS Bremerton (SSN 698), addresses the crew during an all-hands call pierside at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, June 15.

Memorial service held for victims of Orlando mass shooting

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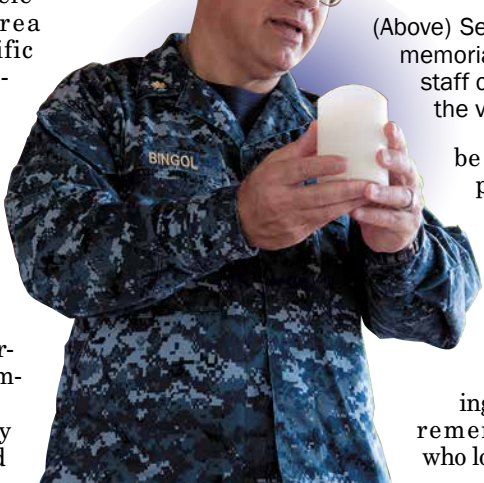
A Memorial service honoring the victims of the June 12, Pulse nightclub shooting was held at the Anuenue Chief Petty Officers Club, located on the Naval Computer and Telecommunications Area Master Station, Pacific (NCTAMS PAC) military base in Wahiawa, June 16.

The ceremony was attended by active duty service members and civilians, and was presided over by Lt. Cmdr. Tom Bingol, the staff chaplain for Navy Information Operations Command, Hawaii.

“The opportunity to stand together and



(Above) Service members bow their heads in prayer during a moment of silence at a memorial service for the mass shooting in Orlando. (Left) Lt. Cmdr. Tom Bingol, the staff chaplain for Navy Information Operations Command, Hawaii, says a prayer for the victims of the mass shooting in Orlando.



be in each other’s presence during difficult times such as these is truly an honor,” Bingol said. “What matters most here this morning is honoring and remembering those who lost their lives in a

tragic event this past Sunday.”

During the ceremony, service members read prepared remarks and testimonials in honor of the victims. Cmdr. Jenna Hausvik read a statement from Adm. Michael Rogers, the director of the National Security Agency.

“The killing of innocent

people during the attack in Orlando this past weekend was an attack on our values as a nation,” Hausvik said on behalf of Rogers. “With heavy hearts, we continue to work with our partners across the intelligence community as we strive to prevent future attacks of this nature from happening on American soil.”

After the readings, the names of the 49 victims of the attack who lost their lives were read aloud as a ceremonial bell was tolled in their honor, followed by a moment of silence.

“It’s important that communities come together to honor and grieve for instances like the attacks in Orlando,” attendee Jonathan Caplan said. “No matter where in this great country of ours you live, you feel the impact and the sorrow of something like this, and just coming together to honor and remember the victims is an important part of the healing process.”

The June 12 attack in Orlando claimed the lives of 50 people, including the gunman, and injured 53 others. It was the deadliest mass shooting by a single gunman in U.S. history, and the deadliest terrorist attack in the U.S. since the Sept. 11, 2001 attacks.

Hawaii’s moving industry challenged by personnel shortages, ‘smooth moves’ affected

NAVSUP Fleet Logistics Center Pearl Harbor Public Affairs

For the first time in recent memory, Hawaii’s moving industry is overwhelmed with more work than they can accommodate this summer, which means the quest for a routine “smooth move” is potentially in jeopardy.

The state’s booming construction industry, to include work on Oahu’s first light rail, has diverted a significant portion of the normal moving company labor pool. Nearly every moving company on Oahu is experiencing problems hiring and retaining personnel this year.

We understand PCSing is a stressful event for most families,

and we are doing everything we can to minimize disruption to your summer leave plans.

First, we ask that you please remain flexible with your desired Household Goods (HHG) pack-out and pick-up dates. We’re doing everything we can to accommodate requests, but need a minimum 30 business day lead time to properly set up your move. Unfortunately, many movers are cancelling shipments within days of the scheduled pack-out or pick-up due to unplanned personnel losses and their inability to find replacement labor.

Your Joint Personal Property Shipping Office (JPPSO) is making every effort to rebook cancelled shipments close to your original move date. We’ve had

some success, but expect the peak month of July to be especially challenging.

Please consider the following while making your HHG move plans:

- Members are advised to not submit the notice to vacate your residence prior to discussing dates with your local HHG office and if possible, prior to your shipment being accepted by a moving company.
- Be flexible and prepared for last-minute changes.
- If your Transportation Service Provider (TSP) can’t provide service on your requested dates, can you:
 - a) Be flexible with your pack-out or pick-up dates?
 - b) Wait and see if another TSP

will accept your shipment?

- Reach out to your Personnel office or assignments officer to re-issue orders based on a modified transfer date.
 - Appoint a releasing agent to act on your behalf if you must leave Hawaii before the next available pack-outdates
 - As a last resort, JPPSO-Hawaii can issue a non-availability letter so the member/employee can arrange a Personally Procured Move (PPM) based on their Service headquarters specific guidance. This will involve paying upfront costs out of pocket, which will be reimbursed when you complete your PCS travel claim.
- Personnel who received orders but have not yet submitted their HHG application via the Defense

Personal Property System (DPS) should do so immediately. Most TSPs are closed to booking new moves through July 12. Once the HHG application is submitted, it could take 30 days or longer to confirm pack out or pick up dates.

We appreciate your patience and flexibility as we work together through this unusually challenging PCS season.

Questions or concerns may be submitted via e-mail to householdgoods@navy.mil or call 1-855-HHG-MOVE (1-855-444-6683). HHG information is available on Facebook at: www.facebook.com/navyhhg; YouTube at: www.youtube.com/navyhhg; Twitter at www.twitter.com/navyhhg; and Pinterest at www.pinterest.com/navyhhg.

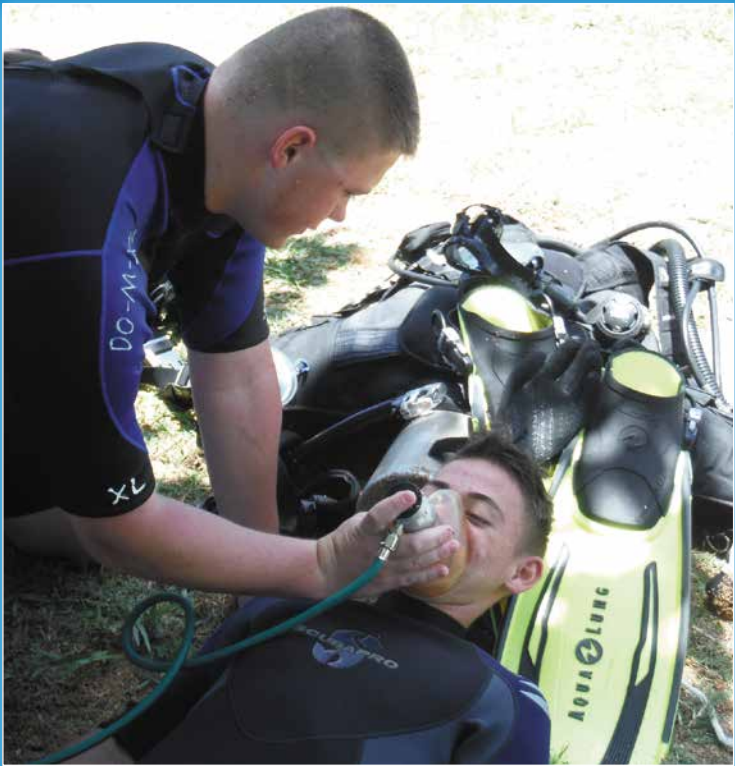
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Cadets earn advanced certifications

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Lt. Erik Booher

Six cadets from the U.S. Naval Sea Cadet Corps participated in advanced training from June 5 to 12. Working with Dive Oahu, the cadets earned the following certifications: advanced open water scuba diver, first aid/CPR, emergency oxygen provider and rescue scuba diver. Rear Adm. Patrick Piercey, director of maritime operations for Commander, U.S. Pacific Fleet, spoke at the graduation ceremony at the USS Utah Memorial on Ford Island, June 12.



Strong finish leads Cyber Predators to victory

**Story and photo
by Randy Dela Cruz**

Sports Editor, Ho’okele

The saying goes that it’s not how you start, but how you finish.

Nothing could be truer for the 37th Intelligence Squadron Cyber Predators in their intramural volleyball showdown against Pacific Command/Joint Intelligence Operation Center (PACOM/JIOC) on June 22 at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam Fitness Center.

Down by eight points early in the first set, Cyber Predators rebounded to make a game of it and eventually took down PACOM/JIOC in three sets, 24-25, 25-20 and 15-9 in a bat-

tle of evenly matched squads.

A slow start had Cyber Predators looking up at PACOM/JIOC, 23-15, but a comeback led by Senior Airman Ian Hunter at service produced a 23-23 tie before the team lost by a single point in the first set.

The next two sets went back and forth, but Hunter’s all-around solid play seemed to motivate his teammates to pull together and finish off PACOM/JIOC.

“In the beginning, we were pretty slow,” Hunter said. “At that point we just needed to find a groove. Right after that, everyone was just playing their normal game. I think, just coming in, there was a lot of nerves.”

In fact, both teams seemed to

be a bit tentative after the first few serves, but when PACOM/JIOC team captain Intelligence Specialist 3rd Class Hannah Copeland took over service, a deficit started to grow for the Cyber Predators.

After a side-out made it 11-9 in favor of PACOM/JIOC, Copeland stepped up to the back line and immediately served up back-to-back aces that led to a 14-9 lead.

PACOM/JIOC maintained their lead at 18-14 and then seemed to really control the battle when hitter Staff Sgt. Kyle Rachau extended the advantage even further with two service aces of his own.

PACOM/JIOC added two more points during Rachau’s service and saw their lead go up

by the largest margin of eight at 23-15.

While the lead seemed insurmountable with PACOM/JIOC needing only two points for the win, the Cyber Predators awoke from their slumber to battle until the end.

Hunter, whose three kills and strong play at the net kept Cyber Predators in the hunt, got the ball at service after a side-out and went wild from behind the back line.

Coming up with four aces, Hunter’s serves seemed to be the spark that ignited the Cyber Predators as the team answered with eight straight points to catch PACOM/JIOC at 23-23.

A hitting error by Copeland seemed to open the door for Cyber Predators to complete the

first-set comeback at 24-24, but instead, the team dropped the final point on a side-out.

In the second set, the lead switched hands seven times, with the final tie coming at 20-20.

A service error put the Cyber Predators ahead by a point and put the ball into the hands of Airman 1st Class Chris Cochran.

At service, Cochran rallied Cyber Predators to four straight points to win the set and send the match to a third and deciding set.

Once again, the third set followed the same back-and-forth pattern of the first two sets.

With the set tied at 9-9, Cyber Predators picked up the next three points, before Airman 1st Class T.J. Fussell came up a huge kill that may have signaled the end for PACOM/JIOC.

After a long rally, Fussell found an open spot in the front-court and spiked the ball down for a 13-9 lead and the momentum that broke PACOM/JIOC’s back.

Although PACOM/JIOC dropped a heartbreaker, Copeland said that she is still very hopeful of a strong season by her and her teammates.

She said that the team was missing two front players and once they come back, with more practice under its belt, the team should be ready to take off.

“I think it’s also communication, but definitely it all comes down to fundamentals,” she said. “I think we have a good base right now, but honestly, it’s just practicing more.”

Hunter also believes that good things are ahead for the Cyber Predators, but like PACOM/JIOC, he noted that it will take hard work and practice.

“A lot of the players are brand new,” he said. “We haven’t had a ton of practice, but every game, we’re just improving more and more. We can really take off if we get the basic fundamentals down.”



Cyber Predators hitter Senior Airman Ian Hunter goes up high for a kill in the first set.



Members of the PACOM/JIOC 2016 JBPHH softball champions smile with their hardware after defeating the 647th SFS in the title showdown.

PACOM/JIOC hoists softball championship trophy

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During the season the Pacific Command/Joint Intelligence Operation Center (PACOM/JIOC) softball squad played from behind, tied and with leads. In the end it usually didn't matter because their games almost always ended with a win.

On June 19, just like in the regular season, PACOM/JIOC fell behind, tied the score and eventually beat the 647th Security Forces Squadron (647 SFS) Pound Town, 8-7, to capture their first Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam intramural softball championship in the postseason finale at Millican Field.

PACOM/JIOC fell behind early in the top of the first inning, but battled back to take a 7-4 lead, before scoring one run in the bottom of the seventh inning to win the 2016 title.

Marine Staff Sgt. Mike Cox came up with two outs and bases loaded, before slicing an opposite-field, walk-off single for the game-winning hit.

"Rod (Dove) had been throwing to me outside all day," Cox said about his clutch hit. "He knows that I like to go back up the middle, but in this league, I can't. I got my outside pitch and I shifted my hips, sat on it and drove it to right."

The hit came at the right time with Pound Town itching

to get back into the batter's box after the team erased a three-run deficit by scoring three times in the top of the seventh.

Needing to rally or go home, Pound Town opened the top of the seventh with a leadoff single by Staff Sgt. Justin Klukan.

An infield error put men on first and second with Staff Sgt. Jose Lopez singling to drive in the first run of the inning.

Master-at-Arms 1st Class Dennis Lewis collected another single to drive in run number two, before Master-at-Arms 3rd Class Cameron Bowman tied the score at 7-7 with an RBI single.

Cox said that even though PACOM/JIOC blew the opportunity to close out the game, he was confident that, with three outs to go, the team would pull out the win.

"We've been doing this all year," he said. "We like to make it interesting. We had a blast."

While Cox may have struck for the biggest hit of the game, it wasn't the first time during the day that PACOM/JIOC was forced to come back.

In the first inning, Pound Town struck first with two runs that was kick-started by back-to-back triples from leadoff hitter Staff Sgt. Jordan Locke and Lopez.

Lewis then drove in Lopez with a single for an early 2-0 lead.

Back at the plate in the top of second, Eddie Silva, a Department of Defense civilian, led off with a double and eventually



Tech. Sgt. Joe Berube puts the tag on Senior Airman Keith Munson at home plate to prevent a score.

came home on an outfield error to make it 3-0.

Pound Town added another run on a sacrifice fly for a 4-0 lead, but in the bottom of the frame, PACOM/JIOC finally got their bats going and started off with a double by Cox and a

single by Mike Todd, a Department of Defense civilian, to put to men on with no outs.

Then PACOM/JIOC finally had the donut erased, when Information Systems Technician 2nd Class Chandler Ragland singled to drive in the team's

first run en route to a three-run rally.

PACOM/JIOC tied the score on a sacrifice fly in the bottom of the third and then, in the next inning, took their first lead on an RBI double off the bat of Tech. Sgt. Drew Dugway to make it 5-4.

The team added two more runs in the bottom of the fifth on doubles by Tech. Sgt. Brian Graff and Army Sgt. Schaune Collins to make it 7-4, which stayed that way until the final inning.

Although losing for the third time in the championship finale and second in back-to-back seasons, Pound Town, which has won two Joint Base softball titles, stood proud after rallying in the seventh inning.

Lopez said that the team was severely handicapped after lead-off hitter and shortstop Locke went down in the first inning after pulling a hamstring muscle on a routine ground ball.

"That was huge," said Lopez about losing Locke so early in the game. "He's our best hitter, but we made some mistakes as well. That didn't help us get the win, but I was glad we fought."

Todd complimented Pound Town for their hustle and effort, but in the end he said that getting PACOM/JIOC's first intramural championship was well worth the wait.

"This was very satisfying," he said. "This is what you play for. It's one thing to talk about it, but now we got the hardware to prove it."

Short-handed Cyber Koa too much for NHCH 1



Cyber Koa hitter Tech. Sgt. Chris Terrell goes for the kill.

**Story and photo
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Even though 690th Cyber-space Operations Squadron (690 COS) Cyber Koa started and finished their game versus Naval Health Clinic Hawaii (NHCH) 1 a player short of a full lineup, the team came to play and win in an intramural volleyball matchup of Blue Division squads on June 22 at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam Fitness Center.

Matching five against six, Cyber Koa won the first set, 25-15, dropped the second set, 24-25, but came back to wrap up set the third and deciding set, 15-12, to earn a well-deserved three-set victory.

Aided by the strong and accurate serving of Master Sgt. Ashley Swadley, Cyber Koa surprised NHCH 1 with a decisive win in set one, before holding on to record the upset.

Swadley made her presence known early in the first set, when she took over service with her team holding a slim three-point lead.

Up by a score of 5-2, Cyber Koa went on take a commanding 10-2 advantage under the direction of Swadley's pinpoint shots.

Swadley started her first two attempts from the back row

with back-to-back aces.

"A lot of it is just control, staying focused, watching where my guys are at and being calm," she said. "I make the most mistakes when I get a little excited. Plus, just being there for my guys because if I make mistakes, that's when they can't really hit the ball."

While the team only had five players on the court, Cyber Koa still managed to play outstanding defense — especially in the first set.

Limiting NHCH 1 to only one point at a time, Cyber Koa built up a 17-8 lead in the first set, which led to Swadley's second appearance at service.

Once again, Swadley's serves led to multiple points, which raised Cyber Koa's lead to 20-8.

During her second run, Swadley picked her third service ace of the set.

Another weapon in Cyber Koa's arsenal was the strong net play of Tech. Sgt. Chris Terrell, whose heavy-handed kills forced the NHCH 1 defense to play close attention to the frontcourt.

In the first set, Terrell hammered down three huge kills, picked up point on a block and even lent his talents to the back row, when he dropped back-to-back service aces to lift Cyber Koa only two points away from the win.

"Whether the big kills are

going to come or not, knowing that someone is out there to provide that intimidation factor really helps," Swadley said about her teammate. "He comes ready every time. No matter what, he makes something happen every time and that's super. He's hungry for the kill, but he's ready to make something of it."

The second set was a seesaw affair, with the set being tied six times, before NHCH 1 evened the match.

Lt. Polly Palnano helped turn the tide and give the team momentum with three points from service after NHCH 1 fell behind at 12-9.

The come back helped NHCH 1 gain the game-winner on a side-out after Terrell slammed a kill to tie the set at 24-24.

The third and deciding set was also neck-and-neck throughout the 15-point limit.

However, fittingly, it was the combination of Swadley and Terrell that put the match away for good.

After Airman Patrick Latner picked up the side-out to put Cyber Koa ahead at 14-12, Swadley served it up and Terrell put it down for the game-ender.

"My coach said that volleyball is a game of mistakes," Swadley said. "Whoever makes the fewest mistakes wins. We made the fewest mistakes today and we played really well."

New restaurant opens at Rainbow Bay Marina

Reid Tokeshi

Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam Morale, Welfare and Recreation

Restaurant 604 opened June 20 at Rainbow Bay Marina in the former Schooners restaurant location.

Julia Tallman, sales and marketing director, said Restaurant 604 features views of the harbor in a relaxed atmosphere and serves island-inspired fresh fusion food.

“We provide quality products and utilize locally sourced items whenever possible,” she said.

Tallman emphasized the dining experience will be different for lunch and dinner.

“Lunch will be a quick service concept allowing our working military personnel to get in and out in a reasonable amount of time,” she said.

Patrons order at the register and pick up their food when their number is called. Meals will be served in take-out containers so customers can sit and dine in or take their lunch with them.

The evening, however, will be a full-service operation featuring an array of entrees and seasonal specials. Restaurant 604 also offers live entertainment and appetizer specials from 3 to 5 p.m.

Restaurant 604 is located at 57 Arizona Memorial Drive and is open from 10:30 a.m. Monday through Friday and 9:30 a.m. on Saturdays and Sundays.

(For more information, call 888-7616.)



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Patrons enjoy a meal at the newly opened Restaurant 604 at JBPHH.



Photo courtesy Armed Forces Entertainment and Three Days Grace

Rock band Three Days Grace headlines this year’s July 4th celebration at Ward Field, JBPHH.

Three Days Grace to headline JBPHH Independence Day celebration

Madison Garcia

Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam Morale, Welfare and Recreation

The annual Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam Independence Day celebration will be held July 4 at Ward Field. This free event begins at 3:30 p.m. and will feature a concert by rock band Three Days Grace as well as a fireworks show.

“I expect it to be a super high energy event,” Lara Katine, JBPHH Morale, Welfare and Recreation special events coordinator, said. “This is one of our largest events. It really takes a whole team and ev-

eryone’s involvement to make this a memorable, safe day for our country’s birthday.”

The activities planned for this year’s celebration include roller derby, miniature golf, batting cages, a car show, petting zoo, and trampoline and gymnastics lessons.

Katine anticipates plenty of parking.

“There is abundant parking available in the surrounding area, and just follow the signs to designated parking areas,” she said. “You should be willing to walk a few minutes but nothing too far away. The earlier you get here, the better.”

The annual Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam Independence Day celebration is open to Department of Defense ID Cardholders and their sponsored guests. Attendees are allowed to bring small clutches, blankets and folding chairs. All items are subject to search. For safety reasons, outside food and beverages, pets, backpacks and purses (other than small clutches), barbecue grills, tents, glass or coolers are not permitted. There will be security checks at event entrances.

(For more information about the event and for additional security information, visit greatlifehawaii.com.)

Independence Day celebration set at Mighty Mo



Photo courtesy of the Battleship Missouri Memorial

An Independence Day celebration will be held at the Battleship Missouri Memorial.

A picnic on the pier in celebration of Independence Day will be held at the Battleship Missouri Memorial on Monday, July 4. Doors open at 6 p.m. and guests are welcome to bring their own food and beverages, pack up the coolers, picnic blankets, chairs and other gear (but no glass bottles or grills). Food and drinks will also be available for purchase.

Live music from Jeremy Cheng and Alex Oasay, keiki activities, and raffle prizes will provide entertainment until sundown. The fireworks show begins at 9:05 p.m. and will culminate a Fourth of July evening at the Mighty Mo, America’s last battleship.

Pre-sale tickets are \$10 for adults and \$5 for keiki (children ages 4-12), and can be purchased online at www.usssmissouri.org/picnic. Tickets are also available at the door at \$15 for adults and \$10 for keiki. Free round-trip shuttle service will be provided to those without base access from the Pearl Harbor Visitor Center.

TAMC Ward Road construction announced

Tripler Army Medical Center

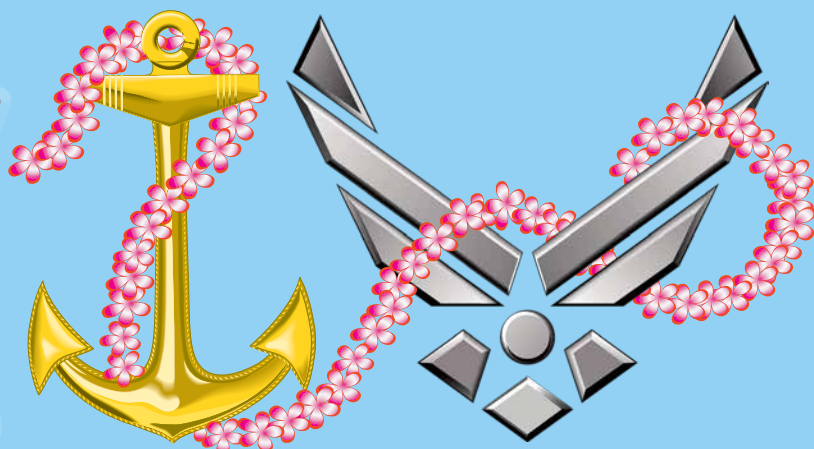
Garrison Department of Public Works (DPW) is proceeding on a repaving of Ward Road at Tripler Army Medical Center. Ward Road fronts the main hospital complex and terminates near the parking garage on the mountainside. The project will be in eight phases which began June 20 and will end on Aug. 12 when the final striping takes place. The first two phases do not affect traffic flow and are at the two bus pads only. Most of the work time on the first two phases is concrete-curing time and does not involve disruptive construction. Anything affecting traffic flow begins July 18 and in three-day construction increments to August. Each phase will have significant signage and traffic control measures implemented but will nonetheless result in some inconveniences. The DPW and TAMC engineering staff will work closely with the contractor on each phase to ensure that there are minimal traffic disruptions.

Overnight storage of heavy paving equipment will be done along the left side of Jarrett White Road as not to take any more parking than is necessary.

For construction phases, updates and more information, go to www.tamc.amedd.army.mil/.

JUNE – JULY COMMUNITY CALENDAR

HO'OKELE
PEARL HARBOR - HICKAM



BACK TO SCHOOL EVENT — NOW

A back to school event is being held daily from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Pearl Harbor Navy Exchange big white tent in the parking lot. Among the participants are representatives from the School Liaison Officer Program today, July 1, 8, 15, 22 and the Armed Services YMCA Pearl Harbor on July 9 and 23. FMI: Stephanie.Lau@nexweb.org or 423-3287.

PAU HANA CONCERT IN THE PARK

TODAY — The U.S. Air Force Band of the Pacific Hawaii will perform a free concert from 5 to 7 p.m. at the Hickam Harbor waterfront. Food trucks will be on-site to purchase food and beverages. Attendees are welcome to bring their own food and beverages. FMI: 449-5215.

YOUTH SPORTS SUMMER CAMPS

TODAY — Registration for youth sports summer camps closes today. Ages and costs vary and available space is limited. Registration will remain open until the activity/camp reaches the maximum number of children or until the registration end date. Camps include gymnastics/ninja training, golf, BMX and skateboarding. FMI: www.greatlifehawaii.com or 473-0789.

ABANDONED VEHICLE SALE — JUNE 25

An abandoned vehicle sale will be held from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the abandoned vehicle lot located on South Avenue at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam. This is open to all military personnel and the general public. Vehicles are sold "as is." All sales are final. No refunds will be given. FMI: www.greatlifehawaii.com or call 471-9072.

YOUTH FALL SPORTS REGISTRATION

JUNE 27 — Registration for youth fall NFL flag football, cheerleading and volleyball will be held from June 27 to July 29. The cost is \$50 and the seasons run from September to December. Register online at www.greatlifewaii.com. FMI: 473-0789.

ANGER MANAGEMENT CLASS — JUNE 28

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 anger. FMI: www.greatlifehawaii.com or 474-1999.

PERSONALITY ASSESSMENT FOR CAREERS

JUNE 28 — A class to help participants discover the career for them through personality assessment will be held from 12:30 to 3:30 p.m. at Military and Family Support Center Pearl Harbor. FMI: www.greatlifehawaii.com or 474-1999.

EXPLORING THE LOCAL JOB MARKET

JUNE 28 — A class will be held to sharpen interview skills and explore the local job market from 8 to 11:30 a.m. at Military and Family Support Center Pearl Harbor. Mock interview experience will be provided. FMI: www.greatlifehawaii.com or 474-1999.

FOURTH OF JULY CELEBRATION — JULY 4

A free Fourth of July celebration will be held from 3:30 to 9:30 p.m. at Ward Field, Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam. Free activities include Xpress Train, airbrush tattoos, petting zoo, bean bag toss, batting cage, car show, trampoline and gymnastics mini-lessons and demonstrations by Hawaii Academy. The event will also include scrimmages, demos and an autograph session by Pacific Roller Derby. Three Days Grace will perform in concert at 7:30 p.m., followed by a fireworks display at 9 p.m. FMI: www.greatlifehawaii.com.

PATRIOTIC PROGRAM — JULY 4

The Fleet Reserve Association Pearl Harbor Honolulu Branch 46 will hold a Fourth of July holiday celebration at its home at 891 Valkenburgh St. The patriotic program will start at 12:30 p.m. Food including ribs, burgers and hotdogs will be served from 1 to 4 p.m. The cost is \$15 for adults, \$10 for children ages 5 to 12, and admission is free for children under 4 with purchase of an adult ticket. FMI: 422-2121 or email frabranh46@gmail.com.

INDEPENDENCE DAY AT MIGHTY MO

JULY 4 — A picnic on the pier in celebration of Independence Day will be held at the Battleship Missouri Memorial, the "Mighty Mo." Doors open at 6 p.m. and guests are welcome to bring their own food and beverages, pack up the coolers, picnic blankets, chairs and other gear (but no glass bottles or grills). Food and drinks will also be available for purchase. The event will include music and activities. The fireworks show begins at 9:05 p.m. Pre-sale tickets are \$10 for adults and \$5 for keiki (children ages 4-12), and can be purchased online. Tickets are also available at the door at \$15 for adults and \$10 for keiki. Free round-trip shuttle service will be provided to those without base access from the Pearl Harbor Visitor Center. FMI: www.ussmissouri.org/picnic.

RIMPAC VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY

JULY 6 — A Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam Rim of the Pacific (RIMPAC) volunteer opportunity will be held from 9 to 11 a.m. at Kalaeloa Heritage Park. Volunteers will clear vegetation and trash to sustain ancient Hawaiian grounds. Volunteers will meet in the parking lot off Long Island Street in Kapolei by 9 a.m. Dress to get dirty and bring water. Volunteers should wear hard-sole shoes, gloves and sunscreen. Participants need to sign a waiver. To volunteer, contact MAC William Matteson at william.n.matteson@navy.mil or call (209) 216-7190. FMI: email Jeff.pantaleo@navy.mil or call 471-1171, ext. 368.

BABY EXPO — JULY 13-15

Authorized patrons who are having a baby and want to speak with parenting support groups can attend a baby expo from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. daily at the Pearl Harbor Navy Exchange mall children's department. TRICARE and the Military and Family Support Center will be among the participants. FMI: Stephanie.Lau@nexweb.org or 423-3287.

MOVIE SHOWTIMES



ALICE THROUGH THE LOOKING GLASS

After slipping through a mirror, Alice (Mia Wasikowska) finds herself back in Underland with the White Queen (Anne Hathaway), the Cheshire Cat, the White Rabbit, Tweedledee and Tweedledum. Her friends tell her that the Mad Hatter (Johnny Depp) is in a funk over the loss of his family. Hoping to save his loved ones, Alice steals the Chronosphere from Time (Sacha Baron Cohen) to travel into the past. While there, she encounters the younger Hatter and the evil Red Queen (Helena Bonham Carter).

SHARKEY THEATER

TODAY — JUNE 24

7:00 PM X-Men: Apocalypse (3-D) (PG-13)

SATURDAY — JUNE 25

2:30 PM Alice Through The Looking Glass (3-D) (PG)

4:50 PM The Angry Birds Movie (PG)

7:00 PM X-Men: Apocalypse (PG-13)

SUNDAY — JUNE 26

2:30 PM Alice Through The Looking Glass (3-D) (PG)

4:50 PM Captain America: Civil War (PG-13)

7:40 PM Neighbors 2: Sorority Rising (R)

THURSDAY — JUNE 30

7:00 PM X-Men: Apocalypse (3-D) (PG-13)

HICKAM MEMORIAL THEATER

TODAY — JUNE 24

6:00 PM Neighbors 2: Sorority Rising (R)

SATURDAY — JUNE 25

3:00 PM Mother's Day (PG-13)

6:00 PM Captain America: Civil War (3-D) (PG-13)

SUNDAY — JUNE 26

3:00 PM Ratchet and Clank (PG)

6:00 PM Neighbors 2: Sorority Rising (R)

THURSDAY — JUNE 30

7:00 PM The Nice Guys (R)

Exchange shoppers can send service members gift cards

Army and Air Force Exchange Service

Americans can ring in the Fourth of July by giving back to service members with an Army and Air Force Exchange Service gift card.

Exchange gift cards can be sent to Soldiers, Airmen, Sailors and Marines deployed to Afghanistan, Kuwait and other contingency locations to redeem through the Department of Defense’s largest exchange service.

Exchange gift cards allow service members to purchase snacks, electronics, books or clothing at any Army, Air Force, Navy or Marine Corps exchange. “Sending an Exchange gift card is a



great way for Americans to show appreciation for their service members this Fourth of July,” Robert Rice, Hawaii Exchange general manager, said. “For the more than 150,000 service members deployed overseas even a small gift can make a big impact on their holiday.”

While only authorized military shoppers can redeem Exchange gift cards, anyone can send one by calling 800-527-2345 or visiting www.shopmyexchange.com and clicking “purchase gift and phone cards” at the bottom of the page. Selecting “send a gift card” will allow shoppers to choose their desired amount and add it to their cart.

The Exchange gift cards can then be addressed to a specific Soldier, Airman, Sailor or Marine or sent to “any service member” through the Fisher House Foundation, Air Force Aid Society, Warrior and Family Support Center or Navy-Marine Corps Relief Society.

(For more information, contact Betty Newman at 423-7694 or newmanbe@aafes.com.)

Shopping the Hawaii Exchange pays dividends

Army and Air Force Exchange Service

Military members and their families who shopped and dined at Army and Air Force Exchange Service stores and restaurants on Hawaii Exchange generated \$953,290 last year for Army and \$2,322,329 for Air Force quality-of-life programs.

In 2015, Exchange contributed \$237 million to military quality-of-life programs around the world, up \$13 million, nearly 5.5 percent from the previous year. In the past 10 years, the Exchange has generated more than \$2.4 billion in dividends to youth services, family counseling, physical fitness programs and other activities that make life better for military members and their families. At Hawaii Exchange, these programs include Mamala Bay Golf Course and

Hickam Harbor Marina. One hundred percent of Exchange earnings support military members and their families.

“Roughly two-thirds of Exchange earnings are paid to military quality-of-life programs,” Robert Rice, Hawaii Exchange general manager, said. “The remaining third is used to build new stores or improve Exchange facilities to improve customers’ shopping experiences.”

Shoppers who take advantage of their benefit at the Hawaii Exchange or online at www.shopmyexchange.com are working to improve their communities.

“Truly, 100 percent of Exchange earnings serve military members and their families,” Rice said. “When customers shop and dine at the Exchange, they are investing in their own community, making it a better place to live and work.”

Vacation Bible School scheduled

Joint Base Chapels will hold Vacation Bible School next month.

Protestant Vacation Bible School for students in grades kindergarten through sixth will be held from 6 to 8 p.m. July 11-14 at the Hickam Chapel Center. Parents can register their children online at <http://ow.ly/L695301xLnG>.

(For more information, call the Pearl Harbor Memorial Chapel at 473-3971.)

Catholic Vacation Bible School for children in first through sixth grades



will be held from 5 to 8 p.m. July 18-22 at the Hickam Chapel Center.

Parents can register their children online at <http://ow.ly/Tv6T301xLjm>.

(For more information, call the Hickam Chapel Center at 449-1754.)



Navy family member Bella Darby, age 11, from Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam sent Ho‘okele these selections of her artwork. Email editor@hookelenews.com for more information on how to submit to Kids Corner.



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). Dates and locations are updated regularly online as new drives are scheduled. Donors are encouraged to schedule an appointment online, call to make an appointment, and check www.militaryblood.dod.mil for the latest information.

Currently scheduled drives include:

- June 24, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., Pearl Harbor Naval Shipyard, building 2, Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam
- June 27, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Hickam Main Exchange entrance, JBPHH
- July 7, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., Pollock Theatre, Camp Smith
- July 13, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), 1845 Wasp Blvd., Ford Island, Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam

For more information, call 433-6699 or 433-6148 or email michelle.lele@amedd.army.mil.

All blood types are needed, especially O Negative, O Positive, A Negative and A Positive.

The blood collected will help support ill or injured service members, veterans and their families worldwide.

There are a few basic requirements that must be met in order to donate blood with the ASBP. In general, donors must:

- Have not donated blood previously within the last eight weeks.
- Weigh at least 110 pounds.
- Be at least 17 years of age.
- Have been feeling well for at least three days prior to donating.
- Be well hydrated and have eaten something prior to donating.
- Have picture ID and know when/where you have traveled.
- Be able to list the types of medications currently being taken.