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President addresses environment in Honolulu



President Barack Obama waves before exiting Air Force One after arriving on the flightline at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, Aug. 31. Obama was in Hawaii to speak to leaders at the Pacific Islands Conference of Leaders and the International Union for Conservation of Nature and Natural Resources World Conservation Congress. He visited Midway Atoll Sept. 1.

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

2016 IUCN World Convention takes place Sept. 1–10

Courtesy of City and County of Honolulu

The International Union for Conservation of Nature and Natural Resources (IUCN) World Conservation Congress is being held Sept. 1–10 at venues including the Hawaii Convention Center and the Neal S. Blaisdell Center.

The Congress is bringing together more than 6,000 delegates from 170 countries to

discuss the most challenging issues for conservation.

The City and County of Honolulu is announcing information to ensure that Oahu residents are informed and aware of what to



expect in regard to traffic, security, pedestrian access and park usage that could affect their communities.

Today, vehicular traffic will continue to be impacted by the installation of traffic control de-

vices, pedestrian sidewalk closures and parking and security measures in and around the Hawaii Convention Center and the Neal S. Blaisdell Center.

Residents and visitors are urged to sign up for Nixle email and cell phone text messages to receive traffic advisories and other important information during the World Conservation Congress. You can sign-up for an account at www.Nixle.com.

For more information, contact the Department of Emergency Management's Public Information Officer John M. Cummings at (808) 723-8960 or email to jcumings@hono-lulu.gov.

Editor's note: This information could change or be modified. Updates will be posted on the Department of Emergency Management website at www.oahudem.org as they become available.

USS Boxer Amphibious Ready Group arrives in Hawaii

MC1 Matthew N. Jackson

USS Boxer (LHD 4)
Public Affairs

Amphibious assault ship USS Boxer (LHD 4), with embarked units from Amphibious Squadron 1 and the 13th Marine Expeditionary Unit (MEU), arrived at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, Aug. 29 for their first port visit in the U.S. since leaving their San Diego homeport for a seven-month deployment.

"The Sailors and Marines aboard Boxer did an outstanding job carrying out each mission we conducted throughout 5th and 7th Fleet [areas of operation]," Capt. Mike Ruth, Boxer's commanding officer, said.

"They are proud and excited to return to the U.S., and look forward to enjoying some well-deserved liberty here in Hawaii."

While deployed, Boxer supported Operation Inherent Resolve and conducted community relations projects during port visits to Hong Kong, the Kingdom of Bahrain, the United Arab Emirates, the Republic of Singapore, Oman, and Malaysia.

The port visit also marks the first reunion of Boxer Sailors and Marines with family and friends as many journeyed to Hawaii to meet their service member.

"One year after we had our first baby, Zebryna Rose, I was deployed, and returning to her was a feeling I have



Sailors and Marines stand at the rails aboard amphibious assault ship USS Boxer (LHD 4) as the ship passes USS Missouri Memorial Aug. 29.

U.S. Navy photo by MC1 Brian Caracci

never felt; seeing her on the pier waiting for me, it was incredible," Chief Information Systems Technician Zebulon Brackman, said.

"Now two years later, we've had our second girl Audri-

ana Quinn while I was deployed, and today I will be able to meet her. This trumps that previous feeling; I never thought I'd miss the birth of my child, and now I can get that back by holding her for

the first time, here in Hawaii where we had our first child. I can't describe how I feel without tears," Brackman said.

Boxer, flagship of the Boxer Amphibious Ready Group, with amphibious transport

dock USS New Orleans (LPD 18), amphibious dock landing ship USS Harpers Ferry (LSD 49) and the embarked 13th MEU, is operating in the U.S. 3rd Fleet area of operations.

USS Coronado to return to Pearl Harbor

U.S. Third Fleet Public Affairs

PACIFIC OCEAN (NNS)—The littoral combat ship USS Coronado (LCS 4) experienced an engineering casualty earlier this week while transiting to the western Pacific.

The crew took precautionary measures, and the ship is currently returning to Pearl Harbor to determine the extent of the problem and conduct repairs. Coronado is operating under its own power and is being escorted by USNS Henry J. Kaiser (T-AO 187).

The casualty appears to be unrelated to recent propulsion problems on USS Freedom (LCS 1) and USS Fort Worth (LCS 3).

The extent of repairs and any operational impact is unknown at this time. An assessment of the casualty will be completed upon return to Pearl Harbor, and additional details will be made available when possible.

Coronado departed Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam Aug. 26 to continue its independent deployment to the western Pacific. Prior to departing Pearl Harbor



Littoral combat ship USS Coronado (LCS 4) arrives at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam during Rim of the Pacific 2016. U.S. Navy photo by MC2 Johans Chavarro

the ship participated in the Rim of the Pacific 2016 exercise.

On June 22, Coronado and its crew of about 70 Sailors assigned to LCS Squadron 1

deployed from their home-port of Naval Base San Diego.

Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam celebrates Women's Equality Day

Story and photo by
MC2 Katarzyna Kobiljak

Navy Public Affairs Support Element Detachment Hawaii

Military members and civilians gathered together to celebrate Women's Equality Day Observance, sponsored by the Joint Forces Diversity Committee, at the Hickam Memorial Theater at Joint Base Pearl Harbor Hickam (JBPHH), Aug. 26.

Women's Equality Day is observed on the 26th day of August and serves to commemorate the 1920 passage of the 19th Amendment to the Constitution, which granted women the right to vote. It also has grown to include focusing attention to women's continued efforts toward gaining full equality.

"For the majority of our history, women did not have a right to vote," Capt. Stanley Keeve Jr., commander of JBPHH, said during his opening remarks.



Lynn C. Simpson, director of Total Fleet Force Manpower and Personnel, Commander, U.S. Pacific Fleet delivers remarks during a Women's Equality Day Observance at the Hickam Memorial Theater at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, Aug. 26.

"Our military does lead the way in providing equal pay for equal work, and opening up career fields regardless of gender and supporting mothers, fathers,

and families alike," Keeve said.

According to Keeve, everyone should strive to remember the courageous women who came before us and fought for

women's rights, because without their struggles, there may not have been the progress we see today.

"Women's Equality Day, it's both a celebra-

tion, but also a time for reflection," Keeve said.

Keynote speaker, Lynn C. Simpson, director of Total Fleet Force Manpower and Personnel, Commander, U.S. Pacific Fleet, highlighted the achievements of women who have rose to the occasion and fought for what they felt was right. She reminded the audience that there was a time, not that long ago, when women not only couldn't vote, but also had very few legal rights and couldn't pursue many different careers.

"Today, women are actively encouraged, at a very young age, to pursue education and careers in science and technology, engineering and mathematics, and to play a major role in international affairs and national security," Simpson said. "In the civilian service, more women are continuing to serve as executives in a traditionally male dominated profession, and in the military, women are now allowed

to apply for the elite Navy SEAL program—one of the last fields that was open to men only."

Simpson said that it's amazing to reflect on the advancement in women's equality that has happened over the last 96 years. Simpson said she feels encouraged to see the next barriers of equality be overcome, and hopes for even a better future for the next generation to come.

For U.S. Air Force Master Sgt. Rachel Hammer, a member of the Joint Forces Diversity Committee, the observance represented a chance to acknowledge the women of the past, who are sometimes forgotten, and be grateful for their efforts.

"This event is about recognizing our past women leaders and the way they have torn down the walls and brought together a better working, cohesive, gender-equal nation," Hammer said. "I feel it's important to never forget that."

F4EO: An unscripted approach to suicide prevention

Tech. Sgt. Aaron Oelrich

15th Wing Public Affairs

A Defense Suicide Prevention Office report stated that by the end of 2014, suicide in the military totaled 273 people. In the first nine months of 2015, 202 military members committed suicide.

How do we prevent suicide and get to zero?

A new suicide prevention campaign called Fight for Each Other, or F4EO, is bringing all military branches on the island of Oahu together with the goal of reducing the number of military suicides



through a different style of training.

F4EO is an unfiltered, unscripted approach to suicide prevention.

"This is real people telling real stories," retired Air Force Col. Robert Swanson, a speaker at the F4EO events and suicide survivor said. "Other training has role playing, PowerPoints and videos. They miss the point—they don't have real people telling real stories."

According to Tech. Sgt. Aubrey Pabon, a member of the 15th Wing's Total Force Development Team and creator of the event, F4EO is designed with the idea that we as military members, no matter the service, are one family. F4EO brings five speakers from each branch of service together to

share their stories of how suicide has impacted them personally.

Pabon acknowledges that this is not a pleasant subject, but stresses the importance of education on a topic that has such a dramatic effect on so many people.

"This is something that needs to be talked about," she said. "People may think that this is going to be a sad or depressing event, but the speakers are telling their stories and sharing how to find help to a temporary feeling or problem. Our intention is to have everyone listen to the stories of these amazing people and

leave the event feeling better then when they came in."

F4EO events have been scheduled in September to coincide with Suicide Prevention Month. F4EO will hold an event on Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam on Sept. 8, 8:30 – 10 a.m., at the Hickam Memorial Theater. In addition, there will be four other events held on Fort Shafter, Schofield Barracks, Marine Corps Base Hawaii, and Coast Guard, Sand Island. For more information go to <http://ow.ly/vKJV303M3EC>.

If you are in crisis, seek help by calling Veterans Crisis Line 1-800-273-8255.

Diverse VIEWS



Sept. 5 is Labor Day. What was your first job and what did you learn from the experience?



Master Sgt. Juan Cabrera
PACAF IG

“My first paid job was managing a cash register and resolving arcade disputes as an 11-year-old at The Perla (The Pearl). I worked 12 hours a day that summer and earned \$20 a week, but learned a great deal about trust and responsibility. More importantly, I learned to enjoy work.”

Culinary Specialist 3rd Class Whitney Boygents
Navy Region Hawaii

“I worked at the Base Exchange at Bitburg Air Force Base in the clothing department and it taught me how to manage my money and how to be independent and live responsibly.”



Staff Sgt. Latoya Davis
Air Force Office of Special Investigations

“My first job was at CHF Industries in South Carolina. I learned that honestly I never wanted to work in a factory again and I truly respect those who have invested years in doing that work.”

Navy Counselor 1st Class Latoya Frietas
USS Port Royal (CG 73)

“My first job was at White Castle and that’s where I learned my leadership skills.”



Kimberly Feng
766th Specialized Contracting Squadron

“My first job was at McDonald’s. It was such an eye opening and wonderful experience.”

Operations Specialist 3rd Class Arthur Sigal
USS Halsey (DDG 97)

“I was a Blockbuster sales representative and that job taught me how to be nice to people and good work ethic.”



Airman 1st Class Alberto Najera
15th Maintenance Squadron

“My first job was as a secretary for a small vacation rental business in California. I learned that working behind a desk was definitely not for me. Ironical how now I am in the Air Force.”

Master Sgt. Sheena Tauyan
169th Air Defense Squadron, HIANG

“My first job was a gallery aide working for the state of Hawaii. It was my first summer job, I was 14 years old. I earned \$4.25 an hour. I learned great work ethics, showing up on time and providing excellent customer service for our visitors.”



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Commentary

End of World War II began era of peace

Rear Adm. John Fuller

Commander, Navy Region Hawaii and Naval Surface Group Middle Pacific Commander, Task Force Energy and Environment, RIMPAC 2016



Rear Adm. John Fuller

It has been just about a month since we concluded the 25th Rim of the Pacific (RIMPAC) Exercise as the key host site for Commander, U.S. Third Fleet and Commander, U.S. Pacific Fleet in Hawaii. RIMPAC was an impressive exercise and gathering—where more than two dozen nations and 25,000 men and women built capable, adaptive partnerships.

RIMPAC 2016 was big in scope and scale, and the level of international cooperation was especially impressive when viewed through the historical WWII lens we have in Pearl Harbor.

Each day I can look out over Pearl Harbor and see the USS Arizona Memorial facing the Battleship Missouri Memorial. That iconic image, representing the two Navy ships most associated with the beginning and end of the Second World War in the Pacific, helped me reflect on what our Navy achieved during RIMPAC 2016—and consider this week’s 71st anniversary for the end of that war.

Among RIMPAC 2016’s many historic highlights, navies from Italy, Germany and Denmark participated for the first time. Seven

decades ago, both Italy and Germany—then Axis powers—waged war against their neighbors, including Denmark. Today, Italy and Germany are among our country’s closest friends and allies, along with Great Britain and France, and many other free democracies.

Unfathomable in the 1940’s, but a fact of life today, the Japan Maritime Self-Defense Force (JMSDF) played a key role in RIMPAC 2016, leading the Humanitarian Assistance/Disaster Response Task Force. Japan, once an imperial power, part of the Axis powers, and led by a totalitarian government, is today a robust democracy and a cornerstone for maintaining stability in the Indo-Asia-Pacific region.

I found it especially poignant when U.S. Ambassador to Japan, Caroline Kennedy, visited the Japanese-led HADR command center on Ford Island during the exercise. Ken-

edy’s father, President John F. Kennedy, was a World War II Navy hero who fought against Japan in the Pacific. Today, we routinely plan, maintain, train and operate closely with our JMSDF friends.

RIMPAC 2016 was the 25th iteration of the exercise. We look forward to RIMPAC 2018 and many more RIMPACs to come. In fact, RIMPAC 2020 will coincide with another anniversary milestone: the 75th commemoration for the end of World War II in the summer of 1945.

In addition to commemorating the end of the war in the Pacific this week, we are approaching another historic milestone: the 75th anniversary for the attack on Pearl Harbor that marked the United States’ entry into World War II.

As we assemble for future gatherings to ‘honor the past and inspire the future,’ which is the theme for the 75th commemoration, we must not miss an opportunity to take in the living history with those brave but humble WWII veterans. We must commemorate their sacrifices that ultimately cast the mold for the peace and prosperity we enjoy today.

Hundreds of thousands of Americans fought valiantly alongside other Pacific allies—beginning in earnest with the Battle of Midway and moving steadily west and south from Pearl Harbor across the Pacific from

the spring of 1942 to the fall of 1945. The war ended 71 years ago with Fleet Adm. Chester Nimitz aboard Adm. William Halsey’s 3rd Fleet flagship, USS Missouri (BB-63), for the signing of the instrument of surrender.

As for a commitment to keeping the peace, we made great strides in RIMPAC 2016 supporting the Commander, U.S. Pacific Fleet, because we helped advance and strengthen a team of international partners “committed to supporting international law and ensuring a stable maritime domain,” as stated in Adm. Scott Swift’s Commander’s Guidance to [Pacific] Fleet.

Let’s remember that, in the name of freedom, World War II veterans and their families sacrificed so much for us. Maintaining peace, prosperity, and stability is the greatest gift we can give the “Greatest Generation” veterans. We owe them and their legacy no less.

The “Mighty Mo”—Battleship Missouri Memorial—looks over the USS Arizona Memorial in Pearl Harbor. Both were powerful images for RIMPAC 2016 participants in Hawaii this past summer. Both are silent reminders of our Navy’s resilience, toughness and resolve. Those memorials inspire images of World War II, but they also stand as beacons of hope—and proof—that former enemies can become friends and partners for peace.

JBPHH completes Citadel Protect 2016

MC1 Phillip Pavlovich

Navy Region Hawaii Public Affairs

Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam (JBPHH) successfully completed the annual antiterrorism training exercise Citadel Protect 2016 at JBPHH, Aug. 22-26.

This field training exercise is designed to exercise and evaluate ashore and afloat, and installation and tenant command integration. It is developed to enhance the training and readiness of naval security personnel in dealing with terrorist threats and attacks and will help shape future

planning on how Sailors react to current and evolving threats.

“The importance of conducting Citadel Protect is to allow Navy security forces an opportunity to train and assess mission essential tasks and readiness. It focused on command, control and communica-

tions for missions that require a coordinated response from both ashore and afloat units in response to a waterborne threat and land-based active shooter threats,” Chief Master-at-Arms Daniel Mayer, JBPHH harbor security training leading chief petty officer, said.

USS Burton Island breaks the ice



Photo courtesy of NASA

On Sept. 4, 1954, U.S. Navy icebreaker USS Burton Island (AGB 1) and the U.S. Coast Guard icebreaker USCGC Northwind (WAGB 282) completed the first transit of the Northwest Passage through the ice-choked McClure Strait. The transit took place 62 years ago this week. The USS Burton Island is shown in this later photo using explosives to break ice in Antarctica in 1964.

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Ashes of Pearl Harbor survivor scattered at the USS Utah Memorial

**Story and photo by
Brandon Bosworth**

Assistant Editor, Hoʻokele

The ashes of U.S. Navy retired Hospital Corpsman 1st Class Arthur “Art” Critchett, a survivor of the Dec. 7, 1941 attack on Pearl Harbor, were scattered in the waters near the USS Utah Memorial on Ford Island, Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, during a ceremony held Aug. 31. Five members of Critchett’s family attended the event.

Critchett was born May 6, 1922, in Seattle, Washington. He joined the Navy in June 1941 and was serving aboard the U.S.S. Dewey (DD-349) at the time of the attack on Pearl Harbor.

“The ship was on alert that morning, but the crew had grown used to months



The ashes of Dec. 7 survivor Arthur Critchett were scattered in the waters of Pearl Harbor during a ceremony held at the USS Utah Memorial, Aug. 31

of alert, however, and there was little sense of urgency or danger,” Jim Taylor, Pearl Harbor survivor liaison, said. “Critchett was back aft on the fantail reading the newspaper when all hell broke loose. He ran to his battle station on the for-

ward gun, but could not do much because the ship was undergoing maintenance and the guns had very little ammunition to fire.”

The ship only suffered minor damage during the attack.

Critchett continued

to serve as a corpsman throughout the war, and frequently served with the Marines.

In 1954, Critchett participated in the evacuation of more than 300,000 refugees evacuating from North Vietnam. During

his naval career he received the Purple Heart, four Good Conduct awards, a Pearl Harbor Commemorative medal, and numerous other awards and decorations. He retired from the military in February 1961 after 20

years of service.

After retirement, Critchett worked with several veterans groups and volunteered at the USS Arizona Memorial.

Critchett died Feb. 17, 2008.

The Aug. 31 service featured a rifle salute and the presentation of the burial flag to family members by the Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam Honors and Ceremonial Guard. Cmdr. George Mendes, command chaplain at JBPHH, provided the benediction. Taylor read aloud the poem “My Name is Old Glory” by Howard Schnauber, which was a favorite of Critchett’s.

“I had no idea what to expect,” Tom Critchett, Arthur Critchett’s nephew, said. “The flag-folders were so precise and the shots were in perfect unison. The ceremony was fantastic.”

15th charges toward Hurricane Madeline to provide relief

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

*Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam
Public Affairs*

Airmen from the 15th Wing, 735th Air Mobility Squadron, 535th Airlift Squadron and even the 55th Airlift Port Squadron from Travis AFB, California, all teamed up to deliver emergency supplies in preparation for Hurricane Madeline, which collided into the Hilo region of Hawaii’s Big Island, Aug. 31.

The team partnered up with the Federal Emergency Management Agency, (FEMA) and airlifted multiple generators and various relief supplies in the event the affected areas do not have enough generators to supply the necessary power.

“I am not glad this hurricane was slated to hit the Big Island,” Capt. Ryan Lutz, 535th Airlift Squadron aircraft commander, said. “However, I am glad that we were able to team up and not only respond to an



Airman 1st Class Caleb Rausch, 535th Airlift Squadron loadmaster, guides a K Loader into a C-17 Globemaster III aircraft, Aug. 31.

event like this, but have the capability to deliver supplies before it even strikes—This is why we spend so much time training, so we can remain flexible and adapt to any situation thrown at us.”

The ability to adapt to any situation might need to be utilized more than Lutz anticipated, as Hurricane Madeline weak-

ened to a Category 1 hurricane, which brought maximum sustained winds near 75 mph (120 km/h) with higher gusts.

Airman 1st Class Caleb Rausch, 535th Airlift Squadron loadmaster, said while he is concerned for the Island of Hawaii, he is glad he is able to make a difference.

“During the mission plan-

ning, we were briefed reports of the incoming storm, its projected path and some expectations,” he said. “I am glad our team was able to come together to pre-emptively make a mission happen. Who knows, what would happen if we were not able to get generators there before the storm struck? There’s a possibility someone could perish in these storms if the necessary buildings and services do not have power.”

While Rausch acknowledged the possibility of someone dying due to a lack medical services requiring electricity may seem farfetched, he said it is much better to take action and have nothing happen, than to do nothing and have the worst-case scenario happen.

For more information about Hurricane Madeline and ways to protect yourself and your family during situations like these, visit www.ready.gov. For up-to-date information about the storm and its projected path, visit www.noaa.gov.

Hurricane season runs from June 1 to Nov. 30. As hurricane season is upon us, it is important to take the time to prepare and protect your valuable property and loved ones.

Hurricane preparedness tips:

- Determine the surrounding flood areas, safe evacuation routes and shelters.
 - Develop a family emergency plan.
 - Create an emergency kit (flashlights, weather radio, first aid kit, spare batteries, water, food, prescription medicine, whistle, plastic bags, glasses, rope, cell phone chargers, etc.)
 - Protect your home (prepare to cover windows, clean rain gutters, review insurance policy, etc.)
 - Have a plan for your pet (pet friendly shelters, food, kennel, etc.)
- For more hurricane safety information, visit <http://ow.ly/abLl303Oj1N>.

Pearl Harbor-Hickam *Highlights*



(Above) Sailors and Marines assigned to amphibious assault ship USS Boxer (LHD 4) and the 13th Marine Expeditionary Unit (MEU) team stand at the rails as the ship enters Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam.

U.S. Navy video by MC3 Jesse Monford



(Right) Senior Airman Robert Bonte, 55th Aerial Port Squadron load planner from Travis Air Force Base, California, secures a K Loader into a C-17 Globemaster III aircraft, Aug. 31. Bonte and the crew delivered various emergency relief supplies and generators to the Big Island, in preparation for Hurricane Madeline.

U.S. Air Force photo by Staff Sgt. Christopher Stoltz

World War II veteran laid to rest after 75 years



(Left) Machinist's Mate 2nd Class David Gorey, assigned to Naval Base Kitsap, Bremerton Washington, leads the 21-gun salute for the remains of World War II veteran Lt. Julian Jordan, Aug. 29. Jordan was assigned to Nevada-class battleship USS Oklahoma (BB 37) during the Dec. 7, 1941 attack on Pearl Harbor.

U.S. Navy photo by MC3 Class Charles D. Gaddis IV

(Right) Ann Jordan-Remers, daughter of World War II veteran Lt. Julian Jordan, gives her thanks and reminisces about her father, Aug. 29. Jordan was assigned to Nevada-class battleship USS Oklahoma (BB 37) during the Dec. 7, 1941 attack on Pearl Harbor. Jordan was assigned to Nevada-class battleship USS Oklahoma (BB37) during the attack on Pearl Harbor.

U.S. Navy photo by MC3 Class Charles D. Gaddis IV



USS Tucson holds change of command

MC2 Shaun Griffin

Submarine Force Pacific Public Affairs

Cmdr. Chad Hardt assumed command of the Los Angeles-class fast-attack submarine USS Tucson (SSN 770) from Cmdr. Michael Bequette during a change of command ceremony held pierside on Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, Aug. 30.

During the ceremony Hardt praised Bequette for his successful tour and efficient turnover.

“Mike, you have handed over a remarkable ship and an exceptional crew,” Hardt said. “I am pleased to be able to succeed such an outstanding officer in command.”

Rear Adm. Thomas E. Ishee, deputy commander, Joint Functional Component Command for Global Strike, served as the guest speaker and recognized Bequette for his leadership and professionalism in his role as Tucson’s commanding officer.



U.S. Navy photo by MC2 Michael H. Lee

Cmdr. Michael Bequette, commanding officer of the Los Angeles-class fast-attack submarine USS Tucson (SSN 770), addresses guests during a change of command ceremony at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, Aug. 30.

“I believe that a ship’s crew takes on the character of its commanding officer,” Ishee said. “I can tell you from my personal

experience; Mike Bequette has a unique balance of compassionate leadership, tactical skill, and engineering expertise. It’s

no surprise to me that Tucson is one of the best-rounded boats in the fleet.”

During the ceremony, Capt.

Robert Roncska, commander of Submarine Squadron Seven, presented Bequette with the Meritorious Service Medal for his service as commanding officer of Tucson from April 2014 through Aug. 2016.

Following his tour on Tucson, Bequette will report to Commander, Pacific Fleet, Nuclear Propulsion Examination Board in Pearl Harbor.

Hardt, who served as current undersea operations officer for commander, U.S. Pacific Fleet and deputy commander for readiness, Submarine Squadron One, said he is honored to assume command of the Tucson and looks forward to leading its crew.

“For the crew, you have continued to be one of the best ships on the waterfront” Hardt said. “I want you to know that I appreciate what you do every day. I look forward to leading you through the coming years and continuing the tradition of this great ship.”

Texas Guard joins in HIANG’s Sentry Aloha

Staff Sgt. Mindy Bloem

149th Fighter Wing Public Affairs

Pilots, maintainers and various support personnel from the Texas Air National Guard’s 149th Fighter Wing (FW) traveled to Hawaii to participate in Sentry Aloha, Aug. 17-26.

Sentry Aloha is a large-scale, combat exercise that employs several different fighter and support aircraft from varying Air Force units, maneuvering together in a simulated wartime environment.

Various aircraft—C-130s, KC-135s, C-17s,

F-16s, F-15s, F-22s—lined the ramps along Hickam’s runway ramps in order to perform strategic joint combat operations.

“Part of the purpose of Sentry Aloha is to integrate with the other Guard platforms as well as some active duty units that are here to better understand how each other operates, so if called upon for some type of contingency, we have a backbone to fall on—that we’ve operated together, and we can all be force multipliers for each other,” Lt. Col. Kristian Thiele, a 149th Fighter Wing F-16 instructor pilot, said.

Performing these coordinated scenarios with

other type of aircraft was a chance for the 149th FW pilots to broaden their scope of training.

“Back home, we typically fight F-16s against F-16s, so to get to work on the same team with other aircraft, both F-15s and F-22s, teaches everyone how the different systems work and how we can all work together, enhancing our strength,” Lt. Col. Louis Davenport, another 149th FW F-16 pilot, said.

Davenport is a traditional Guardsman who typically comes to the unit to fly the F-16 aircraft once a month during Unit Training Assembly weekends, or “drill” as

it’s known among Guard members.

“This really provides me an opportunity to get to know everyone and figure out what’s going on in the unit and to just get a greater opportunity for continuity of learning,” Davenport said. “I mean, I’m here flying at least one mission a day, so it really compounds our capabilities, at least for me, instead of being like, ‘well, that was great and now I’m going to do my other job.’ Now I’ve got two weeks of intense training.”

Capt. Christopher Myers, a logistics readiness officer with the 149th FW’s Logistics Readiness Squad-

ron, understands the kind of effort it takes to pull off an event of this scale. Myers, who was in charge of requesting airlift and arranging many of the logistical details that go into deploying nearly 80 personnel, began the planning several months in advance.

“There’s a lot that goes into planning these things out—a lot more than people realize,” Myers said in regards to figuring out details like cargo, bus transportation, securing forklift operators, and all the other minutiae a trip like this entails. He likened it to putting out fires, where

once you put one out, another one pops up.

The host of support is not lost on the fighter pilots training in this exercise. They know a lot of people are behind them to make a mission like Sentry Aloha happen.

Airmen assigned to the 149th Maintenance Squadron, 149th Fighter Wing, Texas Air National Guard, perform a foreign objects and debris (FOD) inspection of the taxi-way at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam Aug. 18.

U.S. Air Force photo by Tech. Sgt. Rebekkah Jandron



Labor Day weekend marks the end of summer

U.S. Naval Safety Center

Naval Station Norfolk—Labor Day weekend marks the unofficial end of summer and all across the Fleet, Sailors will be flocking to beaches or to backyard barbecues for one last summer blast. The holiday weekend also marks the end of the Naval Safety Center’s (NSC) annual summer safety campaign.

While Labor Day marks the unofficial end of summer, there are still plenty of warm days ahead, which means lots of time for off-duty recreation activities. Leaders up and down the chain of command are encouraged to keep focusing on safety so the Labor Day weekend will be mishap-free.

Last Labor Day weekend 2015, there were three Navy and Marine fatalities, 45 on-duty and 57 off-duty mishaps.

The Naval Safety Center has many tools and resources available to help Sailors plan their holiday weekend. The Travel Risk Planning System, (TRiPS) which can be accessed through the Naval Safety Center website, is an online

assessment for those who will be driving out of the area over the weekend. TRiPS helps users recognize possible risk factors in their travel plans and explore ways to mitigate those risks.

Additionally, we offer these safety tips to help everyone have a safe and enjoyable holiday. Please follow these safety tips:

Travel safe

- Carry an emergency supply kit in your trunk.
- Let someone know your destination, your route, and when you expect to arrive.
- Buckle up and observe speed limits.
- Don’t drink and drive.

Swim safe

- Check weather and water conditions beforehand and throughout the day.
- Always swim with a buddy in a designated swimming area supervised by a lifeguard.
- Provide constant supervision to children in or near the water and always stay within arm’s reach of young chil-

dren and inexperienced swimmers while they are in the water.

- Young children and inexperienced swimmers should wear U.S. Coast Guard-approved life jackets.

Grill safe

- Keep the grill away from the house, tree branches, or anything that could catch fire.
- Always follow the manufacturer’s instructions.

- Keep children and pets away from the grill.
- Never add charcoal starter fluid when coals have already been ignited.

No one should take a vacation from safety, it is still important that people work to remain vigilant on the road, at the beach and at cookouts.

Please review a Labor Day Safety presentation, more safety resources and information at www.public.navy.mil/navsafecen/.

From left to right, Senior Airman Austin Shull, attached to 15th Medical Group, and Airman 1st Class Amber Schlemmer, attached to 392nd Intelligence Squadron, display alcohol awareness signs as part of a Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam (JBPHH) Labor Day weekend alcohol awareness event outside JBPHH’s Nimitz gate.

U.S. Navy photo by MC1 Phillip Pavlovich





Right to left: U.S. Pacific Fleet (PACFLT) Master Chief Suz Whitman; Royal New Zealand Navy Sailor of the Year (SOY) Leading Hand and Lead Chef Alexis Gray; her mother, Shannan Clarke; and PACFLT Sailor of the Year Chief Hospital Corpsman Corey Smith tour the USS Arizona Memorial.

Kiwi Sailor of the Year visits Pearl Harbor

**Story and photo by
MC2 Brian M. Wilbur**

*U.S. Pacific Fleet Public
Affairs*

New Zealand’s 2015 Sailor of the Year (SOY) visited U.S. Pacific Fleet (PACFLT) headquarters during a trip to the United States, Aug. 22-24.

Leading hand and lead chef Alexis Gray was chosen as the New Zealand SOY out of 2,500 personnel on Dec. 4, 2015. She is currently stationed at Devonport Naval Base in Auckland, New Zealand, and has served her country for more than seven years.

“As part of winning the New Zealand Sailor of the Year, I get to come over and experience America’s Navy, learn about what you do and see what I can take back with me to my navy,” Gray said.

During her trip, Gray and her mother, Shan-

nan Clarke, participated in tours of Washington, D.C., Chicago and Recruit Training Command in Great Lakes, where she observed a boot camp graduation. While visiting PACFLT, Fleet Master Chief Suz Whitman took Gray to visit the Arleigh Burke-class guided-missile destroyer USS Hopper (DDG 70), the USS Arizona Memorial, and helped coordinate visits to the Pacific Aviation Museum, National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific and USS Missouri Memorial.

“My visit to PACFLT has been mind-blowing,” Gray said. “Coming here was on my bucket list so it’s been amazing to come to Pearl Harbor and get to the nitty-gritty history. I love everything about naval history and where we’ve come from so getting the opportunity to go out to the USS Arizona Memorial and experience it personally gave me a

better understanding of Pearl Harbor.”

PACFLT Sailor of the Year, Chief Hospital Corpsman Corey Smith, accompanied Gray for the majority of her visit to PACFLT and expressed how much he enjoyed his time getting to know her.

“The past couple of days have been great,” Smith said. “Just getting to interact with Gray and seeing how we have a lot of the same issues as Sailors was pretty cool. She really connects with people right off the bat and is very genuine. That’s something that, no matter if you’re a

Sailor or not, is going to help you be successful.”

Whitman expressed the importance of New Zealand sailors interacting with U.S. Sailors and having the opportunity to network and solidify partnerships.

“I feel it’s very important to build bridges with our partners and allies,” Whitman said. “Taking care of sailors is what it’s all about, whether it’s an American Sailor or a Kiwi sailor, we are all sailors.”

After taking some leave to enjoy Oahu and Maui, Gray and her mother will travel back to New Zealand.

‘Be There’ for your shipmates during Suicide Prevention Month 2016

James Rosenfelder

U.S. Navy Bureau of medicine and Surgery Public Affairs

Navy Medicine recognizes September as National Suicide Prevention Awareness Month, beginning Sept. 1.

The theme for Suicide Prevention Month 2016 is “Be There.”

Throughout the month, Navy Medicine will highlight the power of peer support and personal wellness, encouraging Sailors and Marines to be there for their shipmates.

“Action starts with prevention,” said Vice Adm. Forrest Faison, Navy surgeon general and chief, Bureau of Medicine and Surgery (BUMED). “When a Sailor needs assistance, easy access to support resources and mental health treatment is essential, as is validation of help-seeking behaviors.”

Suicide prevention is a yearlong effort. Suicide Prevention Month serves as a reminder that building resilience and preventing suicide requires all members of the Navy and Marine Corps community to work together. Every life lost to suicide is one too many.

“Take action if you notice anything out of the ordinary for a shipmate; reach out to them,” Faison said. “If you are having difficulties, seek help if needed. Seeking help is a sign of strength. It’s okay to speak up when you’re down.”

Everyday connections can make a big difference to someone feeling alone, in crisis or having thoughts of suicide. One small act can open the door for support by breaking the silence and facilitating early intervention.

Throughout the month, Navy Medicine will share resources to help Sailors, Marines and their families recognize the warning signs of suicide and what they can do to help.

If you or someone you know is in immediate danger, call 911.

If you or someone you know is contemplating suicide, seek assistance immediately by contacting the Military Crisis Line by calling 1-800-273-8255, online at <http://www.militarycrisisline.net/> or sending a text message to 838255.

JBPHH announces Borchers Gate closure, Sept. 9-12

Borchers Gate will be closed to all incoming and outgoing traffic from 5 p.m. on Friday, Sept. 9 to 5 a.m. on Monday, Sept. 12 to allow NAVFAC contractor to repave asphalt. Personnel may use Luapele Gate accessed via Salt Lake Boulevard as entry control point for Makalapa compound. Personnel are required to obey all lane closure and warning signs. For more information, contact Lt. j.g. Jacob Springer at Jacob.springer@navy.mil or 449-3140.



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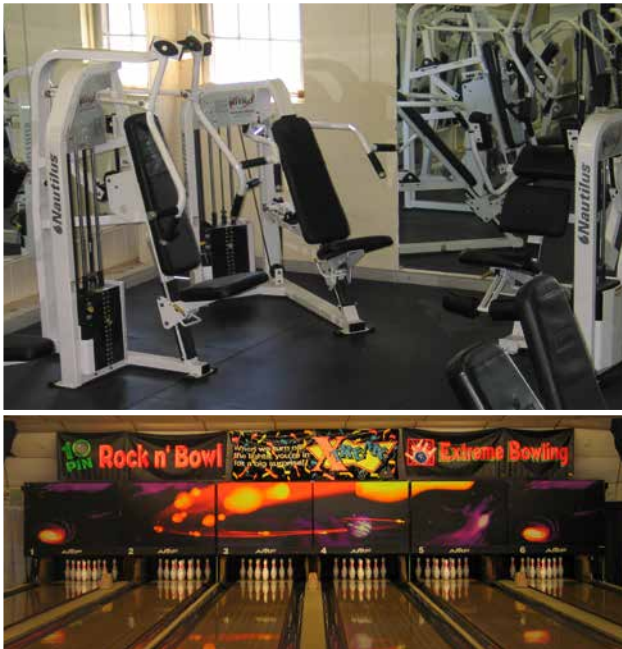
Airfield - Bldg. 1715
and **Waterfront - Bldg. 159.**

For more information call the JBPHH Recycling Program POC at (808) 474-9207.

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Kilauea Military Camp celebrates centennial



Story and photos courtesy of Kilauea Military Camp

Kilauea Military Camp (KMC) on the island of Hawaii is celebrating 100 years in operation, providing Morale, Welfare and Recreation programs, guest facilities and support for all of America's military members, their families and other categories of authorized patrons.

Located in Hawaii Volcanoes National Park, Kilauea Military Camp (KMC) sits on 52 acres. While many historic touches have been retained, the camp itself has gone through many renovations.

KMC offers 90 guest cottages and apartments with one, two, or three bedrooms, and a 110-bed dormitory. Selected guest units include a jetted tub and/or kitchen. Nightly rates are based on rank and by unit type.

Guest cottages and apartments are available to authorized military patrons, family members and their sponsored guests. KMC is also able to extend the use of their 110-bed dormitory to educational and non-profit organizations.

"What hasn't changed is the uniqueness of KMC," said retired Army Col. Randy Hart, director of KMC.

Historical visits to the island of Hawaii by U.S. Navy ships and visits to the volcano area by Army and Navy units occurred during the 1840s, 1890s and early 1900s. Local leaders turned this interest

into the creation of a rest camp for military personnel. By 1916, a rest camp had been constructed on or near the site where Kilauea Military Camp now stands.

Originally conceived by a group of Hilo businessmen as a business venture and rest camp, KMC opened its doors to Soldiers on Nov. 17, 1916. First to arrive was a group of Soldiers from Company A, Second Infantry of the U.S. Army.

Initially there were three buildings erected on the camp for dining, recreation and an officers building. Officers and enlisted Soldiers were expected to provide their own sleeping tents. Goat hunting, drill and exploration of the surrounding area were some of the activities engaged in by the unit while at the camp.

From that beginning, KMC has grown and evolved into a getaway resort that continues to support all branches of the military as well as Guard and Reserve components.

In the 1940s, KMC served as both a Japanese internment camp at the beginning of World War II, and as a prisoner-of-war camp. Numerous dignitaries have visited KMC including Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower who was the Army chief of staff in 1946 and later became president of the United States in 1953.

The bell tower was later converted to a guard tower during the war.

KMC opened their doors to all military branches in 1949 and since that time has served thousands of military, family members and sponsored guests.

Today, KMC facilities include a bowling center and snack bar, a cafeteria and cocktail lounge, banquet facilities, a general store, recreation lodge with arcade games, pool tables, table tennis, basketball and tennis courts and a fitness center.

Some of the buildings and cottages are adorned with stain glass windows. It started out with one cottage that was being renovated in the mid 1980s by local artist Beverly Jackson. "Building these windows was a labor of love," Jackson wrote in a 1999 description of the project.

A lodging special will be held from Oct. 19 to Nov. 16 with discounts. The celebration will conclude on Veterans Day with a ceremony. For more information, visit www.KilaueaMilitaryCamp.com or call (808) 967-8371. For reservations call (808) 967-8333 or email reservations@kmc-volcano.com.

New lava flow spreads

Kilauea Military Camp

The flow of lava has spread beyond the base of the pali (cliff) of the abandoned Royal Gardens subdivision, and is entering the ocean within the boundaries of Hawaii Volcanoes National Park. Bright incandescence is visible from the active lava flow field, and the lava flow does not pose a threat to any residential community.

To maintain public safety and to preserve the emergency road or Highway 130, the County of Hawaii has opened the emergency road to lava viewing since June 30. Vehicular traffic on the emergency road is limited to local residents and emergency vehicles, and is being monitored by security guards posted along the viewing area.

While volcanic phenomena are captivating, please be aware of hidden hazards and be prepared: Viewing area hours are from 3 to 9 p.m. daily, with the last car allowed to park at 8:30 p.m. It is about 8.5 total miles round-trip from

end of the pavement on Highway 130 to the lava flow and back. The flow can be seen starting from the parking lot all along the hike.

Eruptions continue at Kilauea Volcano's summit and East Rift Zone. From the national park, the easiest vantage point to view the current eruptive activity is from a distance (about 4 or 5 miles away) at the end of Chain of Craters Road past Holei Sea Arch. Park rangers have set up a Coastal Ranger Station (CRS) at the end of Chain of Craters Road with eruption update, hiking and safety tip exhibits, and a monitor that plays a four-minute lava safety video.

Visitors are strongly urged to stop and talk with rangers and review all signage and watch the video at the CRS. The CRS is staffed daily and in the evening during peak visitation hours. A public spotting scope is also available to view the eruptive activity in the distance, as staffing allows. The park is open 24 hours a day.





CSP defense shuts down 17th OWS for third win



Cryptologic Technician (Maintenance) 2nd Class Joe O'Mara watches as his kicked shot hits the back of the net for a score.

Story and photo by Randy Dela Cruz

Sports Editor, Ho'okele

Commander Submarine Force U.S. Pacific Fleet (COMSUBPAC) CSP got two goals from Yeoman 1st Class Shane Walsh and another late in the game by Cryptologic Technician (Maintenance) 2nd Class Joe O'Mara to defeat 17th Operational Weather Squadron (17 OWS), 3-0, Aug. 27 in a Summer Soccer League game at Earhart Field.

Walsh got both of his goals in the first half to take a 2-0 advantage into intermission, before the team's defense held off the 17 OWS for the win.

With the regular season winding down, Walsh said that CSP has to play with a sense of urgency if they want to be ready for the playoffs.

CSP got off to a great start but has been in a slump of late, as the team dropped two in a row and picked up a tie in their last three games prior to the show-down against the 17 OWS.

"We started the season pretty well at 2-0, but we dropped two, so we've got to win the rest of these games," Walsh said. "Our defense is pushing it right now."

Even though the team started off against the wind, CSP was able to penetrate the halfway marker and advance toward the 17 OWS goal on several occasions.

Finally at about midway through the first half, Walsh was able to isolate himself near the goal before sneaking the ball past the goalkeeper for the first score of the game.

"I saw where I wanted to put it, but the keeper went to the same side," Walsh said. "Luckily, he didn't get down fast enough and the ball hit his hand, but still went in."

Then as halftime quickly approached, Walsh got a breakaway and a one-on-one situation with the goalkeeper.

This time, Walsh had no problem beating the keeper to score his second goal of the game and give CSP a 2-0 advantage at halftime.

"The defender wasn't paying attention," Walsh said about how he was able to free himself so easily. "I saw the ball coming and I just ran through it."

If there is one thing Walsh said he doesn't like, it's when he makes an error while trying to score a goal.

For the most part, Walsh said that he was OK if the goalkeeper makes a good play to stop him, but he doesn't want to stop himself.

"If he (the goalkeeper) makes a save, it's good on him," Walsh said. "I'd rather him make the save than me make the miss."

Walsh said the two-goal lead allowed their team to tighten up their defense and conserve some energy.

Besides the team's showdown against the 17 OWS, CSP had to play Naval Health Clinic Hawaii in back-to-back games to finish the day.

"Our thought process was just pass it around and have them (17 OWS) wear down because we had a second game," he said. "We tried to conserve as much energy as possible. That's why we tried to hold the ball, rather than push forward."

Still, even utilizing a prevent strategy, CSP was able to score one final goal, when O'Mara found himself in the right place at the right time and flicked in a straightaway kick from the top of the box.

Walsh said that the team had a pretty good game overall considering that they were missing a few of their key players, including goalkeeper and team captain Senior Chief Fire Control Technician Tim Kearns.

Still, Walsh said that the team has a long way to go to be battle-ready for the postseason.

"We're still a work in progress," he said. "The first couple of games, we had a lot more subs, but we're getting there. We should be alright."

Football season begins next week, where to watch



Reid Tokeshi

Joint Base Pearl
Harbor-Hickam Morale,
Welfare and Recreation

College and NFL football season is here and Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam Morale, Welfare and Recreation offers several locations where fans can enjoy the games.

For college action on Saturdays, Restaurant 604, located at Rainbow Bay Marina, opens at 9:30 a.m. every weekend, offering up a brunch

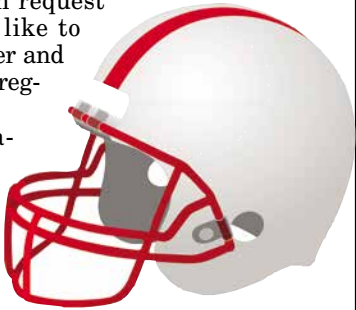
menu in a casual atmosphere. At least some of the televisions will be tuned to the bigger national games. Other locations expected to show football on Saturdays include the tavern at IRONS table + tavern, Brews & Cues at Club Pearl, the 10th Puka at Ke'alahi Golf Course and the Hapa Bar at Sam Choy's Island Style Seafood Grille. Opening times for each facility vary.

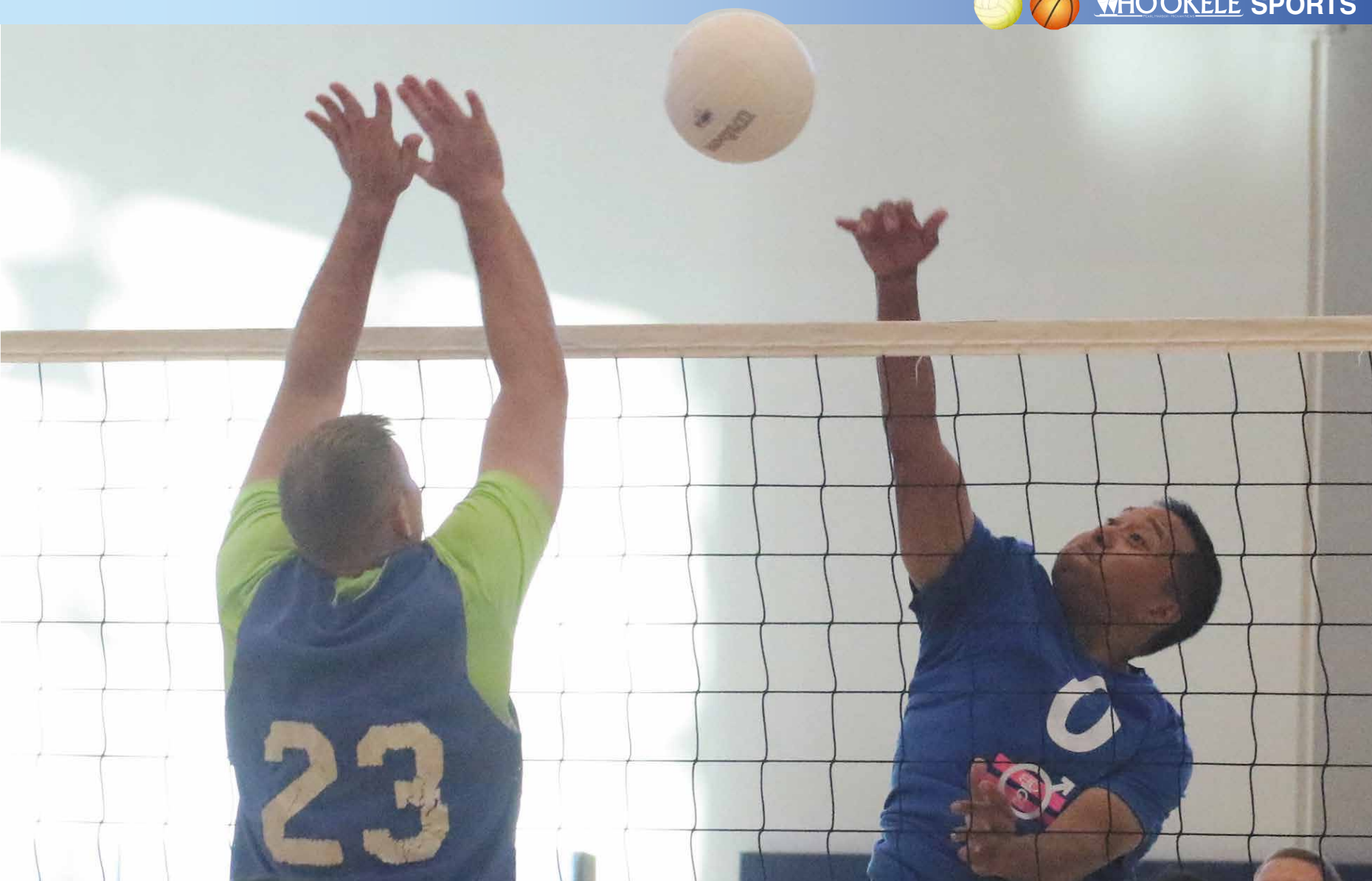
On Sundays, and two locations on JBPHH offer up the NFL package, enabling the showing of almost all scheduled games. Brews & Cues and the 10th Puka will also open early on Sundays so fans can watch their teams live. The other locations listed previously will also likely show the games that are on the national schedule.

All locations have food and beverage options.

Single Sailors and Airmen who prefer to relax in a casual living room atmosphere have the additional option of visiting their Liberty Centers. They can request the game they would like to watch at Beeman Center and Instant Liberty during regular service hours.

The hours of operation vary for each facility. More information can be found at www.greatlifehawaii.com.





Capt. Justin Roque goes up for one of his many kills to lead HQ PACAF over NHCH 2 in straight sets.

HQ PACAF faces HIANG for Gold Division lead

**Story and photo
by Randy Dela Cruz**

Sports Editor, Ho'okele

Despite being surprised by USS Chafee (DDG 90) two weeks ago, Headquarters Pacific Air Forces (HQ PACAF) bounced back to surpass Naval Health Clinic Hawaii (NHCH) 2 in straight sets, 25-18 and 25-15, on Aug. 25 in a Gold Division intramural volleyball matchup at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam.

The Gold Division's No. 2 team made easy work of NHCH 2 even though the team entered the game missing a couple of their key players.

The win was an important step forward for HQ PACAF, which needed the victory in order to stay within striking distance of league-leading and defending champs Hawaii Air National Guard (HIANG).

The matchup between HQ PACAF and HIANG took place on Sept. 1, and while the game would be over by the time Ho'okele goes to press, a win by HQ PACAF would jump the team to the top of the division with a record of 9-1.

Capt. Justin Roque, who led HQ PACAF in kills against NHCH 2, said that the team would be loaded with a full squad for HIANG, which should help in their battle against the

perennial powerhouse.

"They (HIANG) have some big hitters," Roque said. "It's get the passes right and be at those right places to get those digs."

HQ PACAF teammate Senior Master Sgt. Joleen Dunavin agreed with Roque and added that after taking a set from the HIANG last season, it proves that nobody is unbeatable.

"We won one last year against them," she said. "We have a couple of extra strong players this year, so we'll keep our fingers crossed."

While the battle against HIANG should be one of the matches of the year, HQ PACAF experienced no such drama

against an overmatched NHCH 2 squad.

Starting off the game with only five players — one player short of a full starting lineup — HQ PACAF still slowly pulled away for a seven-point win in the first set.

Dunavin led the first charge from service after Roque put down a kill for a side-out and a slim 7-5 lead.

Setting from the backline, Dunavin lead a rally of four points that included one kill to give HQ PACAF an 11-5 lead.

Later, another kill by Roque put HQ PACAF on the verge of victory at 24-16, which set up the final point on a service error by NHCH 2.

"Once we recognized the hole, we knew where everyone would be," Roque said about how the team overcame starting the set five players against six.

"Once that last player showed up, we felt more comfortable starting the second game."

The sixth player immediately made a huge difference in the team's attack, as HQ PACAF, now armed with a full squad, raced out to a double-digit lead at 20-10, before closing out the set and match.

"We understood, from the loss of last week, anything could happen," Roque said. "So we had to improve our movement and communication, so that it wouldn't happen again."

NCTAMS PAC hands Reasonable Doubt first defeat

**Story and photo
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Information Systems Technician 3rd Class Miltuan Williams' clutch three-point bomb from beyond the arc with 6.2 seconds remaining in the game was the final nail in the coffin, as Naval Computer Telecommunications Area Master Station Pacific (NCTAMS PAC) sent league-leading Reasonable Doubt to their first loss of the season by a score of 49-47 on Aug. 27 in a Summer Basketball League game at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam.

With the score tied at 45-45 and time ticking away, a loose ball found its way into the hands of Williams, who was standing all alone on the left wing.

As if ice water was coursing through his veins, without hesitation Williams squared up and released a buttery-smooth shot that pierced the twine for a huge three-point lead that would ultimately win the game for NCTAMS PAC.

The victory raised the record of NCTAMS PAC to 5-2 and puts them only one game behind Reasonable Doubt, which fell to 6-1.

"It all started with a steal from IT Jenkins (Information Systems Technician 3rd Marcus Jenkins)," Williams said. "He got in a scuffle for the ball with No. 14 (Brandon Crawford, a military family member) of Reasonable Doubt. At the end of the scuffle, I ended up getting the ball and I was like, I have to make it. At the end of the day, it was hustle by my teammates."

Master Chief Patrick Walker, head coach of NCTAMS PAC, said that when he saw the ball go into the hands of Williams, he knew it was money.

"When I think of killer instinct, I think of Williams," Walker said. "Late in the game, if there is anybody I want on the line or anybody I want to take that last shot, it's Williams and he proved it today."

While Reasonable Doubt had been pushed hard in a couple of previous games, the team never

faced anything like the ravenous pressure put on them by NCTAMS PAC from the opening tip-off to the final buzzer.

After eight minutes of play, Reasonable Doubt found themselves clinging to a 9-6 lead, but things changed in a heartbeat as NCTAMS PAC put the pedal to the metal and went on an 11-0 run to grab a 17-9 advantage.

The streak was finally broken on a free throw by Staff Sgt. Labronze Paden, which seemed to flip momentum back to Reasonable Doubt.

Back-to-back baskets by Staff Sgt. Carl Sanders and Paden cut the deficit down to four and then with 1:34 remaining before half-time, Cryptologic Technician (Collection) 3rd Class N'Kosi Gaddy pulled up and swished a trey to cut the lead down to two at 20-18.

NCTAMS PAC clung to a 22-21 lead at halftime, but opened up the second half on back-to-back shots by Jenkins and Information Systems Technician 2nd Class Hunter Bell to increase the lead to 26-21.

Not to let the game get out of hand, on the next trip downcourt Sanders completed a basket-and-one, before Gaddy tied the score at 26-26 on two free throws.

The game remained close throughout the entire second half and with :39 seconds left on the clock, Staff Sgt. Corey Doss of Reasonable Doubt drained a shot to tie the score at 45-45, which set the stage for the final game heroics by Williams.

Earlier in the season, NCTAMS PAC blew a 10-point lead and lost in their first meeting against Reasonable Doubt.

Walker, who wasn't with the team during the first matchup, said that winning the second game is much sweeter — especially with the playoff looming right around the corner.

"I was on a cruise the first time we played Reasonable Doubt," Walker said. "With this game, I just wanted to sit back and fully analyze what was going on. I took a look and said these guys (Reasonable Doubt) are good, but anybody is beatable."



Information Systems Technician 3rd Marcus Jenkins drives baseline for NCTAMS PAC.

Uncle Kracker to perform at JBPHH

Reid Tokeshi

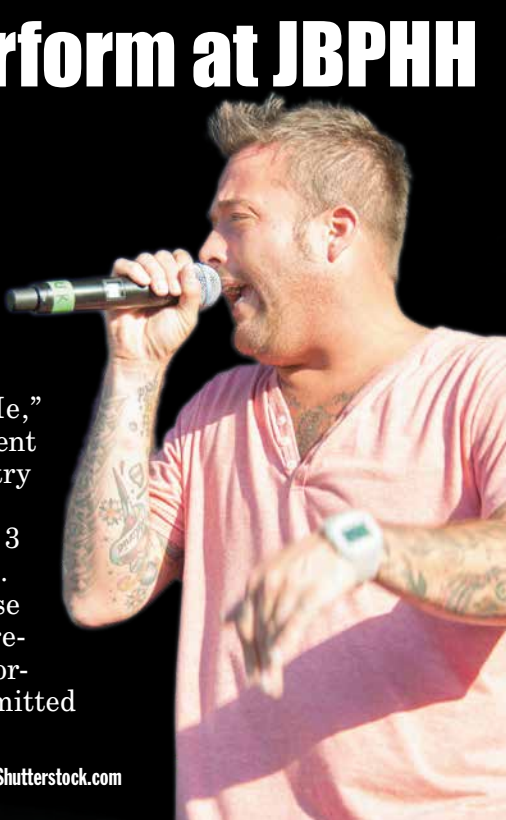
*Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam
Morale, Welfare and Recreation*

Uncle Kracker is scheduled to stage a free concert Sept. 25 at Ward Field, Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam. Gates will open at 3 p.m. with the show starting at 5 p.m.

Although he is known for hits like “Follow Me,” “Smile” and “Drift Away,” Uncle Kracker’s most recent album, “Midnight Special,” features a more country music sound.

Prior to the concert there will be a pre-party from 3 to 5 p.m. featuring games as well as prize giveaways.

Food and beverages will be available for purchase on the field. Due to security and organizer requirements, certain restrictions will apply. For more information, including a list of permitted and non-permitted items, go to www.greatlifehawaii.com.



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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:

- Sept. 6, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., NEX, Tripler Army Medical Center
- Sept. 7, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., Naval Submarine Support Command, 822 Clark St., suite 400, Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam
- Sept. 9, 9 to 11 a.m., Pearl Harbor Naval Shipyard, building 2, Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam
- Sept. 20, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), 1845 Wasp Blvd., Ford Island, Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam
- Sept. 21, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., Naval Health Clinic Hawaii, 480 Central Ave., Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam

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

Suicide Prevention and Awareness Month events planned

Navy Region Hawaii Public Affairs

September is Suicide Prevention and Awareness Month. Suicide continues to pose a serious risk to personnel and families and mission readiness.

Navy Region Hawaii Suicide Prevention Month activities include Fight For Each Other (F4EO) and General Military Training (GMT). F4EO is the first joint service suicide prevention presentation on Oahu, featuring all five branches of the military. The presentations are a series of talks from people directly impacted by suicide, including survivors, family members, friends and co-workers. Commands are invited to the following presentations:

- Sept. 8, 8:30 to 11:30 a.m. at the Hickam Memorial Theater, Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam
- Sept. 15, 8:30 to 10:30 a.m. at Fort Shafter Richardson Theater Sgt. Smith Theater
- Sept. 16, 8:30 to 10:30 a.m. at Schofield Barracks
- Sept. 23, 8:30 to 10:30 a.m. at Marine Corps Base Hawaii Kaneohe Bay Theater
- Sept. 30, 8:30 to 11:30 a.m. at U.S. Coast Guard base Honolulu, Club 14.

A Joint Base Morale, Welfare and Recreation (MWR) 5K Run For Life and Resiliency Fair will be held Sept. 23 beginning at 7 a.m. at Hickam Fitness Center Command fitness leaders are encouraged to plan command physical training in conjunction with this event. The event is open to all Department of Defense personnel, their families and retirees. Awards will be given to each winner in the categories of men, women, youth boys and girls (age 17 and under), and men and women’s stroller. Community support resources will be on site to provide information.

For more information, visit www.greatlifehawaii.com or call 448-2214.

MWR Liberty Center free food Fridays for E1 to E6 single Sailors and Airmen will be held at Beeman Liberty Center from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. on the following dates:

- Sept. 9, resiliency bingo and chili dogs with a chance to win prizes
- Sept. 16, a healthy fun salad bar and ping pong
- Sept. 23, an aloha spirit poke bowl and minute to win it chance to win prizes

- Sept. 30, a friendly competition pool tournament and barbecue pork sandwiches.

For more information, visit the [Beeman Liberty Center](http://www.greatlifehawaii.com) or call 473-2583.

SafeTALK suicide alert training workshops will be held at the Military and Family Support Center from 8 to 11 a.m. Sept. 2, Oct. 7, Nov. 4 and Dec. 2. In addition, SafeTALK for teens will be held Oct. 1 at the Makai Recreation Center including pizza and resiliency bingo.

Applied Suicide Intervention Skills Training (ASIST) is a two-day workshop designed to teach suicide first aid skills.

ASIST training will be held from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sept. 29-30 at Naval Computer and Telecommunications Area Master Station Pacific chapel in Wahiawa. ASIST training will also be held 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Oct. 11-12 and Nov. 21-22 at the JBPHH Military and Family Support Center 4827 Bougainville Drive.

Training is open to all adult military and civilian personnel and family members interested in learning advanced suicide intervention skills.

All command suicide prevention coordinators, medical personnel, first responders, prevention specialists and ombudsmen are recommended to attend.

Registration for the ASIST training classes can be done online at www.greatlifehawaii.com under the MFSC class schedule.

For more information, call 474-1999 or email MFSC Hawaii@navy.mil.

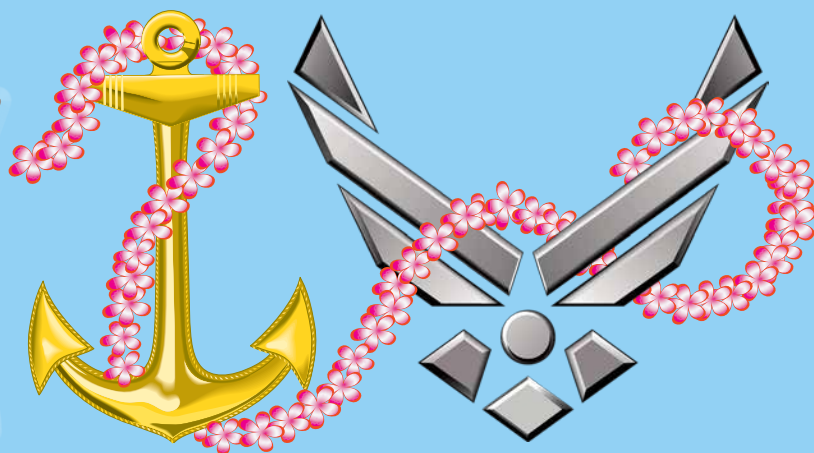
CREDO Hawaii is sponsoring a warrior resiliency skills retreat for E1 to E6 military personnel from Sept. 23-25 in Waikiki. The retreat is free to active duty service members. *Email credohawaii@navy.mil to sign up.*

The Suicide Prevention Month toolkit is available at www.suicide.navy.mil.

Additional resources include Military One Source at www.militaryone-source.com or call 1 (800) 342-9647 or the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline and Veterans Crisis Line at www.veteranscrisisline.net or 1 (800) 273-TALK (option 1 for military).

For more information, call 474-0045 or email Rebecca.miranda@navy.mil.

SEPTEMBER

HO'OKELE
PEARL HARBOR - HICKAMCOMMUNITY
CALENDAR**ARIZONA POOL CLOSED WEEKDAYS NOW—**

Arizona Pool is now closed on weekdays. The pool is still open on weekends from noon to 5 p.m. The pool will be open on Labor Day, Sept. 5, from noon to 5 p.m.

USS CHAFEE CPO SELECTEES YARD SALE AND LUNCH SEPT. 4 —

The USS Chafee CPO selectees will hold a yard sale and enchilada lunch from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at 731 Murray Drive in Honolulu. The selectees are seeking donations of unwanted items through Sept. 3 for the garage sale. The group will pick up the donations. FMI: call GMC (select) Schoo at 619-988-1552 or BMC (select) Sharp at 360-473-3260.

SPONSOR TRAINING SEPT. 6 —

Sponsor training will be held from 1 to 3 p.m. at Military and Family Support Center Wahiawa. The training is designed to give new sponsors information to assist incoming personnel and their families. Spouses are encouraged to attend. FMI: www.greatlifeohawaii.com/family-support/mfsc-class-schedule or call 474-1999.

THRIFT SAVINGS PLAN SEPT. 6 —

A class on the Thrift Savings Plan (TSP) will be held from 1:30 to 3 p.m. at Military and Family Support Center Hickam. The TSP is a retirement savings and investment plan for federal employees and members of the uniformed services. FMI: www.greatlifeohawaii.com/family-support/mfsc-class-schedule or call 474-1999.

TRANSITION GPS SEPT. 6-7 —

A two-day Transition GPS: Boots to Business seminar will be held from 7:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at Military and Family Services Pearl Harbor. The U.S. Small Business Administration seminar is designed to assist participants with understanding how to launch a business as a post-military career. FMI: www.greatlifeohawaii.com/family-support/mfsc-class-schedule or call 474-1999.

FBI RECRUITMENT SEPT. 7 —

An FBI recruitment event will be held from 9 to 11 a.m. at Military and Family Support Center Hickam. Agency representatives will be available to discuss career choices, requirements and hiring procedures. FMI: www.greatlifeohawaii.com/family-support/mfsc-class-schedule or call 474-1999.

PCS WORKSHOP SEPT. 8 —

A workshop to provide a better understanding of the Permanent Change of Station (PCS) process will be held from 8 to 11:30 a.m. at Military and Family Support Center Hickam. FMI: www.greatlifeohawaii.com/family-support/mfsc-class-schedule or call 474-1999.

WOMEN AND INVESTING CLASS SEPT. 9 —

A class on how women can get started with investing will be held from 12:30 to 2:30 p.m. at Military and Family Support Center Pearl Harbor. FMI: www.greatlifeohawaii.com/family-support/mfsc-class-schedule or call 474-1999.

SURVIVING THE HOLIDAYS FINANCIALLY SEPT. 9 —

A class to help participants develop a spending plan so they can have a less stressful holiday season will be held from 8 to 9:30 a.m. at Military and Family Support Center Pearl Harbor. FMI: www.greatlifeohawaii.com/family-support/mfsc-class-schedule or call 474-1999.

BORCHERS GATE CLOSURE SEPT. 9 TO 12 —

Borchers Gate will be closed to all incoming and outgoing traffic from 5 p.m. on Friday, Sept. 9 to 5 a.m. on Monday, Sept. 12. The traffic closure is due to the need for a contractor to repave asphalt. Personnel may use Luapele Gate accessed via Salt Lake Boulevard for the Makalapa compound. Personnel are required to obey all lane closure and warning signs.

TRIPLER FISHER HOUSE RUN SEPT. 10 —

The Tripler Army Medical Center's Fisher House will hold the fifth annual 8K Hero and Remembrance Run beginning at 6:30 a.m. on Ford Island. All participants should be on the island no later than 6 a.m. The free event is

open to the military and the public. The event honors fallen service members from all branches who have given their lives since Sept. 11, 2001. There will be numerous boots with pictures of fallen service members on them and flags inside that will line the running route. The registration website is www.eventbrite.com. FMI: email anita.f.clingerman.naf@mail.mil or call 436-5543 or email Theresa.m.johnson2.naf@mail.mil or call (931) 217-0800.

FREE ADVANCE SCREENING SEPT. 10 —

A free studio appreciation advance screening of a movie to be announced will be held at 4 p.m. at Hickam Memorial Theater. Doors will open at 2 p.m. Tickets will be available at the Hickam Food Court. Seating is open to those without tickets 30 minutes prior to the show time. The movie is rated PG. FMI: 423-7694 or newmanbe@aafes.com.

SEA CADET OPEN HOUSE SEPT. 10 —

The United States Naval Sea Cadet Corps will have an open house event aboard the Battleship Missouri Memorial at 10 a.m. The event is open to interested youth ages 10 to 17. The United States Naval Sea Cadet Corps has a limited number of openings for new cadets this school year. Cadets meet two Saturdays per month for hands-on training with the Navy, Coast Guard and Marine Corps, including aviation, scuba diving and sailing. FMI: email erik.boohar@navy.mil or recruiting@hawaiiaseacadets.com or visit the websites www.HawaiiSeaCadets.com and www.SeaCadets.org.

9/11 REMEMBRANCE CEREMONY SEPT. 12 —

A free public ceremony to mark the 15th anniversary of the Sept. 11, 2001 attacks on the World Trade Center and Pentagon will be held from 12:15 to 1 p.m. at Tamarind Park at Bishop Square in downtown Honolulu. The event will honor the victims of the attacks and Honolulu's first responders. The event will include ceremonial services by a Joint Service Color Guard and the U.S. Pacific Fleet Band.

SHARKEY THEATER**TODAY — SEPT. 2**

7:00 PM Suicide Squad (3-D) (PG-13)

SATURDAY — SEPT. 3

2:30 PM Ice Age: Collision Course (PG)

4:40 PM Ghostbusters (2016)

(3-D) (PG-13)

7:00 PM Suicide Squad (PG-13)

SUNDAY — SEPT. 4

2:30 PM Ice Age: Collision Course

(3-D) (PG)

4:40 PM Jason Bourne (PG-13)

7:10 PM Suicide Squad (3-D) (PG-13)

THURSDAY — SEPT. 8

7:00 PM Bad Moms (R)

HICKAM MEMORIAL THEATER**TODAY — SEPT. 2**

6:00 PM The Secret Life of Pets (PG)

SATURDAY — SEPT. 3

3:00 PM Ice Age:

Collision Course (PG)

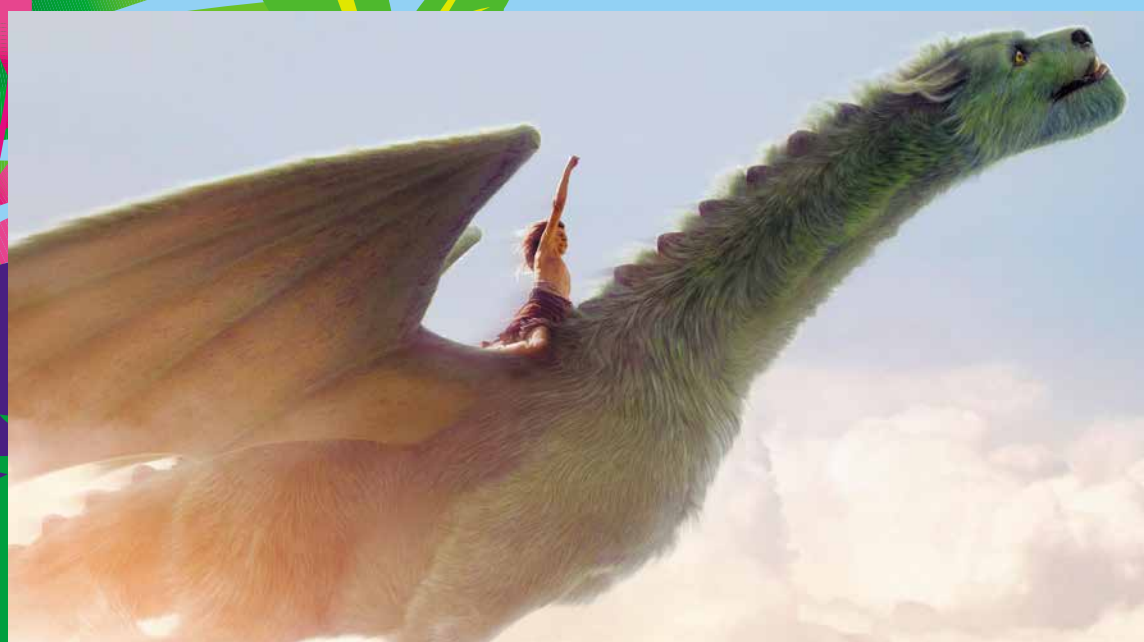
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MOVIE
SHOWTIMES**PETE'S DRAGON**

For years, old wood carver Mr. Meacham has delighted local children with his tales of the fierce dragon that resides deep in the woods of the Pacific Northwest. To his daughter, Grace, who works as a forest ranger, these stories are little more than tall tales... until she meets Pete. Pete is a mysterious 10-year-old with no family and no home who claims to live in the woods with a giant green dragon named Elliot. And from Pete's descriptions Elliot seems remarkably similar to the dragon from Mr. Meacham's stories. With the help of Natalie, an 11-year-old girl whose father Jack owns the local lumber mill, Grace sets out to determine where Pete came from, where he belongs, and the truth about this dragon.



Sales events boost commissary savings

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DeCA marketing and mass media specialist

Commissary shoppers will see various sales events throughout their store in September with Labor Day promotions, football fever events, Oktoberfest celebrations, case lot sales and coupons to help save even more money.

“September is a busy month for commissaries, and there are plenty of promotions available for our patrons to help them save money and maximize their benefit,” Tracie Russ, the Defense Commissary Agency (DeCA) director of sales, said. Commissary shoppers can find out about the sales and promotions by going online at www.commissaries.com where they can also enter contests and win trips. The best places to check are the sales and events and the exclusive savings sections, while the case lot sale schedule is at the customer appreciation case lot sale page.

These discounts result from DeCA’s industry partners — vendors, suppliers and brokers — who collaborate with commissaries to offer discounts beyond everyday savings. Overseas stores may have substitute events for certain promotional programs. Customers are asked to check their local commissary for details on dates and times for the following promotions:

- **Customer appreciation case lot sales** are continuing through September for stateside commissaries. Each store hosts individual two- or three-day case lot sales on one weekend between mid-August and the end of September. Commissaries in Alaska, Hawaii and Puerto Rico are also participating. This year’s sales recognize DeCA’s 25th birthday celebration. The agency was officially formed Oct. 1, 1991, consolidating the commissary systems of each of the military services. These sales provide commissary shoppers up to 50 percent savings on bulk buys of cereals, breakfast bars, chips, beverages, paper goods and other items. During these “parking lot” sales, commissaries also offer seasonal fresh produce on sale and provide high-value coupons for products inside the store. Look online, <http://ow.ly/aqMz303JXrA> for the schedule of local case lot events.

- **It is football tailgating time.** Starting Sept. 3, commissaries will offer game-day recipes, high-value coupon booklets for discounts on football favorites and will make it easy to shop with recipe items adjacent to the fresh meats featured in the recipes. [Mymilitarysavings.com](http://militarysavings.com) will also feature promotional details to include hot deals, blogs, social media, e-newsletter blasts and more. Starting Sept. 3 through Jan. 3, 2017, patrons can enter to win a \$100 NFL gift card. Four gift cards will be awarded each week (three in the U.S. and one overseas) for 17 weeks. Official rules will be available at <http://ow.ly/yHh1303JXu7> all starting Sept. 3.

- **For Better Breakfast Month,** coupons will be available from Sept. 1 to 11. These coupons will also be distributed in stores by industry representatives who will demonstrate healthy recipes.

- **Free groceries for a year** is a promotion that will give away six prizes of \$7,500 each in commissary gift cards to winning commissary patrons. The online giveaway runs now through Sept. 11. No purchase is necessary. Participation is limited to stateside customers including those in Alaska and Hawaii commissaries. For details, go to <http://ow.ly/BDAE303JXxS>.

- **Oktoberfest in Hawaii:** From Sept. 12 to 25, commissary shoppers who cannot attend Oktoberfest in Germany can find value savings on products for their own celebrations. Commissaries have a full line of German products from chocolates, cookies, sauerkraut, mustard and red cabbage, to rich German coffee and more.

- **Commissary Rewards Card** users worldwide have a chance to win one of 30 \$250 commissary gift cards in the Celebrate Family Values Sweepstakes. Details will be available Sept. 15 at <http://ow.ly/VEY0303JXzC>.

- **The annual Italian and American Festival of Savings** will be from Sept. 26 to Oct. 9. More than 150,000 high-value in-store coupon flyers will be distributed worldwide. Up to \$20,000 will be donated to the Fisher House, which helps military families, based on sales from this event.

For more information, visit www.commissaries.com.



MY FAVORITE PHOTO



John Burns, administrative support assistant for Navy Region Hawaii, took this photo in his garden of a Molokai sweet potato flower and a bud to the left of it. How to submit: Email your photos to editor@hookelenews.com.