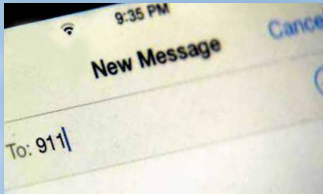




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First MIDPAC tactical conference held at JBPHH

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Key leaders in the Pacific Fleet gathered together at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam for the first Commander Naval Surface Group Middle Pacific Tactical Symposium, Sept. 23.

The event provided an opportunity for Navy leaders from different commands to discuss the profession of arms and how the ships in Naval Surface Group Middle Pacific factor into the operational through tactical plans in the Pacific theater of operations.

“The symposium was a great dialog; we identified areas where we can communicate and execute better,” Rear Adm. John Wade, commander of Naval Surface and Mine Warfighting Development Center (SMWDC), said. “This was also a forum for our surface warfare officers (SWO) to understand what we [SMWDC] are doing for the future of the Surface Navy. Our key piece is tactical development — which means having the

right tactics to equip our Sailors with the competence and confidence to employ their weapons systems if called upon.”

Wade explained SMWDC’s primary mission:

“Our core mission is pretty simple; it is to increase the tactical proficiency of the Surface Warfare community, which is easier said than done. We are focused on implementing an advanced underway tactical exercise called the Surface Warfare Advanced Tactical Training (SWATT). SWATT ensures our ships and Sailors are ready to enter the integrated phase where we conduct operations with the aviation community, our submarine teammates, Special Forces, expeditionary forces and information warfare professionals,” Wade said.

The conduits to lead SWATT are a new generation of specialized SWOs who receive graduate-level education in doctrine and tactics from SMWDC at the junior officer level. This cadre of SWOs is called warfare tactics instructors (WTI), and “they specialize in three specific Surface Warfare areas,” Wade said.



WTIs are the subject matter experts in integrated air and missile defense, amphibious warfare, or

anti-submarine warfare/surface warfare.

Aside from SMWDC, the event

also hosted briefers from United States Pacific Command, United States Pacific Fleet, Destroyer Squadron 31, Navy Region Hawaii and Naval Surface Group Middle Pacific, who all emphasized that increasing tactics and training in the Surface Warfare community creates a better Navy as a whole by increasing maritime superiority.

“Our surface warriors deploying from Hawaii are part of a great Navy and joint team,” said Rear Adm. John Fuller, commander, Navy Region Hawaii and Naval Surface Group Middle Pacific. “I’m happy to see the innovation the enterprise is applying to achieve the U.S. Pacific Fleet Commander’s vision.”

U.S. Navy photo by MC2 John Philip Wagner
Rear Adm. John Wade, the new commander of Naval Surface and Mine Warfighting Development Center, speaks to surface warfare officers during the Surface Navy Association West Coast Symposium at Naval Base San Diego, Aug. 11.

Leaders raise awareness at suicide prevention event

Story and photo by Don Robbins

Editor, Ho’okele

Chaplains, suicide prevention coordinators and other senior leaders participated in a Suicide Prevention and Awareness Month event held Sept. 26 at the Pearl Harbor Navy Exchange Fleet Store.

As Sailors and Airmen walked by, the volunteers greeted them individually and held up signs with messages such as “No One Stands Alone,” and “Never Give Up.” The 2016 theme for suicide prevention is “1 Small ACT. Be there — your action could save a life.” The event also featured a table with brochures and other resources where military personnel can get help if they are struggling with thoughts of suicide.

The event was designed to raise awareness that suicide is a continuing issue for the military, Chaplain Cmdr. George Mendes, senior installation chaplain for Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, said.

“A big part of this is to let people know we’re here. Help has a face. One suicide is one suicide too many. Let us help you if you are struggling with it,” Mendes said.

The purpose of the event was to increase knowledge of available



From left, Airman 1st Class Myiesha Balton, Religious Programs Specialist 2nd Class (AW) Matthew Timper, Chaplain Cmdr. George Mendes and Lt. Rebecca Miranda participate in a Suicide Prevention and Awareness Month event Sept. 26 at the Pearl Harbor Navy Exchange Fleet Store.

resources, demonstrate support from the chain of command, and emphasize that suicide prevention is an all-hands responsibility.

“We want to let everyone know what the suicide prevention coordinator does, and the resources available to them. We want to let them know there are people

in their chain of command who want to help,” Religious Programs Specialist 2nd Class (AW) Matthew Timper, said. Timper is the suicide prevention coordinator for Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam.

The volunteers also handed out thank-you cards to military service members from A Million

Thanks. The organization sends out millions of letters of thanks and encouragement directly to service members, reminding them how valued they are.

As she distributed the thank-you cards, Lt. Rebecca Miranda, Navy Region Hawaii suicide prevention coordinator, said,

“People expect that we because we are living life in paradise, we can’t complain. People can feel a little lonely even in paradise. Sometimes words of encouragement will get someone through one more day. Life will get better even when times are tough.”

Airman 1st Class Myiesha Balton works in the Hickam Mental Health Clinic. She also participated in the event in support of the suicide prevention effort.

“The message is that everyone is important and there is someone out there caring for them. In dark times, you are not alone,” Balton said.

A Suicide Prevention toolkit is available at www.suicide.navy.mil.

Additional resources include Military One Source at www.militaryonesource.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, email Rebecca.miranda@navy.mil or matthew.timper@navy.mil.

Also visit <http://www.greatlife-hawaii.com/family-support/mfsc-class-schedule> to sign up for safeTALK or ASIST (Applied Suicide Intervention Skills Training).

PACAF Airmen conduct third rotation of air contingent in Philippines

Headquarters Pacific Air Forces

In support of the government of the Philippines, and with their approval and invitation, the United States is conducting a third iteration of a rotational air contingent in the Philippines, Sept. 25.

As part of this contingent, the U.S. Air Force is sending two C-130 Hercules aircraft and Airmen from the 374th Air Wing at Yokota Air Base, Japan, the 36th Contingency Response Group from Andersen Air Force Base, Guam and other units from across the Pacific Air Forces (PACAF) to Mactan-Benito Ebuen Air Base, Lapu-Lapu City,

Philippines. While there, the PACAF Airmen will conduct bilateral training missions as well as subject matter expert exchanges and integrate with Armed Forces of the Philippines forces.

The purpose of the air contingent is to promote increased interoperability between U.S. and Filipino forces, and to further enhance security cooperation between the allies.

PACAF Airmen stood up the first rotation of an air contingent at Clark Air Base, Philippines, April 16, following a joint announcement that highlighted several initiatives aimed to enhance bilateral relations between the two nations.

The first two-week con-



U.S. Air Force photo by Capt. Mark Lazane
An Airman marshals a U.S. Air Force C-17 to its designated ramp position at Mactan Air Base, Philippines, Sept. 24.

tingent in April consisted of A-10C Thunderbolt IIs, HH-60G Pave Hawks

and approximately 200 personnel from multiple PACAF units. The second

air contingent two-week iteration stood up June 15, comprised of EA-18G

Growlers along with Navy and Marine personnel.

USS North Carolina Sailors help renovate local school

YN2 Austin Madden

USS North Carolina

Sailors assigned to the Virginia-class fast-attack submarine USS North Carolina, (SSN 777), volunteered to help clean and renovate Navy Hale Keiki School.

Led by Chief Electronics Technician (Sel) (SS) Justin Brown and Yeoman 1st Class (SS) Kawon Harrington, Sailors from the North Carolina crew cleaned and painted the entire school over weekends in July and August.

The submarine crew will carry on their relationship with the school through future volunteer opportunities,



U.S. Navy photo by MC1 Jason Swink

Sailors from the Virginia-class fast-attack submarine USS North Carolina (SSN 777) and students from Hale Keiki school pose for a photo after renovating the school with weekly cleaning, painting and maintenance.

including student tutoring, mentoring and cosmetic improvements to the school.

“I’m very appreciative to the North Carolina for taking their Saturdays to come and help paint,” Courtney Brown, a teacher at Hale Keiki, said.

Brown said the school has received many compliments about how great the paint and school looked.

Along with the glowing smiles of the kids and staff at the school, Sailors felt a sense of achievement after taking part in renovating the school.

“I love connecting with the community,” Harrington said. “I think the most important thing is looking around and

seeing what we are accomplishing for the school and our community.”

The North Carolina recently entered an extended in-port period and its Sailors were looking for opportunities to help their communities.

“We are fortunate to have the opportunity to help our local schools,” J.R. O’Donnell, North Carolina Chief of the Boat, said. “It is an honor to help provide for a better environment for our Sailor’s children to enjoy learning.

O’Donnell said the crew looks forward to more opportunities to assist the school and provide the students with an exceptional and unique learning environment.

FFD encourages residents to check smoke alarm expiration dates

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*Federal Fire Department
Hawaii*

The Federal Fire Department (FFD) urges all residents to know how old their smoke alarms are, and to replace them every 10 years. Does your home have a smoke alarm?

According to the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA), the answer is likely yes. NFPA research shows that most American homes have at least one. But do you know how old your smoke alarms are? If you’re like most people, you’re probably not so sure.

A recent survey conducted by NFPA revealed that only a small percentage of people know how old their smoke alarms are, or how often they need to be re-



placed. That lack of awareness is a concern for FFD and NFPA, along with fire departments throughout the country, because smoke alarms don’t last forever. “Time and again, I’ve seen the life-saving impact smoke alarms can have in a home fire, but I’ve also seen the tragedy that can result when smoke alarms aren’t working properly,” Jeffrey Fernaays, Federal Fire Department Fire prevention chief, said. “That’s why we’re making a concerted effort to educate military residents about

the overall importance of smoke alarms, and that they do have a life limit.”

NFPA 72, National Fire Alarm Code, requires smoke alarms be replaced at least every 10 years, but because the public is generally unaware of this requirement, many homes have smoke alarms past their expiration date, putting people at increased risk.

Along with firefighters and safety advocates nationwide, FFD is joining forces with NFPA during Fire Prevention Week, Oct. 9-15, in promoting this year’s Fire Prevention Week campaign, “Don’t Wait—Check the Date! Replace Smoke Alarms Every 10 Years,” to better educate the public about the critical importance of knowing how old their smoke alarms are and replacing them once they’re 10 years old.

Fire Prevention Week campaign, Oct. 9-15

FFD will be at the following locations in support of Fire Prevention Week:

- Oct. 1, 2 to 4 p.m.: Fall Festival at Halsey Community Center
- Oct. 7, 4 to 6:30 p.m.: National Night Out at Aliamanu Military Reservation Community Center
- Oct. 8, 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.: Fire Prevention Week kick off at Honolulu Zoo
- Oct. 18, 3:30 to 7 p.m.: Marine Corps Base Hawaii, Molo-lani Community Center
- Oct. 29, 3 to 9 p.m.: Aloha Stadium, UH vs New Mexico football game

To find out how old your smoke alarm is and its expiration date, simply look on the back of the alarm where the date of manufacture is marked. The smoke alarm should be replaced 10 years from that date (not the date of purchase). FFD also says smoke alarms should be tested monthly, and that batteries should be replaced every six months.

For more information on smoke alarms and this year’s Fire Prevention Week campaign, “Don’t Wait: Check the Date! Replace Smoke Alarms Every 10 Years,” visit www.firepreventionweek.org.

FVAP reminds military, overseas citizens about absentee voting

**Federal Voting Assistance
Program**

With less than two months until the general election on Nov. 8, absentee voters are beginning to receive their state ballots.

During Absentee Voting Week — Sept. 26 through Oct. 3 — the Federal Voting Assistance Program (FVAP) reminds military and overseas citizens to vote their ballot as soon as possible and to follow up to ensure that that their ballot is received by their election office. Here are FVAP’s top reminders for ensuring Americans vote successfully — wherever they are.

- Know that your absentee bal-

lot counts the same as ballots cast at the poll site. All ballots submitted according to state laws are counted in every election. The media often will report the projected outcome of an election before all of the ballots are counted. In a close election, the media may report the preliminary results or say that the outcome cannot be announced until after the absentee ballots are counted. However, all ballots, including absentee ballots, are counted in the official totals for every election — and every vote (absentee or in-person) counts the same.

- Check your state deadlines, instructions, and options. Each state sets its own deadlines for

registering to vote and its options for how absentee ballots are sent to voters. States can also differ in their requirements and deadlines regarding how to complete and submit absentee ballots. Some states require ballots to be postmarked by election day while others must receive ballots by election day. FVAP.gov has your state’s deadlines and requirements.

- Postmark and send your ballot on time. Every election, states receive some absentee ballots past the deadline for acceptance — but this is easily preventable. Follow your state’s specific deadlines and recommended mailing dates for returning your voted

ballot. If you’re a registered military or overseas voter and don’t receive your requested state ballot early enough to submit it on time, you can go to FVAP.gov and use the backup ballot called the Federal Write-In Absentee Ballot (FWAB). Voters who end up receiving a state ballot after submitting a FWAB should still complete and return it, as well. States only count your backup ballot if your voted state ballot is not received by the deadline.

- Fill out your ballot and election materials correctly. Many states have specific requirements for signing the envelope or an affidavit enclosed with your ballot. Be sure to follow the instructions

sent with your ballot to ensure it gets counted.

Check that your voted ballot reaches its destination. If you’re wondering if your vote made it home, check the status of your ballot by selecting your state at FVAP.gov and contacting your election office directly.

- Military and overseas voters who need to register or request a ballot can do so by filling out a Federal Post Card Application (FPCA) at FVAP.gov — by hand or using the online assistant — and sending it to their election office.

For additional information, visit FVAP.gov, email vote@fvap.gov or call 1-800-438-VOTE (8683).

Military installations announce DoD flu vaccination schedule

It is mandatory for all Department of Defense (DoD) uniformed personnel who are not medically or administratively exempt to receive the seasonal influenza vaccine. This year, the injectable vaccine will be administered to all personnel.

Vaccination against seasonal influenza is also mandatory for civilian personnel who provide direct patient care in DoD medical treatment facilities and for civilians where it is written in their position description

as a condition of employment. Other Navy civilian personnel are highly encouraged to receive influenza vaccinations.

To ensure effective and timely administration of the influenza vaccine, the Oahu Joint Services Vaccination Team will conduct multi-service mass influenza vaccination campaigns for shore-based DoD personnel assigned to a command or activity in Hawaii.

The schedule is as follows:

Joint Base Pearl

Harbor-Hickam

- Oct. 4 – 6, 7 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Bloch Arena, Building 161, North Road (Pearl Harbor)

- Oct. 4 – 6, 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. at Makai Recreation Center, Building 1859, McChord Street (Hickam)

Marine Corps Base Hawaii

- Oct. 4 – 6, 7 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at Kaneohe Bay Branch Health Clinic, Building 3089, D Street

Wahiawa Naval Computer and Telecommunications Area Master Station, Pacific

- Oct. 3, 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. at NCTAMS Gym, Building 446, Midway Drive Rochefort

- Oct. 6, 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Rochefort Building, Saipan Drive B Wahiawa (Kunia Tunnel)

- Oct. 7, 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Washington/Wong Building 7

- Oct. 6 – 7, 7 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Pollock Theater, Building 3B (Marine Corps Forces Pacific)

Beginning Oct. 11, family members, other TRICARE beneficiaries, and Department of the Navy

and the Department of the Air Force civilians can receive the flu vaccination at the following immunizations clinics:

- Naval Health Care Hawaii enrollees should go to Makalapa and Kaneohe Bay Branch Health Clinics.

- The 15th Medical Group enrollees and Department of the Air Force civilians should go to the Allergy/Immunizations Clinic.

- TRICARE beneficiaries’ family members may also receive the flu

vaccine at no cost from a participating retail pharmacy. A list of pharmacy chains offering the vaccine can be found at www.expressscripts.com/tricare/pharmacy/findpharmacy.shtml

Call the pharmacy in advance to ensure availability of the vaccine and that they have no age restrictions. Proof of vaccination at a retail pharmacy can be brought to any of the above clinics for documentation in the patient’s electronic record.

Diverse VIEWS



If you could be totally fluent in another language, what would it be?



Tech. Sgt. Oanh Moraine
647th Force Support Squadron

“Chinese, because of their culture and thousand years of history. Not only that, their writing is unique and I would love to challenge myself with a new language.”

Boatswain's Mate 2nd Class Brian Anderson
Pearl Harbor Naval Shipyard



“Latin. It's the base of so many languages.”



Master Sgt. Jennifer Stafford
HQ PACAF

“Japanese. With all the cultural attributes the Japanese have brought to the islands, I would thoroughly enjoy understanding more.”

Master of Arms Slater Barclay
Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam



“It would be a toss-up between Russian because I like ‘Rocky IV’ or French because it’s a language lots of people seem to speak.”



Heidi Posada
Air Force spouse

“If I could be fluent in any language, I would choose Chinese. China has one of the world’s leading economies and they account for over 30 percent of international business. Although Chinese is one of the most complex languages, I believe it would be the most rewarding both personally and professionally.”

Boatswain's Mate 2nd Class Charles McConnell
Pearl Harbor Naval Shipyard



“Spanish. It intertwines with Italian and there are lots of Spanish speakers in the military.”



Senior Airman Thomas Thill
56th Air and Space Communications Squadron

“If I could be fluent in any language, I would choose German. I’ve always wanted to travel to Germany and be able to talk with the local community. I’ve loved traveling and I have always realized the local community knows where all the hidden gems are in the area, and you can learn so much about the history from them.”

Provided by Brandon Bosworth and David D. Underwood Jr.

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Drinking water remains safe

Navy keeps stakeholders informed about Red Hill

Navy Region Hawaii Public Affairs

Commander, Navy Region Hawaii issued a fourth Red Hill Fuel Facility “stakeholder letter” to local community leaders, neighborhood board members and elected officials, and posted the letter Sept. 28 to the Red Hill website: www.cnic.navy.mil/redhill.

The letter, signed by Rear Adm. John Fuller, commander, Navy Region Hawaii and Naval Surface Group Middle Pacific, updates the community about the Navy’s ongoing modernization upgrades at the facility and continued efforts to protect drinking water in the area.

“As in the past, testing and in dependent lab results clearly indicate that all drinking water near Red Hill—including neighboring drinking water used by the Honolulu Board of Water Supply—remains safe and meets all federal and state safe drinking water standards,” Fuller said.

Since the previous stakeholder letter in June, Navy engineers and contractors installed two more groundwater



U.S. Navy photo by MC3 Katarzyna Kobijak

Assistant Secretary of the Navy Dennis McGinn (front left) visits the Red Hill Bulk Fuel Facility near Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, Nov. 17, 2015.

monitoring wells. That brings the number of monitoring sites to 12, with two more wells planned for installation in early 2017. The wells are expected to provide subject matter experts with additional data.

From 2006 to now, more than \$200 million has been invested in the Red Hill facility, which is considered a strategic national asset.

Fuller outlined steps the Navy and Defense Logistics Agency (DLA) are taking in close coordination with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and State of Hawaii Department of Health (DOH).

“We continued our routine facility inspections and maintenance to ensure our equipment works properly, and we continued training our teams to ensure they remain proficient at safely operating the facility,” Fuller said. “Concurrently, we continued our planning and investing to keep the facility modern, which also enhances safety and operational proficiency.”

Recently, the Navy participated in a series of meetings with EPA and DOH to track various inspections, maintenance procedures and assessments at the Red Hill facility.

Navy leaders and subject matter experts will participate in DOH-hosted scoping meetings on Oahu Oct. 3-5 and in the first Hawaii state fuel tank advisory committee meeting Oct. 6.

Then, at 6 p.m. on Oct. 6, senior leaders at Navy Region Hawaii will join with representatives of EPA, DOH and DLA to jointly host a Red Hill public meeting at Moanalua Intermediate School.

“We look forward to giving updates and sharing our progress with the public at this event,” Fuller said.

“Red Hill remains a strategic national asset that cannot be replicated. I want to assure you that your Navy fully understands that our national security interests and continued prosperity in the Pacific depend, in part, on our ability to operate the facility, and that those operations must be both safe within the facility and for the environment.”

The first three stakeholder letters from Rear Adm. Fuller, along with other information and photos, are available at www.cnic.navy.mil/redhill.

PMRF Sailors join local school in promoting STEM

Story and photo by Robert Purdy

Pacific Missile Range Facility Public Affairs

Sailors and civilians from Pacific Missile Range Facility (PMRF) joined faculty and students during the “Science, Math and Gotcha” event at Kekaha Elementary School, Kauai, Sept. 21.

Sailors from PMRF Seaborne Powered Targets (SEPTAR), firefighters from PMRF Crash, Fire, Rescue; and PMRF Environmental biologists promoted the importance of Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM) skills while adding excitement to the festivities by showcasing some tools of their trade.

SEPTAR showcased their water craft welcoming the students to climb aboard, take the helm and be captain of the boat for a few minutes. The students also learned that the high-tech vessel could also be captained via an advanced remote control unit which controlled two high-power outboard motors and rudders that steered the vessel.

SEPTAR personnel explained how the vessel played a vital role in supporting the training of the U.S. Navy fleet and that STEM skills were an integral part of their profession of operating, maintaining, repairing and ensuring their high-tech vessels were in perfect working condition.

Other participants included the firefighters from the PMRF Crash, Fire and Rescue team who showcased one of their Airport Rescue Firefighting Vehicles (ARFF) where students were able to take turns climbing aboard the massive vehicle, sit in the driver’s seat, and try on personal protective equipment.



PMRF Environmental personnel provide students with STEM insights at their informational booth during the Science, Math and Gotcha event at Kekaha Elementary School, Kauai, Sept. 21.

Many students were surprised to find how critical STEM skills have become for today’s firefighter.

The firefighters explained that every entry level and seasoned professional must continue to sharpen their skills in STEM to build a fundamental understanding of the “chemistry of fire and fire suppression.” They must maintain their math skills as they are required to calculate water flow, pressure and friction-loss based on distance and height under extreme and dangerous situations.

“One flawed calculation could endanger the lives of the firefighters as well as those tapped in a fire. STEM skills are a must to work in engineering and design of fire suppressant and alarm systems, high-tech tactical firefighting equipment, personal protective equipment as well as in fire forensics investigation,” one of the firefighters said.

PMRF environmental personnel showcased their initiatives to protect natural and cultural resources on

Kauai such as the “Dark Skies” program which supports protecting endangered Newell’s Shearwater and Hawaiian Petrel seabirds by modifying PMRF base lights at night to prevent shearwater fallout, and PMRF honey bee pollination initiatives.

PMRF environmental personnel also shared their insight on the importance of STEM in their fields.

“STEM skills went hand-in-hand if the students wanted to pursue careers as an animal scientist, biologist, environmental scientist, conservation scientist or even a zoologist,” a PMRF biologist said.

Although not all PMRF departments fall into what’s typically considered a STEM career, one common message and goal was shared by all: To plant the seed of interest and excitement in science, technology and mathematics and to share with the students that STEM is everywhere and is vital to their futures and the future of our communities.

USS Bowfin saw action on Sept. 30, 1943



U.S. Navy photo

On Sept. 30, 1943, the USS Bowfin (SS 287), shown in this photo, delivered supplies and evacuated people from Siquijor Island, Philippines and sank the Imperial Japanese cargo ship, Mitake Maru. Also on this date, the USS Harder (SS 257) sank the Japanese auxiliary submarine chaser No.3 Shosei Maru, while the USS Pogy (SS 266) sank the Japanese army transport, Maebashi Maru, 300 miles east of Palau. The events took place 73 years ago today.



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Text-to-911 emergency system is available statewide

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This year, Hawaii became one of seven U.S. states to implement a statewide text-to-911 system. The other states with text-to-911 capability are Vermont, Maine, New Hampshire, Indiana, New Jersey and North Dakota.

Being able to text 911 instead of placing a voice call can be a valuable alternative for victims of domestic violence or individuals facing situations such as home invasions as well as those with hearing loss. However, the Federal Communications Commission stresses that if you are able to make a voice call to 911, and if it is safe to do so, you should always make a voice call to 911 instead of texting.

The Hawaii Department of Accounting and General Services has provided an-

swers to some of the frequently asked questions about the text-to-911 system.

Hawaii Text to 911 Frequently Asked Questions

What is Text to 911?

Text to 911 is an emergency service that is provided to all mobile users in the State of Hawaii. It allows someone to use their activated cell phone to contact the 911 center via text message instead of calling 911.

Should we just use the texting because it’s easier than calling?

No. Calling 911 is still a faster, more efficient way of relaying an emergency to the Police, Fire, Ambulance, or Ocean Safety. Calling 911 will also provide the 911 center with access to your location. Texting to 911 should only be done when you are unable to make a voice call.

When would someone use text to 911?

Some examples would be:

If you are in a situation where it is not safe to place a voice call to 911.

If you are experiencing a medical emergency that renders you incapable of speaking or hearing.

If you are unable to call 911 due to being in a location with sporadic cellular voice service.

If you are unable to speak or hear due to injury or physical restraint.

If I am able to text to 911, will the 911 center automatically know my location?

No. Per the FCC: Texting to 911 is different from making a voice call to 911 in this respect. When you make a voice call to 911, the call taker will typically receive your phone number and your

approximate location automatically. This is called “Enhanced 911” or “E911.” However, in most cases when you text 911 from a wireless phone, the call taker will not receive this automated information. For this reason, if you send a text message to 911, it is important to give the 911 call taker an accurate address or location as quickly as possible, if you can.

What do I do to text if I have to?

You simply send a text to the number 911 like you would any other text. Keep in mind, text messaging was never meant to provide emergency services, so your text may take longer to reach help, and the 911 Center will not automatically know your location so you’ll have to be specific in providing that.

What do I say in a text?

You will need to provide your location and the type of emergency you have (Police, Fire, or Ambulance) and address if you know it, including floor or room number if you are in a building. Send brief messages, but please don’t use abbreviations. Also remember to use plain English language. The 911 Center Dispatcher will then respond with text questions pertaining to your situation.

Can I send a picture or video of a bad accident I just saw?

No, unfortunately Text to 911 only can support ordinary SMS (Short Messaging Services), which is a plain text message limited to 160 characters per text. Pictures and videos

currently can’t be sent to us. Emoji won’t work either.

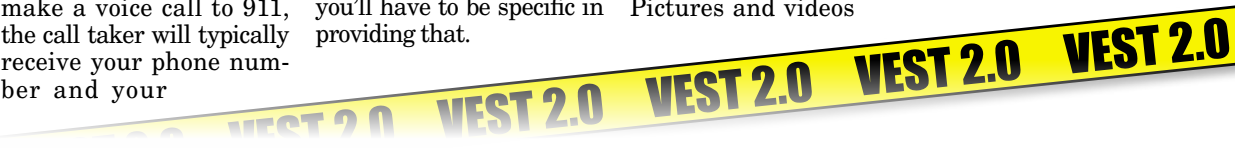
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TV’s ‘Hell Below’ screened for submariners at Sharkey Theater

MC1 Daniel Hinton

Commander, Submarine Forces Pacific

As the doors of historic Sharkey Theater opened Sept. 22, submarine Sailors from past and present entered the 1940s.

The stories of Allied submarine warfare were being retold in a historical documentary television series called “Hell Below.”

Paul Jurcsak, a veteran and base commander for the Bowfin Base United States Submarine Veterans, Inc., said he loved how authentic and realistic it was.

“The episodes really show how dedicated both submarine forces were,” Jurcsak said.

While the stories were gripping, the screening had the added benefit of strengthening the bonds between submarine veterans and those still active.

“The guys who are on active



Courtesy photo by Sean F. White

Production still from “Hell Below” television series.

duty today are very much interested in WWII veterans, so this is an opportunity for them to actually see what happened back

then,” Karl Dye, a veteran and member the United States Submarine Veterans Association, said.

Dye said he enjoyed interacting with current submariners and seeing what is going on in the submarine force today.

Although many of the facts of WWII are well known, much of the U.S. Navy’s submarine successes, especially directly after the attack on Pearl Harbor, remain relatively unknown.

“Because our submarines were not struck, they were able to begin war patrols that carried the battle across the Pacific and into Japanese home waters while the battle fleet was repaired,” Commander, Submarine Force, U.S. Pacific Fleet, Rear Adm. Frederick “Fritz” Roegge, said.

“Our submariners did their deadly business very well. Although submarines were only two percent of our Navy, they sank 60 percent of all Japanese ships sunk during the war. But submariners paid the heavy

price of the highest rate of casualties of any branch of service in the war.”

One of the episodes screened was “America Fights Back” and displayed the success of the Gato-class USS Wahoo (SS-238) and its most famous Commanding Officer Cmdr. Dudley “Mush” Morton.

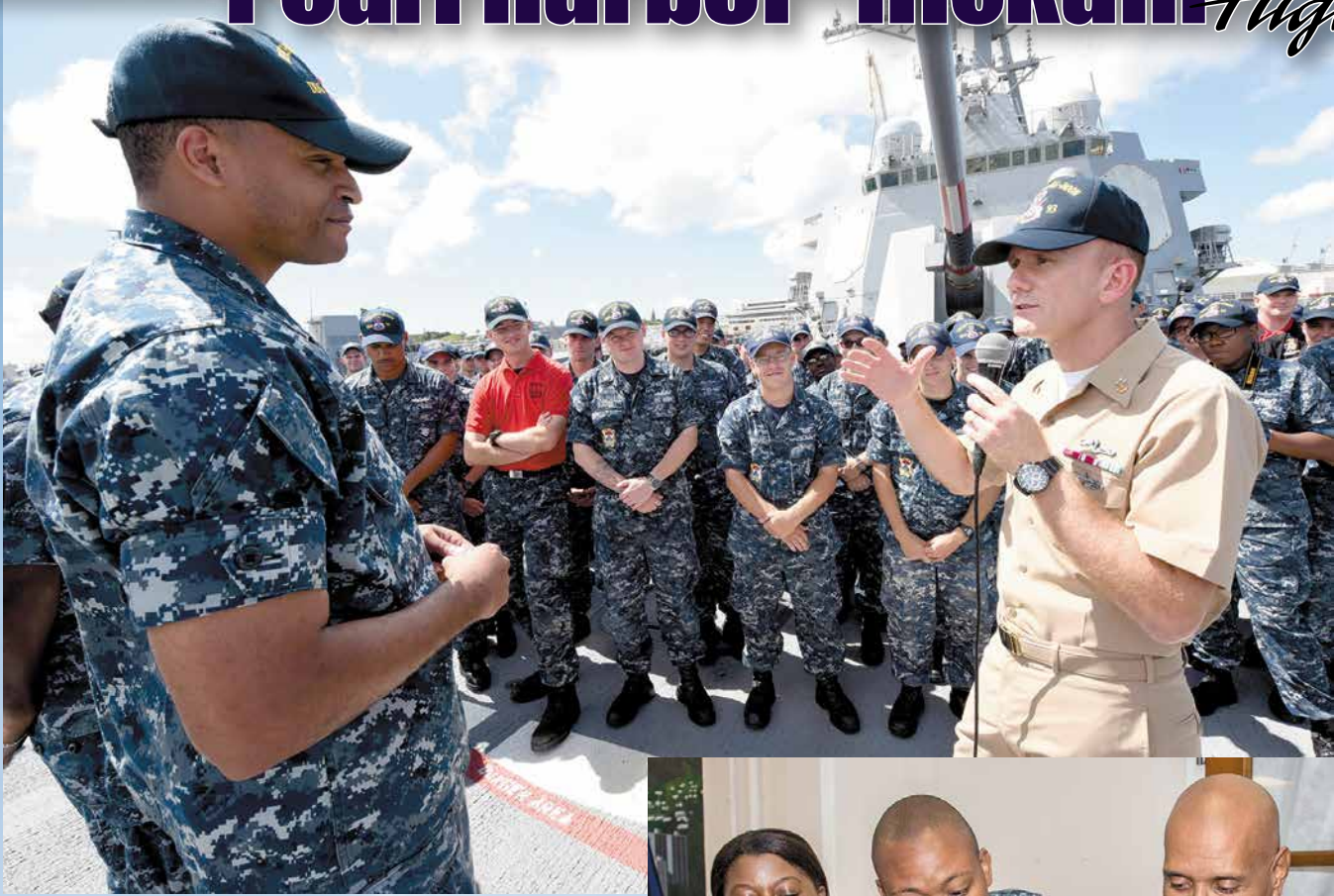
The show recounted his aggressive style and how it changed the way commanding officers of submarines in that era engaged the enemy.

While the images on the screen were just that—images, both active and retired submariners felt a deep connection to the stories depicted.

“Once you are a submariner it is in your blood and it is in your heart and it never goes away,” Jurcsak said.

For more news from the Pacific Submarine Force, visit www.csp.navy.mil.

Pearl Harbor-Hickam Highlights

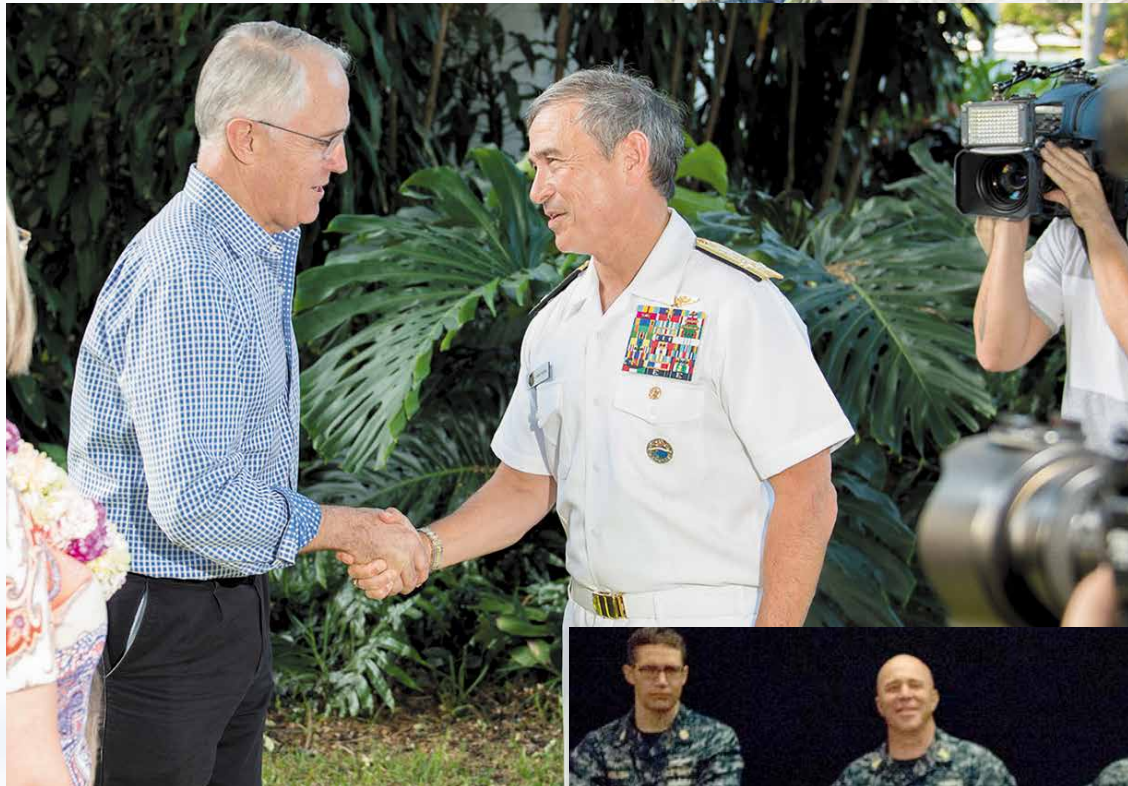


Master Chief Petty Officer of the Navy (MCPON) Steven S. Giordano (right) speaks with Sailors aboard the guided-missile destroyer USS Chung-Hoon (DDG 93) Sept. 23, during an all-hands call on the brow.

U.S. Navy photo by MC1 Martin L. Carey

Capt. Stanley Keeve, Jr., commander of Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam (middle), together with JBPHH Diversity Committee members, participates in a cake-cutting ceremony celebrating Hispanic American Heritage Month Sept. 21 at the Silver Dolphin Bistro at JBPHH. Hispanic Heritage Month is an annual celebration of Hispanic Americans' service and accomplishments throughout U.S. history.

U.S. Navy photo by MC2 Katarzyna Kobiljak



Adm. Harry B. Harris, commander, U.S. Pacific Command (right), hosted a dinner reception Sept. 23 to welcome Prime Minister of Australia Malcolm Turnbull. Turnbull stopped in Hawaii as part of his return trip from the United Nations and Washington, D.C. to discuss strategic priorities and challenges in the Indo-Asia-Pacific region.

U.S. Navy photo by MC1 Jay M. Chu

Master Chief Petty Officer of the Navy (MCPON) Steven Giordano (right) speaks with Sailors Sept. 22 during an all-hands call at Sharkey Theater at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam.

U.S. Navy photo by MC1 Daniel Hinton



Staff Sgt. Philip Downey (right), an Aircraft Structural Maintenance Craftsman from the 15th Maintenance Squadron, tells students from James Campbell High School about his day-to-day duties during a tour of the 15th Maintenance Group (15th MXG) at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, Sept. 16. During the tour the 15th MXG showcased a C-17 Globemaster III, the Aircraft Structural Maintenance facilities, Hangar 21, and the Precision Measurement Equipment Lab.

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

JBP HH hosts 5K to promote suicide awareness

In support of Suicide Prevention Month, Joint Base Morale Welfare and Recreation hosted a Run 4 Life Resiliency Fair and 5K Run/Walk beginning and ending at the Hickam Fitness Center at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, Sept. 23.

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Joint Base to celebrate sixth anniversary

Don Robbins

Ho‘okele Editor

A special meal to celebrate the sixth anniversary of Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam (JB-PHH) will be held from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Oct. 3 at the Silver Dolphin Bistro.

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

The menu includes New England clam chowder, rotisserie chicken, grilled T-bone steak, paprika buttered potatoes, rice pilaf, orange carrots and buttered corn on the cob.

The meal will also include assorted fresh fruit, assorted cakes, a JBPHH birthday cake and an ice cream bar. In addition, assorted hot rolls, a garden salad bar and an assorted beverage bar will be available.

Six years ago, on Oct. 1, 2010, the former Naval Station Pearl Harbor combined with Hickam Air Force Base to become Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam as part of the Base Realignment and Closure Commission Law of 2005. The law specified realignment of 26 bases into 12 joint bases.

When it became fully operational, JBPHH combined two historic bases into a single joint installation to support both Air Force and Navy missions, along with tenant commands, and all service members and their families.

By capitalizing on best practices of both services, the Joint Base is designed to enhance warfight-

ing readiness, maximize delivery of installation support services throughout the Joint Base, and increase efficiency.

Located on the southern, central and western portions of the island of Oahu, the former Naval Station Pearl Harbor consisted of more than 14,000 acres of land on three separate locations: Pearl Harbor Naval Complex, Naval Magazine Lualualei Branch (Lualualei Annex), and Naval Computer and Telecommunications Area Master Station Pacific (NCTAMS PAC) in Wahiawa, also known as Wahiawa Annex.

Hickam Air Force Base began as Hickam Field, completed in 1938 and serving as home to the U.S. Army’s flying units in the Hawaiian Department, the Hawaiian Air Force.

Between 1948-2010, the Air Force operated the re-named Hickam Air Force Base as the primary U.S. mobility hub in the Pacific, supporting U.S. operations by servicing transient aircraft and facilitating the deployment, return and supply of service members in Korea, Vietnam, the Middle East and on humanitarian missions.

From left, Command Master Chief Earl Gray, Capt. Richard Kitchens, second from left, former commander of Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, and Col. Charles Baumgardner, former deputy commander, unveil the command’s new flag at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam’s full operational capability commemoration ceremony held Oct. 1, 2010.

U.S. Navy file photo



STOMP workshop registration available

A Specialized Training of Military Parents (STOMP) Navy Hawaii workshop will be held from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. on Nov. 3 and 4 at Rainbow Bay Marina.

The marina is located near the Arizona Memorial Visitor Center, 57 Arizona Memorial Drive building 103. The event will include one-hour lunch breaks.

The event will include interactive breakout sessions for participants to learn what their child’s Individual Family Service Plan/Individualized Education Plan (IFSP/IEP) can do, Section 504 accommodations and modifications, advocating and making a plan.

Participants can register online for the STOMP workshop at <http://stomp-hawaii.eventbrite.com>.

The first day of the workshop includes discussion of rights of a parent of a child with disability, communicating effectively to attain collaborative relationships for the child, and other topics.

The second day of the workshop includes discussion of TRICARE, Supplemental Security Income (SSI), Medicaid, wills, guardianships, special-needs trusts and other topics.

The event is a program of PAVE, whose mission is to provide support, advocacy, training and informational resources to empower families and individuals with disabilities.

For more information, contact Kimberly Crutchfield, school liaison officer for Navy Region Hawaii at 474-3662 or Kimberly.crutchfield@navy.mil or Kim Munoz, school liaison officer for Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam at 471-3673 or Kim.munoz@navy.mil.

Life & Leisure



Uncle Kracker rocks Joint Base

Reid Tokeshi

Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam Morale, Welfare and Recreation

What began as a sunny afternoon of family activities ended with an early evening concert by Uncle Kracker on Ward Field at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam. The Michigan rocker took the stage at 5 p.m. and showcased his versatility over the hour-plus long show, mixing in songs from his most recent album "Midnight Special," along with some covers and his most popular hits.

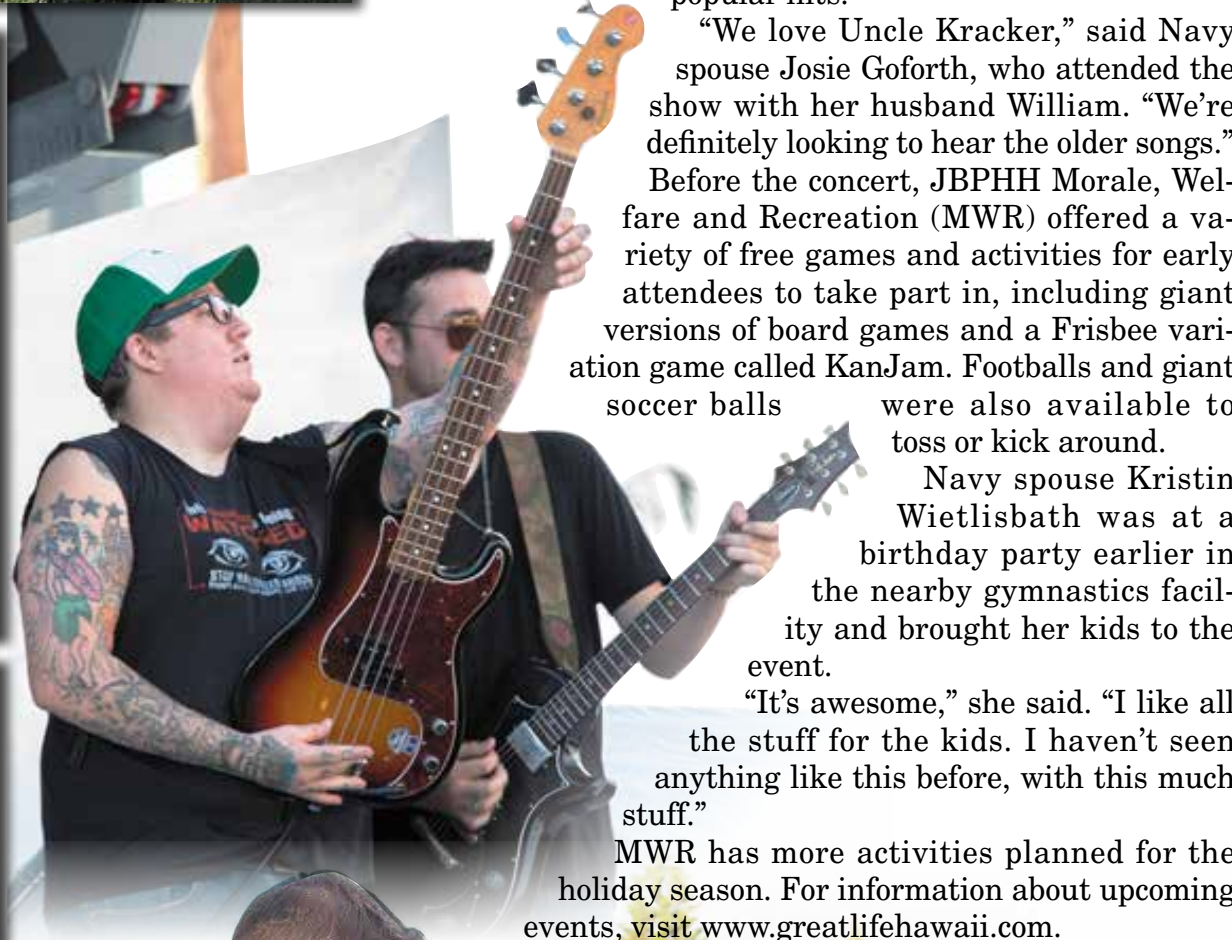
"We love Uncle Kracker," said Navy spouse Josie Goforth, who attended the show with her husband William. "We're definitely looking to hear the older songs."

Before the concert, JBPHH Morale, Welfare and Recreation (MWR) offered a variety of free games and activities for early attendees to take part in, including giant versions of board games and a Frisbee variation game called KanJam. Footballs and giant soccer balls were also available to toss or kick around.

Navy spouse Kristin Wietlisbath was at a birthday party earlier in the nearby gymnastics facility and brought her kids to the event.

"It's awesome," she said. "I like all the stuff for the kids. I haven't seen anything like this before, with this much stuff."

MWR has more activities planned for the holiday season. For information about upcoming events, visit www.greatlifehawaii.com.



Too many weapons lead Halsey to summer hoops title

**Story and photos
by Randy Dela Cruz**

Sports Editor, Ho'okele

Led by Spc. Devin Robinson's game-high 26 points, USS Halsey (DDG 97) outscored Naval Computer Telecommunications Area Master Station Pacific (NCTAMS PAC) 36-27 in the second half to complete a three-game sweep of the playoffs and capture the 2016 Summer Basketball League championship on Sept. 24 at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam Fitness Center.

Due to seeding from standings in the regular season, both teams entered the full-day tournament having to play from round one, while Reasonable Doubt and USS Preble (DDG 88) each drew a first-round bye for finishing the regular season in first and second place.

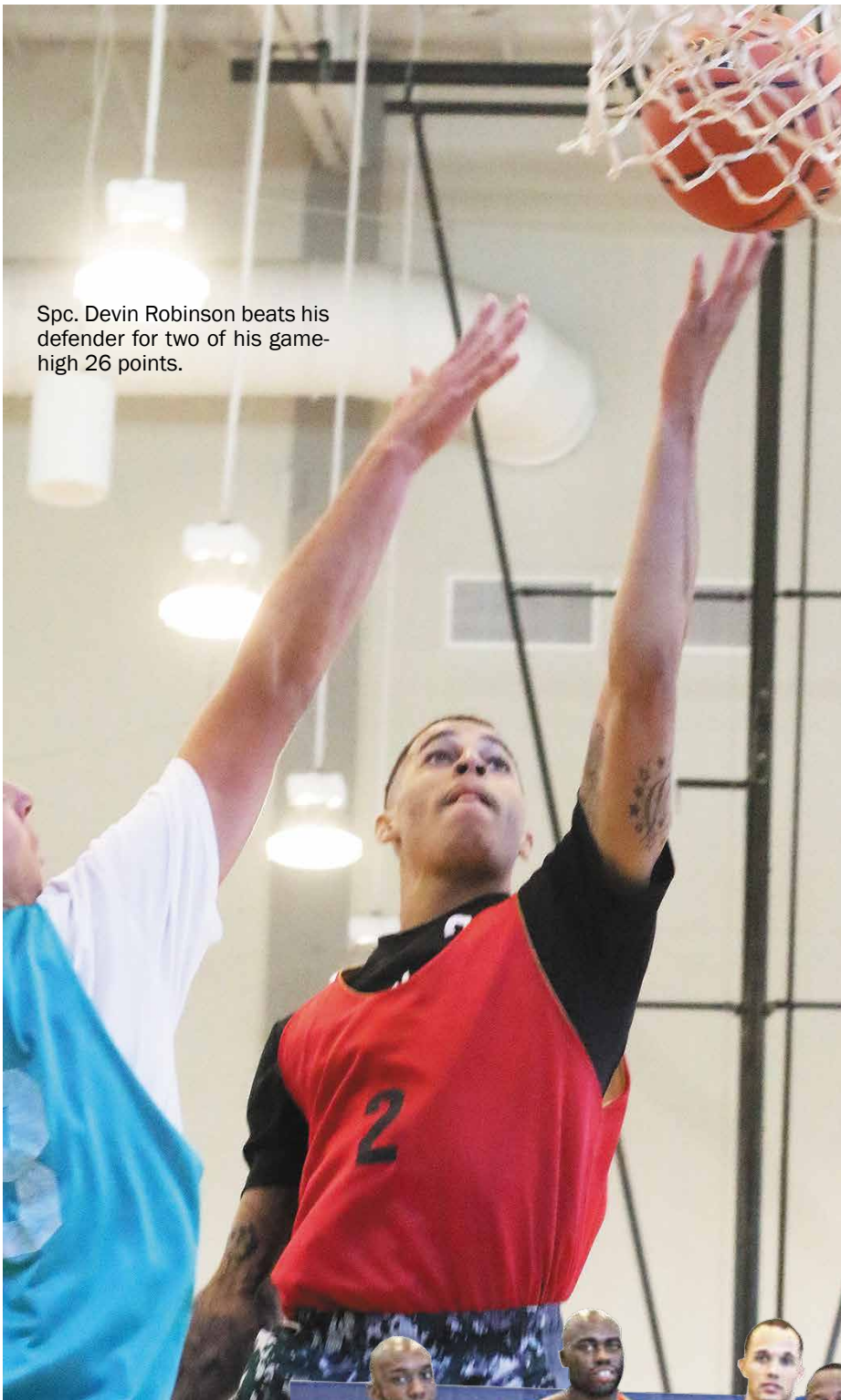
While both Halsey and NCTAMS PAC stumbled at times during the year, the teams entered the postseason running on all cylinders and eliminated USS Hawaii (SSN 777), USS North Carolina (SSN 776), Preble and Reasonable Doubt, before squaring off for the championship in game number three, where Halsey earned a 65-48 victory.

The game started off close with both teams battling back and forth until Halsey took a seven-point lead at 24-17 with two minutes remaining before the half.

NCTAMS PAC managed to reduce the margin down by a point. However, as the half was quickly coming to a close, Robinson drove coast-to-coast and hoisted up an acrobatic lay-up that bounced around the rim until it fell through at the buzzer for a 29-21 lead.

"I just tried to use my speed and read my defender," Robinson said about his big scoring day that saw him score 13 in the first half and 13 in the second. "If I beat my defender and find my teammate, then I'm going to find my teammate for the open shot."

Robinson said that he felt it was just a matter of time



Spc. Devin Robinson beats his defender for two of his game-high 26 points.

before Halsey took control.

Both teams played three games, but it was NCTAMS PAC that had to play two of their games in a row. Robinson said that Halsey's strategy in the title showdown was to keep the pedal to the metal.

"We knew we could beat them," Robinson said. "We're faster than them and we just used that speed on transition because we knew we could beat them. We were tired too, but we fought through it and came through with the win."



Although Master Chief Patrick Walker, head coach of NCTAMS PAC, said that he didn't feel that the basket at the buzzer caused a shift in momentum, apparently the shot by Robinson fired up Halsey more than he knew.

On the first trip down-court in the second half, center Operations Specialist 1st Class Byron Jones muscled his way to the basket to give Halsey their first double-digit lead at 31-21.

The basket led to a 10-0 run, with Jones topping off the streak with another basket inside the paint for a commanding 39-21 lead with 17:50 remaining in the game.

During the run, Walker said that he thought he was battling against two opponents on the court.

Not only was Halsey attacking the basket every chance they had, Walker said that a few of his starting players had to be taken out of the game due to cramps.

"The plan was to run at them (Halsey) because they only had six players," Walker said. "I needed to rotate as much as I could, but when the cramps started happening I was limited and that hurt."

Still, even with so many players being forced to the bench, Walker energized his players enough that the team cut the lead down to 10 points.

However, back came Halsey and when Robinson sank another basket to make it 60-44 with 2:30 on the clock, the NCTAMS PAC comeback was done.

Walker said that even though NCTAMS PAC fell short this time around, he has high hopes for the team when intramural season starts again around February of next year.

Walker said that the team comes back intact and even the entire coaching staff will be there.

"Everybody that you see here is all coming back," he said. "I'm very happy. They came out and played hard. I'm happy, they're happy and I can tell you this, we are the only team in the league that beat every team. Nobody can say that."

For Halsey, although Robinson was definitely the star of the game, he said that he couldn't have done it without the help of everyone on the team.

Jones helped out with 15 points and Cryptologic Technician (Maintenance) 2nd Class Darius Griffin also added 15 points with nine coming from long distance above the three-point line.

"Our whole starting five and even our bench was on," Robinson said. "So they (NCTAMS PAC) had to worry about everybody instead of just one player."

Members of the Halsey basketball team hold up the first-place trophy after winning the Summer Basketball League championship.



Enforcers take advantage of turnover to beat JIOC

Story and photo by Randy Dela Cruz

Sports Editor, Ho'okele

Although the matchup between Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam Security Enforcers and Joint Intelligence Operation Center (JIOC) was supposed to be the featured clash of the night, the two contenders looked, at times, sloppy in their Gold Division showdown on Sept. 27 at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam Ward Field.

Both teams combined for a total of six interceptions, but it was the one pick by Master-at-Arms 1st Class Jean Pierre Richard that turned out to be the difference in an 18-7 win by the Enforcers.

Trailing by a single point, Richard, with time running out in the game, stormed up the middle of the field and surprised JIOC quarterback Mike Todd, a Department of Defense civilian, with an interception near midfield.

The stolen pass led to a 47-yard-scoring drive that put the Enforcers up for good at 12-7.

"Basically, I read the quarterback's eyes the whole way through," Richard said. "He threw the ball and I was at the right time and the right place. We were down, so I had to

make that play."

Prior to the heroics by Richard, the game went back and forth with the Enforcers grabbing the first touchdown of the game to take a 6-0 lead.

The Enforcers saw their first drive end on a pick by Staff Sgt. Kyle Rachan, but on the next play, the Enforcers returned the favor when Master-at-Arms 3rd Class Jacob Rodriguez stepped in to intercept a pass thrown by Todd.

The turnover gave the ball to the Enforcers in good field position and three plays later, quarterback Master-at-Arms 2nd Class Kevin Jones threw an 11-yard strike into the arms of Master-at-Arms 3rd Class Alex Naquin for a touchdown.

Over the next two drives, both teams were forced to punt the ball away, but in their next possession, JIOC took advantage of the Enforcers flex defense by turning a short route into a touchdown.

With first down at midfield, Todd found Staff Sgt. Jamaar Meadows on a short button route.

Meadows made the easy grab, turned around, saw nothing but green turf ahead of him and streaked untouched into the end zone to tie the game at 6-6.

Todd completed the point after touchdown with a nice touch pass to the corner of the end

zone to put JIOC ahead by a point.

The spread stayed that way through halftime and until Richard came up with the game-turning turnover.

After the pick, Jones moved the Enforcers down to the JIOC eight-yard line on seven plays, which included a clutch pick-up of first down on fourth-and-10 from the JIOC 30-yard line.

Later, on second down from the eight, Jones threw a pass to the back of the end zone, where the pass was tipped up and brought down by Master-at-Arms 3rd Class Austin Riley for the go ahead touchdown.

Up by 12-7, the Enforcers defense clamped down even tighter and forced JIOC into one final punt.

Then starting their final drive from their own 28, Jones completed the series by firing in one last touchdown to Richard.

Jones, like he did last week, gave full credit for the team's win to the Enforcers defense, which has now given up only 13 points over two games.

"This definitely gives us more confidence," Jones said about their win over their toughest opponent to date. "We know what we're capable of. We hold ourselves to a high standard. As long as we meet our standard, that's going to keep us motivated to go further."



Master-at-Arms 3rd Class Austin Riley makes a catch to put the Enforcers up by a touchdown over JIOC.

Dominant performance leads 747th CS to solid win

Story and photo by Randy Dela Cruz

Sports Editor, Ho'okele

Last week, the 747th Communication Squadron (747 CS) was superb on defense, but did just enough on offense to win the season opener by a single point over the 735th Air Mobility Squadron (735 AMS).

On Sept. 27, the 747 CS defense was dominant once again, but this time, the team's offense unleashed an equally impressive attack in trouncing Naval Hospital Clinic Hawaii Goblins by a score of 26-7 in a Gold Division intramural flag football game at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam's Ward Field.

The win was the second in a row for the 747 CS without a defeat, while the Goblins lost for the first time after winning their season opener last week.

"Last week, we kind of struggled on offense to get things going," 747 CS receiver Tech. Sgt. Jason White said. "This week, we kept it simple at first. We went a little bit more to our ground game at first, which brought in the defense and that opened it up the middle a little bit for the deep balls."

Armed with a new strategy for their offense, quarterback Senior Airman Zachary Murphy had the team off and running from their first drive of the game.

Starting at their own 15, Murphy completed three passes and picked up 27 on a scamper that put the ball first-and-goal at the Goblins five-yard line.

Three plays later, Murphy lobbed a toss over the middle into the waiting arms of Staff Sgt. Vonelle Cherry for a touchdown and a 6-0 lead.

In their first possession

of the game, the Goblins, behind the running and passing of quarterback Hospital Corpsman 3rd Class Cody Adkins, answered the call with their own 65-yard drive into the end zone.

From the five-yard line, Adkins swept to the left before breaking the end zone with the nose of the football for a 6-6 deadlock.

The point after touchdown was good and put the Goblins up at 7-6 around midway through the first half.

While it appeared that the momentum had shifted to favor of the Goblins, the team's lead was short-lived.

Back with the ball in his hands, facing a fourth-and-two for a first down at his own 38, Murphy decided to go for it.

The quarterback faked a dive up the middle, dropped back to pass and put the ball up for grabs at the Goblins 28.

Initially, the ball was tipped away, but instead of the falling to the ground for an incomplete pass, Senior Airman Jamal Jones tapped the ball back up and then hauled it down, before breaking into the open and high stepping his way to pay dirt for a 12-7 lead.

"It's good ball skills," Jones said. "I was anticipating it off the tip, so I knew I was going to catch it off the tip. That's all it is."

The team converted its extra point and took a 13-7 lead into halftime.

As the teams resumed play after the break, the 747 CS defense was back doing what it has been doing best for the past two weeks.

The Goblins drove into the red zone for the third time, but once again the 747 CS defense turned them away.

In total, the Goblins

got into the red zone five times, but scored only once, which was on the team's first drive of the game.

On their next possession, the 747 CS drove deep into the Goblins territory with the ball on the 19 and second and goal-to-goal.

On the next play, Jones took a straight handoff up the middle, broke through the line and then took it all the way to the house. After the team's point-after conversion, it gave the 747 CS a 20-7 advantage.

Finally, the 747 CS put the game away for good one a walk-off catch for a touchdown by White.

"I feel like we have a very good team," White said. "I feel like we're starting to click like we did toward the end of the season last year. If we can just keep that going, we should have a pretty good shot."



Senior Airman Jamal Jones goes after the football, while teammate Staff Sgt. Josh DaiVeronese backs him up on a pass to the end zone.

MWR staff members go above and beyond at Hickam Beach

Don Robbins

Ho’okele Editor

José Villa, a retired U.S. Air Force major, is grateful for the assistance that two Joint Base Morale, Welfare and Recreation (MWR) staff members provided his family recently. Villa’s wife, Mari Roma Villa, her twin, and Villa were at Hickam Beach Sept. 25. The twins went kayaking and stand-up paddling. For fun, both twins got on one paddleboard with Mari’s \$500 Go Pro between them. At one point, the board tipped over and the Go Pro fell in eight feet of sandy bottom. A few of family members searched underwater for about an hour and couldn’t find it. They had given it up as lost.

Then two of the MWR beach lifeguard staff members — Eddie Rameno and Hanalei Fujimoto — donned snorkeling gear. They did a crisscross search about 15 minutes, and found the Go Pro at the bottom of the ocean. “My wife let out a shriek when she saw them coming back to the beach with it and nearby beachgoers started applauding,” José Villa said. “My wife offered them a cash reward for their efforts, but they said they were just glad to help. Ironically, Eddie told her he had lost his Go Pro up on the North Shore last year, so he knew how she felt,” José Villa said. “These two young men went above-and-beyond their normal duties. They’re an excellent example of how today’s youth are

making a difference in quiet ways. Mahalo Nui Loa Eddie and Hanalei.” Rameno said he sympathized with the Villa family, because he lost his own Go Pro along with all the pictures and memories contained inside it. “We wanted to try to find it and give it back to them,” Rameno said. Rameno said he’s been working at Hickam Beach for about a year now. “It’s a fun job. We make sure that everyone is safe and that when it’s time to go home, no one is injured or missing,” Rameno said. “It was awesome. I’m pretty proud that I have a good staff who try to go above and beyond for all our customers,” Brandon Lavin, JBPHH director for MWR outdoor recreation, said.



Photo courtesy of the Villa family
From left, Eddie Rameno, Mari Roma Villa and Hanalei Fujimoto get together at Hickam Beach after the recovery of Villa’s Go Pro.



UPCOMING EVENTS

Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam Morale, Welfare and Recreation

● Patron appreciation day free golf clinic will be held from 9 to 11 a.m. Oct. 1 at Mamala Bay Golf Course Driving Range. The event will include prize drawings and free food. For more information, call 449-2304.

● Pre-Teen Halloween bash will be held from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Oct. 1 at the Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam Teen Center. This event is open to ages 9 to 12 years old. The cost is \$5. Registration will be accepted at the door. For more information, call 448-0418.

● Gridiron Gamedays will be held from Oct. 1 to 31 at Brews & Cues. Patrons can watch the games live via the NFL Sunday Ticket. Games will begin at 2:30 p.m. from Mondays through Thursdays. Free pupus will be served at 4:30 p.m. On Sundays, the door will be open early for 7 a.m. games. For more information, call 473-1743.

● Gridiron Gamedays will be held from Oct. 1 to 31 at 10th Puka Lounge at the Ke’alohi Golf Course. Patrons can watch the games live from Mondays through Thursdays at 11 a.m. On Sundays, La Familia restaurant next door is open early with a special breakfast menu just for football season. For more information, call 448-9890.

● Women’s surfing will begin at 9 a.m. Oct 2 at the MWR Outdoor Recreation (ODR) Hickam Harbor location. ODR staff will teach the history, wave science, etiquette, and technique of surfing. Participants must be able to swim without a lifejacket. Participants can sign up by Sept 29, and the cost is \$30. For more information, call 449-5215.

● Free ladies golf clinic will begin at 9:30 a.m. Oct. 5 Barbers Point Golf Course. Pros will offer tips to female golfers. For more information, call 682-1911.

● Free 2016 Gallery Showcase opening reception will be held from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. Oct. 5 at the Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam Arts & Crafts Center. This is an elegant evening event with appetizers and music. All submissions will be on display at the JBPHH Arts and Crafts Center Gallery from Oct 5 to Jan 2017. For more information, call 448-9907.

● Kayaking of the Mokulua Islands will begin at 7 a.m. Oct 8 at the MWR Outdoor Adventure Center Fleet Store location. Transportation will be provided. Patrons can bring lunch, bathing suit, sunscreen, snorkeling gear and camera. Participants must sign up by Oct. 5, and the cost is \$30. For more information, call 473-1198.

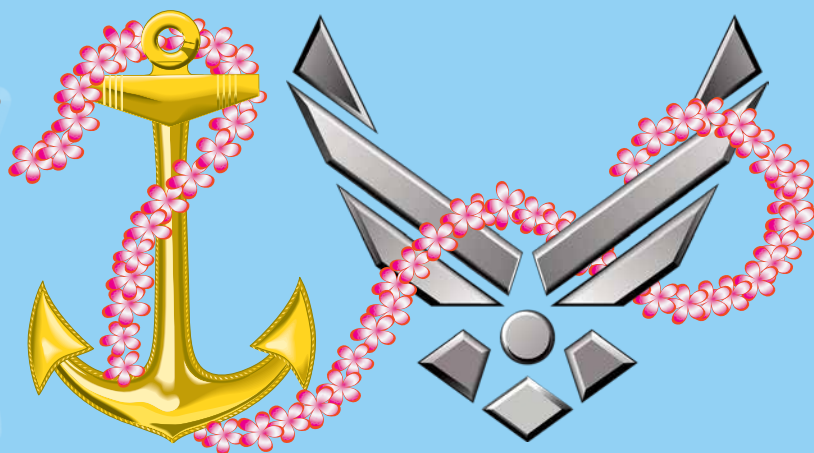
● MWR Super Garage Sale will be held from 8 a.m. to noon Oct. 8 at Richardson Field. All military affiliates are eligible to reserve a 10-foot-by-10-foot space (unfurnished, no electricity). Space is limited. The event is open to the public with parking at Rainbow Bay Marina and overflow parking at Aloha Stadium for minimal cost. No pets are authorized at the event or on the field. The costs are \$20 to \$25 for garage sale and craft or business. Admission is free for shoppers. For more information, call 473-0792.

Special meal to celebrate JBPHH sixth anniversary

A special meal to celebrate the sixth anniversary of Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam (JBPHH) will be held from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Oct. 3 at the Silver Dolphin Bistro. The special meal is open to U.S. military, retirees, Department of Defense civilians, and family members of active duty military with a valid ID card. The lunch price is \$5.55. The menu includes New England clam chowder, rotisserie chicken, grilled T-bone steak, paprika buttered potatoes, rice pilaf, orange carrots and buttered corn on the cob. The meal will also include assorted fresh fruit, assorted cakes, a JBPHH birthday cake and an ice cream bar. In addition, assorted hot rolls, a garden salad bar and an assorted beverage bar will be available.



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CALENDAR**FUEL STATIONS SHUTDOWN**

NOW THROUGH OCT. 1 — Naval Facilities (NAVFAC) Hawaii will be shutting down all Navy (government vehicle) fuel stations for end-of-year closeout at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, West Loch and Lualualei from noon today through noon Saturday, Oct. 1. Please plan accordingly and fuel up your government vehicle as needed. Note that this action does not include Navy Exchange gas stations for privately owned vehicles.

SUICIDE INTERVENTION TRAINING FOR TEENS OCT. 1

— A safeTALK suicide intervention training class for teens will be held from 1:30 to 5:30 p.m. at Joint Base Pearl Harbor Hickam Teen Center. This class is for teens and parents who are interested in learning about safer ways to discuss suicide and connect those with the thoughts of suicide to first aid resources. The event will include pizza and games for participants. FMI: www.greatlifehawaii.com/family-support/mfsc-class-schedule or call 474-1999.

JOINT BASE ANNIVERSARY SPECIAL MEAL OCT. 3

— A special meal will be served from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the Silver Dolphin Bistro. The meal will celebrate the sixth anniversary of Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam. The meal is open to U.S. military, retirees, Department of Defense civilians and family members of active duty with a valid ID card. The cost of the meal is \$5.55.

SPONSOR TRAINING OCT. 4

— A sponsor training class will be held from 1 to 3 p.m. at Military and Family Support Center Wahiawa. The class is designed to provide the new sponsor with information, resources and tools needed to assist incoming personnel and families. Spouses are encouraged to attend. FMI: www.greatlifehawaii.com/family-support/mfsc-class-schedule or call 474-1999.

TRANSITION GPS OCT. 4-5

— A Transition GPS: Accessing Higher Education Track class will be held from 7:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. for two days at Military and Family Support Center Pearl Harbor. The course is designed to guide participants through the complicated decisions involved in choosing a degree program, college institution and funding, as well as completing the admissions process. FMI: www.greatlifehawaii.com/family-support/mfsc-class-schedule or call 474-1999.

SPEAK UP AGAINST DOMESTIC VIOLENCE OCT. 5

— A free Speak Up Against Domestic Violence event will be held from 4 to 6 p.m. at Ka Makani Community Center, 1215 Owen St., Honolulu. October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month. The event will include a proclamation signing with Capt. Stan Kieve Jr., commander of Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, followed by a Walk in Their Shoes parade. The event will also feature the Band of the Pacific Hawaii, the Joint Base Honor Guard, resources and information, activities and other entertainment to promote domestic violence prevention and awareness.

MANAGING MONEY AND CREDIT OCT. 7

— A class on managing money and credit will be held from 8 to 9:30 a.m. at Military and Family Support Center Pearl Harbor. This class is designed to help participants become their own financial managers. FMI: www.greatlifehawaii.com/family-support/mfsc-class-schedule or call 474-1999.

PLANNING FOR YOUR RETIREMENT OCT. 7

— A class on planning for retirement will be held from 1 to 2:30 p.m. at Military and Family Support Center Pearl Harbor. The class is to help participants estimate retirement needs, understand military retirement plans and evaluate retirement account options. FMI: www.greatlifehawaii.com/family-support/mfsc-class-schedule or call 474-1999.

SAFETALK CLASS OCT. 7

— A safeTALK class will be held from 8 to 11 a.m. at Military and Family Support Center Pearl Harbor. Trained suicide alert helpers learn to move beyond common tendencies to miss, dismiss or avoid suicide, identify people with thoughts of suicide, and apply the TALK steps

(Tell, Ask, Listen, Keepsafe) to connect a person to suicide first aid caregivers. FMI: www.greatlifehawaii.com/family-support/mfsc-class-schedule or call 474-1999.

SMART TRANSITION PLANNING OCT. 7

— A class on transition from the military to the civilian sector will be held from 10 to 11:30 a.m. at Military and Family Support Center Pearl Harbor. The course is intended to help participants calculate their current military compensation, examine their current financial situation, prepare to develop a spending plan and determine goals. FMI: www.greatlifehawaii.com/family-support/mfsc-class-schedule or call 474-1999.

NATIONAL PUBLIC LANDS DAY OCT. 8

— A National Public Lands Day volunteer opportunity will be held from 9 a.m. to noon at Loko Pa'aiau Fishpond at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam. Today is the deadline to sign up for the fishpond maintenance. Required forms will be emailed upon sign up. Volunteers' names must be on the list at the guard shack. They will maintain the fishpond and learn about ancient Hawaiian fishponds, native Hawaiian plant species and endangered water birds. The event is open to military active duty, their families and community members. For safety reasons, no children under 8 years old will be allowed to participate, and adult supervision is required. FMI: email jeff.pantaleo@navy.mil.

SMOKE OUT DOMESTIC VIOLENCE OCT. 14

— A Smoke Out Domestic Violence Chili Contest will be held from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Makai Recreation Center, on the Hickam side of Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam. Participants can enter their chili recipe by registering at www.greatlifehawaii.com. Those who don't want to cook can stop by to taste the chili and vote for their favorite. The event will also include information on the relationship core values and the pledge to live by them. FMI: call the Military and Family Support Center at 474-1999.

SHARKEY THEATER**TODAY—SEPT. 30**

7:00 PM The Light Between Oceans (PG-13)

SSTURDAY—OCT. 1

6:00 PM Sneak preview of Kevin Hart: What Now? (R) (See info below)

SUNDAY—OCT. 2

2:30 PM Kubo and The Two Strings (PG)
4:40 PM The Wild Life (3-D) (PG)
6:40 PM War Dogs (R)

THURSDAY—OCT. 6

7:00 PM The Light Between Oceans (PG-13)

HICKAM MEMORIAL THEATER**TODAY—SEPT. 30**

6:00 PM Ben-Hur (PG-13)

SATURDAY—OCT. 1

3:00 PM The Secret Life of Pets (PG)
6:00 PM Mechanic: Resurrection (R)

SUNDAY—OCT. 2

3:00 PM The Secret Life of Pets (PG)

THURSDAY—OCT. 6

7:00 PM Bad Moms (R)

MOVIE
SHOW/TIMES**FREE SNEAK PEEK SET FOR OCT. 1**

A free sneak peek of "Kevin Hart: What Now?" will be held at 6 p.m. Oct. 1 at Sharkey Theater. The ticket booth and doors open at 4:30 p.m. Seating is limited. Active-duty service members may receive up to four tickets. Retired military, military family members and Department of Defense card holders may receive up to two tickets. The film is rated R. For more information, call 473-0726.