

## Rear Adm. Hopper receives Presidential Medal of Freedom

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Rear Adm. Grace Murray Hopper, best known for her advancements in computer programming and data processing, was awarded the Presidential Medal of Freedom posthumously by President Barack Obama during a White House ceremony, Nov. 22

"If Wright is flight, and Edison is light, then Hopper is code," Obama said of the innovator who he noted was a "gutsy and colorful" woman who, when she joined the Navy was 15-pounds below military guidelines, yet attained a long and prosperous career.

While the women who pioneered software were often overlooked the most prestigious award for young computer scientists now bear her name," he said referring to the annual Grace Murray Hopper Award for Outstanding Young Computer Professionals, established in 1971 by the Association for Computing Machinery.

"From cell phones to [U.S.] Cyber Command, we can thank Grace Hopper for opening programming to millions more people, helping to usher in the information age and profoundly shaping our digital world."

To accept the award on Hopper's behalf was her grand-niece Deborah Murray, who stood aside the president as the citation was read, "We honor her contributions to computer science and the sense of possibility she inspired for the generations of young people." The Presidential Medal of Free-

dom is the nation's highest civilian honor, presented to individuals who have made especially meritorious contributions to the security or national interests of the United States, to world peace, or to cul-



Photo illustration | U.S. Navy photos (Left) Capt. Grace Hopper, then-head of the Navy programming language section of the Office of the Chief of Naval Operations, discusses a phase of her work with a staff member in August 1976.

tural or other significant public or private endeavors. Twenty-one recipients in total were honored during the ceremony.

"Today we celebrate extraordinary Americans who have lifted our spirits, strengthened our union, pushed us towards progress. I always love doing this event but this is a particularly impressive class.'

Born in New York Dec. 9, 1906, Hopper attended Vassar College, graduating in 1928 with a degree in mathematics before receiving masters and doctorate degrees in mathematics and physics from Yale University in 1934.

In 1943, at the age of 37, she enlisted in the Women Accepted for Volunteer Emergency Service (WAVES) and the following year was commissioned and assigned to the Bureau of Ordnance Computation Project at Harvard University as a lieutenant junior grade. There, she completed groundbreaking work in computer technology, including producing a model of the electronic computer, the Mark I, and introducing the word "bug" to describe a computer malfunction.

Often referred to as the "mother of computing," Hopper was in-

(Universal Automatic Computer) UNIVAC, the first all-electronic digital computer. She also invented the first computer compiler and founded a new program language that became a widely used framework for coding languages during the time. Hopper even forecasted the future of computers as being the compact, user-friendly systems they are today.

Her achievements spanned a 43-year naval career-earning her the rank of rear admiral in 1985, a level reached by few females at the time, and adding her to the list of longest-serving officers-bestrumental in the creation of fore officially retiring in 1989. She

continued to work in the field until her death Jan. 1, 1992.

Vice Adm. Jan Tighe, deputy chief of Naval Operations for Information Warfare, recalled meeting Hopper as a midshipman at the U.S. Naval Academy saying, "knowing what she had accomplished and how much the Navy valued her was an inspiration to me."

Tighe, who has described Hopper as a role model, added, "Quite simply, and on many levels, Rear Adm. Grace Murray Hopper is an inspiration for us all. As a pioneer in computing, as a woman leading the way in the STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math) field at a time when that was almost completely unheard of, and as a dedicated naval officer, she paved the way so that all of us who followed could succeed. All of us in the Information Warfare Community owe her our gratitude. The award of the Presidential Medal of Freedom is both well-earned and well deserved!"

In 1996, the destroyer USS Hopper (DDG 70) was named in honor of the legend and in October the Naval Academy broke ground on Hopper Hall, which will house the academy's Center for Cyber Studies

Her other awards and decorations include the Distinguished Service Medal, Meritorious Service Medal, American Campaign Medal, World War II Victory Medal, National Defense Service Medal, Armed Forces Reserve Medal and Naval Reserve Medal.

See a story about namesake USS Hopper (DDG 70) on page A-4.

To learn more about Hopper's story and Navy legacy, visit http://ow.ly/PyH9306tofI

Petty Officer 2nd Class **Shaun Griffin** 

#### Commander Submarine Forces Pacific

Friends and family members gathered pierside to cheer the return of the Los Angeles-class fast-attack submarine USS Columbia (SSN 771) at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, Nov. 18, following the successful completion of its six-month western Pacific deployment.

"I was inspired to see how every single member of the crew contributed to the mission," said Cmdr. David L. Edgarton, a native of Houston, Texas, and Columbia's commanding officer.

"We were very pleased that we had so many op-



#### U.S. Navy photo by Petty Officer 2nd Class Michael H. Lee

Members of the Naval Sea Cadet Corp., Battleship Missouri-Hawaii Division and U.S. portunities to contribute to Submarine Veterans Inc. Bowfin Base greet Sailors assigned to the Los-Angeles-class fasttheater security objectives attack submarine USS Columbia (SSN 771), Nov. 18.

and that we had a part in promoting regional stability.

While deployed, Columbia visited the ports of Yokosuka and Sasebo, Japan, as well as the island of Guam. They also qualified three officers and 13 enlisted Sailors in submarines and advanced 16 Sailors in paygrade.

"The crew performed admirably," said Master Chief Petty Officer Anthony P. Torres, also from Houston, Texas. "Our newest members completed several of their initial submarine qualifications and gained valuable experience, while our senior crewmembers were able to earn senior level qualifications.

For many Sailors, this deployment was an opportunity to put forth months of training into real world scenarios.

"My most memorable achievement was when I qualified my first underway watch station," said Seaman James E. Rickard, from West Palm Beach, Florida.

"In my mind, that gave me the opportunity to prove myself and show my work ethic to my peers."

Edgarton said the crew is happy to be back home with friends and family but they are looking forward to their next deployment and eventual return to the Seventh Fleet area of operations.

"With this level of camaraderie, there is very little, if anything, this crew can't handle," Edgarton said. "I am extremely fortunate and proud to be their commanding officer."

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

## Tower lighting festivities to brighten JBPHH

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

The Morale, Welfare and Recreation (MWR) will host the 47th annual tower lighting celebration of the Freedom Tower at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, Dec. 2. The festivities will begin at 4:30 p.m. at the lawn in front of the tower.

This free family-friendly event will feature live entertainment by the Marine Corps Forces Pacific Band,

food booths cooking a variety for patrons to later download of meals available for purchase and many activities for the entire family to enjoy.

MWR Child and Youth Programs will provide holiday crafts and bounce houses will be set up for the children. Free cookies and holiday beverages such as hot chocolate, peppermint chocolate milk and eggnog will be available.

Free photos with Santa Claus will also be available beginning at 5 p.m. The MWR Marketing department will take high quality photos from the Great Life Hawaii website. Photo opportunities are limited and will be closed prior to the tower lighting, which will begin at 7 p.m.

Patrons can bring a blanket or lawn chairs and claim their spot to view the lighting ceremony. No pets are allowed at the event. MWR will provide round trip free shuttle service from the BX Garden Shop beginning at 4:15 p.m.

For more information, go to www.greatlifehawaii.com.





Decades after the attack on Pearl Harbor, as many Sailors and Marines laid in graves marked "unknown," one man made it his mission to identify them.

Seaman 1st Class Ray Emory was aboard the light cruiser USS Honolulu (CL 48) when the general quarters alarm sounded in the morning of Dec. 7, 1941. Emory and his shipmates assumed it was a drill. He and others were unaware of the attack by Imperial Japanese forces, which would result in the loss of more than 2,000 military personnel, more than 25 percent of whom were unidentifiable.

Although Emory sees his career in the Navy as past history, there was an event that led him back to that dreadful day.

During a visit to the National Cemetery of the Pacific more than 25 years ago, Emory asked a simple question to a desk attendant, "Can you tell me where the Pearl Harbor casualties are buried in this cemetery?"



#### U.S. Marine Corps photo by Lance Cpl. Patrick Mahoney

Ray Emory of the National Chief Petty Officers Association speaks about his experience during the West Loch disaster at the 7th Celebration of Life & Memory for West Loch Internees ceremony at the National Cemetery of the Pacific in Honolul, May 21.

The answer he received was, in essence, no.

Walking through the rows of grave markers, Emory realized how sad it was to him to see his fellow Sailors and Marines in their final resting place without anyone knowing exactly who they were. Guard, and Marine Corps ca-

Thus, he decided to make it his mission to find out.

"I've spent the last 26 years working on that cemetery, getting grave markers updated and so forth," Emory said. "I computerized all World War II Navy, Coast

sualties-68,000, roughly."

By matching burial and dental records with DNA testing upon availability, Emory has spent years working with the Joint POW/ MIA Accounting Command at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam to help bring a

sense of closure to the families of his shipmates.

At 95 years old, Emory has said he has no plans of quitting what has become his mission. He hopes to identify all U.S. military unknown casualties from World War II.

## Education forum tackles the needs of military children in Hawaii

#### Story and photo by Staff Sgt. **Mark Miranda**

#### U.S. Pacific Command

Senior military leaders joined Hawaii educators, lawmakers, community members and volunteers for the 15th annual Joint Venture Education Forum (JVEF) at the Hawaii Convention Center, Nov. 17.

Formed in 1999, the JVEF is an active partnership between U.S. Pacific Command (US-PACOM) and Hawaii Department of Education (DOE) that promotes interaction between Hawaii's military community and public schools in the pursuit of quality education for children.

"The goal was to provide a place where parties language arts, fine arts or partners, as a joint venture would come together and talk about issues re-

foundation for students to excel, to achieve their dreams and to become contributing members of their communities.'

In 2000, Inouye, with support from then USPA-COM commander Navy Adm. Dennis Blair and Paul LeMahieu, former state superintendent of education, supported an annual appropriation via the Department of Defense for repair and maintenance projects in public schools.

For more than a decade, USPACOM served as steward of these fundsclose to \$60 million since 2000-that provided Hawaii public schools new playgrounds, textbooks, technology, support for transition and citizenship programs, and curricular support in math, science. and robotics programs.

The focus of this year's JVEF centered on the



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"The constant moves

Awards were presented recognizing JVEF's outstanding civilian and military contributors whose efforts have had a significant impact on Hawaii's military and public school students.

A joint presentation of the JVEF Outstanding Civilian Contributor Commendation Award was made to Leilani Reyes of Aliamanu Elementary and Cherise Imai, Executive Director of the Military Interstate Compact Children's Commission. The Outstanding Civilian Contributor Commendation Award was renamed this year in honor of the late Rep. K. Mark Takai, who was honored with a video tribute to close out the program.

Coast Guard Lt. Cmdr. John A. Goshorn received the JVEF Outstanding Military Contributor Commendation Award for his "The volunteers really in our entire country," can be jarring on families, coordination of two SeaPerch and MATE (Marine Advanced Technology Education) underwater robotics events for schools at Coast Guard Base Honolulu. Twenty-three schools and 131 students participated, building submersible robots and navigating them through underwater obstacle courses. The Outstanding Military Contributor Commendation Award was renamed this year in honor of the late Sen. Daniel K. Inouye.

lated to education-hopefully to resolve them and chart a path forward," said Alisa Bender, the principal of Hickam Elementary School.

"JVEF has grown and evolved over the past 17 years and is a testament to our shared commitment."

"Education is the great equalizer," wrote U.S. Sen. Daniel Inouye in the JVEF 2012 executive

theme "Great Public Schools for All Students: Our Kuleana," which celebrated the 127 active military-school partnerships statewide.

"It's just amazing the amount of dialogue that you have between the local community, the DOE and all the schools where the focus is military children and their education and how important that is," said Col. Peter Santa summary. "It provides a Ana, USPACOM director

help out in that endeavor to make sure that the kids are having their school needs met every day, Santa Ana said.

Keynote speaker Army Lt. Gen. Anthony Crutchfield, deputy commander, USPACOM, noted both the military and local communities have a vested interest in the efforts of JVEF.

The bottom line is, it is imperative because of stallations in Oahu's Hawaii's unique situa- central, leeward and tions as partners."

Crutchfield said.

"Around eight percent of all desks in Hawaii's public school systems seat a military child. We count 45 schools on Oahu with significant populations of military children."

The majority of these approximately 15,000 military family member students are spread through schools located on or near military in-

and it's not uncommon for military children to attend nine different schools as they move around. If we add the impact of combat deployments and extended parental absences, our military families can feel left behind, they can even feel alone," Crutchfield said.

"Luckily, we have a forum for all of us to come together to express our concerns and look for solu-



How do you cope with holiday stress?



#### Tech. Sgt. Labronze Paden 647th Civil Engineers Squadron

"By spending time with loved ones. If they are far away, I like to spend time with co-workers who are in the same situations that I am in. That way we all feel the joy of holidays."

Seaman Kamau Daajara JBPHH Chapel

"Surround yourself with friends. Do the same things you do with family. It takes away some of the stress when you cannot go home."





**Hilary Petrash** Air Force spouse

"By getting the whole family involved in the holiday from decorating to shopping to cooking. I also like to do some running to stay de-stressed!"

Petty Officer 1st Class Matthew Forrest JBPHH Chapel

"Eat turkey and watch football!"



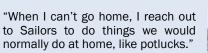


154th Maintenance Group "Spending time with my spouse and

Chief Master Sgt. Geoffrey Stiteler

pets at home."

Petty Officer 2nd Class Taneshia Mayo JBPHH Chapel







Airman 1st Class Taylor Wolfe 613th Air and Space Operations Center

"You've got to socialize, get out, have a get together with friends or have a dinner with someone you know. If you're lucky enough, then spend it relaxing with family, anything as long as you're not alone.

#### *Commentary* Why I love being a U.S. Navy surface warfare officer Vice Adm. Tom Rowden

Commander, Naval Surface Forces

Last week, midshipmen at the U.S. Naval Academy found out their service assignment in the U.S. Navy. For those midshipmen who will become surface warfare officers, as well as their comrades who received notification earlier in the academic semester at Naval Reserve Training Officer Corps units across the country, I want to congratulate all of you and welcome you to the surface warfare community –a community that I love dearly.

It is a great time to be a surface warfare officer (SWO). Among all the warfare communities vou could have chosen, SWOs will be the first to hit deck plates, leading Sailors almost immediately following graduation. You will "lead early and lead often" and you will further develop and hone the leadership skills you have been developing over the past four years.

You will be leading our Sailors in the midst of a rapidly changing security environment in the maritime domain. In response, our Navy is de- any previous generations fifth-generation F-35B



Vice Adm. Tom Rowden

livering new ships and weapons systems while, at the same time, improving our training and tactics to address these new and sophisticated threats. Our surface forces are executing exciting missions all over the world and regardless of your ship type, job assignment, or mission, each of you will play a vital role in shaping the future of our community and the maritime environment.

The surface warfare community is also on the leading edge of adopting personnel policies that are increasingly rewarding our most talented officers. You are embarking on a career path that offers more flexibility than

with unique opportunities to pursue graduate level education, intern at some global companies, and train to become an expert tactician in the fleet.

I take great pride in leading a community that, in essence, began 241 years ago with our nation's and our Navy's first six frigates. There is no question that the surface community serves as a primary integrator in today's warfighting disciplines, from the tactical to the theater level—with capability for deterrence, sea control, and power projection around the globe.

For these reasons and more, I continue to love being a surface warfare officer. I have the honor of being the "SWO Boss," and I could not be more excited about the opportunities that await all of you. Leadership is and will remain the bedrock of our community and we each play a significant role in making our Navy a more mobile, lethal and flexible force.

The future surface community in which you will be leading is already unfolding before you. From embarking the new

of surface warfare officers Joint Strike Fighter aircraft on our amphibious ships to USS Zumwalt (DDG 1000) and the inof the most prestigious novative technologies she is ushering into our Navy, we are dedicated to enhancing the lethality of our forces by improving the reach of today's ships through new payloads of more capable weapons, sensors and unmanned vehicles.

I take resounding pride in knowing all this is powered by a tremendous community of professionals - from seaman to admirals-each key to our daily success. You will now be joining their ranks and I want you to know that your impact will be immediate!

America is a maritime nation and as such needs a strong maritime force-the appetite for surface forces has never been greater, and I can say with confidence that we are doing our part to answer the call. It's truly gratifying to be in a community that has been and will continue to be so critical to American power and prosperity.

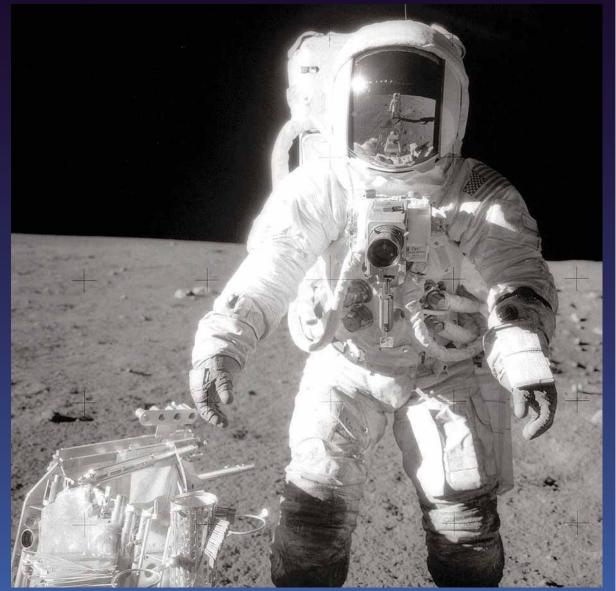
Again, congratulations to all of you of your assignment to surface warfare, a community that I love. Welcome to our team!

## Temporary bridge closure in support of Pearl Harbor Day

Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam Public Affairs

All lanes of the Ford Island Bridge will be closed Dec. 5 from 9:15 to 10:45 a.m. and Dec. 7 from 7 to 10 a.m. in support of the 75th commemoration of National Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day. All motorists and pedestrians are reminded to plan accordingly for those two days.

## Navy astronauts walk on the moon



Provided by David D. Underwood Jr. and Petty Officer 1st Class Corwin Colbert

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On Nov. 19, 1969, Navy astronauts Cmdr. Charles Conrad, Jr. and Cmdr. Alan L. Bean become the third and fourth men to walk on the moon as part of the Apollo 12 mission. The mission took place 47 years ago this month. Astronaut Alan L. Bean, Lunar Module pilot, pauses near a tool carrier during extravehicular activity (EVA) on the Moon's surface. Commander Charles Conrad Jr., who took the black and white photo, is reflected in Bean's helmet visor.

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## Blessing a namesake of Chung-Hoon

#### Story and photo by Petty Officer 1st Class **Corwin M. Colbert**

#### Navy Region Hawaii Public Affairs

USS Chung-Hoon (DDG 93) hosted a namesake blessing at the Pearl Harbor Naval Shipyard on Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, Nov. 19.

Twin girls whose great uncle was Rear Adm. Gordon P. Chung-Hoon, a native of Honolulu, received a traditional Hawaiian blessing with the ship's bell.

Today we are doing a blessing for my twins who are a little over sixmonths," said Asti McKean, mother of the girls. "This is special to us because it's on the ship of my great uncle. He passed away before I was born but I heard so many great things about him and the heroic things he did.<sup>3</sup>

Kahu Kekoa was the "Kahu" or minister of the blessing. He said this was an intriguing blessing but a normal one for many Hawaiian families.

"Family is very important in Hawaii," Kekoa said. "We do this for our children. This is unique because the ship represents the Chung-Hoon family and it is important for us to include the whole family as much as possible.'

Chief Chris McKean of VAQ 134 in Bremerton,



Kahu Kekoa blesses the great grand twins of Rear. Adm. Gordon Chung-Hoon during a Hawaiian blessing ceremony on the namesake ship USS Chung-Hoon (DDG 93) Nov. 19. Chung-Hoon was a recipient of the Navy Cross and Silver Star for conspicuous gallantry and heroism during World War II.

opportunity to do the blessing on the ship was an opportunity too good to pass up.

"We were planning a trip to Hawaii to visit our family," he said. "I thought to myself, if we Washington is the father are going to also do the this ship that has the of the twins. He said the children's blessing it family name attached.'

would be a great opportunity for us to do the blessing on the ship. When I was a second class, I saw one done on the ship with the ship's bell. That kind of gave me the idea to not only do it on a ship, but were more than pleased with the ship's receptive response to the request.

ily line always attends manding officer, said he the ship's functions when able," McKean said. "They already had a relation-

The parents said they it wasn't surprising to see how willing the ship was to make this happen.'

Cmdr. Victor Sheldon, 'The Chung-Hoon fam- USS Chung-Hoon comspeaks on behalf of the crew on the importance of the blessing for the ship, ship with the ship and so the family and U.S. naval and died in July 1979.

history.

"This event is very special for us and the people that get to participate in the event. This one is extra special with the ship's sponsor and namesake. It's kind of passing traditions from one generation to the next. Rear Adm. Chung-Hoon is a hero, and this moment is also dedicated to him."

The late Rear Adm. Chung-Hoon was a recipient of the Navy Cross and Silver Star for conspicuous gallantry and extraordinary heroism as commanding officer of USS Sigsbee from May 1944 to October 1945. In the spring of 1945, Sigsbee assisted in the destruction of 20 enemy planes while screening a carrier strike force off the Japanese island of Kyushu.

On April 14, 1945, while on radar picket station off Okinawa, a kamikaze crashed into Sigsbee, reducing the starboard engine to five knots and knocking out the ship's port engine and steering control. Despite the damage, then-Cmdr. Chung-Hoon valiantly kept his antiaircraft batteries delivering "prolonged and effective fire" against the continuing enemy air attack, while simultaneously directing the damage control efforts that allowed his ship to make port under its own power. Chung-Hoon retired in October 1959

## JBPHH teams up with Special Olympics to host games

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

Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam Public Affairs

Service members and athletes from across Oahu came together to celebrate the spirit of competition during the Special Olympics Holiday Classic opening ceremony at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam (JBPHH), Nov. 19.

More than 1,200 athletes, family members and coaches from various parts of Oahu and neighboring islands of Maui, Molokai, Kauai, Lanai and Hawaii's Big Island attended the event. The event celebrated their successes and the games, which concluded



Nov. 20.

The Holiday Classic includes a multi-division twoday basketball tournament, singles and unified team bowling competitions, and traditional and unified doubles bocce tournaments.

The event also allowed attendees the opportunity to experience and see something many do not get the chance to see up close—a C-17 Globemaster III aircraft.

Airman 1st Class Lauren Sheppard, a loadmaster with the 535th Airlift Squadron, said volunteering for this event is something she

Airman 1st Class Lauren Sheppard, 535th Airlift Squadron loadmaster, explains functions of the C-17 Globemaster III aircraft as event attendees wait to enter the cockpit during the Special Olympics Holiday Classic opening ceremony at JBPHH, Nov. 19.

some time.

"Any time I have the chance to show people what I do for a living, I love it," she said. "However, when it is for something as great as this—an event to show these athletes how much we appreciate them - is amazing. I'm glad to be a

these athletes to know they inspire me.'

Col. Richard Smith, JBPHH vice commander, spoke at the event and thanked everyone in attendance for making the event a resounding success.

"Tonight it is my honor to welcome you to Joint Base looked forward to for quite part of this event, and I want Pearl Harbor Hickam," he

said. "This weekend we celebrate more than 1,200 dedicated athletes. To the athletes, thank you for being here. You are talented individuals who should be recognized and celebrated—and that's what we're doing here tonight. Not just in sports, but in all aspects."

The non-profit Special lolympicshawaii.org.

Olympics group was established in 1968 to provide yearround sports training and athletic competition in a variety of Olympic-type sports for children and adults with intellectual disabilities.

For more information about the games, visit www.specia-

## Hopper hosts commander, Task Force 50

#### Story and photo by **Petty Officer 3rd Class** Nathan Beard

#### Eisenhower Carrier Strike Group Public Affairs

Rear Adm. James Malloy, commander, Task Force 50, visited guided-missile destroyer **USS** Hopper (DDG 70) in the Arabian Gulf, Nov. 17.

This marked Malloy's first visit aboard Hopper since the ship deployed to the U.S. 5th Fleet area of operations (AOO).

Malloy, embarked aboard aircraft carrier USS Dwight D. Eisenhower (CVN 69) (Ike), met with the Hopper crew for an all-hands call, where he welcomed the crew to the Arabian Gulf and discussed the importance of each individual and how



Rear Adm. Jim Malloy, commander, Task Force 50, speaks to the crew of the guidedmissile destroyer USS Hopper (DDG 70) on the ship's flight deck, Nov. 17.

only themselves but ensures the safety and security of the critical waterways throughout the AOO.

"With Hopper here, I have a destroyer that's capable, lethal and proven," Malloy said. "Hopper's presence ensures Ike can continue to operate and conduct flight operations in support of the fight against ISIL (Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant) in Iraq and Syria.'

Malloy discussed priorities and expectations he has for the crew after they relieved USS Stout (DDG 55) in the Arabian Gulf. Hopper arrived in theater last month.

"It's really good for the crew to have the admiral here and give a motivational speech and explain to the crew what we're doing out

their hard work benefits not here is important," Petty Officer 1st Class David Cederberg said.

> After the all-hands call with the crew, Malloy toured the ship, met with junior Sailors, chiefs and had lunch with officers in the wardroom.

> "It's an awesome opportunity to see that the commander of Task Force 50 has an invested interest in Hopper's presence in the Gulf and how he is dedicated to our mission and the Sailors that make the mission happen," said Lt. j.g. Roland Hansen, Hopper's damage control assistant.

Hopper, homeported in Pearl Harbor, is deployed in the Arabian Gulf in support maritime of security operations and theater security cooperation efforts in the U.S. 5th Fleet area of operations.





(Above) Petty Officer 2nd Class Corbin Stinson, assigned to Pearl Harbor's Mobile Diving Salvage Unit (MDSU) 1, enters the water for a dive during Exercise Dugong 2016, in Sydney, Australia, Nov. 10. Dugong is a bilateral U.S Navy and Royal Australian navy training exercise, advancing tactical level U.S. service component integration, capacity and interoperability with Australian clearance diving team (AUSCDT) one.

#### U.S. Navy photo by Petty Officer 1st Class Arthurgwain L. Marquez

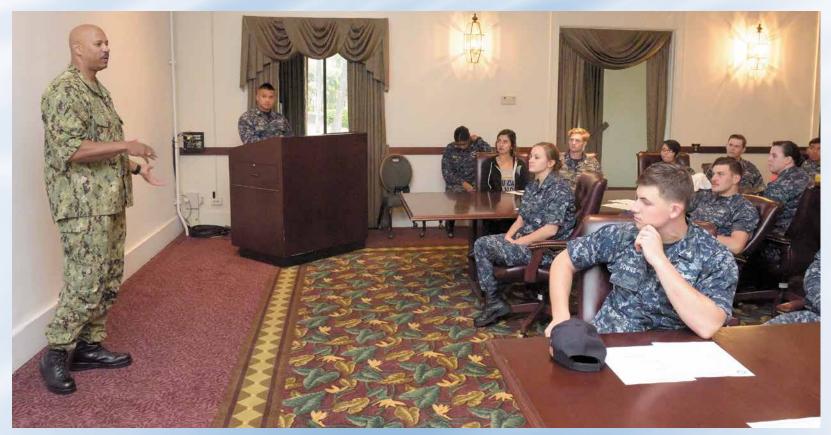
(Left) Col. Kevin Gordon, 15th Wing commander, talks to a crowd of Airmen before the ribbon cutting of the static F-102 aircraft at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, Nov. 18. The aircraft recently underwent an extensive fullbody restoration, which included sanding off corrosion and adding new paint and patches. Airmen from the 15th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron led the restoration project.

U.S. Air Force photo by Tech. Sgt. Terri Paden

(Right) Sailors aboard the guided-missile destroyer USS Hopper (DDG 70) heave in a phone-and-distance line following a replenishment-at-sea with the fast combat support ship USNS Arctic (T-AOE 8). Hopper is deployed supporting coalition maritime forces ships in the U.S. 5th Fleet area of operations.



U.S. Navy photo by Petty Officer 3rd Class Cole Keller



#### U.S. Navy photo by Petty Officer 1st Class Corwin Colbert

Rear Adm. John Fuller, commander, Navy Region Hawaii and Naval Surface Group Middle Pacific, greets families and service members of USS William P. Lawrence (DDG 110) at Lockwood Hall at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, Nov. 21. JBPHH held a three-day indoctrination class to allow the ship's crew and their families to familiarize themselves with the base and the island of Oahu.

### November 25, 2016 Ho'okele A-6 PMRF Sailors participate in Kekaha Elementary School Career Day

#### Story and photo by **Robert Purdy**

#### Pacific Missile Range Facility Public Affairs

Capt. Vincent Johnson, commanding officer, Pacific Missile Range Facility (PMRF) along with Petty Officer 1st Class Brian Borgmann and Petty Officer 2nd Class Korey Brower from PMRF Seaborne Powered Targets department visited Kekaha Elementary School Nov. 16 to participate in the school's Career Day event.

The Navy representatives joined Kauai community professionals and shared their knowledge, insights, experiences and answered questions about their respective professions to help young students gain a head start in exploring a variety of potential future careers available in the Navy. This also allowed students to learn about the responsibilities and rewards that accompany each profession.

Johnson, Borgmann and Brower shared what it is they do every day and opportunity and ability



Capt. Vincent Johnson, commanding officer, Pacific Missile Range Facility gives a high-five to a Kekaha Elementary School student during Kekaha Elementary School's Career Day event, Nov. 16.

"The Navy has given move on to other exciting Here at PMRF I fly a prome the chance to see the world. I've been to more than 12 different countries like Italy, Greece, Spain, and Japan. Best of all, I was assigned to Kauai," Borgmann said.

When asked what skills and traits were required to be successful in the Navy, Borgmann and Brower said to be successful, you need to work and study hard to have the what life is like as a Sailor. to advance in rate, then from the bad guys' radars.

careers within the Navy.

In addition, Johnson shared his personal experiences as a pilot with the students.

"I attended the United States Naval Academy where I was commissioned as an officer and went on to flight school to receive my wings as a Navy pilot. I've flown helicopters, the 'Prowler' and the 'Growler' which are jet airplanes that protect the good guys

peller plane called the C-26 which kind of looks like an island hopper. We use it to transport supplies and people between Oahu and PMRF," Johnson said.

One student asked if it was scary to fly an airplane.

'I'm really not scared at all. The Navy has provided me with the training and the skills I need to fly these airplanes safely. I love flying so much that I've achieved more than 3,100

hours of flight time," Johnson said.

Kekaha School counselor and Career Day coordinator, Erika Davidson shared her thoughts about the event.

"I've been here for more than 10 years and we hold a Career Day each year. We focused on the upper grades for the last couple of years. We are really looking at teaching our kids what it takes to move on to the next level and be career and college ready after ity/.

school, and we also want them to know that there are jobs on the westside for them, so they don't have to move off island," Davidson said.

"Whether you graduate high school and go right into the job market, or if you go away to college, whether it's a two-year, four-year or a technical college, they can still come back and still have jobs here. I don't think our kids always know what's available, and sometimes they think that there are only just limited industries because they haven't been exposed to everything. It's important for them to know what is available," she said.

Career Day also featured speakers from PMRF Fire and Emergency Services, local law enforcement, an electric cooperative, a tropical botanical garden, Department of Land and Natural Resources, a local shrimp farm, agricultural company, and a local veterinarian.

For more information on Pacific Missile Range Facility, visit www.cnic.navy. mil/PMRF or on Facebook at www.facebook.com/ PacificMissileRangeFacil-

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## <u>USO Hawaii food</u> drive at JBPHH

Command Master Chief David B. Carter of Navy Region Hawaii helps distribute bags of food during a USO Hawaii food drive at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, Nov. 22. USO Hawaii collected and distributed 80 bags of food and vouch-ers for a free turkey to U.S. Sailors and Airmen before the Thanksgiving holiday.

U.S. Navy photo by Petty Officer 2nd Class Somers Steelman



#### November 25, 2016 Ho'okele A-7

## MDSU 1 conducts inaugural dive, preserves legacy of USS Salute

#### **Task Force 73 Public** Affairs

Navy divers from Mobile Diving and Salvage Unit (MDSU) 1 teamed up with with Royal Brunei navy personnel Nov. 16-18 for diving operations on former USS Salute (AM 294), a World War IIera minesweeper sunk by a Japanese mine during preparations for amphibious landings in the Battle of Borneo.

The diving operations are the first by the U.S. Navy on the wreckage of Salute, which lies in approximately 90 feet of water in Brunei Bay. The operations are occurring with divers embarked on Military Sealift Command rescue and salvage ship USNS Salvor (T-ARS-52) who are in Brunei for Cooperation Afloat Readiness and Training (CARAT) 2016.

The dives on Salute were preceded by a remembrance ceremony at the U.S. Embassy in Bandar Seri Begawan, Nov. 14, where U.S. Ambassador Craig Allen and Rear Adm. Don Gabrielson, commander, Task Force 73, recognized the



U.S. Navy photo by Lt. Chris Price

U.S. Navy Divers attached to MDSU 1 and divers serving with the Royal Brunei Armed Forces at the wreckage site of USS Salute (AM-294), which sank in Brunei waters on June 7, 1945, during Cooperation Afloat Readiness and Training (CARAT) Brunei 2016, Nov. 15.

service and sacrifice of the important historical site, fallen Sailors who served aboard Salute.

"We have a unique opportunity during CARAT to pay tribute to the Sailors of USS Salute who gave their last full measure for our nation," Gabrielson said. "Our remembrance ceremony and diving operations on Salute solemnly honor an

and pay rightful respects to the legacy of brave Americans who will never be forgotten.'

Salute struck a mine June 7, 1945, while conducting sweeping operations for an Australian landing force in preparation for the Battle of Borneo which liberated Brunei

from Japanese imperial forces. Salute sank just after midnight June 8, after a failed attempt by two Navy landing craft to salvage the ship.

Lt. James J. Hughes, an officer aboard Salute who survived the explosion, later recalled the final hours before the minesweeper sank.

"The ship was hit midship, right underneath the belly, and it came right up through all the decks," Hughes said. "Anybody in that area was killed, especially in the engine room; they didn't have a chance. We hit it about 4 p.m. and sunk about midnight. We were making the last run of the day."

For Navy divers visiting Salute's wreckage, it is an opportunity to pay tribute and reflect on a solemn war grave where U.S. service members perished.

"These operations provided U.S. Navy divers a unique opportunity to work alongside our Bruneian counterparts on a very meaningful project," said Lt. Chris Price, detachment officer-in-charge, MDSU 1. "We are preserving our Navy's rich history and heritage, and giving a very fitting remembrance to these fallen Sailors."

In its 22nd year, CARAT is a bilateral exercise series between the U.S. Navy, U.S. Marine Corps, and the armed forces of nine partner nations in south and southeast Asia including Bangladesh, Brunei. Cambodia, Indonesia, Malaysia, the Philippines, Singapore, Thailand, and Timor-Leste.

Editor's Note: MDSU-1 is one of the Navy's diving and salvage units based at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam.



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> **MISSING MAN** FORMATION

Memorial hunting on base

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#### **Reid Tokeshi**

Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam Morale, Welfare and Recreation

oint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam is steeped in history, with many memorials dotting the landscape. Many know of the famous ones, and deservedly so. But there are many others.

In fact, we've found some that are unknown to many, and even a few obscure ones on base you probably never knew existed. Large or small, all act as symbols to memorialize or commemorate people and events in history for this base and beyond. Here are some of the markers you may not have noticed. Some you may pass by regularly without noticing it. We're not telling you everything about them, so that you can discover more about them on your own.

#### The iconic memorials

Almost everyone already knows of these, but they must be mentioned when discussing memorials.

- USS Arizona Memorial The most visited attraction in the state, synonymous to the base, Navy and Hawaii.
- Flagpole at Memorial Circle on Hickam The 75foot pole is surrounded by plaques, recognizing individuals and moments in history.
- Missing Man Formation On the Hickam Channel near the Historic Hickam Officers' Club, a regal monument to those Airmen lost in battle.
- Pearl Harbor Memorial Fountain Near the flagpole on the Pearl Harbor side of the base, the fountain memorializes all the ships damaged or sunk in the Dec. 7, 1941 attack.

#### You probably know these

Some of you already know of these two, but we've found that there are many who live and work on this base that have never visited, or heard of them.

- Courtyard of Heroes A beautiful courtyard located in the Headquarters of Pacific Air Forces (PACAF). Built in 1995, the large granite memorial with an eternal flame is the centerpiece, memorializing those lost in the three wars in the Pacific region — World War II, Korea and Vietnam. Also in the courtyard: "In Defense of the Nation" memorial, a Wall of Valor and the U.S. flag that was flying over Hickam Field during the Dec. 7, 1941 attack
- Pearl Harbor Submarine Memorial Built in 1960, this memorial is nestled in a small park next to some barracks on the side of the base the subs are docked. Dedicated as a remembrance to all the submarines lost during World War II, plaques are displayed for each of the 52 subs and more than 3,500 submariners still on "patrol." Lining the perimeter of the park are markers for other submarines with historical ties to the base.



#### Did you know about these?

- POW/MIA Memorial The memorial is on Freedom Avenue near the Firestone shop and the skateboard hangar. Originally dedicated in 1980, the memorial was placed in the exact spot where the first POW from Vietnam returned. In 2013, a new memorial was rededicated and moved near the hangar, a location more suitable for visitors. The original still stands, however, between the gas station and mini mart.
- Paquet Hall/Courts The plaque for the courts is located on North Road just after the mini mart. It is named in honor of a submariner who rescued a naval aviator in 1944, only to be lost at sea himself later that same year.
- USAF Medal of Honor Recipients Along the bike path at Aloha Aina Park, this marker stands in memory of those awarded the United States Air Force Medal of Honor for service in World War I and II, as well as the Korea and Vietnam wars.
- Gabrunas Hall/Field Plaques are in both the lobby of the hall and near the recreation area. It is named in honor of a Sailor who voluntarily sacrificed himself so shipmates could escape when their sub was scuttled.

#### The obscure but not forgotten

The following are memorials that are probably known only to family, friends and those who work nearby.

- "Bubb" Memorial Across from Fort Kamehameha Chapel is a flagpole flying the POW/MIA flag. Near the pole is a marker dedicated to five enlisted personnel who died during the Dec. 7 attack.
- Arris Memorial You may have visited Kuntz Chapel and not known there is a memorial there in the courtyard. The marker is dedicated to seven Airmen who died on a mission in 1985.
- JPAC Memorial A memorial stone near the main DPAA headquarters is displayed in remembrance of a crew on a 2001 mission to Vietnam. In all, seven members were lost in the tragedy.
- Eagle Scout Memorial A short walk away from the USAF Medal of Honor memorial at Aloha Aina Park stands a small marker near a tree at the water's edge. The plaque is dedicated to a USAF major and former Eagle Scout who drowned. Specifics are scarce, although the plaque lists the year 1997.

If you want to hunt for pieces of history yourself, a place to start is on one of the historical tours operated by MWR's Information, Tickets & Travel office. A Hickam Historical Tour is every Friday, while a tour of Ford Island is held every Wednesday. Call the Hickam ITT office at 448-2295 for more information.

### November 25, 2016 Hoʻokele B-2 Movies to honor 75th Pearl Harbor anniversary

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

A series of movies will be shown at events from 5:30 to 10 p.m. during the week of Dec. 2-9 in an outdoor theater setting in Waikiki. The movies will be shown in commemoration of National Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day and the 75th anniversary of the attack on Pearl Harbor.

The movies are free

and open to the public. The programs and festivities will begin at 5:30 p.m. on Waikiki Beach (Diamond

Head end of Kalakaua Avenue) with live entertainment, food and beverage concessions, with movie times starting at approximately 7:30 p.m. Films were unrated prior to 1968, and due to content and language, parents should determine whether the films are appropriate for preteens and children.

#### The movie schedule is as follows.

• On Dec. 2, the movie "Twelve O'Clock High" will be shown. "Twelve O'Clock High" is a 1949 Academy Award-winning American war film starring Gregory Peck, depicting aircrews in the U.S. Army's Eighth Air Force who flew daylight bombing missions against Nazi Germany and occupied France.

• On Dec. 4, the movie "Run Silent, Run Deep' will be shown. This 1958 American black-and-white film starring Clark Gable and Burt Lancaster is based around a World War II submarine warfare story in the Pacific Ocean, and an obsession with a Japanese destroyer that has sunk three U.S. submarines in the Bungo Straits.

This movie deals with themes of vengeance, endurance, courage, loyalty and honor.

• On Dec. 5, the movie "From Here to Eternity" will be shown. In addition, Gary Sinise & The Lt. Dan Band will perform in concert beginning at 5:30 p.m.

The 1953 drama "From Here to Eternity," with eight Academy Awards, deals with the tribulations of three U.S. Army Soldiers played by Burt Lancaster, Montgomery Clift and Frank Sinatra who were stationed in Hawaii in the months leading up to the attack on Pearl Harbor. Deborah Kerr and Donna Reed portray the women in their lives and the supporting cast includes Ernest Borgnine and Jack War-

den. "From Here to Eternity" was selected in 2002 for preservation in the National Film Registry

by the Library of Congress as being "culturally, historically or aesthetically significant."

• On Dec. 8, the movie the "Sands of Iwo Jima" will be shown. Starring John Wayne, this Academy Award-nominated 1949 war film portrays Wayne as the tough-asnails career U.S. Marine Sgt. John Stryker, known for his rigorous combat troop training. The film follows a group of Marines from training to the brutal Battle of Iwo Jima during World War II, but also depicts Stryker's softer side during a brief leave in Honolulu.

• On Dec. 9, the movie "The Finest Hours" will be shown. On Feb. 18, 1952, a massive storm splits the SS Pendleton in two, trapping more than 30 sailors inside the tanker's sinking stern. Engineer Ray Sybert bravely takes charge to organize a strategy for his fellow survivors. As word of the disaster reaches the Coast Guard in Chatham, Massachusetts, Chief Warrant Officer Daniel Cluff orders a daring rescue mission. Despite the ferocious weather, Coxswain Bernie Webber takes three men on a lifeboat to try and save the crew against seemingly impossible odds. This movie is rated PG-13.

For the complete list of 75th anniversary events, visit www.pearlharbor75thanniversary.com.

### Joint service aircraft static display to be held Dec. 6 at Hickam

Preble Panthers tighten grip on Afloat title own 25, Brune stepped back to pass and connected with Seaman Joshua Hardin, who scampered down inside the Warriors 20-yard line for the team's first big play of

> the game. "Hardin is a great player," Brune said. "He's got great hands, great speed and he can take a hit.'

> On the next play, Brune tossed a bull's-eye to Petty Officer 2nd **Class Warren**

Wilson, which led to the Panthers first touchdown of the game.

The following point-after-touchdown (PAT) attempt was good to give the Panthers a 7-0 lead.

Both defenses stepped up their play for the remainder of the second half to keep the score close at halftime.

Following the break, barely holding momentum, the Panthers got the ball at their own 15 and didn't stop until getting their second touchdown of the game. The drive took seven plays to finish, with the last play yielding a 19-yard pass play from Brune to Petty Officer 3rd Class Preston Bias for six points.

Moving the ball to the Panthers 19, the Warriors got a huge break when a roughing-the-passer penalty made it first down and goalto-goal from the nine.

Ybara misfired on his next two passes, but on third down, he finally got the Warriors on the scoreboard with a completion to Petty Officer 2nd Class Michael Eichelberger.

The Warriors made good on their PAT attempt to cut the lead down to half at 14-7.

Feeling the heat of a comeback by the Warriors, the Panthers regrouped and started a march of their own with time running out on the clock.

Brune breathed life back into the Panthers attack by completing eight out of nine passes, with the last toss going back to Wilson for his second touchdown catch of the

Petty Officer 2nd Class Warren Wilson fights off a defender at midfield, but still makes the catch to lead the Preble

#### Story and photo by Randy Dela Cruz

Panthers to the win.

Sports Editor, Ho'okele

The USS Preble (DDG 88) Panthers extended their lead at the top of the Afloat Division by dispatching second-place Pearl City Peninsula Warriors, 21-7, on Nov. 19 in an intramural flag football game at Ward Field, Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam.

Preble, which held a two-game lead over the Warriors coming into the contest, extended their lead to three games to lock up the Afloat crown and earn the division's No. 1 seed in the upcoming playoffs, which will be held from Dec. 3 to 5.

The win also kept Preble as the division's only undefeated team with a record of 7-0, while the Warriors fell to 4-3. This still appears good enough to earn them a qualifying spot in the playoffs. "They (the Warriors) were out here a couple games looking at us and cheering on the other team because they wanted us to lose," said Panthers quarterback Petty Officer 3rd Class Dylan Brune. "From then on, when we saw them it was just like, 'just wait until we play you." The first couple of offensive sets by both teams couldn't gain traction, but on their third try, the Panthers woke up and struck pay dirt on only three plays.





In commemoration of the 75th anniversary of the Dec. 7, 1941 attack on Oahu, a joint service aircraft static display will be held from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Dec. 6 at 23 Row on the Hickam side of Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam.

Aircraft on display will include the F-22 Raptor, P-3 Orion, CV-22 Osprey, HH-65 Dolphin, AH-64 Apache and others.

The event is open to all Department of Defense (DoD) cardholders and their guests.

The cost of the event is free, but those in attendance need to have their DoD ID card to enter or escort their guests. Onsite parking will be available.

Attendees should enter Hickam by O'Malley Gate and follow the signs to parking. No bags/coolers, no outside drinks/food, no selfie sticks are allowed. Cameras are OK, but no telescoping lenses.

For more information, email kelly.womble.2@us.af.mil.

On first down from the Panthers'

Another converted PAT raised the Panthers lead to 14-0.

After falling down by two scores, the Warriors finally got the ball moving.

Starting at their own 15, quarterback Petty Officer 2nd Class Leeroy Ybara moved the chains to midfield at the 40 on only three plays.

day "This is my first game as quar-

terback because we lost our starter," Brune said. "My receivers stepped up and just said, 'Hey dude, just throw me the ball."

With one title firmly in hand, the Panthers now focus their attention on winning the Joint Base championship.

No team from the Afloat Division has ever accomplished that. but Brune said that the Panthers are ready to take on the challenge.

"Our defense limits yards and points," Brune said. "Like they say, defense wins championships.'

## Chalk up another win for 613 AOC/PACAF

#### Story and photo by Randy Dela Cruz

#### Sports Editor, Ho'okele

With a spot already secured in the upcoming intramural flag football championships, the combined 613th Air and Space Operation Center (613 AOC)/ Pacific Air Forces International Affairs (PACAF) squad showed no signs of letting up. The team defeated Navy Information Operations Command (NIOC) Hawaii A-Team, 21-6, on Nov. 21 in Blue Division matchup at Ward Field, Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam

By beating the A-Team, the 613 AOC/PACAF notched their 10th win of the season against only two defeats, while NIOC fell to 5-5.

"Practice like you play," quarterback Master Sgt. Raul Garcia III said about their unrelenting style of play. "We don't go into the playoffs with the mentality that we're too good. We play the whole game.'

start when they were forced to play with only six players instead of the regulation seven.

Seeing an opening to get on the scoreboard fast, the 613 AOC/PACAF took full advantage of the mismatch and drove 65 yards on six plays to take a 6-0 lead.

Garcia was spot-on during the drive as he went four-for-four on passes and rushed the ball twice for 14 yards.

Eight of his rushing yards came on the sixth and final play of the drive, when Garcia took the ball into the end zone by himself.

The point-after-touchdown (PAT) was successful and the 613 AOC/PACAF grabbed a quick 7-0 advantage.

NIOC tried to respond after falling behind and appeared to be on their way to a score, when they got all the way down to 613 AOC/PACAF eight-yard line.

However, facing a fourth-andgoal from the 12, the drive came to a crashing halt, when 2nd Lt. Marcus Hendricks picked off a The A-Team got off to a shaky pass to give the ball back to the

Despite getting the ball deep in their own territory, Garcia's hot hand continued to keep the chains moving forward.

After misfiring on his first pass from scrimmage, Garcia quickly rebounded and stepped up to connect on his next three tosses to move the ball into NIOC territory at the 32.

Another completion picked up six yards and Garcia brought the team even closer with a 12yard scamper to place the ball at the 14.

Then on the next play, Garcia went back to the air and found Tech. Sgt. Jacob Smith in the end zone for the team's second touchdown.

The converted PAT raised the 613 AOC/PACAF lead over NIOC to 14-0.

While both scoring drives didn't produce any flashy pickups, the team just used a simple and methodical way to get the job done.

"Everybody thinks you've got to throw the ball down the field to

613 AOC/PACAF at the NIOC win the game," Garcia said. "All made the catch and galloped 30 you've got to do is work for the yards untouched and into the first downs until the end zone."

In the second half, NIOC showed some life on their first drive after the break, by covering 65 yards on 10 plays to get on the scoreboard.

The big play of the drive came on a long ball from quarterback Petty Officer 2nd Class Josh Miyashiro to Petty Officer 2nd Class Ryan Janni that covered 39 yards and put the ball on the 613 AOC/PACAF one-yard line.

Four plays later, NIOC scored on an option from Miyashiro to Petty Officer 2nd Class Jarrell Settles that pulled the team back into the game, trailing by only eight points at 14-6.

However, the 613 AOC/PA-CAF squashed any hopes of a NIOC comeback, when Garcia needed only five plays to travel 65 yards and score the team's third and final touchdown of the game.

Garcia tossed his second touchdown pass of the game when he threw a short pass to Tech. Sgt. Jason Winn, who end zone.

The defeat for NIOC was especially tough as the team is in the heart of a battle to get the division's final playoff spot.

While the team still has a shot, a win over the 613 AOC/ PACAF could lock the door on the final berth.

"It's disappointing that we lost," Miyashiro said. "We can only blame ourselves. A lot of our guys couldn't make it for operational reasons, but we did what we could ask of ourselves."

For now, the 613 AOC/PACAF, after playing their final regular season game, gets to relax until the playoffs.

Garcia said he knows the sting of losing in the first round of the playoffs and hopes that this year will be different.

"We have a little bit of a chip on our shoulders," Garcia said. The last two years, we were in the first round and lost both games on the last play of the game. We're not looking to repeat that."



Tech. Sgt. Jason Winn gets past Petty Officer 2nd Class Ryan Janni on his way to 613 AOC/PACAF's third touchdown of the game.

## Short-handed Medical Group still earns victory

#### Story and photo by Randy Dela Cruz

#### Sports Editor, Ho'okele

It's not often that a shorthanded team overcomes the odds to gain a victory, but in their final game of the regular season, the 15th Medical Group (15 MDG) managed to pull out an unlikely win over the Naval Health Clinic Hawaii (NHCH) Goblins, 26-21, on Nov. 22 in a Gold Division showdown at Ward Field, Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam.

The 15 MDG, which entered the matchup in a tie for fourth place, finished off their regular season with a record of 8-3, while the Goblins lost their eighth game against three wins.

"We just tried to spread the ball and take it slow," said 15 MDG quarterback Lt. Levi Blackwell about the improbable victory. "We used as much clock as we had, so we could preserve our energy on offense and defense, and tried to make smart plays with no turnovers."

While both teams started the game with only six players, the Goblins got their seventh player shortly after the opening series, but the 15 MDG wasn't as lucky and had to play the entire game with only six players.

The shortage produced instant ramifications for the MDG, when on the team's second play from scrimmage, Blackwell had his toss picked off by Seaman Dennis Brown at the Goblins own 38.

Goblins quarterback Petty better start.



Quarterback Lt. Levi Blackwell stretches out for the final plunge into the end zone.

Officer 2nd Class Cody Adkins completed his first pass for a four-yard gain.

Then after a running play for no gain, Adkins took control of the drive by sweeping past the defense en route to a 38-yard scamper to pay dirt and an early 7-0 lead after converting their point-after-touchdown (PAT).

With the ball back in their possession, the 15 MDG embarked upon their second series and this time the team was determined to get off to a

Blackwell settled down from his own 15-yard line and used his legs to pick up nine yards and a first down at the 24.

Five plays later, Blackwell, from the Goblins 12, passed to Staff Sgt. Adrian Fuentes inside the end zone for a touchdown.

The team tied the score at 7-7 by making good on their PAT.

Back on defense, Blackwell came up with a huge play in the secondary, when he stepped in front of an Adkins pass and picked it off to set up first down

at the MDG 10-yard line.

Following the interception, Blackwell led a 55-yard drive to the Goblins end zone on only seven plays.

During the drive, Blackwell led a balanced offense by going three-for-three on passes and running the ball three times, with Blackwell taking it into the end zone by himself on a 30yard run for a 13-7 lead.

Although the lead stayed that way through halftime, the Goblins quickly made it a game again, when they took the first series after intermission on a drive to the house.

Adkins directed the scoring drive, needing only eight plays.

After the touchdown, the Goblins completed a pass into the end zone for a two-point conversion and a 15-13 lead.

However, the lead didn't last long, as Blackwell delivered a long ball on first down and hit Staff Sgt. Edgar Corana in stride for six and a 19-15 advantage.

"We just looked for it," said Blackwell about his clutch pass. "We just spread the ball out and used as much players as we had because they had more players."

The final blow came when the six-man defense held the Goblins to only four downs to force NHCH to hand over the ball deep in their own territory at the 18.

"That was huge," Blackwell said. "We knew he (Adkins) was running, so we said man up and stayed close to the line.'

Blackwell finished off the drive by picking up the final three yards on a rush into the end zone that clinched the game.

The Goblins did manage one last score on a pass from Adkins to Seaman Bradley Williams as time ran out.

As great as it was to win with only six plays, Blackwell said that he wouldn't want to attempt that in the playoffs.

"We'll get all the players back," Blackwell said. "We had a couple of people that had to work, but we should be full strength for the playoffs."



## Turn and Burn to ride off calories on Nov. 26

Free fifth annual Turn and Burn Ride will be held from 9 to 11 a.m. Nov. 26 at the Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam Fitness Center. Canned goods for charity will be accepted. Participants can burn the calories from the turkey feast with a two-hour ride traveling over flats, climbing hills and sprinting through the wind. This event is open to all eligible patrons. For more information, call 471-2019.

 Spring junior team tennis registration will be held from Dec. 1 to Jan. 1 at the youth sports and fitness center for ages 5 to 16 years old. The season runs from February through April 2017. The cost is \$40. Volunteers are needed for all sports offered. For more information, call 473-0789.

The free 47th annual Tower Lighting Celebration will be held from 4:30 to 7 p.m. Dec. 2 at the Freedom Tower. Patrons can bring a blanket or lawn chairs and celebrate the season with festive holiday traditions. Festivities include bounce houses, holiday crafts, build-and-create clinic, glow jewelry, holiday beverages and cookies and a free photo with Santa. Entertainment will be provided by the Marine Corps Forces Pacific Band. For information, visit greatlifehawaii.com.

Kayaking Chinaman's Hat will begin at 8 a.m. Dec .3 at the MWR Outdoor Adventure Center at the Fleet Store. Participants are encouraged to bring lunch or snacks and plenty of water. The cost is \$25, and the deadline to sign up is Dec 1. This trip is considered moderate to strenuous in level of difficulty. For more information, call 473-1198.

Learn to stand-up paddleboard at Hickam Harbor will be held from 9:15 to 10:15 a.m. and 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. Dec. 3 at MWR Outdoor Recreation at Hickam Harbor. The cost is \$25, and the deadline to sign up is Nov. 30.

## TA requests for 2017 must be submitted 14 days before class starts

#### Ed Barker

Naval Education and Training Professional Development Center Public Affairs

Sailors planning to take college classes in 2017 are required to have their Tuition Assistance

requests approved by their command a minimum of 14 days prior to term start dates. As detailed in Naval Adminis-Z

trative Message 219/16 and as part of the Voluntary Education/Navy College Transformation, all TA requests for

courses starting on or af-ter Jan. 1, 2017 must be submitted via the My Education/Web TA portal within the Navy College website, and command approved between 120 and 14 calendar days before the term start date.

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"This is a major change for service members that were used to the old TA application requirements, said Ernest D'Antonio, Navy Voluntary Education Program director. "With the holidays coming up, it's critical to understand that for classes starting in early

January, TA requests need to be in the pipeline no later than the middle of December." Members

that miss the 14-day advance deadline will be prevented by the system from submitting a new TA application.

Term start dates and TA request deadlines are posted on the Navy College

website. "First-time TA users are also required to complete the DoD Higher **Education Preparation Training** 

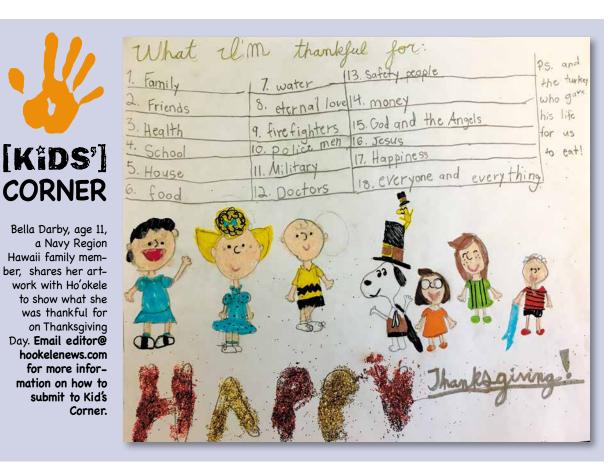
Course, WebTA Training and receive education counseling through the Virtual Education Center or a Navy College Office," D'Antonio said. "Those service members should start the process even earlier to make sure they are able to complete the process by the deadline.'

Any questions or problems with the TA application process can be handled by the Virtual Education Center (VEC) or online via the Navy College website.

VEC hours are from 6 a.m. to 9 p.m. EST Monday to Friday and may be reached by calling: (877) 838-1659 or DSN 492-4684, or contacted via the website: www.livehelpnow.net/lhn/TicketsVisitor. aspx?lhnid=30432.

The URL for the new Navy College Program website is: www.navycollege.navy.mil.

Sailors can also get the latest information by following Navy Voluntary Education on Facebook: www.facebook.com/NavyVoluntaryEducation/.



## Chapel holiday schedule announced

#### The following holiday chapel services have been announced.

#### **Roman Catholic holiday services**

- Dec. 1, 7 p.m. Advent Penance Service at Hickam Chapel Center (HCC)
- Dec. 2, 7 p.m. Advent Penance Service at Pearl Harbor Memorial Chapel (PHMC)
- Dec. 8, 11:30 a.m. Immaculate Conception Holy Day of Obligation (PHMC)

#### **Protestant holiday services**

- Nov. 26, 10 a.m. Chapel Ohana Christmas Gathering (Nelles Chapel)
- Dec. 11, 5:30 p.m. Squadron-Focused Christmas Caroling (HCC)
- Dec. 24, 6 p.m. Christmas Eve Candlelight Service (PHMC)

 A Very Pre-Teen Christmas will be held from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Dec. 3 at the Joint Base Teen Center for ages 9 to 12 years old. The cost is \$5. Registration is no longer accepted at the door. Participants need to sign up by Nov. 30. For more information, call 448-0418.

 Breakfast and Bowl with Santa will be held from 9 to 11 a.m. Dec. 4 at the bowling center on the Pearl Harbor side of Joint Base for ages 12 years and younger. Participants can have one game of bowling with shoe rental and a breakfast that includes two pancakes, bacon and milk or juice. The cost is \$8 and the deadline to sign up is Dec. 1. For more information and to sign up, call 473-2651.

 Hickam historical tour bike ride will begin at 8 am Dec. 5 at the MWR Outdoor Adventure Center at the Fleet Store. Guides will take participants through a journey in time to gain appreciation of Hickam and Pearl Harbor. The cost is \$15, and the deadline to sign up is Dec. 3. For more information, call 473-1198.

 Lunch and Bowl with Santa will be held from noon to 2 p.m. Dec. 11 at the bowling center on the Hickam side of Joint Base for ages 12 years and younger. Participants can have one game of bowling with shoe rental and lunch that includes a hot dog, chips and a drink. The cost is \$8 and the deadline to sign up is Dec. 9. The event is limited to the first 30 authorized patrons. For more information and to sign up, call 473-2651.

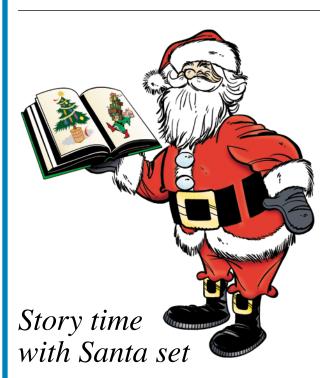


- Dec. 8, 7 p.m. Immaculate Conception Holy Day of Obligation (PHMC)
- Dec. 24, 5 p.m. Christmas Eve Vigil Mass (HCC)
- Dec. 24, 8 p.m. Christmas Eve Vigil Mass (PHMC)
- Dec. 25, 9 a.m. Christmas Day Mass (PHMC)
- Dec. 25, 11 a.m. Christmas Day Mass (HCC)
- Dec. 31, 5 p.m. New Year's Eve Mass (HCC)
- Jan. 1, 9 a.m. New Year's Day Mass (PHMC)
- Jan. 1, 11 a.m. New Year's Mass (HCC)
- Dec. 24, 7 p.m. Christmas Eve Candlelight Service (HCC)
- Dec. 25, 11 a.m. Christmas Day Service (PHMC)
- Dec. 25, 4 p.m. Christmas Unity Service (Nelles Chapel)
- Dec. 31, 10:30 a.m. Gospel New Year's Eve Watchnight (Schofield Barracks Chapel

#### Jewish holiday services

• Dec. 30, 7:30 p.m. Shabbat Chanukah Service at Aloha Jewish Chapel, Makalapa Gate, Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam.

For more information about the Chapel holiday schedule, call the Pearl Harbor Memorial Chapel at 473-3971.



Story time with Santa will be held from 5 to 6:30 p.m. Dec. 8 at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam Library, 990 Mills Blvd., building 595.

Families of individual augmentee (IA) and deployed/ remote Airmen and military are invited to join Santa Claus at the library for a holiday story, photos and activities.

To RSVP, email MFSCHawaii@navy.mil (subject: Santa) with your name, the number of adults, number of children, and your sponsor's unit name.

For more information, call 474-1999.

### NEX holiday campaign recognizes military

#### **Navy Exchange Service Command**

As in the past, Navy Exchange (NEX) locations worldwide were closed on Thanksgiving Day so that families could enjoy the holiday together.

The NEX kicks off its traditional Navy Blue holiday sales event today, Nov. 25 throughout all of its stores.

"Our holiday 'We Believe' campaign is our way of giving back to you and your family to recognize the selfless contributions you make every day to ensure we're safe here at home," said retired Rear Adm. Robert J. Bianchi, chief executive officer, Navy Exchange Service Command (NEXCOM). "We believe in our Navy families and in the freedom your service affords this nation. We believe in heroes, in giving thanks, in surprises and in

random acts of kindness." The "We Believe" holiday campaign will serve as an opportunity for the NEX to recognize custo mers. To date, the NEX has given away 5,000 limited edition Veterans Day "Challenge Coins" to deserving veterans. The NEX has provided the opportunity for over 500 kids under the age of 12 to build and ship #NEXCares care packages to deployed loved ones overseas at no cost to them. Finally, the NEX gave away over 50 Thanksgiving/holiday meals just prior to Thanksgiving. The NEX has additional upcoming events planned throughout the holiday season.

For more information, visit www.mynavyexchange.com.

#### **TOYS FOR TOTS DRIVE**

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**NOW** – Now through Dec. 16, the Pearl Harbor Navy Exchange (NEX) and the Marine Corps will be accepting donations on behalf of Toys for Tots to give gifts to children in need during the holiday season. Customers can drop new, unwrapped toys in collection boxes at the NEX Aloha Center concierge desk in the mall rotunda. FMI: call 423-3287 or email Stephanie. Lau@nexweb.org.

#### **BEACH CLEANUP**

NOV. 26 – An upcoming volunteer beach cleanup opportunity has been planned from 9 to 11:30 a.m. Nov. 26 at Mokuleia Beach. There are 20 volunteers being sought. Participants should dress to get dirty and wear closed-toed shoes. They should also bring their own water bottle and sunscreen. The insurance waiver and volunteer information form is available at www.808cleanups.org/volunteer-info-form/. FMI: Petty Officer 1st Class Frank Vasquez at 492-0973 or email franklyn.vasquez@navy.mil.

#### **KEY SPOUSE TRAINING**

**NOV. 29** – Key spouse Sexual Assault Prevention and Response (SAPR), suicide awareness and resiliency training will be held from 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at Military and Family Support Center Hickam. Each training session on the individual topics will be 45 minutes. FMI: www.greatlifehawaii.com/family-support/mfscclass-schedule or call 474-1999.

#### **MANAGER TRAINING**

**NOV. 30** – Command sponsor coordinator and individualized newcomer treatment and orientation to manager training will be held from 8 to 11 a.m. at Military and Family Support Center Pearl Harbor. This class covers the regulations that govern the programs, how to assign sponsors, implementing rewards/awards to ensure a successful sponsorship program and other topics. FMI: www. greatlifehawaii.com/family-support/mfsc-classschedule or call 474-1999.

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#### TIME MANAGEMENT CLASS

**DEC.** 1 – A class on time management will be held from 1 to 3 p.m. at Military and Family Support Center Pearl Harbor. FMI: www. greatlifehawaii.com/family-support/mfsc-classschedule or call 474-1999.

#### SAFETALK TRAINING

**DEC. 2** — Training in the safeTALK program will be held from 8 to 11 a.m. at Military and Family Support Center Pearl Harbor. Suicide alert helpers can teach participants to move beyond tendencies to miss, dismiss or avoid suicide, identify people with suicidal thoughts and apply the TALK steps (Tell, Ask, Listen Keep Safe) to connect the person to suicide first aid caregivers. FMI: www. greatlifehawaii.com/family-support/mfsc-classschedule or call 474-1999.

#### **MEET JESSICA ALBA**

**DEC. 4** – Patrons can meet actress and entrepreneur Jessica Alba from noon to 2 p.m. at the Pearl Harbor Navy Exchange. FMI: 423-3287 or email Stephanie.Lau@nexweb.org.

#### PACIFIC FLEET BAND PERFORMANCE

**DEC. 9** – The U.S. Pacific Fleet Band, stationed at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, will perform a free public concert at 7 p.m. at the Hale Koa Hotel luau garden in Waikiki. Under the direction of Lt. Kelly L. Cartwright, fleet bandmaster, they will provide music from a variety of genres, including the world premiere of a newly commissioned work by Brett Abigana, to commemorate the 75th anniversary of the attack on Pearl Harbor. FMI: 474-3693.

#### **BREAKFAST WITH SANTA**

**DEC. 10** — The annual Breakfast with Santa will be held from 8 to 9 a.m. at the Pearl Harbor Navy Exchange food court Ianai. The event will include glitter tattoos, balloon art, holiday card-making for the family and prizes. In addition, the event will include holiday arts and crafts, a pancake and bacon breakfast, goodie bags and a framed photo with Santa. The cost of the event is \$12 for children and \$8 for adults. It is open to authorized patrons only. FMI: 423-3287.

#### **JBPHH COOKIE CAPER**

**DEC.** 15 – The annual Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam Cookie Caper is a cookie drive that will provide homemade cookies to single service members who live in the barracks or off base, and who are deployed. On Dec. 15, about 1,200 dozen cookies will be collected, bagged, and distributed, so help is being sought. Organizers of the event are requesting many people to bake several dozen cookies. They also need volunteers to help collect and bag cookies. This year's cookie drive will be at the Makai Recreation Center, 1859 McChord St., JBPHH. Cookies can also be dropped off the night before from 6 to 7 p.m. Dec. 14 at the Makai Recreation Center. FMI: http://signup.com/go/pfMhH3 or email Cookiecaperhickam@gmail.com.

#### **AIR FORCE SPOUSE 101**

**DEC. 15** — Air Force Spouse 101: Heart Link spouses orientation will be held from 7:45 a.m. to 2 p.m. Dec. 15 at Military and Family Support Center Hickam. The program is designed as a fun and informative seminar to increase awareness of the Air Force mission, customs, traditions and available on- and off-base resources and services. Lunch will be provided in the Hale Aina Dining Facility. Note that shoulders must be covered in this facility. Those interested need to RSVP by Dec. 12 at mfschawaii@navy.mil. Participants need to register by Dec. 8 if they are requesting child care.



# SHOWTIMES

## **KEEPING UP WITH THE JONESES**

An ordinary suburban couple finds it's not easy keeping up with the Joneses - their impossibly gorgeous and ultra-sophisticated new neighbors — especially when they discover that Mr. and Mrs. "Jones" are covert operatives.

### SHARKEY THEATER

TODAY – NOV. 25 7:00 PM Boo! A Madea Halloween (PG-13)

SATURDAY – NOV. 26 2:30 PM Keeping Up with the Joneses (PG-13) 4:50 PM Inferno (PG-13) 7:20 PM Ouija: Origin of Evil (PG-13)

SUNDAY – NOV. 27 2:30 PM Middle School: The Worst Years of My Life (PG) 4:40 PM Jack Reacher: Never Go Back (PG-13) 7:10 PM Kevin Hart: What Now (R)

**THURSDAY – DEC. 1** 7:00 PM Keeping Up With the Joneses (PG-13)

### **HICKAM MEMORIAL THEATER**

TODAY – NOV. 25 10:00 AM Studio appreciation advance screening (free admission) (PG)

SATURDAY – NOV. 26 3:00 PM Boo! A Madea Halloween (PG-13) 6:00 PM Jack Reacher: Never Go Back (PG-13)

SUNDAY – NOV. 27 3:00 PM Keeping Up with the Joneses (PG-13)

THURSDAY – DEC. 1 7:00 PM Jack Reacher: Never Go Back (PG-13) Panorama view of Pearl Harbor on Dec. 7 1941, during the Japanese raid, with anti-aircraft shell bursts overhead. The photograph looks southwesterly from the hills behind the harbor. Large column of smoke in lower right center is from the burning USS Arizona (BB-39). Smoke somewhat further to the left is from the destroyers Shaw (DD-373), Cassin (DD-372) and Downes (DD-375), in drydocks at the Pearl Harbor Navy Yard. **U.S. Navy photo** 



ec. 7, 2016 will mark 75 years since America was launched into World War II with the attack on Pearl Harbor. The following are some commemoration events taking place this year from Dec. 1 to 11. For the complete list of events, visit www.pearlharbor75thanniversary.com.

#### Dec. 2

• A USS Arizona Reunion Association wreath-laying ceremony will be held from 1:30 to 2:30 p.m. at the National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific (Punchbowl). This solemn ceremony is for the survivors and association members to honor the fallen. The event is free and open to the public.

#### Dec. 3

 The public can experience the underwater world of the USS Arizona during a free "Expedition Arizona" event from 3 to 5:30 p.m. at the Pearl Harbor Visitor Center Theater. This is a National Park Service presentation of recent expeditions to preserve both the ship and its solemn legacy. Those in attendance can see the current condition of the Arizona revealed through a digital 3D mapping project, meet the authors and photographers from the newly released book "Beneath Pearl Harbor' and attend the premier the new PBS's documentary "Expedition Pearl Harbor" which profiles the latest interior survey of the submerged battleship.

#### Dec. 4

• Dedication of the 1941 Ford Island Aerological Tower will be from 1 to 2 p.m. This event will dedicate newly restored areas, including the historic Aerological Tower which was the flight control central that was in use the morning of the Pearl Harbor attack. The event will also dedicate a portion of the library/archival area that is in the Operations Building. The event is free and open to the public. For information contact Elissa.Lines@PacificAviationMuseum.org, or call 445-9069.

#### Activities will include musical performances

Members of U.S. military bands will perform a series of free public concerts from 8:45 to 10 a.m. Dec. 1 to 6 at the Pearl Harbor Visitor Center lanai. The concerts are in commemoration of National Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day and the 75th anniversary of the attack on Pearl Harbor.

- The U.S. Air Force Band of the Pacific jazz combo Papana will perform Dec. 1.
- The U.S. Army 25th Infantry Division Band will perform Dec. 2.
- The U.S. Pacific Fleet Band will perform Dec. 5.
- The U.S. Marine Corps Forces Pacific Band will perform Dec. 6.

In addition, other performances are scheduled as part of the commemoration.

- The Swingin' Blue Stars featuring the music of the 1940s and 1950s will perform from 1 to 3 p.m. on Dec. 3 and 2 to 4 p.m. on Dec. 5 at the Pearl Harbor Visitor Center.
- The Royal Hawaiian Band will perform from 8:45 to 10 a.m. Dec. 4 at the Pearl Harbor Visitor Center lanai.
- The 108th Army Band will perform from 2 to 2:45 p.m. Dec. 8 at the Pacific Aviation Museum Pearl Harbor.

#### Dec. 6

• A Freedom Bell ceremony and bell ringing will be held from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the USS Bowfin Submarine Museum & Park. The event is free and open to the public. Following the 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. opening ceremony, anyone may ring the Freedom Bell in memory of the service of a loved/remembered one. The bell will remain available until Dec. 10, in conjunction with the 75th anniversary commemoration week.

Park Service and the United States Navy will co-host the 75th commemoration of the attack on Pearl Harbor.

Due to an overwhelming request from survivors and World War II veterans, seating is extremely limited. Unlike in past years, people cannot just show up at the ceremony wothout an invitation.

For guests not able to attend the ceremony at Kilo Pier, a live stream of the in the Pearl Harbor Visitor Center theaters (7 to 9:30 a.m.) and online. The Navy would like to hear from Pearl Harbor survivors and World Navy Region Hawaii Public Affairs Office at navyhawaiipublicaffairs@

gmail.com or 473-1173.

 An Attack on Hickam Field Ceremony and Reception will be held at 7:50 a.m. at Atterbury Circle on the Hickam side of Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam. The free ceremony is open to anyone with ID card access to the base.

• A free mass band performance featuring more than 1,000 student musicians will be held from noon to 1 p.m. at the Battleship Missouri Memorial. Open to the public, the event will pay respect to the memory of the 75th anniversary of the attack on Pearl Harbor.

• The USS Oklahoma Memorial Ceremony will be held from 1 to 2:30 p.m. at the USS Oklahoma Memorial on Ford Island. The ceremony is free and open to the public. The USS Oklahoma ceremony commemorates the devastating loss of the ship and 429 of its crew members. The public is allowed to attend by using bus transportation made available from the Pearl Harbor Visitor Center.

• The free Pearl Harbor Memorial Parade and a public ceremony will be held from 4:30 to 7:30 p.m. along Kalakaua Avenue in Waikiki. For more information about the parade, visit www.pearlharborparade.org.

#### Dec. 8

• A free Doris "Dorie" Miller Bust Rededication Ceremony will be held ceremony will be available for viewing from 1:30 to 2:30 p.m. at Doris Miller Housing, 3007 Curtis Drive, Honolulu. Mess Attendant 2nd Class Miller is well known for his heroic assistance to his injured shipmates and engaging in enemy War II veterans. Please contact the fighting with an anti-aircraft machine gun during the Pearl Harbor attack. The event is open to the public.

#### Dec.7

• The National Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day Commemoration will be held from 7:45 to 9:15 a.m. at Kilo Pier, Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam. The National

## Upcoming blood drives

**Currently scheduled drives include:** 

• Nov. 28, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., Pollock Theatre, Camp Smith

• Nov. 30 and Dec. 12, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., 3rd Radio Battalion, Marine Corp Base Hawaii

• Dec. 12, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., Aloha Conference Center, Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam

• Dec. 21, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., oceanside lobby entrance, Tripler Army Medical Center

• Dec. 27, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., Makalapa Clinic, Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam

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

## **NHHC prepares for Pearl Harbor 75th anniversary**

#### Naval History and Heritage Command

On Dec. 7, 2016, Americans around the world will pause to commemorate the 75th anniversary of the attack on Pearl Harbor, which drew the United States into World War II. For the U.S. Navy it will begin four years of commemorative events and close review of the history of what was a transformative event for the Navy, the nation and the world.

"World War II history has always been of intense interest to both our service and the country at large — and for very good reason," said Sam Cox, Naval History and Heritage Command (NHHC) director. "It was a worldwide conflict with existential consequences that continue to unfold. and it affected every American. While the broad strokes of the war are familiar from cinema, books, video games and popular culture, this anniversary is a unique opportunity to delve deeper into the events in real time."

As U.S. Navy ships and units around the globe hold commemorative World War II events, the Naval History and Heritage Command will provide historical and commemorative support enabling the fleet to remember the past and inspire the future. This will include:

• Highlighting the toughness, initiative, accountability and integrity of American Sailors and Navy civilians throughout the war and how their actions inspire the same attributes in Navy people today.

• Illustrating how the Navy's global presence was key to victory then and remains essential to



A hand-tinted slide of the attack on Pearl Harbor on Dec. 7, 1941.

global peace and prosperity today, and

• Showcasing the innovative spirit of World War II Sailors and the American industrial base which lives on today in the strong connection between the Navy and its partners in industry.

Cox believes studying the events in the order and pace at which they actually happened will allow Americans to get away from a rote "date and event" view of history. He said the intent is to dig deeper, re-discovering past lessons and shaping new ones. Equally important are the amazing stories of dedication and sacrifice during the war that will inspire Sailors today, he said.

"The Pearl Harbor attack alone gives us the extraordinary valor of Sailors such as Chief Boatswain Edwin Hill, then-Warrant-Officer Machinist Donald Ross, and Machinist's Mate First Class Robert Scott," he said. "Events like the Battle of the Atlantic and the defense of Wake Island provide us hard-won lessons on intelligence, command and control, strategy, decision making, operations security, logistics, and more. Every day that the Navy gets underway on the same seas and straits where these battles unfolded, we must 'use history to understand not only what we did right, but what we did wrong, to not forget the hard lessons we learned in the past and

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to think more critically, with fresh insights, about the future .""

NHHC's website features a World War II collection page (www.history.

navy.mil/wwii) that will continue to grow over the next four years where visitors will find links to information and resources that tell the story of the world at war and the role played by America's Navy.

Kicking things off is an opportunity to honor our past and reflect on the toughness, initiative, accountability and integrity of American Sailors, service members and civilians at Oahu on Dec. 7, 1941.

To assist those commemorating the event in providing their audiences with reliable, accurate information when developing content connected to the milestone, easy-to pull video sound bites of Naval History and Heritage Command historian Robert J. Cressman discussing elements of the attack on Pearl Harbor and their historical impact are now available for free use.

It was 6 a.m. on Dec. 7, 1941, when six Japanese carriers launched a first wave of 181 planes composed of torpedo bombers, dive-bombers, horizontal bombers and fighters toward Hawaii.

The Japanese aircrews Harbor, visit www.hist achieved complete sur- navy.mil/pearlharbor.

prise when they hit American ships and military installations on Oahu shortly before 8 a.m. More than 90 ships were anchored in Pearl Harbor, but the Japanese primary targets were the eight battleships anchored there. Seven were moored on Battleship Row along the southeast shore of Ford Island while the USS Pennsylvania (BB 38) lay in dry dock across the channel.

The attack ended shortly before 10 a.m., less than two hours after it began, and the American forces paid a heavy price. Twenty-one ships of the U.S. Pacific Fleet were sunk or damaged, 188 aircraft destroyed and 159 damaged, the majority hit before they had a chance to take off.

American dead numbered more than 2,000 with more than 1,000 military and civilian wounded. The attack, which horrified a nation, was the catalyst that brought America into World War II.

For more information on the attack on Pearl Harbor, visit www.history. navy.mil/pearlharbor.