



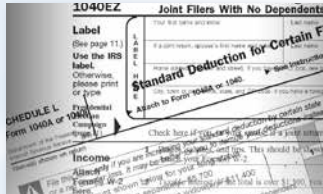
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Pearl Harbor survivors, World War II veterans depart Hawaii after Pearl Harbor 75th commemoration events.

More than 100 World War II veterans, including Pearl Harbor survivors, participated in remembrance events throughout the week to honor the courage and sacrifices of those who served during Dec. 7, 1941, and throughout the Pacific Theater.



U.S. Coast Guard photos by Petty Officer 2nd Class Tara Molle

(Above left) Mickey Ganitch, a Navy Pearl Harbor survivor and native of Mogadore, Ohio, waves goodbye before departing on an honor flight back to Los Angeles at the Honolulu International Airport, Dec. 9. (Above right) Fred Wiles, a Navy World War II veteran and native of West Virginia, poses for a photo with Air Force Master Sgt. Alejandra Anderson, a native of Miami and Staff Sgt. Brittany Johnson, a native of Mystic, Connecticut, before an American Airline honor flight back to Los Angeles.

Passing of native Hawaiian Pearl Harbor survivor ‘Uncle Herb’

Bill Doughty

Navy Region Hawaii Public Affairs

“Uncle Herb” Weatherwax, one of a handful of remaining local Hawaii Pearl Harbor military survivors, passed away Monday, Dec. 12.

According to his daughter Carrie Weatherwax, “Papa was ready and it was a strong yet peaceful death. As with this ‘Greatest Generation,’ Papa left this earth with dignity and grace.”

Herb Weatherwax was a frequent volunteer at the National Park Service’s Pearl Harbor Visitor Center and often attended military observances, including those hosted by Navy Region Hawaii. He attended the most recent National Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day Commemoration Ceremony at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam (JBPHH), Dec. 7.

According to his family it was his final wish.

In October, Weatherwax and fellow local Pearl Harbor survivor Al Rodrigues were featured in the filming at JBPHH of Dwayne “The Rock” Johnson’s “Rock the Troops,” which aired Dec. 13 on Spike TV.

Raised on the outskirts of Hilo on the Big Island of Hawaii, Weatherwax’s first job was with President Franklin D. Roosevelt’s Civilian Conservation Corps, building roads around Mauna Kea. He also worked for Hawaiian Electric as an apprentice electrician for 30 cents an hour. It was a trade that would help him in the Army and later as a veteran.

Weatherwax was drafted into the Army in June 1941 and was stationed at Schofield Barracks in Wahiawa. He was on a weekend pass in Honolulu on Dec. 7, 1941 and heard the thunderous attack in Pearl Harbor. He was recalled to his duty station during the attack and ordered to prepare against an invasion of the islands.

“As the bus was passing above Pearl Harbor I saw the whole thing. The attack was still going on and there was confusion everywhere. The USS Arizona was enveloped in flames; the USS Oklahoma was on its side. Those who managed to escape from being trapped inside those ships were up on the hull, but the ocean was on fire from the spilled oil and fuel. Those men couldn’t even go into the water. There was smoke all over and a lot of commotion.”

In “Counting My Blessings: The Autobiography of a Native Hawaiian Pearl Harbor Survivor,” “Uncle Herb” Weatherwax tells his story of humble beginnings to life in the military during World War II, then success as a business owner.



U.S. Navy file photo

Herb Weatherwax, a survivor of the Dec. 7, 1941 attack on Pearl Harbor, salutes during a previous joint U.S. Navy/National Park Service ceremony commemorating the 67th anniversary of the attack on Pearl Harbor.

The invasion never came, but war was declared the next day. President Roosevelt called it “a day of infamy.”

“Counting My Blessings” tracks Weatherwax’s journey during the war from the Pacific to the Atlantic, landing in Europe and facing Germany’s Siegfried Line where “the sound of strafing was like 1,000 stampeding horses.” He said his 272nd Regiment advanced into Germany and freed dying prisoners in labor camps.

In Aug. 1945 Weatherwax was preparing to redeploy to the Pacific Theater when word came that Japan had surrendered. In the years that followed he reflected on the death and destruction he witnessed and, he said, “the lasting effects of combat experience.”

After the war, the Army veteran worked at Kwajalein and Subic Bay in the Philippines in harbor dredging and runway construction jobs before starting businesses back in Hawaii and running unsuccessfully for political office.

He volunteered at the Pearl Harbor Visitor Center for many years, helping promote education and understanding.

“It is up to survivors to perpetuate the history until we are gone,” Uncle Herb said.

“I am always learning from others and thought that someone might pick up one or two little things from what I have gone through.”

His family is planning a celebration of life service to be held in June.

Sailors participate in missile test

Missile Defense Agency

The Missile Defense Agency (MDA) and Sailors aboard USS John Paul Jones (DDG 53), an Aegis baseline 9.C1 equipped destroyer, Dec. 14 successfully fired a salvo of two SM-6 Dual I missiles against a complex medium-range ballistic missile target, demonstrating the Sea Based Terminal endo-atmospheric defensive capability and meeting the test’s primary objective.

The test was conducted

off the coast of Hawaii just after midnight.

“This test demonstrated the capabilities MDA and the Navy are delivering to our fleet commanders,” said MDA Director Vice Adm. Jim Syring. “The SM-6 missile and the Aegis Weapon System continue to prove that they are critical components of our nation’s multi-layered, robust ballistic missile defense system.”

The SM-6 missile uses an explosive warhead to defeat ballistic missile

threats, differing from other missile defense interceptors, such as the Standard Missile-3, which use non-explosive hit-to-kill technology.

Program officials will continue evaluating system performance based upon telemetry and other data obtained during the test.

Aegis BMD is the naval component of the Ballistic Missile Defense System. The MDA and the U.S. Navy cooperatively manage the Aegis BMD program. To learn more, visit www.mda.mil.

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Veterans Talk Story: Don Stratton

Pearl Harbor survivor recalls injuries, shares perspective

Review by Bill Doughty

Navy Region Hawaii Public Affairs

USS Arizona Seaman 1st Class Don Stratton represented all Pearl Harbor survivors in returning the salute of guided-missile destroyer USS Halsey at the Navy's and National Park Service's Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day ceremony—the 75th anniversary commemoration held at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam last week.

In “Pearl Harbor: From Infamy to Greatness” author Craig Nelson quotes Stratton, who remembers his injuries: “Both my legs were burn pretty bad,” Stratton said, “My legs, arms, face, my hair. Lost a couple of tattoos ... don't recommend that way to get rid of ‘em...”

Nelson provides short vignettes of dozens of warfighters impacted by Imperial Japan's attack on Oahu. He introduces readers to John Finn, Peter Tomich, Lee Soucy, Max Middlesworth, Sterling Cale and Dorie Miller, among others.

He reports, “A great many of America's servicemen at this moment were teenagers or young men, untried by life and untested by combat— of the forty thousand enlisted men on Oahu in 1941, the average age was nineteen.” And, “All were bonded by that special tick of the heart that make a life of duty.”

Young men who were coming of age were branded by what they saw and experienced. But their preferred lasting memories were the days before the attack, according to Nelson. Those memories include “battles of the bands,” such as those involving the USS Arizona Band. Every member of the band was killed on Dec. 7, 1941.

“Many Pearl Harbor survivors would, for decades, hold vivid and precise memories not so much of Dec. 7 as of Dec. 6, since that was the last moment they were with so many, many friends who would be taken from them.” But all would have images of the attack and the war branded in



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

Donald Stratton, a Pearl Harbor survivor, renders a salute as the USS Halsey (DDG 97) performs a Pass-in-Review during the 75th Anniversary National Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day Commemoration at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, Dec. 7.

their minds for a lifetime.

Nelson does not hold back in his vivid description of the violence and gore of the war in the Pacific.

His timely and well-researched book offers drama of the lead-up to the war, of the actual attack, and in the aftermath, including conspiracy theories.

The “reluctant admiral,” Adm. Yamamoto Isoroku, famously warned of awakening a sleeping giant – the United States – and instilling a “terrible resolve.” Nelson describes that resolve, starting with heroic recovery, salvage and restoration in Pearl Harbor:

“The miracle of muscle and engineering that restored the American fleet at Pearl Harbor would continue on a grand scale in the United States, where a secret group of heroes now began turning the tide of war. The most brilliant of generals, the most inspiring of admirals, and

the greatest of battlefield troops would pale in significance to the thousands of American Rosie and Ronnie the Riveters who outproduced both the Axis and the other Allied powers combined, contributing nearly three hundred thousand tanks to Roosevelt's arsenal of democracy in 1943. Like all wars, the winners of World War II were the guys with the most ships, guns, and planes; in 1944, Joseph Stalin even proposed a toast to the productivity of the American assembly line.”

Nelson shows how “The Pearl Harbor attack set in motion a series of events that rippled across the Pacific,” to include an early turning point for the United States Navy—the Battle of Midway.

For the American Military “Remember Pearl Harbor” was a rallying cry. President Franklin D. Roosevelt's description of “infamy” captured the depth of shock of an adversary's decep-

tion—attacking under the cover of diplomacy:

“If the holocaust defined evil for the Americans of WWII, Dec. 7 was the embodiment of malignant treachery,” Nelson writes.

“Pearl Harbor: From Infamy to Greatness” concludes with a hopeful context—that the world would learn the lessons of history.

“With a rage ignited by Tokyo, a confidence born with Doolittle, and the great idealism of ensuring such a thing would never happen again, Pearl Harbor's greatest legacy is our nation's continuing struggle to make sure that there will never be a World War III. Whatever you think of the United States of America, its foreign policy, its military, and its actions overseas, the world at overall peace since 1943 has been an American goal and an American triumph. What could be a greater legacy to those who served and

died in World War II, beginning at Pearl Harbor?”

Pearl Harbor survivor Don Stratton gives his perspective as to why world leaders should commit to lasting peace: “I seen everything that went on there, and I tell you what. There was more courage and more heroics and more valor and more sacrifice that day than a human being ought to see in ten lifetimes.”

Minutes before Hawaii-homeported USS Halsey saluted USS Arizona, Don Stratton and survivors at the main ceremony last Wednesday in Pearl Harbor, the ship and its crew saluted USS Utah on the other side of Ford Island. USS Utah survivor Gil Meyer returned the salute for all of his shipmates past and present.

(A version of this review appears on navyreads.blogspot.com, dedicated to the Navy's professional reading program. — Editor)

USS Nevada crew members honored during memorial ceremony

Petty Officer 2nd Class Laurie Dexter

Navy Public Affairs Support Element Detachment

World War II (WWII) veterans, Pearl Harbor survivors, service members, and family members gathered at Hospital Point on Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam to honor and commemorate the Nevada-class battleship USS Nevada (BB 36), Dec. 8.

During the ceremony, retired Adm. Samuel Cox, director of Navy History and Heritage Command, spoke about the history of Nevada and the tribulation its crew endured 75 years ago.

“The Navy today says that our core values are honor, courage, and commitment,” Cox said.

A torpedo hit Nevada, the eldest battleship in Pearl Harbor, on the morning of Dec. 7, 1941. The damage inflicted allowed a considerable amount of water into the ship, and with the ship's commander and executive officer ashore, it was up to the junior officers and



U.S. Navy photo by Petty Officer 2nd Class Jared E. Walker

Pearl Harbor USS Nevada survivor Geb Galle speaks with press before a commemoration ceremony at the USS Nevada Memorial at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, Dec. 8.

crew to take charge and get Nevada moving.

The damaged Nevada got underway at 8:40 a.m. and steamed down the channel toward the shipyard. While in transit, the battleship became a

target for the second wave of enemy dive-bombers, which hit her repeatedly, causing more leaks in the hull. This started gasoline fires and other blazes to her superstructure and mid-ship area. It was then

that Nevada ran aground off Hospital Point.

“Seventy-six Sailors and Marines lost their lives due to the wounds that they sustained as a result of the attack,” said Cmdr. Tom Gorey, chief

staff officer of Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam.

It was through the initiative, toughness, and resilience of the Nevada crew and other ships in the area that helped make the initial Japanese attack unsuccessful.

“When you consider that the general quarters alarm went off at 8:01 a.m., the machine gun anti-aircraft battery was firing by 8:02 a.m., and by 8:03 a.m., the five-inch batteries were firing on the Japanese,” Cox said.

“That's actually an incredible, astonishing, rapid reaction to what was going on in the battle. In fact, Adm. Chuichi Nagumo, who was the commander of the Japanese task force that struck Pearl Harbor, in his post-attack report, stated after the first five minutes, the intensity of the anti-aircraft fire from the U.S. ships was so great that it practically negated the effect of surprise.”

Among those in attendance was Geb Galle, a Machinist's Mate 1st Class serving aboard Nevada during the attack.

“You can carry your hatred all of your life,”

Galle said.

“You have to remember, they had a leader who led them astray. We're at peace now and I feel comfortable. I have no qualm. We're all good people.”

Since the attack 75 years ago, the U.S. and Japan have endured more than 70 years of peace, a partnership that has become a foundation of security and prosperity in the Indo-Asia-Pacific region.

The ceremony included a reading of the names of USS Nevada Sailors killed in action; a song presentation by Don Eudaly, son of a WWII veteran; and a Nevada Centennial plaque presentation.

“I would like to offer up my personal thanks to the crew of the Nevada...for what you did,” Cox said.

“It saved our country, it saved our way of life, and there's no way we could give you enough thanks. The example that was set by the crew of the Nevada inspires the Navy and the Sailors of our generation...and it's my mission to make sure that it keeps inspiring Sailors for as long as there is a United States Navy.”

Brigade to conduct daytime operations

The 25th Combat Aviation Brigade is conducting daytime helicopter flight operations beginning and for several days over the next few weeks.

Various helicopters will depart Wheeler Army Airfield and land at the waterfront

of Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam in support of the Joint Readiness Training Center operations.

Operations will be conducted on several days at various times through early January.

South Avenue closure announced

South Avenue will be closed between Port Royal Street and Paul Hamilton Avenue starting Dec. 17 at 6 a.m., and will remain closed until 10 p.m. on Dec. 18. A sewer force main will be replaced during that time.

All traffic will be routed around the construction site via Port Royal Street, Salvor Street, Central Avenue, Paul Hamilton Avenue and connecting streets.

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What New Year's resolution will you have for 2017?



Staff Sgt. Brian Breedlove
U.S. Transportation Command

"Finish my CCAF (Community College of the Air Force) and make tech sergeant. I would also like to finish getting my dog certified as being a 'model' citizen."

Seaman Shawn Currier
CBMU 303

"Getting an outstanding on the PRT."



Tech. Sgt. Samuel Engineer
37th Intelligence Squadron

"Work on my second BA and study to make master sergeant this time around. Get a better grip on my finances and spend more quality time with my family."

Petty Officer 2nd Class Effen Marcos
MSC EPU 115

"Finish my degree in aviation management. I am almost there!"



Staff Sgt. Crystal Manery
37th Intelligence Squadron

"Finish my bachelor's degree and get fit for the New Year, lose fat, tone my body through exercise. Travel to Maui, Kauai and New Zealand."

Petty Officer 2nd Class Marcus Ross
CBMU 303

"Finish getting my degree."



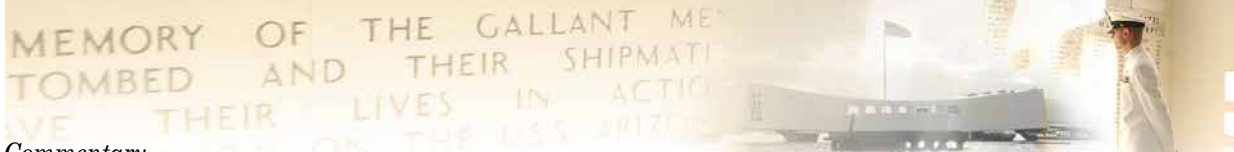
Master Sgt. Wilda Shigeta
154th Maintenance Operations Flight, HIANG

"This year is about taking care of me: mind, body and spirit!"

*Provided by David D. Underwood Jr.
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Commentary

Honoring past, inspiring future — for generations

Rear Adm. John Fuller

Commander, Navy Region Hawaii and Naval Surface Group Middle Pacific

I'm sure by now you've seen the classic question on TV, "What do you do after you win the Super Bowl?"

Our Hawaii team scored multiple wins over the past two weeks as we helped the nation "honor the past and inspire the future." Our veterans tell us we succeeded, beyond expectations, in commemorating the 75th anniversary of Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day.

Four thousand people attended our key ceremony on the morning of Dec. 7, and several thousand more watched from the Pearl Harbor Visitor Center. Millions of people throughout the world watched online on computers and smartphones. Museums, schools and Times Square beamed the ceremony.

Hundreds of Pearl Harbor survivors, other World War II veterans and civilian witnesses participated in various commemoration ceremonies.

We honored USS Utah, USS Oklahoma, USS Nevada and USS Arizona individually, and we



Rear Adm. John Fuller

honored all service members collectively who we lost on Dec. 7, 1941.

We conducted floral tributes, interments, wreath-laying ceremonies, concerts, receptions, parades and remembrance services. We also showed movies, spoke with school groups and set up static displays.

Early on, we hosted 45,000 service members, families and guests for "Rock the Troops" in honor of our veterans and as a lead-in for other 75th commemoration events.

Since Veterans Day and through Dec. 7, coaches and athletes came to Hawaii and competed in athletic events in tribute to service members, their families and

our veterans.

The USS John C. Stennis (CVN 74) provided carrier tours to more than 2,000 visitors. We hosted historic harbor tours for hundreds more.

We offered bell-ringing opportunities and presented static displays. We re-dedicated a bust of Doris "Dorie" Miller in the Doris Miller family housing area.

We honored the past. And, as always, the veterans we hosted and celebrated inspired us and our children.

With the Consulate General of Japan in Honolulu we conducted a milestone reconciliation ceremony at Ford Island. (Later this month we look forward to hosting President Obama and Prime Minister Abe who have announced their plans to visit Pearl Harbor.)

So many of you worked hard and volunteered to bring the 75th commemoration events to life.

I could fill a book with just the names of everyone who helped. But if I started naming individuals by name, I would inevitably disappoint someone.

Thanks to the people of Hawaii, the State of Hawaii's 75th commemoration committee, and the

City and County of Honolulu for a tremendously successful tribute to our veterans.

By the way, we can trace our collective success directly to good preparation and planning. Like any winning team, we planned and trained for success.

Last year, we marked 70 years of peace since the end of World War II. Last week we began marking 75-year milestones of that war, especially here in the Pacific. It was a war that transformed the world and brought about greater stability, security and prosperity.

Our World War II veterans achieved this better world through their great service and because of their toughness and determination.

They inspire us to be ready, willing and able to fight and win.

We set the bar high, and I thank everyone who helped — in and out of uniform. What a team!

What do winners do after they win the Super Bowl?

Rest up, review their performance, and then train harder and smarter.

Remember to honor the past and remain inspired and dedicated to winning now and in the future.

New change to commissary privileges

Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam Public Affairs

Effective immediately, authorized patrons ages 18 and older of the Defense Commissary Agency (DeCA) are authorized to have a maximum of two accompanying guests when shopping at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam (JB-

PHH) establishments.

Guests must be accompanied by their sponsors at all times. In addition, guests are not authorized to make purchases at JBPHH establishments.

Mitigation measures to control purchases that may be suspect or abusive will not be tolerated; therefore DeCA may put in place

purchase quantities to ensure compliance of this policy.

In the event authorized patrons are found negligent or abuse this policy please notify the command for further actions, which may result in removal of commissary privileges.

Contact the JBPHH chief staff officer at 473-0460 for any questions regarding this policy.

Gemini 6A launched into space



NASA photo

Gemini 6A, shown in orbit, was launched Dec. 15, 1965. It made six orbits in 25 hours and 51 minutes. Navy Capt. Walter M. Schirra was command pilot and the Air Force's Thomas P. Stafford was pilot. Stafford later earned the rank of general. The mission was carried out so that NASA could master the technical challenges of getting into and working in space.

Ho'okele goes on three-week hiatus

Navy Region Hawaii Public Affairs

The Ho'okele newspaper will be on hiatus from Dec. 19 to Jan. 9, 2017. This edition will be the last edition for 2016. The first edition for 2017 will be distributed on Jan. 13, 2017. The Honolulu Star Advertiser is publishing a weekly joint paper, Military Star while Ho'okele is on hiatus.

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Pearl Harbor Naval Shipyard helps remember USS Oklahoma

Pearl Harbor Naval Shipyard & Intermediate Maintenance Facility Public Affairs

The legacies of Pearl Harbor Naval Shipyard and Intermediate Maintenance Facility (PHNSY & IMF) and the battleship USS Oklahoma became linked on Dec. 7, 1941, as shipyard workers were among the first responders to come to the aid of the stricken ship shortly after the onset of the attack on Pearl Harbor.

Civilian shipyard workers organized by Julio DeCastro were credited with rescuing 32 Oklahoma crew members from the capsized battleship. In the months following, the shipyard restored the ship to a normal position in one of the most challenging salvage operations in Navy history.

Seventy-five years later, Sailors assigned to PHNSY & IMF stood by eight framed photographs recounting the history of Oklahoma from the day of the attack until the ship entered dry dock at the ship in 1944. These photos were selected by PHNSY & IMF and the National Park Service to represent the ship at the time of the attack, but also the difficult task of salvaging the capsized battleship.



(Left) Former USS Maryland (BB-46) crew member and Pearl Harbor survivor Electrician's Mate Floyd Welch and his daughter Laurie Broglio share memories with Petty Officer 1st Class Thomas McMillian and Petty Officer 2nd Class Kristian Cheeks. (Right) Seaman Rachel Johnson listens as former USS Maryland (BB-37) crew member and Pearl Harbor survivor Peter Nichols shares memories.

Oklahoma was struck by at least five torpedoes in the opening moments of the attack, capsizing within 15 minutes. Given the extent of the damage inflicted on the nearly 30-year-old ship, the Navy never seriously considered returning Oklahoma to duty. There was, however, considerable material that could be salvaged and reused on other ships. Following the more

pressing requirement to repair lesser damaged ship, the Pearl Harbor Navy Yard, predecessor to PHNSY & IMF, turned its efforts towards righting Oklahoma.

A complex system of 21 electric winches, hauling blocks and pulleys were constructed near the water's edge on Ford Island adjacent to Oklahoma. Using 42 miles of one-inch wire, the winches exerted a

combined strength of 345,000 tons of pulling force. Cables ran from the winches, through the blocks, out over a row of 40-foot A-frame towers built on Oklahoma's hull, and finally to pads welded to the ship.

The ship was refloated on Nov. 3, 1943 and on Dec. 28, it entered the Navy Yard's recently completed Dry Dock Number Two for additional re-

pairs. Oklahoma was decommissioned Sept. 1, 1944 and the ship's hull was sold for scrap a year later. On May 10, 1947, Oklahoma's final voyage began, under tow, heading for the West Coast. The ship sank in a storm the following week.

"The shipyard's contributions in World War II may have begun on Dec. 7, 1941, but they continued throughout the war," said Command Master Chief Roger Schneider, command master chief for PHNSY & IMF.

"These photos help to tell part of that story, and also help our Sailors to understand that what they do in the shipyard today is directly linked to the heroes of 75 years ago."

PHNSY & IMF is a field activity of Naval Sea Systems Command and a one-stop regional maintenance center for the Navy's surface ships and submarines. It is the largest industrial employer in the state of Hawaii with a combined civilian and military workforce of more than 5,000. Strategically located in the mid-Pacific, the Navy's largest ship repair facility between the West Coast and Asia is about a week of steam time closer to potential regional contingencies in East Asia than sites on the West Coast.

The Children of Battleship Row: Then and now, learning from the attack

Chief Petty Officer Mark Schultz

Navy Public Affairs Support Element Detachment

The author of the book "The Children of Battleship Row," a child survivor from the Dec. 7, 1941 attack on Pearl Harbor, took time last week to sign copies and meet dozens of Navy families living along the same waterfront bombed 75 years ago.

Joan Zuber Earle, who lived in Quarters "T" on Ford Island with her family on the day of the attack, was 9 years old. The Culbertson family, one of the Navy families who came out to have their book signed, currently resides on Ford Island.

"It is an honor to live there. Living here is so special because it's where

history was made. It teaches us valuable lessons as a Navy family," Gina Culbertson said.

Her husband is a chief petty officer on the Virginia-class submarine USS Hawaii (SSN 76). His grandfather served on the famed World War II (WWII) aircraft carrier USS Enterprise (CV 6). The ship was underway south of Oahu that morning, and put into Pearl Harbor for fuel and supplies before nightfall.

The Enterprise sailed early the next morning to patrol against possible additional attacks against the islands. The ship earned 20 battle stars for WWII service.

Their daughter, Jade, who is also 9, and their son, Justin, who is 8, made the trip with their mother.

"Hawaii is a pretty nice place to live. I think



Zuber Earle, author of the book "The Children of Battleship Row," a child survivor of Dec. 7, 1941 met dozens of Navy families living along the same waterfront bombed 75 years ago, Dec. 5.

it was bombed back then—my dad told me about it," Justin said.

"I think it was by the Japanese, and I think they played for the Germans? But everyone must've seen how bad it was because there hasn't been a big war out here in like 75 years," he said.

Ironically, the family has visited the USS Bowfin submarine museum, known as the "Pearl Harbor Avenger" for its WWII battle record, but not yet been on the advanced nuclear-powered attack submarine USS Hawaii, because it's been undergoing maintenance.

"My teacher really made a big deal of it and last year it was really important," Jade said.

Earle pointed out to the Culbertson family where she lived in one of her book's photos

from the attack. Her house was in the vicinity of Battleship Row, and an active duty military family resides there today. The Culbertson family lives a few hundred yards away.

Jade asked Earle how she survived the war. Recounting the challenges, including separation from loved ones, she said "We were lucky."

A handful of Ford Island child survivors have made the trip here to participate in the Pearl Harbor commemorative activities. Besides attending the Dec. 7 Remembrance Ceremony, the group also embarked on a harbor remembrance tour boat around the island, which includes a visit to the USS Arizona Memorial. They also enjoyed a number of functions held in their honor.

U.S., Japan conduct solemn ceremony at Ford Island

Navy Region Hawaii Public Affairs and Consulate General of Japan in Honolulu

The Navy in Hawaii and the Consulate General of Japan in Honolulu conducted a private observance at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam Dec. 8, to promote reconciliation, friendship and peace in commemoration of the attacks on Oahu 75 years ago.

The solemn event was held one day after the 75th anniversary of the attack on Pearl Harbor of Dec. 7, 1941.

Consul General of Japan Yasushi Misawa and Rear Adm. John Fuller, commander, Navy Region Hawaii and Naval Surface Group Middle Pacific, welcomed a small group of people at a historic banyan tree on Ford Island overlooking the USS Arizona Memorial.

Fuller said, "We are committed to preventing war by preserving peace—building cooperation, strengthening partnerships and training together with our allies, including Japan." In the spirit of reconciliation, he added, "We Americans appreciate our Japanese friends—and know that what we share in common is more important than our differences."

More than 2,400 Amer-



Hawaii Gov. David Ige and Rear Adm. John Fuller, commander, Navy Region Hawaii and Naval Surface Group Middle Pacific, render honors to the USS Arizona Memorial, Dec. 8.

icans, including civilians of the then-territory of Hawaii, were killed in the attack 75 years ago. At the same time,

65 Japanese servicemen died while conducting their mission.

Misawa described the event

as "a huge milestone marking just how far we have come as two nations and two peoples, where once we were enemies,"

and wished for "continued peace and prosperity in the Asia-Pacific region for generations to come."

Ryota Takeda, of Japan's House of Representatives, and Daniel Martinez, a chief historian with the National Park Service, also offered remarks.

Organizers held the event where Nagaoka Mayor Tamio Mori and Honolulu Mayor Kirk Caldwell, along with Adm. Scott Swift, commander, U.S. Pacific Fleet, and Fuller, unveiled a plaque last year celebrating 70 years of peace and commemorating the end of World War II in the Pacific in 1945.

Earlier in the week, the White House issued a press release announcing that President Barack Obama and Prime Minister Shinzo Abe will meet in Honolulu Dec. 27. They plan to visit Pearl Harbor.

"The President will also accompany Prime Minister Abe to the USS Arizona Memorial at Pearl Harbor to honor those killed," according to the press release. "The two leaders' visit will showcase the power of reconciliation that has turned former adversaries into the closest of allies, united by common interests and shared values."

Pearl Harbor-Hickam Highlights



The U.S. Coast Guard Silent Drill Team performs for visitors during a joint static aircraft display on the flightline at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, Dec. 6. The display, which featured a diverse range of aircraft, was open to all service members, family and veterans interested learning more about modern military aviation during the week-long series of events commemorating the 75th anniversary of the attacks on Pearl Harbor and Oahu.

U.S. Air Force photo by Tech. Sgt. Alison Bruce-Maldonado

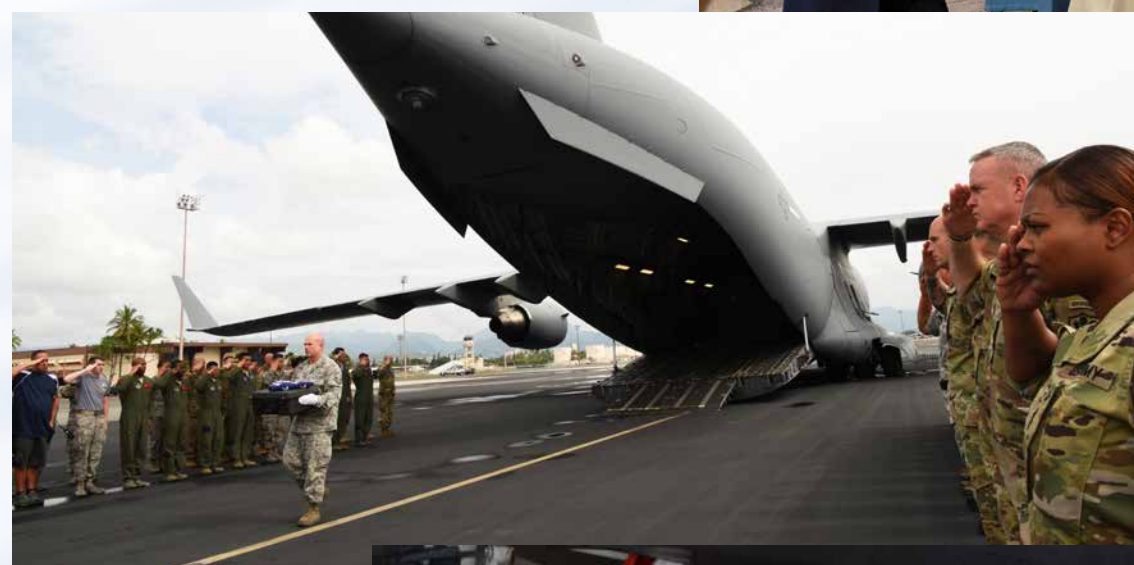


(Left) Col. Kevin Gordon, 15th Wing commander, presents a gift to (retired) Command Sgt. Maj. Armando Galella during the 75th Commemoration of the Dec. 7, 1941 attack on Hickam Field ceremony Dec. 7, at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, Hawaii. On Dec. 7, 1941, Galella was assigned to the 428th Signal Maintenance company. After the attack, he served in Guadalcanal, Leyte Gulf, Iwo Jima, and Okinawa, earning the Bronze Star and a number of other awards. Galella's best friend, Jack Horan, was killed during the attack and Galella's presence at the ceremony was dedicated to Jack's memory.

U.S. Air Force photo by Tech. Sgt. Nathan Allen

(Right) Lance Cpl. Charles Yollin, from Mercer Island, Washington, shakes the hand of USS Arizona survivor Don Stratton during a banquet hosted by the USS Arizona Reunion Association at the Hilton Hawaiian Village in Waikiki, Dec. 9. The USS Arizona crew members and their families were in Hawaii to observe the events of the 75th anniversary of the attacks on Pearl Harbor and Oahu.

U.S. Navy photo by Petty Officer 2nd Class Gabrielle Joyner



(Left) U.S. Air Force Master Sgt. Steve Swanson, Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency (DPAA), carries a case containing possible remains of unidentified service members during a dignified transfer, Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, Dec. 9. The contents of the case will be examined by forensic anthropologists and forensic odontologists at DPAA's skeletal identification laboratory.

U.S. Army photo by Spc. Lloyd Villanueva

(Right) Female service members from around Hawaii participated in a group interview with Dwayne "The Rock" Johnson at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, Oct. 21, during "Rock the Troops," a music and entertainment event which was aired on Spike TV, Dec. 13.

U.S. Army photo by Maj. Troy S. Frey



Rain provides reflection during Pearl Harbor survivor memorial service

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Rain began to fall as the service honoring Pearl Harbor survivor Jack A. Stoeber commenced, Dec. 1.

Sailors and friends gathered at the USS Utah Memorial for an ash scattering ceremony honoring Stoeber at Ford Island, Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam. The memorial service was a time of reflection as Stoeber's ashes were scattered in the waters surrounding the USS Utah Memorial.

Bob Bracci, an honorary member of the Pearl Harbor Survivors Association, Vietnam War veteran, and friend to Stoeber, spoke about the history of Stoeber's actions on that fateful day, Dec. 7, 1941.

Stoeber served as a carpenter's mate and was stationed aboard the Dobbin-class destroyer tender USS Whitney (AD 4) during the attacks. He was supposed to be on leave to visit his uncle that day, but his plans changed and he stayed on the ship.

USS Whitney was in the harbor receiving routine maintenance and repairs. Once finished, Whitney would return to the fleet to provide supplies to destroyers at sea.

According to Bracci, as the bullets began to reign down on Pearl Harbor, Stoeber ran to retrieve his ammunition box.



“The weight of the box was almost as much as Stoeber himself,” Bracci said.

“When he returned to his station, he manned the .50-cal-

iber machine gun, shooting at incoming aircraft.”

Bracci spoke fondly of Stoeber, his brother-in-arms, his long-time friend.

“Jack was like a father to me. He couldn't have been any closer, even if he had been a blood relative,” Bracci said. “They didn't make them finer

than Jack.”

Representing the family members who could not make it to the service, Bracci spoke on behalf of Stoeber's widow, Florence, who said she was proud that the Navy could perform the service for Jack.

“He was honored to serve in the U.S. Navy during the war,” Bracci said. “He requested to have his ashes scattered in the waters he served in. This is the final tribute to a great man.”

Stoeber received a rifle salute before taps played in honor of his service contribution to his country.

As the service came to an end, so did the rain, marking a final farewell to a loved one, a friend a shipmate.

(Top left) Navy Region Hawaii historian Jim Neuman speaks about Pearl Harbor survivor Jack A. Stoeber during an ash-scattering ceremony at the USS Utah Memorial on Ford Island, Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, Dec. 1. (Top right) A member of the Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam Honors and Ceremonial Guard presents Bob Bracci, honorary member of the Pearl Harbor Survivors Association, with an ensign. (Left) Navy and Pearl Harbor Survivors Association members prepare to scatter the ashes of Pearl Harbor survivor Jack A. Stoeber.

**U.S. Navy photos by
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Memorial overlook named in honor of prominent Hawaiian environmentalist

**Story and photo by
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An opening ceremony for the U.S. Wildlife Service's Betty Nagamine Bliss Memorial Overlook

was held at Pearl Harbor National Wildlife Refuge (PHNWR) in West Loch, Pearl Harbor, Dec. 1.

Betty, a former teacher of McKinley High School in Honolulu, helped establish the PHNWR in the 1970s. The U.S. Navy, in collaboration with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and the National Park

Service, worked together to design and build a public boardwalk in her honor that includes unobstructed views of West Loch and the wildlife refuge.

“Betty was politely persistent,” said her husband, Herman Bliss, speaking on his late wife's behalf at the ceremony. “She was determined to create a safe haven for numerous species of Hawaiian water birds during her lifetime.”

“The key species was the Hawaiian stilt, also known as the ae'o because they nest and forage in muddy habitats,” said Meredith Speicher, a representative from the National Park Service.

“The refuge also homes other birds like the moorhen, the coot, and the Hawaiian duck, making this

refuge essential to the development of the water birds in Hawaii.”

The overlook features educational panels on Betty's work, the various water birds of Hawaii and the circumstances surrounding the West Loch disaster of May 21, 1944, when a nearby explosion on the deck of

of Landing Ship, Tank (LST) 353 spread to other amphibious assault ships nearby.

Capt. Scott Cloyd,

executive officer, Naval Facilities Engineering Command Hawaii, attended the ceremony and spoke on behalf of the U.S. Navy.

“It's an honor to be here, and to be a part of something that will have a positive impact on Ha-

wai's wildlife for years to come,” Cloyd said.

“Today demonstrates what has continued to be a great partnership between the Navy, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, and the National Park Service. It shows what can be done to educate the public, protect wildlife, all while serving the needs and missions of the Navy.”

Shad Kane, facility manager of Kalaehoa Heritage Park, performs a traditional Hawaiian blessing at the opening ceremony of the U.S. Wildlife Service's Betty Nagamine Bliss Memorial Overlook Dec. 1 at Pearl Harbor National Wildlife Refuge in West Loch, Pearl Harbor.

Holiday meals announced

Special holiday meals will be served at the Silver Dolphin Bistro and Hale Aina Dining Facility, Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam.

A holiday menu will be featured from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. on Dec. 22 at the Silver Dolphin Bistro, Cromwell Circle building 655. The cost is \$9.05.

In addition, a holiday meal will be offered at the Hale Aina Dining Facility, Andrews Street building 1860, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Dec. 25. The cost is \$11.50.

The meals are open

to all active duty military, Department of Defense employees, retirees and their family members with valid ID card. Please bring exact change.

In addition, a special holiday menu will be open to U.S. military only from 4:15 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. on Dec. 25 at the Silver Dolphin Bistro. The meal price is \$4.85.

For more information, visit www.great-lifehawaii.com or call the Silver Dolphin Bistro at 473-2948 or the Hale Aina Dining Facility at 449-1666.

HSM-37 holds change of command ceremony

Lt. j.g. Mark Merkley

HSM-37 Public Affairs

The Easyriders of Helicopter Maritime Strike Squadron 37 (HSM-37) held a change of command in Hangar 103 at Marine Corps Base Hawaii, Kaneohe Bay, Dec. 1.

Navy Cmdr. Teague J. Suarez relieved Cmdr. Tony Chavez, as the 34th commanding officer of HSM-37 since its establishment in 1975. Cmdr. Gabriel M. Kelly, assumed the duties of executive officer.

Capt. Sil A. Perrella, the commander of Helicopter Maritime Strike Wing Pacific, was the event’s guest speaker. Perrella previously served at HSL-37 for his department head tour in 2004.

Chavez, a native of San Antonio, Texas and 1997 graduate of Louisiana State University, will serve his next assignment at Commander,



U.S. Navy photo by Petty Officer 3rd Class Aljohn Ponce

Cmdr. Tony Chavez and Cmdr. Teague J. Suarez celebrate following their change of command ceremony, Dec. 1.

Sixth Fleet. He looks back proudly on his time in Hawaii as the Easyrider skipper.

“I encourage you all to reflect on the amazing work you do each and every day in service to our country and to the Easyrider ohana. I am extremely proud of this squadron.”

Suarez is looking forward to leading the Easyriders, and is extremely honored to be the next commanding officer.

“Over the last year our squadron has been extremely successful, and we are poised to do more outstanding things in the near future,” said Suarez on his vision for the squadron moving forward.

“We will continue to put exceptional, combat-ready detachments to sea supporting our nation’s missions across the globe,” he said.

As the incoming executive officer, Kelly is looking forward to serving with the Ea-

syriders and enjoying time on the island of Oahu. From 2014 to 2016 he served as the lead planner at the United States European Command for all Joint U.S. / Israel exercises conducted in Israel. He is a 1999 graduate of the Naval Academy.

As the only Maritime Strike Helicopter Squadron in the Middle Pacific (MIDPAC) Region, HSM-37 provides a variety of services to MIDPAC based ships, including the detachments that embark them for deployment. These detachments support all Pearl Harbor-based Arleigh Burke-class destroyers and Ticonderoga-class cruisers.

The squadron consists of 55 officers and 236 enlisted personnel who maintain and operate 15 Sikorsky MH-60R “Seahawk” helicopters, making it the largest operational MH-60R squadron in the U.S. Navy.

Pearl Harbor ceremony rededicates Doris Miller’s bust

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Navy mess attendant Petty Officer 2nd Class Doris “Dorie” Miller, the first African-American to receive the Navy Cross, was celebrated during a rededication ceremony Dec. 8 at the housing named after Miller at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam.

The Doris Miller bust, donated by Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc., was first dedicated on Oct. 11, 1991, during the 50th Anniversary of the Pearl Harbor attack.

Miller, a native of Waco, Texas, was a football player in high school and became a Navy boxing champ when he served aboard the USS West Virginia (BB-48).

He selflessly lent his assistance to injured shipmates and fired the

anti-aircraft machine gun during the attack on Pearl Harbor on Dec. 7, 1941. He had no previous knowledge of how to fire the weapon, but was able to fire upon enemy planes.

He was later killed in action during the war.

The ceremony celebrating Miller’s heroic actions in honor of the 75th Pearl Harbor Day anniversary began with the presentation of colors by the Radford High School’s Navy Junior ROTC followed by the “Harbor Brass” brass quintet playing the national anthem.

At the rededication of the plaque, Rear Adm. John Fuller, commander, Navy Region Hawaii and Naval Surface Group Middle Pacific, told those attending the ceremony how the young Sailor aboard the USS West Virginia (BB-48) acted with exceptional valor when the Japanese attacked Pearl Harbor.

“As we contemplate Dorie Miller’s bravery on Dec, 7, 1941, and his sacrifice for our freedom, let’s consider the gift he and other



U.S. Navy photo by Petty Officer 2nd Class Jeff Troutman

Rear Adm. John Fuller, commander, Navy Region Hawaii and Naval Surface Group, Middle Pacific, speaks during a rededication ceremony Dec. 8 for World War II Pearl Harbor survivor Doris “Dorie” Miller.

World War II veterans, Sailors, Soldiers Airmen, Coast Guard and Marines gave us,” Fuller said.

We have peace and freedom for ourselves, for our families, all because of their sacrifices. We must protect that gift,” he said.

“It’s a real privilege and honor to be here to recognize the first African-American to receive the Navy Cross award,” said Chief

Petty Officer Aneulena Candelaria, assigned to the Center for Information Warfare Training Site.

Candelaria talked about what the rededication and recognition of Doris Miller means to future generations.

“I think it’s an opportunity for some people to see that somebody like him did something big during

that time and get to see how far we come as a Navy and see the progress that we’ve made,” Candelaria said.

Capt. Stanley Keeve, Jr. commander, Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, also talked about what the remembrance of Doris Miller means to him.

“I would say Dorie Miller inspired me because he went beyond what was given to him,” Keeve said. “It was not a position he could excel from, but he didn’t accept that. The moment came upon him and he was able to go forward and perform historic actions.”

Miller continued his service after the Pearl Harbor attack and was sent to USS Liscome Bay (CVE-56) in 1943. He was killed Nov. 24 of that year when the Liscome Bay was hit by a torpedo.

Keeve spoke on the character of Miller in relation to his actions.

“He’s an outstanding example for anyone as far as military service to go forth with honor, courage and commitment,” Keeve said.

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Prekindergarten student Vivian Whitney high-fives Pearl Harbor survivor Mickey Ganitch. Ganitch has been a yearly visitor at Navy Hale Keiki School and friend of the school after he was honored as the NHKS Patriot's Club Heart of a Hero recipient. Photos by Brister Thomas

Life & Leisure

Pearl Harbor survivors share time with Navy Hale Keiki students

Brister Thomas and Nikki Harris

Navy Hale Keiki School

History and social studies classes give students a chance to learn about important events and figures of the past, but rarely do they provide an opportunity for living history to be shared. Young students at Navy Hale Keiki School (NHKS) were given just that as they welcomed Pearl Harbor survivors and World War II veterans to the island last week.

The Greatest Generations Foundation (TGGF) and Navy Hale Keiki School collaborated to cross the generations in honor and memory of the 75th anniversary of the attack on Pearl Harbor. They participated in a series of events on Dec. 4 and 6 that many participants said changed their lives.

"This is certainly a 'chicken skin' experience for Navy Hale Keiki School staff, students and families. It is an incredible honor for our parents, most of whom currently serve in the military. This is an opportunity for us to have real role models, real American heroes for our children. It is the most beautiful gift we can give our students," said Monique Raduziner, Navy Hale Keiki School principal.

Raduziner, and The Greatest Generations Foundation founder, Timothy Davis, arranged meetings at two venues — a small Sunday ceremony at the National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific at Punchbowl on Dec. 4, and a luncheon and program Dec. 6 on the grounds of the school.

The Pearl Harbor survivors were escorted off the bus to their seats Dec. 4 at Punchbowl by active-duty service members in their dress whites, parents of the military children who attend NHKS.

This was a quiet moment, shared with the youngest generation all the way to the Greatest Generation. They reflected on the day of Dec. 7, 1941, when Imperial Japanese forces attacked Pearl Harbor.

The survivors seated in the front rows listened to children of the school's Patriot's Club's read seven biographies of fallen service members from the attack — one for each decade since 1941.

As the crowd stood to sing the national anthem, 97-year-old Pearl Harbor survivor Peter "Harmonica Pete" Dupre stood up and led the music. Survivors held hands with the children to walk over to graves of fallen fellow service members from World War II and place flags by the graves. They concluded the day by watching the sun set over the hills of Camp

Smith under the shade of a garrison American flag.

"This is the most meaningful experience that I have ever witnessed in honor of the attack on Pearl Harbor," said Greatest Generations Foundation founder Davis.

The Dec. 6 ceremonies at NHKS started early for the school's families, with a few students appearing on television news with Pearl Harbor survivor Mickey Ganitch.

Later that morning, 22 survivors and veterans arrived at the gates of Navy Hale Keiki School, visiting with children 3 years old through fourth grade.

"Watching the bus pull into the parking lot was electric. The kids were shaking with anticipation as they already have close bonds with these special men," said Courtney Brown, NHKS student support specialist, military spouse, and parent of three children enrolled at the school.

Participants paraded onto school grounds to join in the daily flag raising and say the Pledge of Allegiance. More than 400 people from ages 3 to 103 joined in the ceremony.

Navy Hale Keiki families and students met in the courtyard again for lunch and a performance by kindergarten through fourth grade students. Patriotic songs entertained the veterans.

Some songs were emotional, like the fourth graders' "You're a Hero," a song dedicated to the brave men and women who have served. Others were energizing, inspiring dances and hurrahs from the crowd, such as the "Armed Forces Melody."

Alumni Jeffrey T. Long, who attended NHKS in the late 1950s attended the Dec. 6 ceremony at the school.

"My wife, Jaime and I were touched by the illuminated faces of the children as they engaged with the Pearl Harbor survivors. These students are our future and will carry the torch of freedom forward. It was a patriotic moment that not all schools share and I was incredibly proud to witness it first hand," Long said.

Pearl Harbor survivors also visited classrooms, recounting their tales of Pearl Harbor and World War II with the young children. Students asked them questions about the attack, the war, and their individual experiences.

The day's events concluded with the dedication of the school's Greatest Generation Garden, commemorated with a tree-planting ceremony and the placement of a time capsule to be opened on the 100th anniversary of Pearl Harbor.

"It is important for the survivors to share a quiet moment with the young students. We want to emphasize that these students believe in these veterans and to truly relay that their sacrifices will be remembered," Raduziner said.

Above, Third grader Reilly Porado and Pearl Harbor survivor Tom Petso honor the fallen at the National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific.

At right, Navy Hale Keiki School Patriot's Club member Ben Cieurzo escorts Arthur Staymates, a World War II veteran who served as a commanding officer during the Nuremberg Trials.

Below, Members of the Navy Hale Keiki School Young Patriot's Club salute and welcome veterans to the National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific.

Navy Child and Youth Programs to host hiring fair

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If you, or someone you know, is interested in a job — and possibly a career — in child care, a unique opportunity for employment is just about a month away.

Navy Child and Youth Programs (CYP) will hold a hiring fair on Wednesday, Jan. 18, 2017 at a location to be announced soon.

CYP will be offering full time, part time and flexible

direct care positions on Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam and Pacific Missile Range Barking Sands in Kauai for applicants ages 18 and older, in all levels of education. The hiring fair is unique in that qualified applicants could receive job offers that same day.

CYP holds all ages of care between 6 weeks old to 18 years at all CYP facilities including eight child development centers, two school aged care facilities, teen center and youth sports and fitness facilities.

Various work schedules will be available including week-

ends, nights and special events. Benefits of joining CYP include built-in training opportunities for career advancement, competitive wages, guaranteed transfer to other location with permanent change of station (PCS) move (military spouses), and access to many base facilities and activities.

Interested applicants must bring necessary forms including an application form, resume, photo ID card, Social Security card, certifications (such as a CPR certificate), high school diploma or college transcripts, three references or letters of

recommendation (two professional, one personal), shot records, bank account and routing numbers for direct deposit.

Qualifications screening will be held at the fair, including interviews, NAF (Non-Appropriated Funds) Human Resources orientation, and pre-drug and health screening which will be held on-site to determine qualified applicants.

Applicants with Veterans Preference (VP) and Military Spousal Employment Preference (MSEP) can get a head start as early as 9 a.m. Interested VP applicants must provide a copy of page four

of the DD-214 with all other paperwork.

MSEP applicants must provide the Military Spouse Employment Preference Request form with a copy of Spouse's PCS orders.

All other applicants are welcome from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.

The last application forms will be accepted no later than 5:30 p.m.

Applicants must also be prepared to stay until 7 p.m. due to the onsite screenings.

More information can be found at greatlifehawaii.com/cyphiringfair.



Santa to bring holiday cheer to Mighty Mo

Battleship Missouri Memorial Association

Santa Claus is making time in his busy schedule to stop by the Battleship Missouri Memorial Dec. 23 for photos with all of the good boys and girls. The Mighty Mo crew will be decking out its pier to welcome jolly old Saint Nick, even featuring a special sleigh resembling the bow of the historic USS Missouri.

Photos with Santa will be available from 8 a.m. to noon. at the Mighty Mo's Center Pier. There will be holiday treats and crafts, and kids can decorate wooden Battleship Missouri ornaments, which will be available for purchase. Guests can also purchase special stocking stuffers. Round-trip shuttle service from the Pearl Harbor Visitor Center is complimentary for patrons taking part in the photos with Santa event.

Photos with Santa are free to the public. Admission to the Battleship Missouri Memorial is not required, but may be purchased at USSMissouri.org.

The Battleship Missouri Memorial will be open for tours during its regularly scheduled hours on Dec. 24, from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., and will be closed on Christmas Day, Dec. 25.

Christmas tree recycling for Hickam Communities

Hickam Communities

Christmas trees will be picked up in Hickam Communities beginning the week of Dec. 26 through Jan. 31. Trees should be placed curbside the day prior to their regularly scheduled refuse pick-up day.

Residents are asked to remove all ornaments and decorations from their tree, otherwise, trees will not be picked up for recycling. Residents do not need to schedule a bulk pickup for their Christmas trees.

For more information, please contact any Hickam Communities community center.

Fire safety during the holidays

Decorating our homes around the holidays is a long-standing tradition, but these same decorations may increase the chances of fire. According to the National Fire Protection Association and the U.S. Fire Administration, an estimated 390 home fires involving Christmas trees or holiday lights occur each year. Following a few simple fire safety tips can keep electric lights, candles and Christmas trees from creating a tragedy.

Lights

Only use holiday lights that have been tested for safety. Look for a label from an independent testing laboratory on the box when purchasing lights.

Never connect more than three standard size sets of lights per single extension cord.

Every year check each set of lights for broken or cracked sockets, frayed or bare wires or loose connections. Discard damaged sets or repair them prior to use.

Candles

Battery operated candles are a great alternative for use around holiday decorations.

Never use lighted candles on or near a Christmas tree.

Keep matches, lighters and candles out of reach of children and pets.

Trimmings

When making paper decorations, look for materials with a "non-combustible" or "flame resistant" label. In homes with small children, avoid decorations that are breakable or contain sharp edges and avoid trimmings that look like candy or food.

For more holiday decoration safety tips, visit the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission website at www.cpsc.gov.

Pearl Harbor Youth Day concludes 75th anniversary events at PAM



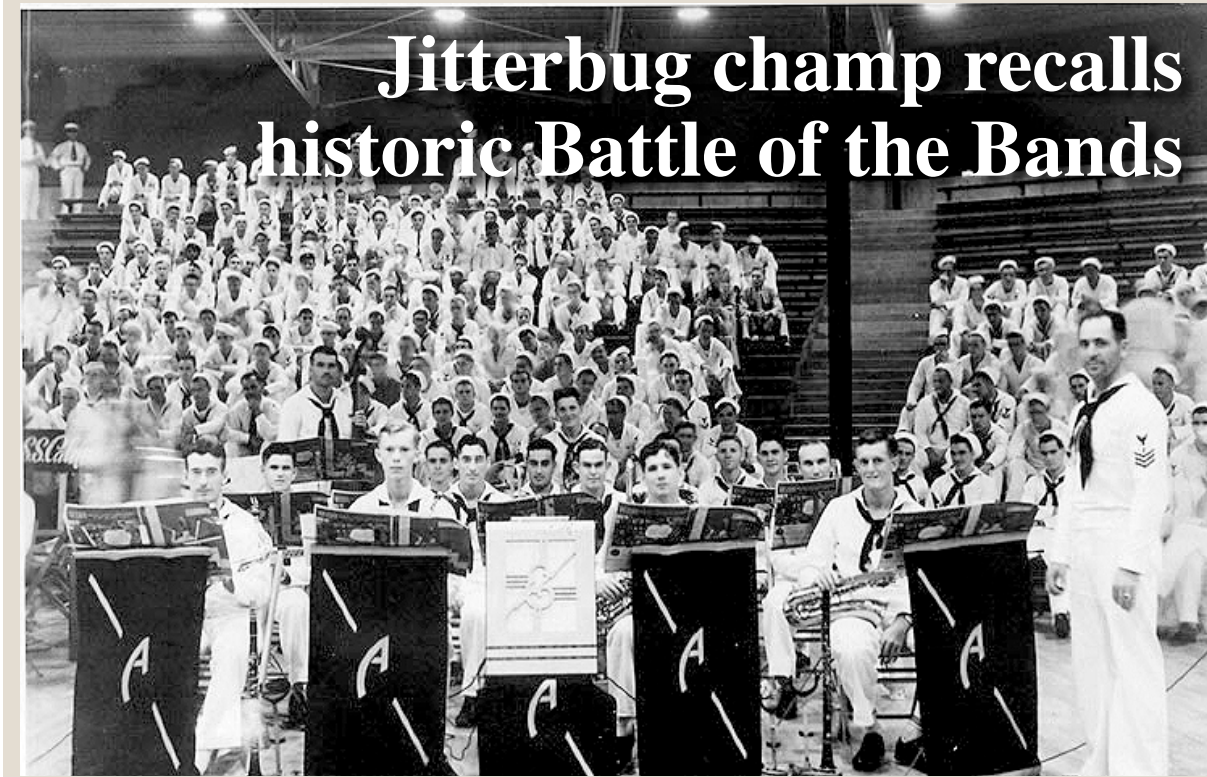
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Pacific Aviation Museum Pearl Harbor

Pacific Aviation Museum Pearl Harbor ended their week-long Pearl Harbor 75th Anniversary remembrance events with "Pearl Harbor Youth Day," Dec. 10.

Families and visitors of all ages explored the lessons and legacy of World War II through special presentations, exhibits, and hands-on activities. The event was designed to educate the youth about the history of Pearl Harbor and its impact on young people in Hawaii and throughout the Pacific.

Youth ages 18 and under participated in free activities which included a special screening of "Under the Blood Red Sun," followed by a presentation and question and answer session with author Graham Salisbury, historical exhibits, thematic tours, a meet and greet book signing with Dorinda Nicholson, author of "Pearl Harbor Child," costumed interpreters and historical demonstrations, and open cockpits of the C-47 and Seabee airplanes.



Official U.S. Navy photo by Tai Sing Loo

Above, Unit Band 22, stationed aboard USS Arizona (BB 39) was scheduled to play in a big final Battle of Music on Dec. 20 at Bloch Arena.



Above, Pat Thompson and Jack Evans recreated their winning dance from Dec. 6, 1941 at the 65th anniversary reunion of Pearl Harbor survivors in 2006.

At right, Pat Thompson was 10 years old when she won a Pearl Harbor jitterbug contest on Dec. 6, 1941.

Star-Advertiser file photo



Brandon Bosworth

Assistant editor, Ho'okele

On Saturday evening Dec. 6, 1941, just hours before bombs started falling on Pearl Harbor, 10-year-old Pat "Patsy" Campbell was enjoying a Battle of the Bands show at Bloch Arena, tapping her feet to the music.

Now married and known as Pat Thompson, she recently visited Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam and recalled that memorable night.

"I loved music," she said. "Every time there was a Battle of the Bands I would go."

There were four or five Navy bands performing at the Dec. 6, 1941 event, and most of them were from battleships.

As she sat with the other kids tapping her feet to the music, Thompson managed to catch the eye of the emcee.

"The emcee picked me out of the bunch and said 'that girl can really dance!'" she said. Next thing she knew she was being partnered with a 17-year-old Sailor named Jack Evans and dancing in the jitterbug competition being held that night. At the time she didn't know that her father, a Navy Chief Radioman, had approached Evans and suggested he dance with his daughter.

There was an eight-couple elimination contest, and Thompson and Evans danced three rounds. They won, and were named the evening's jitterbug champs.

As a child, Thompson had taken tap dance lessons at school, but said she really got her moves from Hollywood musicals and dancing with her brother.

Thompson and Evans lost track of each other, but reunited decades later. They have even returned to Hawaii to reprise their award-winning dance at Pearl Harbor survivor functions.



Players fight for the football in the Army vs. Navy game at Stoneman Field. A flag football tournament will be held at Stoneman early next year.

Flag football tournament to be held at Schofield

Story and photo by Randy Dela Cruz

Sports Editor, Ho'okele

While the intramural flag football season is over, there is still plenty of football left in the year and a couple of months into 2017.

Champs in college football and the NFL won't be crowned until early next year, so why not give our local military personnel an opportunity to extend their football season as well?

That's the exact thinking of Schofield Barracks sports director Richard Kam, who along with the Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam sports department started the annual Army versus Navy flag football game three years ago.

Eager to deliver a tournament-style event to members of the Army and all military personnel around the islands, Kam is kicking off joint sports compe-

titition with the first annual Super Bowl Flag Football Championships at Schofield's Stoneman Stadium from Jan. 31 to around Feb. 2.

"That's what I want to promote," Kam said. "The Army guys don't want to keep beating up on each other. They want to beat the Navy, Marines and Air Force. That was part of the survey that they want to play against other armed services and we're going to try it out."

The kickoff of the tournament will start on the week leading up to the NFL's Super Bowl, and while it will start on Jan. 31, Kam said that the tourney could go longer than Feb. 2 if more teams sign up.

"We're going to block off the week leading up to the Super Bowl," Kam said. "If we get more teams, we're going to have to extend it. It just depends on how many teams sign up, then we can be sure of the whole length of it."

In trying to make the tournament

as fun and inclusive as possible, Kam said that the games would have a few rules that are different from intramural flag football.

"One thing which we'll do is we're going to let some blocking," Kam stated. "The football we do now is screen blocking, no physical blocking at all. This one we're going to allow an abbreviated form of blocking, which we call mummy blocking. All the players are familiar with that kind of blocking."

To tweak it a bit further, Kam pointed out that new rules would provide teams with different methods of scoring.

Besides the regular six points for a touchdown, Kam said that field goals will be allowed and he also added a new rule that could help draw more women to participate in the tournament.

"We want to incorporate more females playing," Kam said. "So the rule

we have is that if a female scores a touchdown it will count as 10 points."

The cost per team is \$90 and applications can be found at all fitness centers on every base.

"We want deadlines to be by Jan. 20," Kam said. "We'll have a coaches meeting on the following week at Jan. 26. If you want to participate, all you have to do is take it (the application) to any Army fitness center to make payment."

Kam said that he anticipates a good turnout for the football tournament and is already thinking about his next joint military sports event.

"I'll let one secret out," Kam said. "In February, the Presidents Day weekend, we'll have a big softball event that will be open to all military and Department of Defense again. It will be held here. We have three softball fields and its called, 'Midnight Madness Tournament' and its going to be an overnight tournament."

Army brings back flag football trophy to Schofield

Story and photo by Randy Dela Cruz

Sports Editor, Ho'okele

For the third consecutive year, Schofield Barracks squared off against an All-Navy team from Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam in a flag football game to claim bragging rights between the two local military bases.

In the first two meetings, home field proved to be a huge advantage with the Army winning the first game at home and the Navy taking last year's meeting at Ward Field, Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam.

This year, the matchup resumed at Schofield's Stoneman Field and as in previous battles, the spoils went to the home team. Army defeated Navy by a score of 20-0 to return the game's trophy back to Schofield.

While Army quarterback Spc. Ezekiel Falaniko threw for three touchdowns to lead an efficient offensive attack, the QB said that it was the team's defense that brought home the trophy.

"We just decided to man up, lock everybody up and trusted our one-on-one battles," Falaniko said. "Our defense really came to play. Ever since last year, they really wanted to get this game back. They came with a mindset of no touchdowns."

Right off the bat, the Army defense came out with a strong stand and forced Navy to give up the ball after only four downs.

Taking over the football in good field position at the Navy



Army quarterback Spc. Ezekiel Falaniko avoids the pass rush while looking downfield to lead Army over Navy.

38, Falaniko went to work and completed two passes to set up first and goal at the Navy 16.

After failing to pick up yardage on first down, Falaniko dropped back to pass and zeroed in on Pfc. Junior Seei for a touchdown and 6-0 lead.

Army followed their TD with a two-point conversion to go ahead by a score of 8-0.

Back on the field, the Army defense forced another four-and-out, but Falaniko got picked off by Navy defensive back Petty Officer 3rd Class Deedric Williams for the first

turnover of the game.

The interception seemed to give Navy a jolt as the team advanced beyond midfield for the first time in the game.

Navy finally broke into the Army red zone, but the drive stalled just 10 yards short of the end zone.

On the final play of the first half, Falaniko went for it all with a deep ball down the left sideline, but the heave was intercepted by Petty Officer 2nd Class Frederick Andrew to end the first half.

After throwing for two picks

in the first half, Falaniko came back in the second half with a short-game plan that was designed to keep the ball moving on the wet and muddy field.

Using the new strategy, Falaniko took the first snap at his own 15 and needed only six plays to drive the ball deep into Navy territory at the five-yard line.

Then on the next play, Falaniko lobbed a ball to the back of the end zone, where Spc. Ponesi Togailua grabbed the football, before touching both feet inside

the line for a touchdown and a 14-0 lead.

Down by two scores, Navy drove and was knocking on the door with the ball just outside the red zone.

Instead of cutting the lead down to half, Navy quarterback Petty Officer 1st Class Jermaine Carmenia was intercepted in the end zone by Sgt. Donovan Johnson, which locked down the win for Army.

"That's my signature bait and switch," Johnson said. "Luckily we have a safety we've been playing together for three years, so he knows exactly what I like to do. He saw it, we switched and it turned out in our favor."

The interception resulted into one more touchdown for Army, when Falaniko finished off a drive with a pass for a touchdown to Sgt. Gregory Ching.

Lt. Gennaro Hawkins, head coach of Navy, said that while he felt that the team's defense played well, Navy just couldn't get their offense going.

"We didn't attack the seams like we were supposed to," Hawkins said. "We kept the ball on one side of the field. We probably should have spread it more. It is what it is. Football is football."

While Falaniko said that the team's success came down to having the right chemistry, Johnson said that it was something a little bit more.

"I would contribute our success tonight to being a family," he said. "We started off with chemistry and everything after that was to build a tighter bond."



UPCOMING EVENTS

Ugly Sweater 5K Run to be held Saturday

Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam Morale, Welfare and Recreation

- Free Ugly Sweater 5K Run will begin at 7 a.m. Saturday at the Hickam Fitness Center. Registration begins at 6:30 a.m. Prizes will be awarded to the winner in the following categories: men's, women's, youth boys and Girls (ages 17 and under), men's and women's stroller. For more information, call 448-2214.
- Learn to stand-up paddleboard at Hickam Harbor from 9:15 to 10:15 a.m. or 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. Dec. 18 at MWR Outdoor Recreation-Hickam Harbor. The cost is \$25, and the deadline to sign up is today, Dec. 16. For more information, call 449-5215.
- Winter craft camps will be held from 10 a.m. to noon Dec. 20 through 23 and Dec. 27 through 30 at the Joint Base Arts and Crafts Center for ages 7 and up. The cost is \$60 per session. For more information, call 448-9907.
- Free family night Hawaiian ornament-making will be held from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. Dec. 20 at the Joint Base Teen Center. Families with teens can add some touches of aloha by making Hawaiian ornaments together. Light snacks will be served. The event is open to families of teens ages 13 to 19 years old. For more information, call 448-0418.
- Spearfishing Excursion will begin at 9 a.m. Dec. 25 at MWR Outdoor Recreation-Hickam Harbor. Participants need to have taken the Learn to Spearfish course to participate, as the skills needed for this activity can be moderate to difficult. The cost is \$20, and the sign up deadline is Dec 22. For more information, call 449-5215.
- Free Reindeer Games with Liberty will be held from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Dec. 24 at Beeman Center. Liberty will host Christmas-themed games and will be giving out free presents to the winners. This event is for single, active-duty military E1-E6 only. For more information, call 473-2583.
- Christmas Day theater special will begin at 2:30 p.m. and 5 p.m. Dec. 25 at Sharkey Theater. Hot dogs are only \$2 each with the purchase of a fountain drink. For more information, call 473-0726.
- Winter ocean adventure camps will be held from 9 a.m. to noon (children ages 7-9) and 1 to 4 p.m. (youth ages 10-15) from Dec. 26 through Jan. 6 at the MWR Outdoor Recreation-Hickam Harbor. The cost is \$80 per week session. Registration is available online. There will be a variety of ocean activities, including swimming, fishing, kayaking and more.

- Each session will vary depending on weather, ocean conditions and the abilities of the group. For more information, call 449-5215.
- New Year's Day theater special will begin at 2:30 p.m. and 5 p.m. Jan. 1 at Sharkey Theater. Patrons can purchase a fountain drink and receive a small bag of popcorn at no charge. For more information, call 473-0726.
 - Free annual New Year's swim will be held Jan. 1 to 7 at Scott Pool. Patrons can complete 2017 yards to win embroidered New Year's towels. For more information, call 473-0394.
 - Spring youth sports online registration will be held from Jan. 2 through Feb. 4. Sports include co-ed flag football, co-ed USA track and field, and co-ed volleyball. Season runs from April through June. Sign ups and payments for each sport are online only. The cost is \$50. Registration packets need to be completed and/or on file before or after signing up. Please visit www.greatlifehawaii.com/fitness-sports/youth-sports for registration requirements and to download the packet. Volunteers are needed. If you love sports and like working with kids, call the Youth Sports office at 473-0789.
 - Start Smart Soccer online registration will be held from Jan. 2 through Feb. 4 for ages 3 to 5 years old. The season runs from Feb. 20 through March 30. Kids and parents will meet every Thursday from 5 to 6 p.m. at Quick Field. This is a parent and youth participation program. Registration is free. To sign up online, go to www.greatlifehawaii.com. For more information, call 473-0789.
 - Child and Youth Program (CYP) hiring fair will be held from 9 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. Jan. 18 at Pomaika'i Ballroom, Dole Cannery in Iwilei. CYP will be hosting a hiring fair for full-time, part-time and flexible positions throughout Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam. For more information, visit www.greatlifehawaii.com/cyphiringfair.



NEX gives back to students with its A-OK Student Reward Program

Navy Exchange Service Command

The Navy Exchange Service Command (NEXCOM) has been offering students a chance to help pay for college through its A-OK Student Reward Program since 1997. The A-OK Student Reward Program offers all qualified students to participate in a quarterly drawing for monetary awards of \$2,500, \$1,500, \$1,000 or \$500 for a total of \$5,500 per quarter. The next drawing will be at the end of this month.

Any eligible full-time student that has a B-grade point average

equivalent or better, as determined by their school system, may enter the drawing. Homeschooled students can also qualify with acknowledgement that the student has a "B" average or equivalent record of accomplishment.

Eligible students include children of active duty military members, Reservists and military retirees enrolled in first through 12th grade.

Children without an individual Dependent Identification Card must be accompanied by their sponsor to submit their entry. Each student may enter only once each grading period and must re-enter

with each qualifying report card

To enter the drawing, stop by any NEX with a current report card or progress report and have a NEX associate verify the eligibility. Then fill out an entry card and obtain an A-OK ID which entitles the student to 19 discount coupons for NEX products and services. Along with the award, each winner will receive a lapel pin, certificate and medalion ribbon "In Honor of Academic Excellence."

Since the program's inception, NEXCOM has awarded \$611,000 in savings bonds and \$110,000 in monetary awards to students with the help of vendor partners.

NEX 'We Believe' winner rejoices



NEX photo by Kenneth Chane

Angela Godfrey (center) receives her We Believe Program jewelry from NEX department manager Jamie Konno (left) and fine jewelry supervisor Lupe Loya.

Angela Godfrey, a retired Army service member from Schofield Barracks, recently received a surprise call from the Pearl Harbor Navy Exchange (NEX) and was told her fine jewelry layaway was going to be paid off through the NEX We Believe Program.

She picked up her layaway and said, "You (NEX) has made my year! I didn't know how I was going to pay this off since I am in-between work and you all made it possible. Thank you so much for this. You don't know how much I appreciate this."

Tax Assistance Center to open Jan. 30, volunteers sought

Region Legal Service Office Hawaii

The Navy Tax Assistance Center will open on Jan. 30, 2017 at the Navy College Building, 1260 Pierce St., building 679, Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam. The center will be in classroom 11 on the first floor.

The Tax Assistance Center will be open Monday through Friday: from 11 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. on Mondays and Wednesdays, 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays,

and 8:30 a.m. to noon on Fridays.

The tax assistance center provides service members, their families, retired service members and other eligible persons with the ability to electronically file individual tax returns through internet-based software applications. Internal Revenue Service (IRS)-certified tax personnel assist with questions but do not prepare individual tax returns.

Volunteers are critical to the success of the Tax Assistance Center. To participate, volunteers will

complete a self-study program to obtain advanced and military IRS certifications. Service members or their family members interested in volunteering at the Tax Assistance center full-time or part-time should contact Lt. Kurt Siegal by phone at (808) 473-0443 or email Kurt.Siegal@navy.mil

The Tax Assistance Center relies on local commands for supplies, including papers, pens and toner cartridges for Lexmark E250D printers.

Holiday block party to be held at Wahiawa Annex

Justin Hirai

Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam Morale, Welfare and Recreation

Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam's Morale, Welfare and Recreation (MWR) is hosting a holiday-themed block party at the Wahiawa Annex today. This free event will take place from 2 to 4 p.m. on the sports field across from the bowling center and is open to all base-eligible customers.

Staff from various MWR programs will be on hand to share information about their offerings. There will also be an MWR trolley tour, showing riders the locations of the MWR facilities on the annex.

The block party will also feature a free barbecue, shave ice, gingerbread house making, bounce houses, games and prize drawings. Other planned activities include an ugly sweater contest, fitness challenge race and KanJam.

For more information on the event visit www.greatlifehawaii.com.

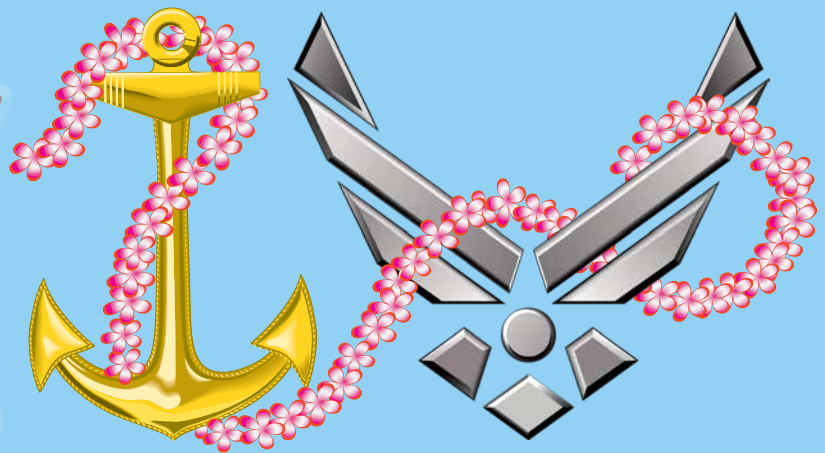


MWR marketing photo

Wahiawa Annex is holding a holiday block party today from 2 to 4 p.m.

DECEMBER COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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HOLIDAY FESTIVAL OF LIGHTS

TODAY — Free public tours of the annual Pearl Harbor Holiday Festival of Lights featuring ship and submarine lighting will be conducted tonight. The tours will be offered from 6 to 8 p.m., departing from the Pearl Harbor Visitor Center, 1 Arizona Memorial Place, off Kamehameha Highway. Seats are limited and tickets will be distributed on a first-come, first-served basis beginning at 5:30 p.m. today at the visitor center. For public tour information, please contact the WWII Valor in the Pacific National Monument at 808-226-4100 or www.nps.gov/valr/planyourvisit/calendar.htm. A light jacket or sweater is recommended. Do not leave your valuables in your car. No backpacks, fanny packs, luggage, diaper bags, camera bags, purses, large camera/tripods or other items which provide concealment are allowed in the visitor center or aboard the boats. Photography and videos of the decorated ships are allowed. However, photographs of security activities are prohibited. Additional information will be posted on the official Navy Region Hawaii and Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam Facebook pages.

CAR-BUYING STRATEGIES DEC. 19

— A class on car-buying strategies will be held from 2 to 3:30 p.m. at Military and Family Support Center Hickam. The class is designed to teach participants how to negotiate and determine what they can afford, how to plan for various expenditures of a car, provide information about trade-ins, discounts and financing, and provide awareness of high-pressure sales tactics. Participants can register for classes at www.greatlifehawaii.com/family-support/mfsc-class-schedule. FMI: 474-1999.

CONSUMER AWARENESS AND INSURANCE

DEC. 19 — A class on consumer awareness and insurance will be held from 10 to 11 a.m. at Military and Family Support Center Hickam. This financial class is designed to expose the learner to a wide array of consumer issues and discuss scams, consumer rip-offs, how to defend against fraud and maintaining adequate insurance. Participants can register for classes at www.greatlifehawaii.com/family-support/mfsc-class-schedule. FMI: 474-1999.

MANAGING MONEY AND CREDIT DEC. 19

— A class on managing money and credit will be held from 8 to 9:45 a.m. at Military and Family Support Center Hickam. The class will include information on debt reduction, budgeting, credit scores, saving and investing. Participants can register for classes at www.greatlifehawaii.com/family-support/mfsc-class-schedule. FMI: 474-1999.

SAVING, INVESTING AND TSP DEC. 19

— A class on savings and investing basics and the Thrift Savings Plan (TSP) will be held from noon to 2 p.m. at Military and Family Support Center Hickam. The TSP is a retirement savings and investment plan for federal employees and members of the uniformed services. Participants can register for classes at www.greatlifehawaii.com/family-support/mfsc-class-schedule. FMI: 474-1999.

HAWAIIAN ORNAMENT-MAKING DEC. 20

— A free Hawaiian ornament-making family night from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. will be held at the Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam Teen Center, 100 McChord St., building 1859. The event is open to families of teens. Light snacks will be served. FMI: 448-0418 or www.greatlifehawaii.com.

CONFLICT MANAGEMENT DEC. 20

— A workshop on conflict management will be held

from 1 to 3 p.m. at Military and Family Support Center Pearl Harbor. This workshop is designed to help people to manage conflict by examining their attitudes and behaviors when faced with conflicting situations. Participants can register for classes at www.greatlifehawaii.com/family-support/mfsc-class-schedule. FMI: 474-1999.

CLASS FOR NEW MOMS AND DADS

DEC. 21 — A class for new and soon-to-be parents (or those who are thinking about becoming parents) will be held from 5 to 8 p.m. at Military and Family Support Center Hickam. The class is designed to teach participants about the roles, responsibilities, demands and joys of being parents. Participants can register for classes at www.greatlifehawaii.com/family-support/mfsc-class-schedule. FMI: 474-1999.

WORK AND PERSONAL LIFE BALANCE

DEC. 21 — A class on work and personal life balance will be held from 8 to 10 a.m. at Military and Family Support Center Pearl Harbor. This class will focus on strategies to create realistic expectations and challenge negative thinking patterns, while expanding your toolkit for maximum balance and well-being. Participants can register for classes at www.greatlifehawaii.com/family-support/mfsc-class-schedule. FMI: 474-1999.

BUILDING SELF-ESTEEM IN CHILDREN

DEC. 21 — A class on building self-esteem in children will be held from 1 to 3 p.m. at Military and Family Support Center Pearl Harbor. The class will explore the power of mutual respect and how to understand the difference between praise and encouragement. Participants can register for classes at www.greatlifehawaii.com/family-support/mfsc-class-schedule. FMI: 474-1999.

MOVIE SHOWTIMES



PATRIOTS DAY FREE SNEAK PREVIEW AT SHARKEY THEATER

Sharkey Theater presents a sneak preview of Patriots Day Saturday Dec. 17 at 7 p.m. Pre-assigned seating tickets will be distributed at the ticket box office at 5:30 p.m. Tickets are free to the first 400 authorized patrons. Active duty Military ID card holders will be able to receive four tickets. Retirees, military family members and DoD ID card holders may receive two tickets.

In the aftermath of an unspeakable act of terror, Police Sergeant Tommy Saunders joins courageous survivors, first responders and investigators in a race against the clock to hunt down the bombers before they strike again. Weaving together the stories of Special Agent Richard Deslauriers, Police Commissioner Ed Davis, Sergeant Jeffrey Pugliese and nurse Carol Saunders this visceral and unflinching chronicle captures the suspense of the most sophisticated manhunt in law enforcement history and the strength of the people of Boston that inspired the world.

SHARKEY THEATER

TODAY — DEC. 16

7:00 PM Arrival (PG-13)

SATURDAY — DEC. 17

2:30 PM Trolls (3-D) (PG)

7:00 PM Patriots Day (*free sneak preview*) (R)

SUNDAY — DEC. 18

2:30 PM Trolls (PG)

4:30 PM Fantastic Beasts and Where To Find Them (3-D) (PG-13)

7:20 PM The Edge of Seventeen (R)

HICKAM MEMORIAL THEATER

TODAY — DEC. 16

7:00 PM Arrival (PG-13)

SATURDAY — DEC. 17

3:00 PM Trolls (PG)

6:00 PM Arrival (PG-13)

SUNDAY — DEC. 18

3:00 PM Trolls (PG)

THURSDAY — DEC. 22

7:00 PM Arrival (PG-13)

MY FAVORITE PHOTO



Ho’okele assistant editor Brandon Bosworth took this photo of participants in the Honolulu Marathon as they ran down Kilauea Avenue, Dec. 11.

How to submit: Email your photos to editor@hookelenews.com.

Cheesy chorizo bean quesadilla

United States Department of Agriculture

This recipe for cheesy chorizo bean quesadilla makes six servings. Mexican chorizo (made with low-fat ground turkey) gives this quesadilla a spicy flair.

Ingredients

- 9 ounces ground turkey (97 percent lean)
- 1/4 teaspoon salt
- 1 tablespoon chili powder (plus an additional teaspoon)
- 3/4 teaspoon ground oregano
- 2 teaspoons ground cumin
- 1 1/2 teaspoons ground coriander
- 1 teaspoon crushed red pepper flakes
- 2 1/2 teaspoons cider vinegar
- 2 teaspoons garlic, raw, minced
- 1/4 cup onions, raw, chopped
- 1 cup kale, raw, chopped
- 8 ounces beans, pinto, canned, drained
- 6 ounces cheese, low-fat, cheddar
- 2 tablespoons cilantro, fresh, chopped
- 2 1/4 12-inch tortillas

Directions

For the chorizo mixture, mix the first nine ingredients in a bowl. Cover with



plastic wrap and refrigerate overnight.

In a skillet heat the oil until hot but not smoking. Add the onions and saute’ until soft. Add the chorizo mixture, and saute’ until the turkey is browned and reaches 165 degrees F.

Stir in chopped kale and drained beans to the chorizo mixture until the kale begins to wilt and mixture reaches 155 degrees F.

Remove the mixture from the heat, fold in shredded cheese and fresh cilantro. Divide mixture evenly (approximately

two cups) over one 12-inch tortilla. Place another 12-inch tortilla on top.

Place on sheet pan sprayed with pan spray or lined with parchment paper. Note that for six servings you will need to use 1/5 of two 12-inch tortillas to make the sixth serving.

Bake at 400 degrees F in an oven until crisp, approximately 7-10 minutes. Cut the quesadilla into five equal sized wedges.

An optional way to serve this is one quesadilla wedge with an ounce of fresh lettuce and an ounce of fresh-diced tomatoes.

Pinto beans, a fiber all-star, have been added because they are loaded with lots of vitamins and minerals, and kale, which is a vegetable super power.

From Sartell Middle School (Recipes for Healthy Kids Challenge)

Commissary can help save on holiday meals

Defense Commissary Agency Corporate Communications

Somewhere between the holiday decorations, the ripping of wrapping paper, the college bowl games and the hopeful New Year’s resolutions, there are a few holiday meals in the mix.

If you’re a commissary patron, you’ll have plenty to cheer about over the holidays as you count your savings while shopping for your festive menus, according to Tracie L. Russ, Defense Commissary Agency sales director.

“We encourage our patrons to use their commissary benefit to save their hard-earned pay when planning holiday meals,” Russ said. “And whether you need snacks for the bowl games or munchies for the children while they’re out of school, your commissary has what you need without breaking your festive budget in the process.”

Throughout December and into the New Year, commissary industry partners — vendors, suppliers and brokers — are collaborating with stores to offer promotional discounts beyond everyday savings for the holidays.

Commissary patrons can maximize their shopping trip simply by visiting www.commissaries.com. Under the Sales and Events link they can find the “Deals for the Holidays” flyer featuring savings through Dec. 25

on the following items: various cooking and baking ingredients, smoked hams, dinner rolls, coffees, candies, cookies, juices, aluminum foil, storage and garbage bags, plastic dinnerware, paper plates, cake and pie pans, batteries and wrapping tape. The website also has recipes and cooking tips.

Although Thanksgiving has come and gone, one of the commissary’s largest worldwide promotions, the Free Turkey Coupon Booklet, continues through Dec. 31 allowing patrons to save on their holiday turkey dinners. This coupon booklet also includes preparation tips and holiday recipes. Commissary patrons will see another holiday promotion, “supported by store displays throughout December highlighting deeply discounted items with high value, in-store coupons.

And patrons with a Commissary Rewards Card have a special deal to enter for a chance to win a \$100 NFL Gift Card when they use their rewards card. This worldwide promotion runs through Jan. 3.

“There are plenty of things to worry about as you plan to celebrate the holidays, but saving money on your groceries won’t be one of them when you shop the commissary,” Russ said. “As always, we wish everyone a peaceful, festive holiday season, especially our men and women in uniform serving overseas.”



Upcoming blood drives

Tripler Army Medical Center Blood Donor Center has updated its schedule of upcoming blood drives as part of the Armed Services Blood Donor Program (ASBP). Dates and locations are updated regularly online as new drives are scheduled. Donors are encouraged to schedule an appointment online, call to make an appointment, and check www.militaryblood.dod.mil for the latest information.

- Currently scheduled drives include:**
- 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.



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