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Buddy Scribner looks off at the sunken remains of the battleship USS Utah (BB 31) at USS Utah Memorial at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam. Jan. 29.



LOST, *but not forgotten*

15th Wing recognized for suicide prevention efforts

Story and photo by
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We fight together. It's time we fight for each other.

After military suicide numbers reached an all-time high in 2012, Department of Defense (DoD) components were challenged with identifying and attacking reasons behind each tragic loss, but more importantly, finding out how future cases could be prevented.

The Hickam Mental Health Clinic was awarded recognition for its suicide prevention program efforts made during September 2016's suicide prevention

month at a ceremony at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, Jan. 30.

The ceremony featured speakers from the Defense Suicide Prevention Office (DSPO), including its director, Dr. Keita Franklin.

"We have come a long way in the area of suicide prevention," she said. "The idea that Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam was able to come up with this integrated, complex strategy that really got after the complexities of the problem is certainly distinguishable. We're here today to offer recognition to this community."

Out of 29 submission packages for the award, only one was issued to the Air Force.

The Hickam clinic focused its September 2016 efforts on data surveillance, program assessment, advocacy, policy oversight, outreach and education, strategic goals that the DSPO uses to reduce the risk for suicide.

"Every Airman's overall health and well-being is a paramount concern to everybody here," said Col. Christopher Paige, 15th Medical Group commander.

"We don't think that we have this problem solved. That's not what this is about. We simply want to acknowledge the everyday work by some of our key players for such a complicated issue."

Paige thanked suicide prevention program managers and commu-

nity partners for working together to prevent suicide on the island, as well as their service to the Wing's medical group.

Franklin added the importance of prevention being more than just briefings and trainings, and stressed the positive focus on simple and pure human interaction.

"When we think about suicide prevention, one of the key things that we know is that getting after suicide is not about getting after mental health alone," she said. "What we are finding is it's more and more complex than ever before."

For more information about the DOD's efforts towards the prevention of suicide, please visit www.dsps.mil.

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Buddy Scribner paid tribute to his cousin, Seaman Apprentice Leroy Dennis, during his visit to USS Utah Memorial at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, Jan. 29.

At 8:01 a.m. on Dec. 7, 1941, one of the bombs from an enemy plane that flew over Ford Island found its way to USS Utah, striking the port side. USS Utah immediately began to list to port and at 8:12 a.m., her

mooring lines snapped and Utah rolled over, her keel plainly showing above the water's surface. Fifty-eight died aboard the ship that day.

Seventy-six years later, Buddy Scribner stands on the USS Utah Memorial overlooking the sunken hull of USS Utah. His fingers run over the "Honor Roll" plaque, over the names of those who lost their lives that day aboard the ship. Over names of men he never knew, including his cousin, Seaman Apprentice Leroy Dennis.

"He was killed before I

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Naval Forces visits Hawaii, discusses new Surface Force Strategy

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Commander, Naval Surface Forces arrived at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam for the Pacific Fleet commander's conference and also took the opportunity to discuss the new Surface Force Strategy (SFS) with Hawaii based commands, Jan. 31.

On the first day of his three-day visit, Vice Adm. Tom Rowden visited Commander, Navy Region Hawaii, Destroyer Squadron 31, Pearl Harbor Naval Shipyard and USS Michael Murphy (DDG 112). Rowden highlighted the tenants of SFS, which emphasize a more flexible Surface Navy for our dynamic and ever-changing world by improving the combat capability of surface forces and refocusing on sea control.

Rowden also held an all-hands call with officers and senior enlisted personnel, and the crew of USS William P. Law-

rence (DDG 110), at Sharkey Theater where he explained the strategy using both upcoming and historical naval events, and defined key objectives to help sustain a powerful Navy for tomorrow.

In a statement on the Navy Live blog Rowden said, "The objective of the Surface Force Strategy is to achieve and sustain sea control at the time and place of our choosing in order to: protect the homeland from afar, build and maintain global security and project the national power of the United States."

He also emphasized that the strategy needed to be perpetual, allowing it to maintain relevancy through the passing of time.

"There is no timeline for the strategy," Rowden said. "No matter what the situation is, whether it has slowed down or stalled, it will always be there. If you ever are wondering what is in my head or leadership's head, pick

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U.S. Air Force photo by 1st Lt. Kaitlin Daddona

Col. Kevin Gordon, 15th Wing commander, acknowledges the importance of total force cooperation when it comes to military suicide at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, Jan. 30.

Tuskegee Airman reflects on time in service

Staff Sgt. Regina Edwards

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“I’ve come a long way from picking cotton in the fields with my grandfather,” said retired Master Sgt. Leroy Mazell Smith, who has lived a life few could probably imagine.

He was born on an Arkansas bridge during the Great Mississippi Flood of 1927; son of a logger and farmer, Smith grew up in Pine Bluff, Arkansas. His mother, who cared for him and his two siblings, left school at the age of 13.

He credits his upbringing to his grandfather who Smith picked cotton with. He said his grandfather taught him the value of hard work and perseverance.

Smith graduated from high school in Fordyce, Arkansas, at the age of 16. While there, he attended preflight aeronautical classes, changing the course of his future.

“I wanted to be a doctor,” he said, “but the military said they needed black mechanics, so I was inducted into the U.S. Army Air Corps at 16. Looking back now, they did me a favor I’d say.”

Smith said he vividly remembered being a scared boy from the country in 1943, riding a bus from Camp Robinson to Sheppard Field, Texas, for basic military training, and then later to Chinook, Arkansas, for aircraft and engine training.

“Everything was segregated,” he said. “The ride to training, the barracks we lived in, even the hours we had to shop at the base exchange and



U.S. Air Force illustration by Staff Sgt. Regina Edwards

eat at the mess hall were separate.

“I remember (white) people asking us, ‘What are you doing here?’ and assuming we blacks were the cooks and bottle washers,” Smith said.

However, segregation did not break his zeal. Smith charged forward and met every obstacle with faith and optimism. He said he leaned on his Baptist upbringing and grandfa-

ther’s lessons about having strength—especially during the harder days.

“I never retaliated,” Smith said. “I just believed those people were ignorant and someday it would be better. My grandfather always said, ‘There’s only one race of people: the human race.’”

And so, while the human race was focused on World War II and which side would prevail,

Smith set course for the European theater. He was assigned to the Tuskegee unit, where all barriers fell away. He was no longer a black mechanic. He was simply an Airman.

“I was scared and proud when I arrived in Italy,” Smith said. “I was with an all-black crew that I could identify with. I could actually communicate with the pilots; the officers respected us as the younger mem-

bers. I didn’t have to just do my job and shut my mouth. We all had a good relationship; it was one of my best memories.”

The Tuskegee Airmen are typically known as an all-black fighter and bomber pilot aircrew who fought in WWII. However, that name, Tuskegee Airmen, also encompassed navigators, mechanics, instructors, crew chiefs, nurses, cooks and other support personnel for the aircrews.

“I loved being called a Tuskegee Airman,” he said. “I didn’t know that name would be what it is today, but we sure had a lot of unit pride, and there was reason for it.”

The crew was assigned to the 332nd Fighter Group and flew heavy bomber escort missions with P-47 Thunderbolts and later the P-51 Mustangs. To distinguish themselves, they painted the tails of their aircraft red, coining themselves the Red Tails.

“We never lost a bomber,” Smith said. “Nope, we never lost a plane. It did me proud to say I was a part of this. We were good, and we were finally recognized for it. I’m a low profile guy, but the recognition was nice.”

In 1947, Smith’s tour with the Tuskegee Airmen ended, but the Red Tails’ legend influenced the integration of races in the armed forces. Smith soldiered on as he transitioned from the Army Air Corps to the Air Force.

He continued serving throughout the Korean War and Vietnam War, fulfilling 25 years in the Air Force and retiring in 1968 as a master sergeant.

Lost, but not forgotten

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was born,” Scribner said. “I hunt with his rifle. It’s a little Remington Model 6, and that was my rifle when I was a little boy. It’s one of my most prized possessions.”

Growing up, Scribner came to know his cousin solely by the possessions he left behind, the stories he’d heard and the telegrams sent by the U.S. Navy, notifying Dennis’ family of his passing at Pearl Harbor.

“My grandmother raised me from the time I was a child to when I was a teenager, and I had the original telegrams they sent her, ‘missing in action,’ ‘killed in action,’ ‘confirmed killed,’” Scribner said. “She was such a big

part of my life, and it really hurt my grandmother. I had to come here.”

Growing up in a civilian conservation corps, a public work relief program that operated from 1933 to 1942 in the United States for unemployed, unmarried men from relief families, Dennis joined the Navy at 17 years old with the signature of his grandmother, according to Scribner. After attending bootcamp in San Diego, Dennis went on to report aboard USS Utah at Pearl Harbor.

“I have a couple letters that he sent,” Scribner said. “One he sent when he came out of bootcamp, and another when he got to Pearl Harbor. And that was the last we heard of him.”

Not knowing of the next time he will make the journey back to Pearl Harbor, Scribner commented on his motivation to not only honor his cousin during the visit, but also to offer one last gesture of appreciation to his grandmother, a woman he felt he owed so much to.

“I’m not here for me,” Scribner said. “I’m here for my grandmother. She saved my life.”

Sometimes referred to as the “Forgotten Ship,” the USS Utah Memorial serves as a key landmark in ensuring the events that transpired that day and those lost aboard USS Utah Dec. 7, 1941, do not go unnoticed. Lost, but not forgotten, by those like Buddy Scribner.



U.S. Navy photo by MC2 Johans Chavarro

Buddy Scribner runs his hands across the name of his cousin, Seaman Apprentice Leroy Dennis, at the USS Utah Memorial at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, Jan. 29.

Diverse VIEWS



What's your favorite dish to cook and why?



Senior Airman Katrina Santiago
324th Intelligence Squadron

"Bulgogi, because it's pretty easy to prepare. And you can experiment with different ingredients for the marinade, or you can just buy the pre-made bulgogi marinade."

Master Sgt. Stephen Stokes
8th Intelligence Squadron

"Can't beat good old fashioned pasta, spaghetti, rigatoni and sauce. It's what makes the world go round."



Major Johana Sierra-Nunez
PACAF

"Mangu. It is a Dominican plate, which reminds me of my mother. She does it with a Puerto Rican twist since I was born in Puerto Rico. This plate is made with plantains, bacon and onion. Super delicious and unique, and easy to make for me."

Master Sgt. Frederick Smith
792nd Intelligence Support Squadron

"Fried chicken. Who doesn't like fried chicken?"



Jarrica Corcoran
Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam

"Honestly? I like to cook spaghetti because it's easy."

Rachel Lauriano
Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam

"My favorite dish to make is Korean meatballs. Not only do they taste delicious, but they always bring a smile to everyone's face who tries them."



Machinist Mate Auxiliary 2nd Class Tim Wolf
USS Cheyenne (SSN-773)

"My favorite dish to make would have to be macaroni and cheese. Not only is it easy, but it is always delicious as well."



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Honoring the legacy of Dorie Miller

The story of Dorie Miller is inspiring for all Sailors and all Americans.

In honor of African American History Month, let's consider what his legacy means for all of us.

Mess Attendant 3rd Class Doris "Dorie" Miller was ready, willing and able on Dec. 7, 1941. He literally took matters into his own hands to protect his ship and his shipmates when he—on his own volition—took control of a machine gun aboard USS West Virginia (BB-48) and returned fire during the attack on Pearl Harbor.

Prior to and even during World War II, mess attendants were relegated to laundry detail, cooking meals, swabbing the deck and shining officers' shoes.

And, while the support functions the Mess Attendants provided then—and by extension the things our culinary specialists do today—have mission impacts, "messmen" were not allowed to be direct warfighters. In a fight, they carried ammunition and they carried the wounded to medical care.

They also carried the weight of discrimination



Doris "Dorie" Miller

and segregation—separate and unequal.

Adm. Chester Nimitz personally presented Dorie Miller with the Navy Cross on May 27, 1942 aboard USS Enterprise (CV 6) for his valor on Dec. 7, 1941.

Then, like most Pearl Harbor survivors, Dorie Miller took the fight from Hawaii and across the Pacific.

Miller was aboard USS Liscome Bay (CVE 56) in November 1943 during the Battle of Makin Island when an Imperial Japanese Navy submarine sank his ship. Miller was among the 646 Sailors killed when Liscome Bay went down.

In addition to the Navy Cross and other medals and awards, the Navy honored Doris "Dorie" Miller in 1973 by commis-

sioning a Knox-class frigate, named USS Miller (FF-1091) after him.

And on Oct. 11, 1991, the Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority dedicated a bronze commemoration plaque in a military housing community near Pearl Harbor that is also his namesake: Doris Miller Housing.

Dorie Miller became a poster-hero in the earliest days of the civil rights movement.

He became a symbol of the notion that we should expect the exceptional if talented individuals have an equal opportunity or level playing field.

Dorie Miller fought for the ideals that our founders so eloquently described in the Declaration of Independence and in our Constitution, ideals that are meant for every American.

The United States military—and our society—have made great strides since President Truman desegregated the military; since Brown v. Board of Education; and since Presidents Kennedy and Johnson (both former U.S. Navy officers and World War II veterans) fought for and achieved the Civil Rights Act of 1964.

As Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. said, "The arc of the moral universe is long, but it bends towards justice."

Today, as we contemplate Dorie Miller's bravery over 75 years ago and his sacrifice for our freedom, let's consider the gift he and other World War II Sailors, Soldiers, Airmen and Marines gave us.

We have peace and freedom for ourselves and our families because of their sacrifice, and we must protect that gift.

Think about it: Dorie Miller and other young service members killed in World War II never had a chance to have their own family. We, however, have the privilege to honor their memory.

Since 1945 millions of American families have lived, loved and thrived thanks to the sacrifices warfighters like Dorie Miller made during World War II. Here in Hawaii, hundreds of families since 1991 have called the Doris Miller Housing community "home."

Like Dorie Miller and his shipmates, we who wear the cloth of our nation are ready, willing and able to run toward danger to defend our homeland and our values.

Aircraft soars over Oahu



Photo courtesy of the Hawaii State Department of Transportation
A P-36A aircraft from Hickam Field is shown in flight over Oahu, Feb. 15, 1940 (77 years ago this month).

Naval Forces discusses new Surface Force Strategy



Commander, Naval Surface Forces Vice Adm. Tom Rowden holds an all-hands call with officers and senior enlisted personnel, and the crew of USS William P. Lawrence (DDG 110), at Sharkey Theater, Jan. 31.

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up and read the Surface Forces Strategy."

He also said the Surface Force Strategy is the framework that enables the Surface Force to adapt to the challenges of a changing security environment by thinking differently about how we organize, prepare, and sustain surface forces. He said it emphasizes that a persistent forward presence backed by credible combat capability can prevent aggression and limit regional crises from escalating to full-scale war.

"The Surface Force Strategy serves as our call to action to build, organize, train, and equip surface forces that can fight and win today, tomorrow, and beyond," Rowden said.

For more information on The U.S. Navy's Surface Force Strategy: Return to Sea Control visit <http://ow.ly/q9qq308AOyA>.

Career Information Center assists Pearl Harbor commands with retention awards

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Pearl Harbor-based ships and shore commands were recipients of the 2016 Retention Excellence Award.

Along with Commander Navy Region Hawaii and Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, eight of the nine ships stationed in Hawaii made the mark. The commands were USS Chung-Hoon (DDG 93), USS Hopper (DDG 70), USS John Paul Jones

(DDG 53), USS Michael Murphy (DDG 112), USS O'Kane (DDG 77), USS Port Royal (CG 73), USS Preble (DDG 88) and USS William P. Lawrence (DDG 110).

U.S. Fleet Forces Command created the annual award to recognize commands which sustain exceptional levels of retention and superior accomplishment in executing programs and policies which best enable Sailors to succeed in their Navy careers.

To help assist Hawaii service members and

commands with these goals, Navy Region Hawaii opened a Career Information Center (CIC) April 2016.

"This center has been here for less than a year," said Region Navy Counselor Chief Robert Pagtakhan. "Already we see the positive effect it has to the entire region."

Pagtakhan said the CIC provides services and training to Sailors and command counselors. So far, the center has provided more than 35 trainings to help Sailors make smart career choices and

provided their command counselors with continuous training and outreach.

"We are open to everyone," Pagtakhan said. "I have seen Army and Coast Guard Sailors come through these doors. We also get together with command counselors to not only hold training, but to foster networking, mentoring and peer-to-peer interaction, so that we all can create a solid foundation for our Sailors."

Pagtakhan believes the program's proactive approach has helped

commands reach the upper-echelon of the Navy's retention goals. This is also evident in the drastic increase in recipients of the Retention Excellence Award from previous years. Along the water front, 88 percent of the ships received the award compared to just 54 percent the previous year.

Navy Region Hawaii's Command Master Chief David B. Carter said the concept and implementation of the career information center was on par with expectations.

"Chief Pagtakhan and

his team are doing an exceptional job," he said. "The impact of the CIC is evident in eight out of nine ships receiving the Retention Award."

The CIC continues to evolve. Pagtakhan said his team is looking at ways to increase service capabilities for every service member in Hawaii.

"We are looking into Wi-Fi to allow service members without NMCI get access," Pagtakhan said. "We are here to help, service members, ships and the shore commands succeed."

Airmen share military experiences with high school students

**Story and photo by
Master Sgt. Theanne
Herrmann**

*624th Regional Support
Group*

Eleven Airmen from the 624th Regional Support Group (RSG) volunteered alongside the local recruiting station in support of a career fair at Kaimuki High School, Jan. 27.

The 624th RSG recruiter, Tech. Sgt. Michael Shinohara, gathered Airmen with various backgrounds to showcase what the Air Force Reserve can offer to the more than 800 Hawaii students.

"We made sure to get someone from every career field to help answer any questions the students may have," Shinohara said. "We have firefighters, civil engineers, air transportation specialists, public affairs and medical career fields."

Airman A.J. Asensio, an air transportation specialist with the 48th Aerial Port Squadron, shared his motivation for joining the



U.S. Air Force Master Sgt. Josephine Taitague, 624th Regional Support Group, talks with students during a career fair at Kaimuki High School, Jan 27.

Air Force Reserve with the students.

"I thought, I'll do something for myself and maybe leave a legacy," Asensio said. "With the Air Force you get to change the world. Your

job might seem small, but it always makes a difference. I may be loading medical supplies that will help someone during a war."

Asensio also credits the Air Force Reserve for

inspiring him to lead a healthy lifestyle.

"It demands a lifestyle change, because being physically and mentally fit is a big deal in the military," he said. "Being in the Air Force changes

your overall well-being physically, mentally and financially for the better."

Hundreds of students stopped by to talk with the Reservists, to include Princess Heaven Baez, a Kaimuki Freshman.

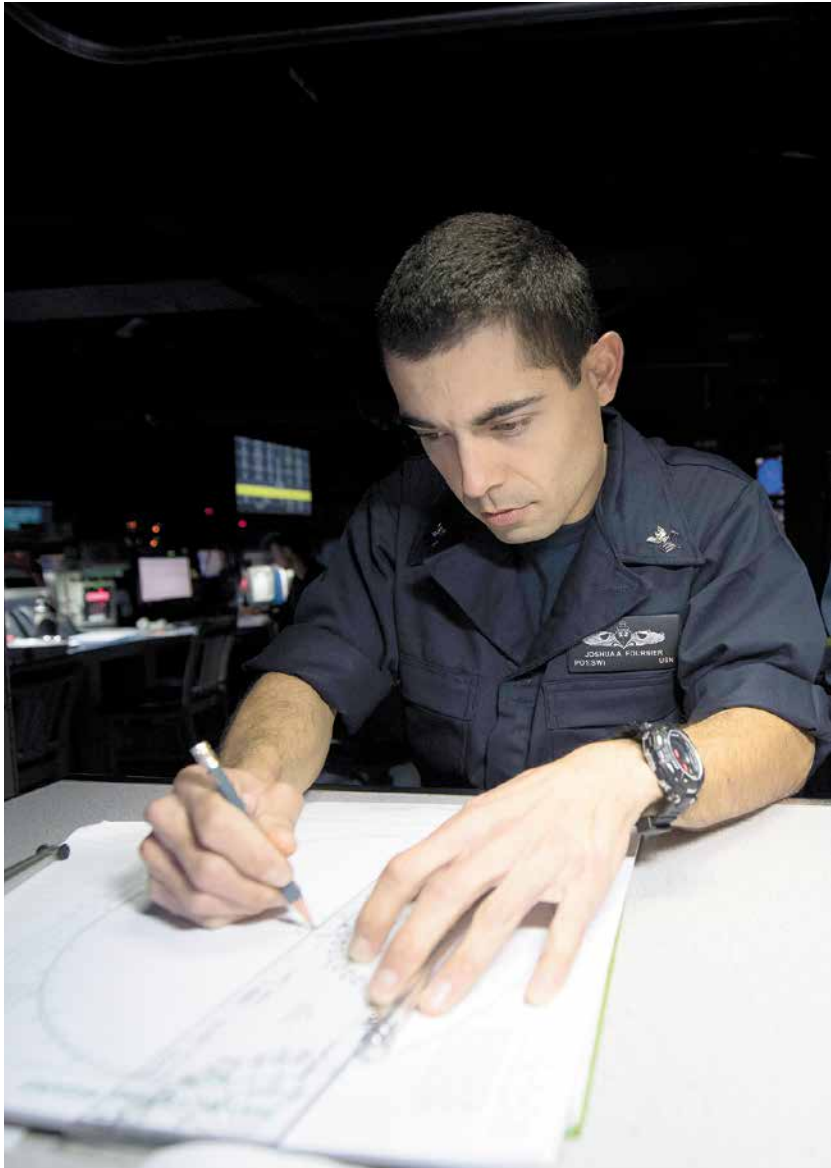
"I am glad this booth is here," Baez said. "I want to learn more about the military and what my options are for the future."

For more information, visit www.624rsg.afrc.af.mil.

Pearl Harbor-Hickam Highlights



U.S. Navy photo by MC3 Danny Kelley
Chief Warrant Officer 3 Josh Wadsworth leads a group of Sailors in a workout on the aft missile deck aboard Arleigh Burke-class guided-missile destroyer USS Michael Murphy (DDG 112) in the Pacific Ocean, Jan. 24. Michael Murphy is on a regularly scheduled western Pacific deployment with the Carl Vinson Carrier Strike Group as part of the U.S. Pacific Fleet-led initiative to extend the command and control functions of U.S. 3rd Fleet. U.S. Navy aircraft carrier strike groups have patrolled the Indo-Asia-Pacific regularly and routinely for more than 70 years.



U.S. Navy photo by MC2 Zachary D. Bell
Above, Interior Communications Electrician 1st Class Brent Schermerhorn, assigned to USS Preble (DDG 88), stands after he is announced as the Naval Surface Force, U.S. Pacific Fleet Sea Sailor of the Year during a banquet in San Diego, California, Jan. 27.

At left, Operations Specialist 1st Class Joshua Fournier uses a maneuvering board aboard USS Michael Murphy (DDG 112) to calculate the distance to a surface contact, Jan. 30.

U.S. Navy photo by MC3 Danny Kelley



U.S. Navy photo by MC2 Gabrielle Joyner
Retired Navy veteran Aaron Wiser greets Sailors during a luncheon made possible by the Dream Foundation at the Silver Dolphin Bistro at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, Jan. 27. The Dream Foundation is an organization that grants wishes for terminally ill patients.

SPAWAR provides IT support, training at Joint Base



U.S. Navy photo by Cmdr. Bill Murdoch

Lead Instructor Information Technology Specialist 1st Class Chris Thompson provides instruction to Senior Chief Information Technology Specialist James Bowler during a recent VMWare class hosted by Naval Reserve SPAWAR at the Ford Island Conference Center, JBPHH.

SPAWAR Reserve Program

The Space and Warfare Systems Command (SPAWAR) reserve component provided Information Technology (IT) training support to Sailors at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam (JBPHH), Jan. 23 to Feb. 3.

Several commands from JBPHH who participated in the training included USS John Paul Jones (DDG 53), USS Chung-Hoon (DDG 93), USS Jefferson City (SSN 759), USS Okane (DDG 77), HSM-37, Naval Special Warfare Group Three Logistics Support Unit, Na-

val Facilities Engineering Command Hawaii, Naval Special Warfare Group 3, Navy Information Operations Command Hawaii, Coastal Riverine Group One, and Submarine Force Pacific, to name a few.

Chief Information Technology Specialist Christopher Castillo, CNSG MIDPAC N6 and Information Technology Specialist 1st Class Seth Piper, CNSG MIDPAC N62, helped organize the free IT training event.

Reservists from NETops (NST) Fly Away Team provided Security Plus and VMWtraining in a classroom setting. Sailors who passed the certi-

fication at the end of the class were given CompTIA Security Plus and VMWare certification.

The SPAWAR NST team is made up of reservists who are attached to the SPAWAR Reserve Program at multiple sites across the country.

“The SPAWAR Reserve Program provides unique military and technical capabilities in support of team SPAWAR’s mission, contingency response, and resolution of C4I issues that impact current and future fleet readiness,” said Cmdr. Bill Murdoch, SPAWAR reserve detachment officer in charge.

Chief Warrant Officer

3 Daryn Bartlett and Information Technology 1st Class Chris Thompson led the class instruction and brought unique civilian experience to the fleet.

Concluding the program, SPAWAR provided more than 2,400 student hours of classroom instruction to 110 students from over 20 commands in preparation for the Security Plus and VMWare examination and certification.

For future training requests contact Cmdr. Bill Murdoch at william.murdoch@navy.mil or Information Technology Specialist 1st Class Seth Piper, seth.piper@navy.mil.



Musician 1st Class Andrea Sematoske of the Pacific Fleet Band reviews a piece of sheet music with a bassoon player from the Moanalua Middle School symphonic band, Jan. 27.

Pacific Fleet Band hosts clinic for Moanalua Middle School musicians

Story and photo by Ensign Britney Duesler

Navy Region Hawaii Public Affairs

The Pacific Fleet Navy Band performed for more than 100 students at the Pu‘ukaheia Conference Center at Waianae as part of the annual Moanalua Middle School band clinic, Jan 27.

The concert consisted of three performances by the band’s woodwind, brass, and dixie land ensembles, and highlighted the diverse capabilities of the musicians.

“This was the first time

the Navy brought ensembles,” said Steven Agasa, one of two band directors for Moanalua Middle School. “It was great for the students to see small groups play, because they perform in ensembles for the last day of the camp.”

Band members from the Pacific Fleet Band provided individualized instruction to smaller groups of students after the performance. They rehearsed music for the students’ upcoming music festival in February, and focused on the basics.

Musician 1st Class Rebecca Jenkins, a tuba player from Alexandria, Virginia, offered individ-

ual positioning strategies for students, while Musician 2nd Class Deanna Brizgys, a clarinet player, started her session by having students clap out the music.

“It’s great for students to see professional musicians playing in their career. Hopefully it will inspire some of the students to continue on and perform in service bands,” Agasa said.

The camp, held at Pu‘ukaheia Conference Center, provided intense musical training for the students at Moanalua Middle School. The camp included a performance from the Royal Hawaiian Band as well. Each year,

approximately 100 students, mainly from the 8th grade symphonic band, participated in the camp.

“We use this opportunity to teach kids respect, community, and independence as well. We focus on core ethical values like integrity. It’s a big mission for us,” said Ryan Howe, Moanalua Middle School band director.

For Chief Musician David Baine, a French horn player from Lake St. Louis, Missouri, working with local schools is a much-treasured opportunity.

“Music education outreach is a very important part of what we do. It’s a

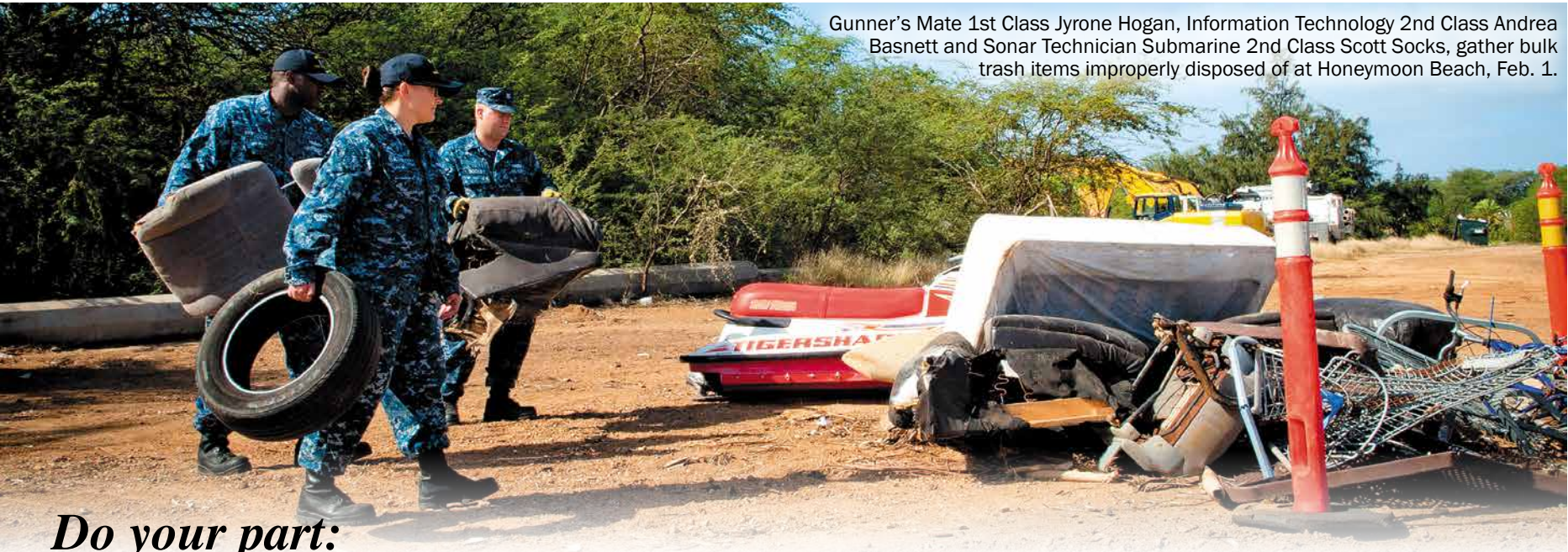
chance for us to give back to the community, and work with the community so that they can see a different aspect of what the military does, but it also gives us a chance to work with the schools—where all of us started our music

education,” Baine said.

For more information on the Pacific Fleet Navy Band, visit their website at www.cpf.navy.mil/band or check them out on Facebook at www.facebook.com/USPacificFleetBand.

Temporary lane closure at Ford Island Bridge

All lanes of the Ford Island Bridge will be closed on Wednesday, Feb. 8 from 9 to 10:30 a.m. for operational and periodic maintenance. All motorists and pedestrians should plan accordingly.



Gunner’s Mate 1st Class Jyrone Hogan, Information Technology 2nd Class Andrea Basnett and Sonar Technician Submarine 2nd Class Scott Socks, gather bulk trash items improperly disposed of at Honeymoon Beach, Feb. 1.

Do your part: Proper disposal of trash is OUR responsibility

Story and photo by
Ensign Britney Duesler

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On a recent visit to Honeymoon Beach, Chief Warrant Officer 4 Tim Greene, Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam First Lieutenant, spotted a blatant example of improper disposal of bulky items.

“We found a jet ski, a futon frame, a commissary cart, and plenty of green waste over at Honeymoon beach [on the Hickam side]. We’re trying to coordinate getting a truck over there so our Sailors and Airmen can clean it up,” Greene said.

Greene estimates thousands of hours have been spent by his 44 service members in unauthorized trash cleanup in January alone.

For JBPHH commander, Capt. Stanley Keeve, improper disposal of bulky items at Joint Base has to stop.

“Base cleanliness is a part of overall good military order. There are systems already available for residents of JBPHH to properly dispose of unwanted items. Doing otherwise is simply littering, and violators will be dealt with accordingly,” Keeve said.

Ohana Military Communities’ (OMC) policy is

a \$150 fine per offense for improper trash disposal, to include bulk items. The next bulk item pickup for OMC is Feb. 6. Hickam Communities is in the process of developing a fine/penalty system.

“If residents are found leaving hazardous items to be picked up in bulk trash, it requires a conversation with our property management staff. If that doesn’t work in getting the item to the proper disposal center, we contact the resident’s command,” said Leslie Dalzell, director of Property Management at Hickam Communities.

The state of Hawaii requires that bulk items be

placed curbside for bulk item pickup, which is usually once a month, and makes this service available to every resident on the island. Bulk items do not include large appliances such as refrigerators, freezers, air-conditioning units, or other items that contain oils and hazardous materials. Under no circumstances are these items to be put out for conventional trash pick-up.

“This is all stuff that can damage the truck, or set fire to the truck. The truck is made for packing, not crushing or smashing,” said front loader driver Eric Tachibana, one of Perry Management Corporation’s trash pick-up

drivers that services military bases on island.

During his pickup, if Tachibana finds unauthorized items in the dumpsters, he takes a photo and notes the address. He then sends the information to Perry Management Corporation’s contract manager.

Improper disposal, if not caught, places both the truck and the driver at risk. Lawn mowers with gas inside them, compressors, and large metal panels are just some of the items found by Tachibana. These items can damage the truck, and in the case of flammable items, are at risk for catching on fire when compressed in the truck.

“Every resident has a personal responsibility to remain informed of these policies and ensure our base is the safest, cleanest and best it can be,” Keeve said.

Both the Pearl Harbor and Hickam base housing communities have clear procedures outlined in their housing agreements for trash pick-up. Additionally, www.opala.org allows residents to type their address in for specific trash pick-up dates for bulk items, green waste, recycling, and conventional waste. Contact your housing community for more information regarding proper trash disposal.



Airman 1st Class Justine Boone, from Atlanta, Georgia, pulls the invasive plant pickleweed out from the wetlands at Ahua Reef.

Airmen preserve wetlands on Hickam Beach

Story and photo by
Ensign Britney Duesler

Navy Region Hawaii Public Affairs

More than 20 members of the 37th and 324th Intelligence Squadrons along with field biologists from the Naval Facilities EV2 removed invasive species from the beach at Ahua Reef on the Hickam side of Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam (JBPHH) as part of the wetlands restoration project, Jan 28.

The event was coordinated by Rebecca Smith, the Natural Resource manager for JBPHH. Smith organizes beach cleanups approximately once a month as part of an ongoing effort to restore the coastal wetlands.

The wetlands are home to shore birds like the black crowned night heron, ruddy turnstones, tattler and sanderlings. They are also home to the endangered Hawaiian stilt and endangered Hawaiian duck. Preservation of the wetlands provides an environment in which these birds can nest and repopulate.

“Our goal is to enhance the habitat for endangered water birds by removing non-native invasive plants such as pickleweed and mangrove,” Smith said. “We do three types of clean ups: pulling invasive [plants], planting native species, and rubbish clean up.”

The volunteers were taught the difference between native Hawaiian plants and the invasive species,

and spent the majority of Saturday morning pulling out growth and disposing of the green waste.

Airman 1st Class Andrew Vongphachamh, from Holland, Michigan, was one of the volunteers at the event, which was part of a long term restoration effort that Smith hopes will eventually become the beginnings of a nature trail.

“This is a great opportunity to give back to the environment and the community. We can keep Hawaii clean,” Vongphachamh said.

Those interested in helping preserve the wetlands on base can contact the Natural Resource Department at 474-0125, or reach out to JBPHH field biologist Corrina Carnes at corrina.carnes.ctr@navy.mil.

Joint Base Teen Center experiences community service

Story and photo by
Zach Pigott

JBPHH Teen Center

In honor of the Boys and Girls Club of America Martin Luther King Jr. Day of Service initiative, the Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam (JBPHH) Teen Center recently participated in some community service in Kualoa Education Center’s Malama Aina project.

This project allowed the JBPHH teens to foster a sense of stewardship through active participation in service experiences and a hands-on experience learning about the Hawaiian culture. The teens received information about land stewardship and the conservation efforts at Kualoa. They spent a portion of the day removing invasive species that threatened native plants in an effort to pre-

vent the plants from propagating in the stream and lo’i (taro patch).

After the teens’ efforts in the lo’i they were treated to a walk through the movie set of Jurassic World at Kualoa Ranch.

The Teen Center keeps kids active throughout the year with a variety of activities each month.

For example, upcoming events this month on their calendar include “Smart Girls Club” Feb. 10 and 24, “Healthy Relationships” workshop on Feb. 10 and a workshop on “Suicide Awareness and Prevention” Feb. 24, “Open Mic Night” on Feb. 11, “Family Night: Celebrate You” on Feb. 21, and the Teen Center hike of Wiliwilinui Ridge Trail on Feb. 25.

For more information on the JBPHH Teen Center, call 448-0418 or check out the Facebook page at www.facebook.com/jbphhteencenter.



At left, A Kualoa Education Center instructor points out invasive plants to be removed from the stream to the JBPHH teens.

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Life & Leisure

A guest shows a little aloha to Pearl Harbor survivor SKC Alfred Rodrigues.

'Mighty Mo' celebrates LIVING HISTORY DAY

Story and photos by
Battleship Missouri Memorial

Battleship Missouri Memorial, also known as the "Mighty Mo," hosted Living History Day, Jan. 28.

The event commemorated two important anniversaries for the famous battleship. USS Missouri was launched 73 years ago on Jan. 29, 1944. After serving in World War II, the Korean War and Desert Storm, Mighty Mo opened to the public as the Battleship Missouri Memorial — exactly 55 years after launching.

Through exhibits, performances and special tours, Living History Day celebrated these special anniversaries and educated future generations about the past.

Since opening in January 1999, the Battleship Missouri Memorial has attracted visitors from around the world with a tour experience showcasing USS Missouri's unique place in history. Located a mere ship's length from USS Arizona Memorial, Mighty Mo completes a historical visitor experience that begins with the "day of infamy" and sinking of USS Arizona in Pearl Harbor on Dec. 7, 1941, and ends with Japan's formal surrender aboard USS Missouri in Tokyo Bay on Sept. 2, 1945.

USS Missouri had a long career over five decades and three wars — World War II, the Korean War, and Desert Storm — after which it was decommissioned and donated to USS Missouri Memorial Association, Inc., a non-profit organization. The association operates the Battleship Missouri Memorial as a historic attraction and oversees its care and preservation.

For more information, call 1-877-644-4896 or visit USSMissouri.org

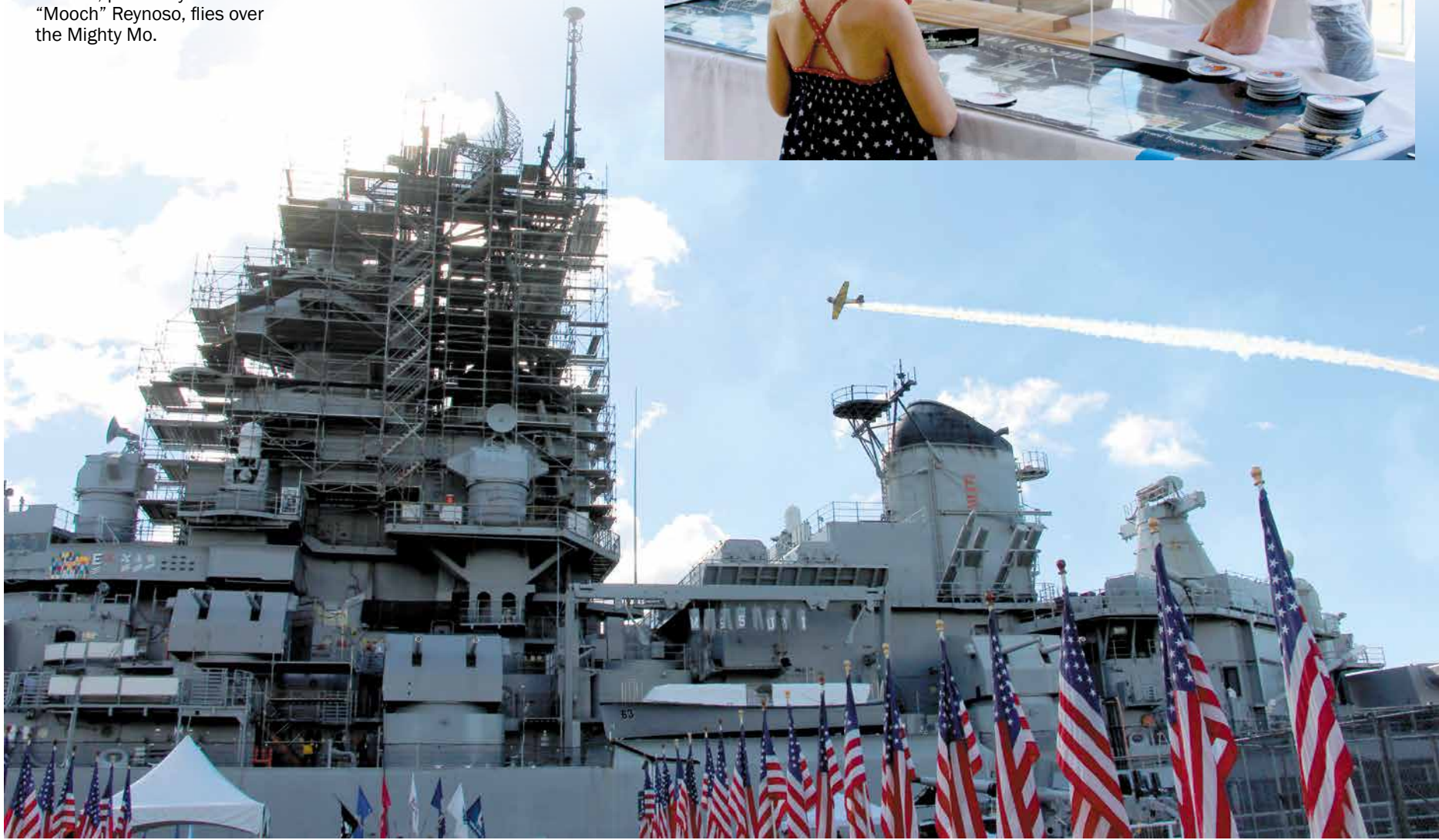


Above, A tour guide in period costume leads the way on one of the tours offered.

At right, A representative from the USS Bowfin Submarine Museum, one of Living History Day's many exhibitors, takes the opportunity to teach the next generation about the historic sub.



Below, A historic World War II SNJ-5, piloted by Carl "Mooch" Reynoso, flies over the Mighty Mo.



647th CES Bulls score another runaway victory

Story and photo by Randy Dela Cruz

Sports Editor, Ho‘okele

Judging from the second week of play in the 2017 intramural basketball season, it appears that the most exciting and explosive team at Joint Base might be a group of players in the 30 and Above Division.

While seasoned may be the best way to describe the senior version of the 647th Civil Engineer Squadron (647 CES) Bulls, there is nothing aged about the way the team is playing early in the year.

Last week, in the season opener, the Bulls recorded 72 points in a win over 747th Communication Squadron (747 CS) Marauders.

This week, in a version of can-you-top-this, the Bulls surpassed their first game total by scoring more than 80 points in an 81-43 romp over Last Run on Jan. 31 at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam Fitness Center.

Led by Staff Sgt. Labronze Paden's 10 points and Staff Sgt. Elvis Shaw's 12 points in the first half, the Bulls broke open a close 15-11 contest by going on a 10-0 run to take full control of the game by halftime.

Shaw was especially tough, as the Bulls forward did ev-

erything he could to keep the Bulls ahead before the rest of the team got it going.

"I just played off of my teammates," Shaw said about his double-digit first half. "They started to take better care of the ball and saw that I was open, so I was just taking what they were giving."

Teammate guard Master Sgt. Brent Jordan completed the 10-point run by pulling up for a trey to give the Bulls a 25-11 lead with 9:28 remaining in the half.

While Last Run managed to cut the lead down to fewer than 10, a putback by Paden off of a missed shot by Shaw reestablished the Bulls double-digit lead at 29-18, before taking a 34-20 lead into intermission.

"They had a couple of guys that could get to the rim, so we tried to force them to take some jumpers," Shaw said about the team's big first-half lead. "They couldn't finish their jumpers, so we just shut down their driving game."

Out of the break, more of the same happened to Last Run. The Bulls kept running and gunning their way to an even bigger lead.

Shaw opened up the second half with a trey and then with 13:45 remaining in the game, Shaw delivered his fourth three-point shot in the contest to give the Bulls their

first 20-point advantage at 47-27.

Shortly after, the game was all but done. Paden stole a pass at half court and took it to the hoop all by himself for a 51-27 lead.

"I feel great," said Shaw about playing with so many guys who can put the ball in the hoop. "On any given night, it can be anybody's night. It just so happened that we were all on the same page tonight and had a good night."

Shaw said that he feels what really shocks his team's opponents is how well the Bulls take off on their transitions and fast breaks.

Because he and his teammates are all over 30 years old, Shaw said that people can't believe how quick and fast the Bulls really are.

"Everybody is thinking that 30-year-old legs can't do these things," Shaw said. "They don't expect it, so we try and get out the gates as fast as we can."

While there is no doubt that the Bulls are the team to beat in the division, Shaw said that there are still things that the team can improve upon.

No matter what the outcome though, Shaw said that the team is out there to just enjoy playing and have fun.

"We're trying to have as much fun as possible, while coming out with the win," he said.



Staff Sgt. Labronze Paden goes up for two of his 18 points.

DPAA uses early run to outlast D-Leaguers



Tech. Sgt. Patrick Damasa drives past Tech. Sgt. Jake Monroe in the second half for DPAA.

Story and photo by Randy Dela Cruz

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Spurred on by a 12-0 run to open the game, the Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency (DPAA) controlled the tempo and hung on to a 42-33 victory over the D-Leaguers on Jan. 31 in a 30 and Over Division intramural basketball game at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam Fitness Center.

Balanced scoring, led by Capt. Treone Frink's seven first-half points, which included a bomb from beyond the three-point arc, helped DPAA take a commanding 24-8 lead at halftime. They held off a strong comeback by the D-Leaguers, which lost for the second time this season. DPAA has now started off with a 2-0 mark.

"In the last game, we kind of struggled trying to set the pace early," Frink said. "Today, we wanted to come out, set the pace. If we had an open shot, take it. If not we were looking for the cutting man."

For almost the entire first half, the DPAA defense held the D-Leaguers to only a single basket to take leads of 12-0, 16-2

and then 18-3, before enjoying a 16-point lead at intermission.

During the strong first half, DPAA also got seven points from Capt. John Duncan, who complemented Frink with a three-point shot of his own.

"We were just taking our time and looking for our open man," Frink said. "We had opportunities taking the open shot and we were setting the pace to where the other team had to adjust to us."

However, DPAA's airtight zone defense was just the right kind of intensity that seemed to inspire the team's offense.

"We were just trying to move our feet," Frink said about the team's shut-down defense. "We tried to improve from the last game. We just tried to set a strong defense to have a strong game on offense."

In the second half, the D-Leaguers finally started to warm up on offense. The team, which only had two baskets in the entire first half, connected on 10 baskets in the second. One of the shots came from long distance for a trey.

Watching the team's lead shrink at about mid-way through the second half, Frink converted on a huge basket that pushed the DPAA lead back up to

13 at 29-16 with 14:35 remaining in the game.

Then on the next trip down the floor, DPAA regained full control. Sgt. Clayton Blackwell sank a three-ball to raise the lead back to 16 at 32-16.

Frink credited DPAA's answer to the call to the huge lead that the team had built up in the first half.

"That was huge," he said. "They (the D-Leaguers) came out strong in the second half. We adjusted, picked up the pace and that seemed to work."

In addition, what also clicked was the DPAA frontcourt. Big bodies Sgt. 1st Class Shaka Osborne and Tech. Sgt. Patrick Damasa dominated the boards to supply their teammates with second and third shots.

"They are tough," Frink said. "They did a good job. Rebounds were the name of the game."

After getting out to their second win in a row, Frink said that although it's only the second game of the season, he feels that the team is already coming into stride.

"We're starting to figure out who can do what and just how fast we can go," he said. "We're jelling together real fast."

Defending champs O'Kane need OT to win

**Story and photo
by Randy Dela Cruz**

Sports Editor, Ho‘okele

Repeating as champions is a very tough thing to do and it only took one game to remind USS O'Kane (DDG 77) just how difficult a task it is.

Squaring off against USS Chung-Hoon (DDG 93) Hooligans in the very first intramural Afloat Division basketball game of the season, O'Kane lost an eight-point lead at halftime. They were forced into overtime, before finally putting Chung-Hoon away, 58-50, on Jan. 28 at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam.

Gas Turbine System Technician (Mechanical) 2nd Class Shane Robinson set the pace in overtime for O'Kane. He pulled up in the left corner and swished a trey with the first shot in OT to give his team a 47-44 advantage.

Robinson also added another basket and two free throws to score a total of seven points in the crucial final minutes of play.

"Confidence? That's always my shot no matter where I shoot from," Robinson said about his trey to open up overtime. "If they're going to give me space, it's nothing, I'll always take it."

The big splash by O'Kane in OT was a far cry from the team that trailed very late in the second half.

Although O'Kane was cruising with a 24-16 lead at the break, things began to fall apart in the second half. Chung-Hoon came out on fire after intermission and quickly narrowed down the margin.

Hospital Corpsman 2nd Class Chris Thomas scored a basket that cut the O'Kane lead down to four at 24-20.

Then, later in the second half, a three-point ball by Logistics Specialist 2nd Class Nikita Mayo put Chung-Hoon up by a point at 33-32.

The onslaught by Chung-Hoon didn't stop there. The team later completed a 10-0 run with back-to-back baskets by Thomas and Chief Fire Controlman Chris Pickartz to put the team in front of O'Kane by a score of 40-32 with only 2:22 remaining on the clock.

Mayo sank two free throws to keep Chung-Hoon



Machinist Mate 3rd Class Donovan Jemison shoots over the defense of Chief Fire Controlman Chris Pickartz.

ahead at 42-37 with 1:46 left in regulation. However, true to their championship form, O'Kane made a spirited comeback to tie the game up at 44-44 to go into overtime.

"We know what all of us are capable of," Robinson said about his team's never-say-quit attitude. "We know our pros and our cons. So, with two minutes, we're down, but that's nothing."

In overtime, while Chung-Hoon did manage to cut the lead down to a single point at 48-47, O'Kane, now feeling the win, hung on for the victory.

O'Kane head coach Fire Controlman 1st Class

Kenroy Edwards said that after winning it all last season, he didn't feel that his team would be challenged so early.

However, Edwards gave credit to a very tough Chung-Hoon squad that came out to play and almost caused a very big surprise.

"I didn't expect that talent level," Edwards said about Chung-Hoon. "Last year I said, there's no other team that's got five good players in their starting five. But they (Chung-Hoon) are almost there and they gave us a run for our money. I'm

not making any excuses, but we need to jell. What we had working last season, we've got to find that again."

Edwards said that because the team was having some success in stopping Chung-Hoon in the first half, the players might have felt that it was going to be an easy win.

Instead, once Chung Hoon got into their groove, Edwards said that O'Kane had a problem on their hands.

"Chung-Hoon tasted blood and they were trying to close it out," he said. "Thankfully, things went the way they went."



MWR Marketing photo:

Atmosphere is one of the attractive amenities at any of the locations on base for Valentine's, such as this view of sunset at Rainbow Bay Marina from Restaurant 604.

Time is near to choose Valentine's celebration

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Morale, Welfare and Recreation*

Valentine's Day is one of those days where someone can treat their significant other to a night out and make them feel special. One of the hurdles is finding a place that will help create the right atmosphere and memory, but without the stress and hassle of heading into town. Fortunately, three locations right on or near the base are offering special nights tailored for the occasion.

Joint Base Catering from Morale, Welfare and Recreation (MWR) is once again hosting a Valentine's Sweetheart Dinner at the Historic Hickam Officers' Club on Feb. 14. Patrons can experience a five course set menu for \$59.95 (\$2 discount for club members), with the option of wine pairing of the meal for an additional \$10. Live enter-

tainment helps set the mood for the evening. This event is for adults only, as it's built around customers having the time just for themselves.

Reservations are required and must be made by Feb. 8. Customers can call 448-4608 for reservations and more information.

The Lanai at Mamala Bay (formerly Sam Choy's) also invites customers to enjoy Valentine's Day with the addition of special menu items just for the evening. Diners can still enjoy the offers on the regular dinner menu, but Chef Paul has created other distinct dishes, such as a Surf and Turf of beef tenderloin and Maine lobster tail. A "just for Valentine's" chocolate truffle dessert is also on the menu. To top off the meal, all diners receive a complimentary glass of champagne (21 years and older only). The view at The Lanai is also an added attraction, as the ocean waves create a natural soundtrack. Reservations

are highly recommended and can be made by calling 422-3002.

The newest on the base, Restaurant 604, offers another option for celebrants for whom the 14th may or may not fit in their schedule. The restaurant on the waterfront of Rainbow Bay Marina is serving up a special Valentine's dinner menu available for an entire week, Feb. 13 to 19.

Patrons who want to avoid the crowds on the day of the holiday now have a range of other dates to choose from. Chef Harold is introducing a choice of appetizers, salads, entrees and desserts created just for Valentine's. The regular dinner favorites will still be available for those who favor the familiar. As with the other places, reservations are recommended and customers can call 888-7616.

All the information listed above is subject to change so customers are encouraged to call the respective locations for more information.



UPCOMING EVENTS

Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam Morale, Welfare and Recreation

Online registration opens for MWR activities

- Junior lifeguard training online registration will be held until Feb. 28. The camp will be held March 20 to 24, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., Monday to Friday at the Hickam Harbor. The cost is \$150. This event is open to youth ages 11 to 15 years old. Participants need to be proficient in swimming and bring water bottle, sunscreen, hat and change of clothes. For more information, call 473-0789.
- Junior outdoor leadership training (JOLT) online registration will be held until Feb. 28. Camp will begin April 5 from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. Monday through Friday and from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. on weekends. The cost is \$200. This event is open to youth ages 13 to 16 years old. Participants need to be proficient in swimming and moderate hiking. Participants must bring water bottle, sunscreen, hat and change of clothes. For more information, call 473-0789.
- Start Smart basketball online registration will be held until March 1. The season runs from April 7 to May 12. This event is free and open to ages 3 to 5 years old. Parents and children will meet for six weeks on Fridays from 5 to 6 p.m. at the outdoor basketball court next to McDonald's on the Pearl side of Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam. Start Smart is a parent and youth participation program. Register online at www.greatlifehawaii.com. For more information, call 473-0789.
- Calling all crafters, the 42nd Annual Spring Craft Fair registration opens at 9 a.m. today at the Joint Base Arts & Crafts Center ceramics shop. The cost is \$75 for a 15 by 15 space and \$105 for two to share a space. The Spring Craft Fair will be held May 6 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on the lawn of the Arts & Crafts Center. All items sold at craft fairs must be handmade by vendors. Vendors must bring items or photos of items for screening at time of registration. For more information, call 448-9907.
- Free sneak preview of "The LEGO Batman Movie" will be held at 3 p.m. tomorrow at Sharkey Theater. Ticket booth and doors will open at 1:30 p.m. This event is free to the first 400 authorized patrons. Active-duty may receive up to four tickets. Retired military, military family members and Department of Defense cardholders may receive up to two tickets. For more information, call 473-0726.
- Spring youth sports online registration closes tomorrow. The season runs from April through June. Sports include co-ed flag football (for ages 5 to 16 years old), co-ed volleyball (for ages 7 to 16 years old) and co-ed track and field (for ages 8 to 16 years old). The cost is \$50. Sign ups and payments for each sport are online only. Visit www.greatlifehawaii.com/fitness-sports/youth-sports for registration requirements and to download the registration packet. Volunteers are needed for track and field, flag football, volleyball and tennis. For more information, call 473-0789.
- The Super Bowl will be on all the screens beginning at 1 p.m. on Feb. 5 at Club Pearl Brews & Cues. Doors open at noon, no cover. Patrons can enjoy free pupus and stick around for prize giveaways. It is open to all base-eligible patrons 18 years and up. For more information, call 473-1743
- Liberty's big game party will be held from 1 to 4 p.m. Feb. 5 at Beeman Center. Patrons can catch the NFL championship and cheer on the teams. Food and drinks will be served. This event is for single, active-duty military E1 to E6 only. For more information, call 473-2583.

Gary Sinise & the Lt. Dan Band to perform

Gary Sinise & the Lt. Dan Band will perform a free concert at 7 p.m. Feb. 17 at the Freedom Tower, Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam.

Patrons are welcome to bring a lawn chair or blanket to enjoy the show. Access to the event opens at 5:30 p.m. No tickets are necessary. The concert is being held in partnership with the Gary Sinise Foundation and Joint Base Morale, Welfare and Recreation. Food and beverages will be available for purchase.

Gary Sinise, a Hollywood star and longtime supporter of the nation's military, has traveled with his band to bases around the world performing in support of the U.S. military.

Round-trip shuttle service will be provided from the BX Garden Shop and event site beginning at 5:15 p.m. The event is open to all Department of Defense ID card holders and their sponsored guests. No video or audio recorders, glass bottles, tents or barbecues are authorized.

For more information visit www.greatlifehawaii.com.

CREDO events announced

Chaplains Religious Enrichment Development Operation (CREDO) events include:

- Free marriage workshop session No. 1 on Feb. 11 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. It is open to civilians, veterans, retirees, Reservists, engaged couples, and active duty military. Registration: <https://goo.gl/forms/dG70lZHxjhnKDELr2>
- Marriage enrichment retreat will be held from March 3 to 5. Registration will open mid-February. Join the email distribution list to be notified.
- Junior Officer Adventure Retreat for O-1 to O-3 will be held Feb. 24 to 26. For registration, visit <https://goo.gl/forms/PIFweynlSUKARW72>
- Senior Enlisted Adventure Retreat for E-7 to E-9 will be held April 21 to 23. For registration, visit <https://goo.gl/forms/Cgg97bYSTkoeUls1>

For more information, call CREDO's email distribution list: <https://goo.gl/forms/BmHWk-kzSz6gP97kt1> or follow CREDO on Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/HawaiiCREDO/>.

The CREDO calendar is <https://calendar.google.com/calendar/embed?src=hawaiicredo%40gmail.com&ctz=Pacific/Honolulu>, or email hawaiicredo@gmail.com.

Volunteers sought for beach cleanup

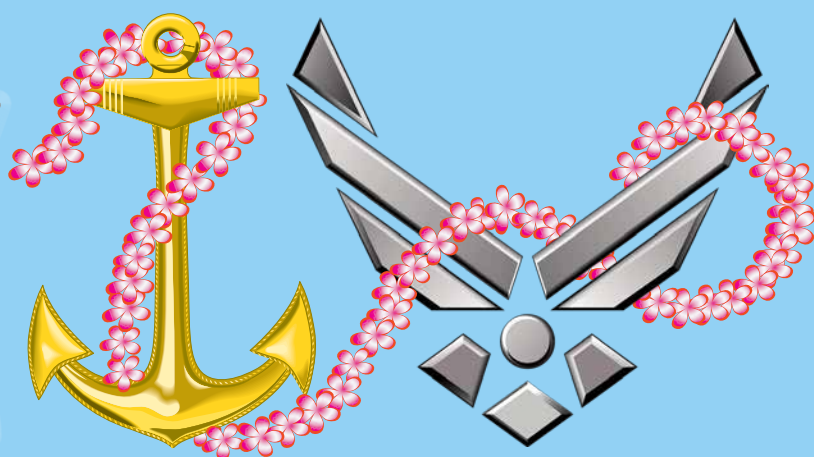
Volunteers are needed for a cleanup event Feb. 11 from 9 to 11 a.m. at Nimitz Beach. Organizers are looking for 20 volunteers to participate. Volunteers should dress to get dirty and wear closed-toed shoes. They should bring their own water bottle and sunscreen. Please read the insurance waiver and fill out the volunteer information form at <https://www.808cleanups.org/volunteer-info-form/>. For more information: UT1 Frank Vasquez at (808) 492-0973 or email him at franklyn.vasquez@navy.mil.

NEX celebrates Year of the Rooster



Photos courtesy of the Pearl Harbor Navy Exchange
Participants celebrate the 2017 Chinese New Year "Year of the Rooster," at the Pearl Harbor Navy Exchange, Jan. 28. The event included a lion dance by the Yeung Dak Dragon and Lion Dance Association.

FEBRUARY

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CALENDAR**FITNESS, HEALTH FAIR FEB. 3, 4 —**

"A Better You" free fitness and health fair for authorized patrons will be held at the Pearl Harbor Navy Exchange mall sporting goods section. Partners will include Naval Health Clinic Hawaii, TRICARE and others organizations. FMI: 423-3287.

TUSKEGEE AIRMEN TO SPEAK FEB. 4 —

World War II Tuskegee Airman Pilot Col. Charles McGee will be the featured speaker at a hangar talk in the Pacific Aviation Museum Pearl Harbor theater, from 11 a.m. to noon. The event is open to the public. The cost is \$10 for the hangar talk only. Access to the talk is free with museum admission, free for the military, Tuskegee Airmen Association members and Navy League members with ID. Also present at the hangar talk will be WWII Tuskegee Airman Philip Baham. FMI: 441-1007 or www.PacificAviationMuseum.org.

BATMAN LEGO MOVIE EVENT FEB. 4 —

A free Batman LEGO movie event will be held from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Pearl Harbor Navy Exchange mall. The event for all authorized patrons will include prizes, giveaways, building with LEGO products, Batman LEGO displays and entertainment. FMI: 423-3287 or email Stephanie.Lau@nexweb.org.

KEY SPOUSE INITIAL TRAINING FEB. 6 —

Key spouse initial training will be held from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Military and Family Support Center Hickam. The training is open to all appointed U.S. Air Force key spouses, commanders and first sergeants. They can network with other key spouses/mentors and discover community resources for disaster preparedness, relocation and more. FMI: www.greatlifehawaii.com/family-support/mfsc-class-schedule or call 474-1999.

SAPR, SUICIDE AWARENESS TRAINING

FEB. 6 — Key spouse Sexual Assault Prevention and Response (SAPR) training and suicide awareness training will be held from 2 to 3:30 p.m. at Military and Family Support Center Hickam. FMI: www.greatlifehawaii.com/family-support/mfsc-class-schedule or call 474-1999.

PARENTS: YOUR TEENS AND DATING

FEB. 6 — A "Parents: Your Teens and Dating" class will be held from 5:30 to 7 p.m. at Military and Family Support Center Pearl Harbor. This class is designed to provide participants with information to help guide their teen in building positive dating relationships and keeping their teen safe. FMI: www.greatlifehawaii.com/family-support/mfsc-class-schedule or call 474-1999.

WORK AND PERSONAL LIFE BALANCE

FEB. 6 — A class on work and personal life balance will be held from 1 to 3 p.m. at Military and Family Support Center Pearl Harbor. FMI: www.greatlifehawaii.com/family-support/mfsc-class-schedule or call 474-1999.

SPONSOR TRAINING FEB. 7 — A class on sponsor training will be held from 1 to 3 p.m. at Military and Family Support Center Wahiawa. The class is designed to give the new sponsor information to assist incoming personnel and families. Spouses are encouraged to attend. FMI: www.greatlifehawaii.com/family-support/mfsc-class-schedule or call 474-1999.

MILLION DOLLAR SAILOR/AIRMAN

FEB. 7-8 — The two-day "Million Dollar Sailor/Airman" class will be held from 7:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. each day at Military and Family Support Center Pearl Harbor. The class is designed for junior Navy and Air Force personnel to learn about financial issues, such as budgeting, savings, investment, loans and more. FMI: www.greatlifehawaii.com/family-support/mfsc-class-schedule or call 474-1999.

TRANSITION GPS FEB. 7-8 — A "Transition GPS: Career and Technical Training Track" will be held from 7:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. each day at

Military and Family Support Center Pearl Harbor. The class is designed to provide transitioning personnel with information and tools to obtain technical training in their chosen field. FMI: www.greatlifehawaii.com/family-support/mfsc-class-schedule or call 474-1999.

NAVIGATING USAJOBS FEB. 8 —

A class on navigating USAJOBS and federal resumes will be held from noon to 3 p.m. at Military and Family Support Center Hickam. Registration is highly encouraged. It's also helpful to bring along your own laptop as well as a federal job announcement from USAJOBS that you may be interested in. FMI: www.greatlifehawaii.com/family-support/mfsc-class-schedule or call 474-1999.

COMMUNICATION SKILLS FEB. 8, 15, 22 —

A class on developing and strengthening communication skills will be held from 10 a.m. to noon at Military and Family Support Center Pearl Harbor. FMI: www.greatlifehawaii.com/family-support/mfsc-class-schedule or call 474-1999.

SMOOTH MOVE FEB. 9 —

A "Smooth Move" workshop will be held from 8 to 11:30 a.m. at Military and Family Support Center Hickam. This workshop features speakers from various departments to give participants a better understanding of the permanent change of station (PCS) process. FMI: www.greatlifehawaii.com/family-support/mfsc-class-schedule or call 474-1999.

SUICIDE PREVENTION AWARENESS

FEB. 9 — A class on suicide prevention awareness will be held from 1 to 2 p.m. at Military and Family Support Center Hickam. This counts as Navy Suicide Prevention training. FMI: www.greatlifehawaii.com/family-support/mfsc-class-schedule or call 474-1999.

TILL DEBT DO US PART FEB. 9 —

A financial class for couples called "Till Debt Do Us Part" will be held from 5 to 8 p.m. at Military and Family Support Center Pearl Harbor. FMI: www.greatlifehawaii.com/family-support/mfsc-class-schedule or call 474-1999.

SHARKEY THEATER**TODAY — FEB. 3**

7:00 PM Hidden Figures (PG)

SATURDAY — FEB. 4

3:00 PM The LEGO Batman Movie
(free sneak preview) (PG)

7:00 PM Fences (PG-13)

SUNDAY — FEB. 5

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

4:50 PM La La Land (PG-13)

7:30 PM Why Him? (R)

THURSDAY — FEB. 9

7:00 PM Underworld: Blood Wars (3-D) (R)

HICKAM MEMORIAL THEATER**TODAY — FEB. 3**

7:00 PM Sing (PG)

SATURDAY — FEB. 4

2:00 PM Studio appreciation advance screening (free admission) (PG) Tickets available at Hickam Food Court.

5:00 PM Assassin's Creed
(PG-13)

SUNDAY — FEB. 5

3:00 PM Sing (PG)

MOVIE
SHOW/TIMES**THE LEGO BATMAN MOVIE****FREE SNEAK PREVIEW AT SHARKEY THEATER**

Sharkey Theater presents a sneak preview of The Lego Batman Movie Saturday Feb. 4 at 3 p.m. Pre-assigned seating tickets will be distributed at the ticket box office at 2:30 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 irreverent spirit of fun that made "The LEGO Movie" a worldwide phenomenon, the self-described leading man of that ensemble — LEGO Batman — stars in his own big-screen adventure. But there are big changes brewing in Gotham, and if he wants to save the city from The Joker's hostile takeover, Batman may have to drop the lone vigilante thing, try to work with others and maybe, just maybe, learn to lighten up.