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Julie Yaste embraces her husband, Lt. Cmdr. Cameron Yaste, during the arrival of the USS Hopper at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, Feb. 21.
U.S. Air Force photo by Staff Sgt. Christopher Stoltz

USS Hopper returns to Pearl Harbor

Loko Pa'aiau volunteers honored



U.S. Navy photo by MC2 Laurie Dexter

Rear Adm. John Fuller, commander, Navy Region Hawaii and Naval Surface Group Middle Pacific, center, and representatives from NAVFAC HI and Hawaiian civic clubs pose with members of the Honolulu City Council.

**Story and photo
by MC2 Laurie Dexter**

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Councilmember Brandon Elefante, along with other members of the Honolulu City Council, recognized members of the military and local community for their volunteer work during a presentation of honorary certificates at Honolulu Hale, Feb. 22.

Approximately three years ago, these communities came together in a group effort to begin the restoration of Loko Pa'aiau, an ancient Hawaiian fishpond located near McGrew Point, Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam.

Rear Adm. John Fuller, commander, Navy Region Hawaii and Naval Surface Group Middle Pacific, accepted the honor on behalf of the Navy and thanked the volunteers for their hard work and dedication to the project.

"It's just a fantastic tribute to their sense of community, family and partnership," Fuller said. "It shows their true commitment to making them-

selves better members of the community by showing everyone that it's our land and to work together to make sure that we can remember our history."

Every month, the Honolulu City Council honors persons or groups for their contributions to the community.

Jeff Pantaleo, cultural resources manager of Naval Facilities Engineering Command (NAVFAC) Hawaii and Rebecca Smith, natural resources management specialist of NAVFAC, shared recognition on behalf of NAVFAC and were honored to be a part of the city council's event.

Shad Kane, Hawaiian cultural practitioner and active member in the Kapolei Hawaiian civic club, also played a supporting role for his contributions.

"It's humbling, because we're just doing this to do the right thing," Pantaleo said. "To be recognized, it helps us to get more support from the community."

It took six months to complete the first phase of the project, which was to clear the mangrove trees obstructing the pond along with other invasive

vegetation. The long-term goal is to restore the pond to its original condition.

"We do quarterly clean-ups," Pantaleo said. "Our next one is on April 22, which is Earth Day. Usually, we have about 80 to 100 people from different groups who come out and learn about the culture and also help with the cleanup effort."

"Along with clearing the pond, the groups also plant native Hawaiian vegetation," he said.

"It can sometimes be really hard work, but it's really rewarding," Smith said.

"I think the involvement of the local community brings a whole different level to this particular volunteer effort because you get the sense of culture and history through the event from the people who are there."

Fishponds in early Hawaiian history were used to farm fish, providing food for the surrounding communities. There were originally 22 fishponds in Pearl Harbor, but now only three remain. Of the three, the fishpond at McGrew Point was the most accessible and in the best condition.

**Commander, U.S. Third Fleet
Public Affairs**

The guided-missile destroyer USS Hopper (DDG 70) returned from a 180-day independent deployment to the Arabian Gulf, western Pacific, and Indian Ocean, Feb. 21.

While deployed to the U.S. 5th and 7th fleets, the ship and crew of more than 330 Sailors, assigned to Destroyer Squadron (CDS) 9, conducted presence and readiness security operations and integrated with six different combined task forces while independently deployed.

"This was an incredible deployment which saw six different task forces, which means six different missions and operations, some of which were 'firsts' and set new precedents on what is expected from an independent deployer," said Cmdr. J.D. Gainey, Hopper's commanding officer. "It was our turn to stand the watch, forward and deployed, and we did so with aggressive excellence in every mission placed before us. This crew absolutely rocked, mission complete."

While on station in the Arabian Gulf, Hopper joined Carrier Strike Group (CSG) 10 for integrated operations in support of Operation Inherent Resolve.

Under the operation control of 7th Fleet, Hopper conducted routine patrols, maritime security operations and theater security cooperation activities with allies and partners to enhance regional security and stability. Hopper also participated in the 13th iteration of the Royal Australian navy's premier multinational maritime Exercise Kakadu. The exercise provided an opportunity for regional nations to participate in a wide variety of maritime activities, from humanitarian assistance and search and rescue operations to high-end maritime warfare scenarios.

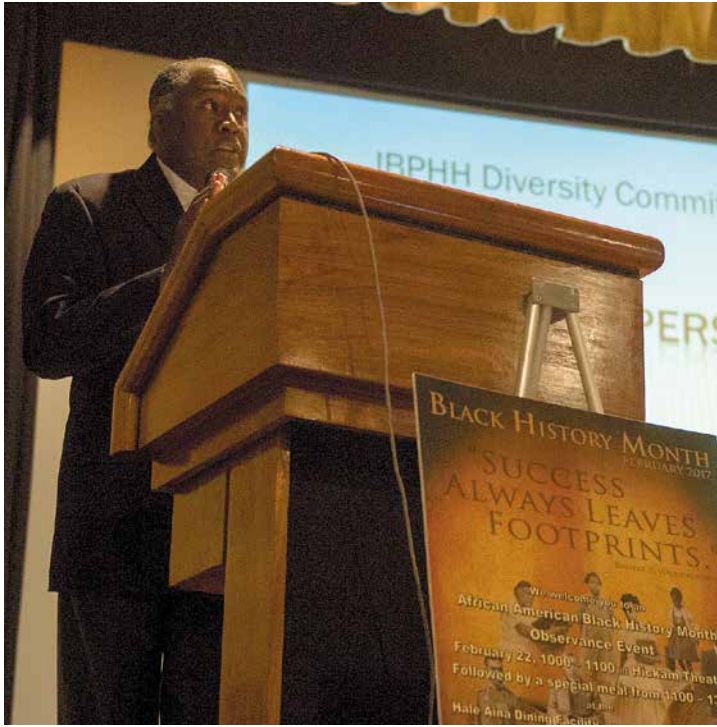
Hopper is a multi-mission ship with ballistic missile defense, air warfare, submarine warfare, and surface warfare capabilities; designed to operate independently or with carrier strike groups, surface action groups or amphibious ready groups.

The ship is homeported at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam and is part of Naval Surface Forces and U.S. 3rd Fleet.

U.S. 3rd Fleet leads naval forces in the Pacific and provides the realistic, relevant training necessary for an effective global Navy.

For more information please visit the ship's website at www.public.navy.mil/surfor/ddg70.

JOINT BASE HOSTS AFRICAN AMERICAN HISTORY MONTH



Guest speaker Alphonso Braggs, president of National Associations for the Advancement of Colored People Oahu chapter, delivers opening remarks at an African American History Month observation at Hickam Theater, Feb. 22.

**Story and photo
by MC2 Somers Steelman**

Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam's (JBPHH) Joint Forces Multicultural Committee (JFC) hosted an observance honoring African American History Month at Hickam Theater, Feb. 22.

The theme of the event was "Success always leaves footprints," recognizing central figures in the African American community, and highlighting how their courage and perseverance overcame many obstructions that we continue to benefit from to this day.

"Historically, the barriers these brave individuals faced had remained impenetrable," said guest speaker Alphonso Braggs, president of the oahu chapter of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People. "Through persistent resolve, they overcame formidable odds and helped establish crucial precedents that created a cultural shift

and paved the road for equal opportunities for all African Americans."

Mr. Braggs opened with a tribute to the pioneers of the African American community, including Booker T. Washington, the Little Rock Nine and Mary McLeod Bethune, as well as others, and the lasting impact they have made to the African American community and the country as a whole.

"Black History month is a time to remember all the contributions African Americans made in U.S. history, and to honor the pioneers who made them," Braggs said. "These pioneers have cleared the path, and left their footsteps for future generations to follow in."

The observance also included a "who's who" presentation of key figures in African American history, an original song written and performed by Senior Chief Culinary Specialist Anthony Pone, and musical performances by the Pacific Fleet Band, who showcased

songs made by such prominent African American musicians such as Marvin Gaye, Stevie Wonder, Otis Redding and James Brown.

"The idea of combining a spoken presentation along with musical performances was to give everybody a chance to not only learn, but experience the different contributions that this particular demographic has contributed to American society," said Master at Arms 1st Class Jeremy Harboth, president of the JBPHH JFC. "We hope that this event and future events hosted by the JFC help give insight to the vast diversity that makes our military the greatest in the world."

JBPHH joins the nation in celebrating African American history throughout the month of February.

To learn more about African American History Month, visit the Defense Equal Opportunity Management Institute website, <https://www.deomi.org/SpecialObservance/index.cfm>.

PMRF celebrates African American History Month

Robert Purdy

*Pacific Missile Range
Facility Public Affairs*

Pacific Missile Range Facility (PMRF) at Barking Sands, Kauai joined the nation in celebrating the history, achievements and role of African Americans in American history during African American/Black History Month hosted by the PMRF Diversity Committee at the command galley, Feb 16.

Sailors, family members, and civilian employees joined together to celebrate and honor the contributions African Americans have made and continue to make in the Navy, the military and for the nation.

This year's national theme is "The Crisis in Black Education." Diversity committee chairperson Chief Master at Arms Sean Douglas, opened the event with a "Who am I" trivia session which highlighted the educational achievements of historic African Americans such as Booker T. Washington, W. E. B. Du Bois, James Meredith and Arthur Ashe, all who overcame racial barriers to equal education and who had a significant impact on educational achievements for African Americans.

As part of the program, members of

the diversity committee served a soul food-themed lunch complete with mac 'n cheese, greens, corn on the cob, black eyed peas, fried chicken and dessert.

"I believe that this is a great event, because in the Navy we need diversity and it's great to celebrate the diversity we have in this organization, to put a spotlight on the different backgrounds that people come from," said Electronics Technician 1st Class Brian Borgmann, a Sailor assigned to Seaborne Powered Targets (SEPTAR), PMRF.

Dave Gedlinske, a civilian employee at the base said, to him, it's about respect.

"Respecting all communities, nationalities, every background in the United States is what makes the United States great. It's all these people getting together and becoming one," he said.

PMRF's diversity committee plans and organizes a number of cultural events throughout the year, raising awareness to understand the many different cultures that make up the U.S. Navy.

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



Rear Adm. John Fuller, commander, Navy Region Hawaii and Naval Surface Group Middle Pacific, addresses Afloat Training Group Middle Pacific during a Black History Month ceremony.

ATG MIDPAC reflects on African American history

**Story and photo
by Ensign Britney Duesler**

Navy Region Hawaii Public Affairs

Rear Adm. John Fuller, commander, Navy Region Hawaii and Naval Surface Group Middle Pacific, honored the achievements of participants in the civil rights movement at a ceremony hosted by the Afloat Training Group, Middle Pacific (ATG MIDPAC), Feb. 16.

Fuller's speech centered around this year's Black History Month theme: "Success Always Leaves Footprints," and included a brief awards presentation to highlight the achievements of members of ATG MIDPAC.

"People should be judged by what they achieved," said Fuller following the presentation of the Military Outstanding Volunteer Service Medal to Boatswain's Mate Second Class Nicholas Allen. Allen received the award as a result of his volunteer work feeding the homeless and supplying schools in Uganda with \$2,000 worth of supplies.

Fuller continued by relating his experiences in the military to that of other military and civilian leaders who inspired him. Although Rosa Parks, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., and Dorie Miller were included in his speech, Fuller also mentioned military leaders such as Adm. Chester Nimitz, Adm. Gordon Chung-Hoon, Adm. Michelle Howard, and the crew of the USS Mason (DDG 87). He emphasized the diversity of the military and its ethos of acceptance regardless of race.

"All of us want a level playing field," Fuller said. "We want the chance for our best to show itself. Growing up, I experienced acceptance for my achievements. The Naval Academy was a level playing field. It was level, but it was raised to a higher level."

Fuller emphasized the importance of "leaving footprints wherever you go." He reflected on his own efforts to honor the achievements of previous civil rights' activists.

"We are the defenders of all the hard work that went ahead of us," Fuller reminded the sailors at ATG MIDPAC.



U.S. Navy photo by Mass Communication Specialist 2nd Class Omar Powell
Commanding Officer Capt. Vincent Johnson of Pacific Missile Range Facility speaks about how historic African Americans affected his life during the command's African American History Month Celebration Feb. 16.

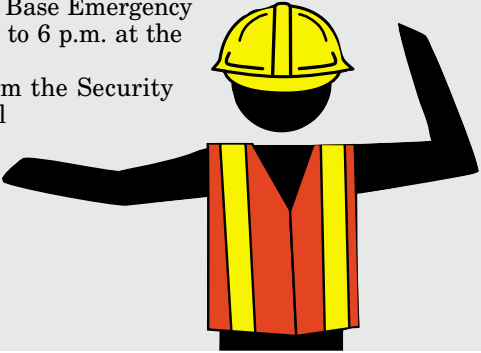
JBPHH Security to host Public Safety Day, March 1

The Joint Base Security Department will host their first Joint Base Emergency Services Public Safety Day on Wednesday, March 1 from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. at the Hickam Memorial Theater, located at Bldg. 7371, Kuntz Avenue.

Schedule of events will begin with booth demonstrations from the Security Department, Federal Fire Department and Emergency Medical Services outside of the theater.

An in-depth presentation will follow inside the theater. Other booths and activities will also take place including keiki I.D. fingerprinting; police, fire and medical service vehicle displays and an opportunity to meet McGruff the crime dog.

For more information, email Staff Sgt. Cody Becker at cody.becker@us.af.mil.



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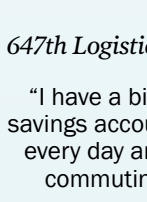


**Military Saves Week is from Feb. 27 to March 4.
What is one way that you save money?**



Master Sgt. Arthur Jackson
65th Airlift Squadron

“Best way for my family to save money is to cook dinner at home and bring the leftovers for work.”



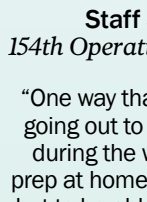
Javier Santiago
647th Logistics Readiness Squadron

“I have a biweekly allotment to my savings account. I bring home-lunch every day and utilize my bicycle for commuting a few times a week.”



Staff Sgt. Samantha Urdiales
HQ PACAF

“One way that I save money is by budgeting and putting a portion of my paycheck into a savings account that I do not touch.”



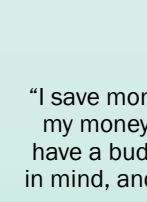
Staff Sgt. Ashley Widdifield
154th Operations Support Squadron

“One way that I save money is by not going out to eat at restaurants often during the work week. I like to meal prep at home to not only save money, but to be able to eat healthy as well.”



MC2 Somers Steelman
NPASE Hawaii

“I save money by taking advantage of a lot of Navy programs and I buy from the commissary.”



IS2 Le'Vonte Walker
COMPACFLT

“I save money by having a plan for my money before I even have it. I have a budget in place and a goal in mind, and I also stay disciplined with every penny.”



RP2 Priscilla Clark
Religious Programs Specialist,
JBPHH

“I save money by placing my needs before my wants, and prioritize all of my purchases.”

*Submitted by David D. Underwood Jr.
and Staff Sgt. Christopher Stoltz*

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New CNRH initiative focuses on training civilian employees

**Story and photo
by Ensign Britney Duesler**

*Navy Region Hawaii
Public Affairs*

A new civilian employee orientation was held for the first time as part of a new initiative to help employees assimilate into the Navy Region Hawaii (CNRH) team, Feb. 14.

Employees hired since October 2016 were in attendance, including sixteen federal firefighters still in training. A representative from each office code then introduced themselves and explained how they contribute to Navy Region Hawaii's mission.

“I'm glad to get this program off the ground, and let people know about the base before they start working here,” said Claude “Buff” Shaw, director for operations at CNRH.

Shaw started off the office code introductions, focusing on the importance of the firefighting and security programs.

Following introductions, Cmdr. Hillary Darby, Navy Region Hawaii Sexual Assault Prevention and Response Officer (SAPRO), held SAPR-C training. Rear Adm. John Fuller, commander, Navy Region Hawaii, addressed the em-



CNRH leaders welcome new civilian employees.

ployees and emphasized his goal of “building a better team.”

“We are taking things we do well in the military, and transferring them to educate, encourage, and develop you, as part of our workforce development,” Fuller said.

During the orientation, employees asked questions regarding the nature of the relationship between CNRH and Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam.

“Region is more strategic, whereas Joint Base is more tacti-

cal,” Fuller said. “Our job as Navy Region is to allow provide support to the other commands here to focus on their jobs.”

The new orientation program is a strategic response in an effort to improve the onboarding process for civilian employees joining the Navy Region Hawaii team. Liza Cox, deputy for total force manpower, headed off the scheduling and organization of the new program, which is intended to occur quarterly.

Top five myths and facts about Red Hill

**Navy Region Hawaii
Public Affairs**

Here are some science-based facts about the Red Hill Bulk Fuel Storage Facility:

1. Myth: *Some people are concerned that petroleum products may be in our Red Hill drinking water.* **Fact:** **The drinking water is safe and the U.S. Navy is committed to keeping it safe.**

The Navy uses independent certified laboratories and Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)-approved methods to test the water. Public records (water quality reports from both Board of Water Supply and Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam drinking water) citing certified test results verify the drinking water is safe and within federal and state standards.

2. Myth: *Some people believe the tanks at Red Hill are leaking.* **Fact:** **The tanks are not leaking.**

The Navy recently completed the latest round of annual tank tightness testing for the Red Hill Bulk Fuel Storage Facility. All operating tanks passed all Title 40 of the U.S. code of federal regulations criteria and demonstrated sound integrity—no leaks.

3. Myth: *Some people believe the Navy is not working fast enough to make Red Hill safer.* **Fact:** **The administrative order on consent process is working and on track.**

In addition to existing Navy plans, the administrative order on consent (signed/approved Sept. 28, 2015) serves as both a legally enforceable roadmap for continually modernizing Red Hill and a directed timetable toward completion. The administrative order on consent ensures the Hawaii Department of Health (DOH) and EPA provide the Navy regulatory oversight and expert resources in order to make step-by-step evidence-based decisions and not rush to potential failure.

4. Myth: *Some people believe that, since the Red Hill facility is 70 years old, it is an aging derelict facility that must be decaying and in disrepair.* **Fact:** **Red Hill is a modernized facility.**

The Navy and the Department of Defense (DoD) work to continually upgrade and modernize this critical facility. Since 2006, the Navy and DoD have spent more than \$200 million in upgrades. Red Hill is a national engineering marvel, similar to the Hoover Dam and the

Empire State Building (both older than Red Hill), that continues to function as well as, if not better than, it did at its inception. The EPA provides information about tank infrastructure improvements, including: inspection, repair and maintenance; upgrade alternatives; release detection; and corrosion and metal fatigue practices; risk and vulnerability assessment; and additional documents.

5. Myth: *Some people think that Red Hill is no longer needed.* **Fact:** **The Red Hill facility is essential to the fleet and other DoD services.**

Red Hill Bulk Fuel Storage Facility enables the military to support its vital security missions in the Pacific theater, including protecting sea lanes and commercial shipping. More than 90 percent of Hawaii's trade to and from the islands depends on that shipping. Red Hill is central to continued security, stability and prosperity for both the Indo-Asia-Pacific Theater and the United States. And the military, as one of the top economic engines for the state, provides jobs, income and opportunity—on base and off—for the people of Hawaii.

For more information, visit www.cnrc.navy.mil/redhill.

USS Saratoga in Lahaina



Courtesy of Retired Chief Photographer's Mate John Lee Highfill

Rear Adm. Harry E. Yarnell, commander, Aircraft Squadrons, Battle Force, inspects the crew of his flagship, USS Saratoga (CV-3), in Lahaina Roads, Hawaii, Feb. 17, 1932.



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Veterans Talk Story: Retired U.S. Air Force Col. Charles McGee

‘Red Tail’ pilot shares experience of two wars

MC2 Jerome Johnson

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Imagine going into war abroad coming under a hail of enemy fire to fight against fascism in Europe and returning home to battle for your own democratic freedoms. This was the reality for Retired U.S. Air Force Col. Charles McGee and other minorities during World War II (WWII).

In 1942, McGee joined the Army and signed up for a pilot slot in an experimental program located at Tuskegee Army Airfield, which allowed African Americans to train to become Airmen for the first time in U.S. history.

“At the time I hadn’t thought about it like, oh, we’ll go down Tuskegee and set the world on fire. It was just a matter of being able to participate and certainly, for me, it was a joy to be on the flying side of things,” McGee said. “I enjoyed doing that and that’s what I’d like to pass on. I think it’s every citizen’s right and certainly a responsibility to serve the country in one way or another.”

Prior to WWII, minorities were only allowed to perform ser-

vice jobs. McGee recalls a 1925 Army war college report titled “The Use of Negro Manpower in War,” which made assumptions about African Americans capacity to serve in the military.

“The Negro is by nature subservient and believes himself to be inferior to the white man. He is most susceptible to the in-



fluence of crowd psychology,” McGee remembers reading. “He cannot control himself in the face of danger to the extent the white man can. He has not the initiative and resourcefulness of the white man. He is mentally inferior to the white man,” McGee remembers.

McGee graduated flight school on June 30, 1943, and

was assigned to an all-black squadron called 332nd Fighter Group in Naples, Italy. Although the men and women of the squadron landed their shot at serving as Airmen, they were still segregated from their white counterparts and, as McGee described, “treated like second-class citizens”.

Their flawless execution of their mission earned them the respect from the white bomber crews and made them a formidable adversary to the German Luftwaffe pilots. By the end of 1944, McGee had 137 combat missions under his belt.

McGee and the 332nd’s commitment to service did not

portunity to serve but realized what it meant because the experience gave the Air Force the background to make a decision that affected all of our services and affected the country,” McGee said. “I was just glad to serve and doubly glad that it turned out to be that important even though that wasn’t a goal for my reason of serving at the time.”

McGee is committed to passing down the first-hand experience of history to future generations so that they may never forget the lessons learned.

“I enjoy talking to students and enjoy getting their questions and answers because I realize the value of the lessons that sustained us, if you will, through those periods that we don’t want to be repeated,” he said. “It’s always a pleasure to talk to students and hopefully get them to realize that they are the future of their country and so their attitudes are all very important.”

As a result of McGee and other trailblazers like him, more than one million African-Americans served in WWII. Today, the United States Armed Forces continues to strive for diversity by opening opportunities for more citizens to serve.

“I think it’s every citizen’s right and certainly a responsibility to serve the country in one way or another.”

— Retired U.S. Air Force Col. Charles McGee

“The challenge at the time was being accepted based on our ability rather than the fact that there were those who felt we didn’t have the brain power or the fortitude to participate in a successful way,” McGee said.

However, McGee and his unit quickly gained notoriety through their successful long-range bomber escort missions.

go unnoticed by the nation. In 1947 the Army Air Corps started abandoning its policies that promoted segregation. One year later, President Harry Truman signed an executive order to abolish racial discrimination in the United States Armed Forces.

“Well, I didn’t realize that was happening when I got the op-

Lane closures to affect Pearl Harbor, airport area

Honolulu Authority for Rapid Transportation

Beginning Feb. 27 through March 3, between 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., one lane will be closed westbound from Center Drive to Kohomua Street. One lane will also be closed eastbound from Kohomua Street to Center Drive from 8:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. Two lanes will be open to traffic each way. All motorists and pedestrians should plan accordingly.



Pearl Harbor-Hickam *Highlights*



U.S. Navy photo by MC1 Chris Williamson

U.S. Navy Aviation Boatswain's Mate (Handling) 1st Class Patrick Henry, from Pearl City, Hawaii, signals to personnel to stand clear as a U.S. Army CH-47F Chinook helicopter takes off from the amphibious transport dock ship USS Green Bay (LPD 20) during Exercise Cobra Gold 2017, Feb. 21.

At right, Sailors assigned to the Arleigh Burke-class guided-missile destroyer USS Michael Murphy (DDG 112) answer questions from students at St. John's School in Honiara, Solomon Islands, Feb. 10. Michael Murphy is on a western Pacific deployment with the Carl Vinson Carrier Strike Group as part of the U.S. Pacific Fleet-led initiative.

U.S. Navy photo by MC3 Danny Kelley



U.S. Navy photo by MC2 Michael Lee

Above, Capt. Richard Seif, commander, Submarine Squadron 1, presents the 2016 Supply Readiness Award to the Los Angeles-class fast-attack submarine USS Mississippi's (SSN 782) Supply department.

At right, The Arleigh Burke-class guided-missile destroyer USS Michael Murphy (DDG 112) fires the close-in weapon system during a live-fire exercise in the Pacific Ocean, Feb. 21.

U.S. Navy photo by MC3 Danny Kelley



U.S. Navy photo by MC2 Gabrielle Joyner

The Defense Information Systems Agency Pacific (DISA PAC) unit participated with other servicemembers representing the "Sounds of Freedom" team during the Great Aloha Run in Honolulu, Feb. 20. The "Sounds of Freedom" team runs in a formation with their unit, consisting of service men and women from all branches of service.

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FOR THE NAVY AND AIR FORCE TEAM IN HAWAII

Life & Leisure

GARY SINISE AND THE LT. DAN BAND ROCK JBPBH

Ensign Britney Duesler

Navy Region Hawaii Public Affairs

Gary Sinise and The Lt. Dan Band rocked a crowd of thousands at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam (JBPHH) during a free concert at the Freedom Tower, Feb. 17.

Hosted by the Gary Sinise Foundation, in partnership with Morale, Welfare and Recreation and JBPHH, the two-hour concert featured many popular music genres, including songs from The Who, Bruno Mars, Charlie Daniels, and many more.

Also in attendance were Sinise's children, Sophie George and husband Bobby, and McCanna Sinise.

"My dad's heart and soul is in this. We're very dedicated to helping in any way we can," Sophie George said.

"It's an honor to be a part of the foundation as family members. Not many people get this opportunity to help our veterans. Gary is really passionate about it, and his passion transfers to everyone else," Bobby George said.

The Gary Sinise Foundation, established in 2011, aims to honor veterans, first responders, and their families, through unique programs designed to educate and build communities. The Lt. Dan Band, founded in 2013 as a subset of the foundation, travels to military bases all over the world to perform. Their mission is "Honor. Gratitude. Rock 'n Roll."

The Lt. Dan Band last performed in Hawaii in December during the 75th Commemoration of the Attack on Pearl Harbor.

"It's great to be back and playing for you guys once again," Sinise said.

During the concert, Sinise played clips from his new show *Criminal Minds: Beyond Borders*, as well as highlighted crowd favorites such as the theme song from *CSI: New York*, "Teenage Wasteland." The concert lasted well into the night, providing a relaxing start to the long President's Day weekend.

For more information on the Gary Sinise Foundation and the Lt. Dan Band, visit their website at www.garysinisefoundation.org. For more MWR events, visit www.greatlifehawaii.com.

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Early lead propels Chung-Hoon over Patriots



Information Systems Technician 3rd Class Desmond Tate goes up for a shot from the baseline. Tate scored eight points in Chung-Hoon’s win over Tennessee Patriots.

**Story and photo
by Randy Dela Cruz**

Sports Editor, Hookele

After falling short in overtime to the defending Joint Base champs USS O’Kane (DDG 77) in the season opener, USS Chung-Hoon (DDG 93) strung together two wins in a row to prove that their hard-fought tussle over O’Kane was no fluke.

On Feb. 18 against USS William P. Lawrence (DDG 110) Tennessee Patriots, Chung-Hoon saw another opportunity to legitimize their contender status in the Afloat Division and they didn’t disappoint.

Breaking out to an 18-0 lead to tip off the showdown, Chung-Hoon maintained a double-digit advantage throughout the game and crushed the Tennessee Patriots, 57-29, at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam.

Currently, Chung-Hoon trails behind the league leaders with a record of 3-1, while the Tennessee Patriots fell to 2-2.

Chung-Hoon head coach Ensign Jerrel Boyce said that once he saw that the Tennessee Patriots weren’t playing together as a team, he knew it was time to attack.

“They didn’t have any chemistry,” Boyce said about his team’s foe. “They didn’t have anybody that was a pure

shooter, they weren’t really meshing well, and they didn’t have anybody screening and rolling or making any assists. We had good chemistry.”

In the first half, Chung-Hoon broke out to their first double-digit lead, when Information Systems Technician 3rd Class Desmond Tate completed a lay-up to put his team up by a score of 10-0.

Later, back-to-back three-points bombs by Culinary Specialist Seaman Richard Kelly and Logistics Specialist 2nd Class Nikita Mayo raised the lead to 18-0 at the 14:33 mark and the rout was on.

Kelly and Mayo both knocked down two three-point shots in the first half, while Tate added six points, as the trio led a total of seven players that scored for Chung-Hoon before intermission to take a 33-14 advantage.

The huge lead at the break allowed Boyce to empty his bench, which the coach said is something that he looks forward to do every game.

“It gives me the opportunity to get all my players into the game,” said Boyce, who also took off his warm-up wear and got into the game late in the second half. “We have a bunch of players, so I’m just making sure everyone gets a decent amount of time with the allotted time we have.”

While Chung-Hoon enjoyed a solid day of offense on the

court, the team also did something from the free-throw line that’s very rarely seen.

The team went perfect from the charity stripe by knocking down 11 straight free throws in the first half and then going two-for-two in the second half.

“Recently, we’ve been practicing our free throws a lot,” Boyce admitted. “We have to make sure that we’ve been getting it done during practice. What we’ve been doing is pushups. If you miss free throws, you get pushups.”

After clinching their third win in a row, Boyce said that the lost to O’Kane is far away in their team’s rearview mirror.

Pointing out that Chung-Hoon is deep in talent, Boyce said that the only thing left is to practice and get better.

“We have to make sure we know everybody’s strength and weaknesses,” he pointed out. “That’s why I just don’t replace five with five. I do it one at a time, so we can support here and there.”

Boyce also went on to say that, as long as the players perform as one cohesive unit, the wins would take care of themselves.

“We just want good moral,” he said. “It’s about winning, nobody likes to lose, but we like coming here and relaxing. We like being with one another and make sure we have a good time.”

647th CES reach century mark to stay undefeated

**Story and photo
by Randy Dela Cruz**

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There was no magic in the air or any sense that something spectacular was about to happen, but for those in attendance at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam (JB-PHH) Fitness Center on Feb. 21, to watch the 647th Civil Engineer Squadron (647 CES) Bulls tackle the D-Leaguers in an above 30 division intramural basketball game, they were treated to a rare event.

For one of the extremely few times in intramural hoops at JB-PHH, the Bulls broke through the century mark in storming past the D-Leaguers, 103-70, to improve their overall divisional record to a perfect 4-0.

While the team scored 83 points earlier in the season and has yet to be held to under 60 points, no one expected the triple-digit finale, except for the players on the Bulls squad.

“Before the game, we said that we were going to try to get 120,” said Staff Sgt. Corey Doss. “At the half, we had 60, so all we had to do was get 60 more, but we got a little cold.”

During the entire game, Doss

was rarely cold, as the shooting forward pulled up to tickle the twine time after time.

When it was all over, Doss had poured in 50 points with 36 of them coming off of a dozen long-range bombs from beyond the three-point arch.

Doss was so hot from the perimeter that very few of his field goals touched anything but the net.

“Everything I was throwing up was going in,” said Doss, who admitted that he might have scored 50 points in a game during his younger years. “I wasn’t even looking at the rim. I was just throwing it up. I was feeling it.”

On a night like this, Doss wasn’t the only player feeling it, as the Bulls threw down 21 three-point baskets for the game.

Staff Sgt. Elvis Shaw got the show rolling, when his fourth trey of the game opened up the first double-digit lead for the Bulls at 23-13.

Back-to-back treys by Doss made it 29-15 at the 9:32 mark and the lead ballooned past the 30-point barrier, when Staff Sgt. Brian Sanders scored inside the paint to make it 60-29.

In the second half, the hot shooting by Doss continued, as he counted two more treys in a row to make it 71-39.

As the points continued to mount up for Doss, he became so confident of his shot that, on a few occasions, he pulled up at the arch from a three-on-one fast break to swish through a basket.

Doss explained that having played with many of his teammates before, made it easy for him to find the open shot and take it without any defenders around him.

“I played with Elvis overseas in a previous tournament and I play with Labronze (Staff Sgt. Labronze Paden) every day,” Doss pointed out. “So we’ve all been playing together for awhile.”

Because the Bulls have toyed with the century mark before, this may not be the first and last time that the team does it this season.

With their transition game running on all cylinders, Doss said that he and his teammates needed to work on their three-point game and that’s what they did against the D-Leaguers.

Doss said that no matter what the score is, the team would always keep pushing the basketball up court—especially when the Bulls play for the championship.

“We just got to keep pushing ourselves,” he said. “Anything less than a championship, is a bust. That’s what we’re going for.”



Staff Sgt. Corey Doss goes up for two of his 50 points during the Bulls win over the D-Leaguers.



Left, Sean Caddell follows up with a put-back shot. Right, Lt. Mark Veazey goes above the rim for a shot.

Military makes impact on pro basketball squad

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While the Joint Base intramural basketball season is already making a splash with military members, a couple of very familiar faces on the hard-floor courts at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam (JBPHH) this season, have been missing from the box scores.

Big guns Sean Caddell, a Department of Defense civilian, who helped lead Navy Information Operations Command (NIOC) Hawaii to back-to-back base championships in 2011-12, and Lt. Mark Veazey, who played last year as a member of Pacific Command/Joint Intelligence Operation Center (PACOM/JIOC), aren't putting down the hammer on JBPHH teams this season, but are instead combining their considerable hoop skills as members of the newly formed Hawaii Swish, which is a professional basketball team that is part of

the American Basketball Association (ABA).

Under the leadership of Jeremy Robinson, who holds the unique title of team owner and player, the Swish are currently involved in a six-game-abbreviated schedule in preparation for a full season starting in October.

On a squad that is made entirely up of elite players from the 808, Robinson said that he is quite pleased with the contributions of both Caddell and Veazey, and added that he hopes military members take a liking to the Swish.

"We know that the military is a lot of people from a lot of different places and that's what we want," Robinson said. "As hard as they work, they deserve some entertainment. That's why I cut those prices down for the military. It gives them and their families something to do in town."

Caddell, who at 33, said that he never expected to get a chance to play professional basketball—especially at his age.

A former collegiate player at

giant-killing Chaminade University said that getting used to the speed of the game as a professional was the hardest thing for him to do.

"It's a different transition playing at a professional level," he admitted. "The game moves a lot faster and you're playing with guys who have years of experience. The stuff that you ran in college is different at a pro level."

Veazey agreed with his teammate, but also added that the level of intensity and physical play can be extreme.

Even though he was the biggest and tallest player at six feet, 10 inches tall, Veazey said that going up against bigger players in the ABA would probably be a common occurrence.

"The first game we had (a win over the Yuba City Goldminers), they had a 6-foot-11-inch guy from Georgetown," said Veazey, who played at the Naval Academy. "He was strong and big, but I've been going up against people that are stronger than me most of my career."

Robinson said that he is very

happy with the way Caddell and Veazey have blended into the Swish, and he attributes some of that to the time spent working for the military.

"Discipline is one (thing)," Robinson pointed out. "They listen very well and are just all-around-good gentlemen. They are the type of men you want on your team."

Those qualities are great to have—especially—said Robinson, when you have the eyes of the entire state watching every move you make.

"It's a lot of pressure for us to go out there and perform," Caddell said. "This a big deal for the future of Hawaii basketball. We want to do a good job and set the path for future generations. We want this to be around for a very long time."

Pressure? Yes said Veazey, but getting to do something you love while inspiring kids to reach for the stars is the best thing in the world.

"It's a pretty big responsibility," Veazey noted. "You can really see how inspired the kids

are. The kids and adults alike really enjoy the game and I think it's a really good thing to get a team like this out here."

If people do decide to support the Swish, Robinson said that fans will not be disappointed.

"Head coach Artie Wilson, a former hoops star for the University of Hawaii is doing a great job," said Robinson "and military families should look forward to a special promotion night geared directly to the armed forces."

"We're looking at a game for military appreciation, but basically, every game is a military appreciation game," Robinson said. "That's why I cut those prices, so they can enjoy. It will be one of these remaining games, but we're going to do something special for them."

The team's next game is on Feb. 28 against the Tucson Buckets, with tip off set for 7:30 p.m.

Visit the team's site on Facebook at www.facebook.com/hawaiiswish for more information.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam Morale, Welfare and Recreation

● **10 Investment Tips for Military** will be held from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. Feb. 27 at Military and Family Support Center Pearl Harbor. The Securities Exchange Commission will be on-site to cover investment options; overview of stocks, bonds, mutual funds and ETFs as well as strategies for smart investing, tips to help avoid fraud and creating an investment plan. To register, visit www.greatlifeohawaii.com/family-support/mfsc-class-schedule.

● **Junior Outdoor Leadership Training (JOLT)** online registration is ongoing through Feb. 28. Camp dates will be held from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. Monday to Friday and on weekends, 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. from April 5 through May 7. Participants need to be proficient in moderate hiking. Participants need to bring a water bottle, sunscreen, hat and change of clothes. The cost is \$200. This event is open to ages 13 to 16 years old. The first meeting will be held April 5 at the MWR Outdoor Adventure Center located next to the Fleet Store. For more information, call 473-0789.

● **Introduction to Saving & Investing** will be held from 8 to 9 a.m. March 3 at the Military and Family Support Center Hickam. The Securities Exchange Commission will be on-site to cover ways to manage debt and increase your credit score. They will also provide strategies for smart saving and investing, tips to help avoid fraud and creating an investment plan. To register, visit www.greatlifeohawaii.com/family-support/mfsc-class-schedule.

● **Movie in the Park** will begin at 7 p.m. March 3 at the MWR Outdoor Recreation-Hickam Harbor. Patrons can bring blankets and sit on the grass to enjoy an evening flick under the stars at the Hickam Harbor waterfront. Patrons can bring drinks and snacks. Movie, to be announced, will be suitable for all ages. The movie listing will be available on Facebook at "Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam Outdoor Recreation." This is a free event. For more information, call 449-5215.

● **North Shore Bike Ride & Big Wave Watching** will begin at 8 a.m. March 4 at the MWR Outdoor Adventure Center-Fleet Store. Participants can experience the North Shore on a bike. The bike ride will start at Waimea Bay and travel just beyond Sunset Beach. This trip is about seven miles round-trip on level terrain and is an easy ride for beginners. Trip includes gear, transportation and happy, knowledgeable guides. The cost is \$25 including bicycle, \$20 without. The deadline to sign up is March 1. For more information, call 473-1198.

● **Women's Surfing** will begin at 9 a.m. March 4 at the Outdoor Recreation-Hickam Harbor. Trained instructors will teach participants the history, wave science, etiquette and technique of surfing. Participants need to be able to swim without a lifejacket. The cost is \$30, and the sign up deadline is March 2. For more information, call 449-5215.

● **Whale Watching** will begin at 3:45 p.m. March 5 at the MWR Outdoor Adventure Center (OAC)-Fleet Store.

Participants can join the MWR Outdoor Adventure Center staff and head over to Honolulu-Kewalo Basin boat harbor and depart on a whale watching tour. Participants can bring snacks, drinks and a camera for opportunities to capture some of the giants of the ocean during the annual migratory period. Transportation is included and departs from OAC-Fleet Store. Cost is \$39, and the sign up deadline is March 1. For more information, call 473-1198.

● **Intramural Golf Tournament** will begin at 11:30 a.m. March 7 at Mamala Bay Golf Course. Priority will be given to active duty at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam (JBPHH). All players need to be attached to the JBPHH Recreation Fund. Partners must be from the same command. Format is 2-person scramble 18-hole stroke play. Awards will be given to the top two teams. A minimum of 20 participants is required to run this event. Download the application at www.greatlifeohawaii.com. Green and cart fees are payable on site. The deadline to sign up is March 1. For more information, call 473-2494 or 473-2437.

● **Spring Open House** will be held from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. March 11 at the Arts and Crafts Center. Patrons can attend this free event in observance of National Craft Month. There will be make-n-takes, demonstrations, door prizes, sales stores specials and free hot dogs and soda. For more information, call 448-9907.

● **Spring Ocean Adventure Camps** will be held from 9 a.m. to noon (for ages 7 to 9) and 1 to 4 p.m. (for ages 10 to 15) Monday through Friday, March 20 to 24 at the MWR Outdoor Recreation-Hickam Harbor. Online registration opens March 4 at 9 a.m. The cost is \$85. Youth participants can enjoy a week's worth of fun ocean activities including swimming, fishing, and kayaking. Each session will vary depending on weather, ocean conditions and the abilities of the group. Space is limited. For more information, call 449-5215.

Pledge drive events set for next week

Military Saves pledge drive events sponsored by the Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam Military and Family Support Center will be held at the following times and locations. Participants can take a pledge to save money, reduce debt and build wealth. Feb. 27 through March 4 is Military Saves Week.

- Feb. 28 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Pearl Hawaii Federal Credit Union, 585 Port Royal St.
- March 1, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Hickam Federal Credit Union, 40 Hickam Ct., Bldg. 1256.
- March 1, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Pearl Harbor Navy Exchange, 4888 Bougainville Drive.
- March 2, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Bank of Hawaii, 2969 Mapunapuna Place Suite. 100.

To register for financial classes or view more information about pledge drive events, visit www.greatlifehawaii.com.

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

MY FAVORITE PHOTO



Lt. Angel Nunez, disaster preparedness officer of Navy Region Hawaii, recently took a photo of the Ninini Point Lighthouse in Kauai during sunrise. *To submit please send your photos to editor@hookelenews.com.*

Retired police dog in action



Photos by JBPHH MWR Marketing
Dog Handler Bob Neuberger and Spyder, a Belgian Malinois and retired police dog, entertained kids and adults during a police dog demonstration in support of Dog Training Education Month at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, Feb. 18.

Creative writing contest submission nears

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The Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam Library is currently accepting submissions for their annual Creative Writing Contest. Those who are interested in entering still have time to write a piece. The library is accepting submissions up until March 18.

“The creative writing contest is an opportunity for participants ages 6 and older, to embark on a journey of self-discovery through writing. Although spelling and mechanics are also taken into consideration, originality and the ability to craft a great poem or story are equally important,” said Phyllis Frenzel, JBPHH Library director.

The contest has two divisions, poetry and short story. Each is broken down into

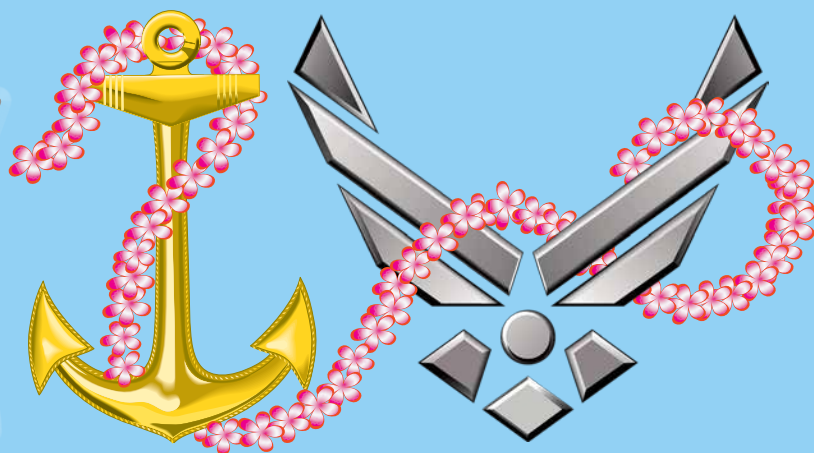
three age groups: children ages 6 to 10, young adults ages 11 to 18 and adults ages 19 and up. Participants are allowed to submit up to one entry per division.

Gift cards will be awarded as prizes for the first through third place and honorable mention winners in all three age groups, per division. The prizes are provided by the Hickam Library Friends who sponsor the program and also are providing the refreshments for the final award ceremony, taking place on April 8 at 1 p.m.

Participants should remember that judging is based on content, originality, language usage and quality of expression, while writing their submissions. They should also read the complete list of rules and the entry form, which can be downloaded at www.greatlifehawaii.com. For more information, call 449-8299.



FEBRUARY – MARCH

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CALENDAR**INVESTMENT TIPS FOR MILITARY**

FEB. 27, MARCH 1 — A class on 10 investment tips for military will be held from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. Feb. 27 at Military and Family Support Center Pearl Harbor. The class will also be held from 5 to 6 p.m. March 1 at Military and Family Support Center Hickam. The Securities Exchange Commission will participate. Feb. 27 through March 4 is Military Saves Week. FMI: www.greatlifehawaii.com/family-support/mfsc-class-schedule or call 474-1999.

SAPR VICTIM ADVOCATE INITIAL TRAINING

FEB. 27–MARCH 3 — A Sexual Assault Prevention and Response (SAPR) Victim Advocate Initial Training (VAIT) will be held from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. each day at Military and Family Support Center Pearl Harbor. Interested personnel should contact their respective SAPR point of contact or command leadership to express their interest in attending the class and becoming a unit victim advocate. The command will in turn coordinate course registration with the SAPR office. FMI: www.greatlifehawaii.com/family-support/mfsc-class-schedule or call 474-1999.

ANGER MANAGEMENT

FEB. 28 — A class on anger management will be held from 9:30 a.m. to noon at Military and Family Support Center Hickam. FMI: www.greatlifehawaii.com/family-support/mfsc-class-schedule or call 474-1999.

HEALTHY RELATIONSHIPS, FINANCIAL EMPOWERMENT

FEB. 28 — Classes on healthy relationships and financial empowerment will be held from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. at Military and Family Support Center Pearl Harbor. “The Healthy Relationships” class will be presented to teens, expanded to include a budgeting portion for empowerment. Parents can attend “Parents: Your Teen and Dating” class simultaneously. Together, parents and teens can learn about healthy relationships and keeping teens safe in dating. A 30-minute social will follow the class with light refreshments. FMI: www.greatlifehawaii.com/family-support/mfsc-class-schedule or call 474-1999.

THRIFT SAVINGS PLAN

FEB. 28 — A Thrift Savings Plan (TSP) contributions and funds webinar will be held from 8 to 9:30 a.m. at Military and Family Support Center Pearl Harbor. A virtual webinar is also planned. This webinar is designed for employees covered under the Uniformed Services, Federal Employees’ Retirement System, the Civil Service Retirement System, and other employees eligible to participate in the TSP. FMI: www.greatlifehawaii.com/family-support/mfsc-class-schedule or call 474-1999.

WOMEN AND INVESTING

FEB. 28 — A class on women and investing will be held from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Military and Family Support Center Pearl Harbor. FMI: www.greatlifehawaii.com/family-support/mfsc-class-schedule or call 474-1999.

TECHNOLOGY DAY

MARCH 1 — A 24th annual Technology Day will be held from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Hickam Officers’ Club. The event is free to attend which will include cyber sessions, exhibits, complimentary refreshments and pupus. To pre-register, visit www.fedpage.com. FMI: email dennis@fbcd.com.

TIME MANAGEMENT

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

BLENDED RETIREMENT SYSTEM

MARCH 1 — A class on the Blended Retirement System will be held from 8 to 9 a.m. at Military and Family Support Center Pearl Harbor. A virtual class is also planned. FMI: www.greatlifehawaii.com/family-support/mfsc-class-schedule or call 474-1999.

USAJOBS, FEDERAL RESUMES

MARCH 2 — A class on navigating USAJOBS and federal resumes will be held from 9 a.m. to noon 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 pursuing. FMI: www.greatlifehawaii.com/family-support/mfsc-class-schedule or call 474-1999.

TSP POST MILITARY WITHDRAWALS

MARCH 2 — A webinar on Thrift Savings Plan (TSP) post-military withdrawals will be held from 3 to 4:30 p.m. at Military and Family Support Center Pearl Harbor. A virtual webinar is also planned. This webinar provides an overview of the TSP post-service withdrawals and death benefits. The information can be beneficial to TSP participants who are within 10 years or less of retirement. FMI: www.greatlifehawaii.com/family-support/mfsc-class-schedule or call 474-1999.

VA HOME LOAN BRIEFING

MARCH 2 — A Veterans Administration (VA) home loan briefing will be held from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Military and Family Support Center Pearl Harbor. The VA home loan program helps veterans finance the purchase of homes with favorable loan terms at competitive interest rate. This workshop can help participants understand the basic steps involved in obtaining a VA guaranteed home loan. FMI: www.greatlifehawaii.com/family-support/mfsc-class-schedule or call 474-1999.

WORK AND PERSONAL LIFE BALANCE

MARCH 3 — A class on work and personal life balance will be held from 9 to 11 a.m. at Military and Family Support Center Pearl Harbor. FMI: www.greatlifehawaii.com/family-support/mfsc-class-schedule or call 474-1999.

SAVING AND INVESTING

MARCH 3 — An introduction to saving and investing class will be held from 8 to 9 a.m. at Military and Family Support Center Hickam. The Securities Exchange Commission will be on-site to cover ways to manage debt and increase your credit score. They will also provide strategies for smart saving and investing, tips to help avoid fraud and creating an investment plan. FMI: www.greatlifehawaii.com/family-support/mfsc-class-schedule or call 474-1999.

INVESTING IN HIGHER EDUCATION

MARCH 3 — A workshop on investing in higher education will be held from 10 to 11 a.m. at Military and Family Support Center Hickam. It will focus on deciding on whether to pursue a higher education, selecting the right school for you, financing with GI Bill and other loan information and scam awareness and prevention. FMI: www.greatlifehawaii.com/family-support/mfsc-class-schedule or call 474-1999.

SHARKEY THEATER**TODAY – FEB. 24**

7:00 PM xXx: The Return of Xander Cage (3-D) (PG-13)

SATURDAY – FEB. 25

2:30 PM Monster Trucks (PG)
4:50 PM Hidden Figures (PG)
7:20 PM Patriots Day (R)

SUNDAY – FEB. 26

2:30 PM Monster Trucks (3-D) (PG)
4:40 PM xXx: The Return of Xander Cage (3-D) (PG-13)
7:00 PM The Bye Bye Man (PG-13)

THURSDAY – MARCH 2

7:00 PM Resident Evil: The Final Chapter (3-D) (R)

HICKAM MEMORIAL THEATER**TODAY – FEB. 24**

6:00 PM Split (PG-13)

SATURDAY – FEB. 25

3:00 PM Monster Trucks (PG)
6:00 PM xXx: Return of Xander Cage (PG-13)

SUNDAY – FEB. 26

3:00 PM Sing (PG)

THURSDAY – MARCH 2

7:00 PM Split (PG-13)

MOVIE
SHOWTIMES**xXx: THE RETURN OF XANDER CAGE**

Extreme-athlete-turned-government-operative Xander Cage comes out of self-imposed exile and is on a collision course with deadly alpha warrior Xiang and his team in a race to recover a sinister and seemingly unstoppable weapon known as Pandora’s Box. Recruiting an all-new group of thrill-seeking cohorts, Xander finds himself enmeshed in a deadly conspiracy that points to collusion at the highest levels of world governments.