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U.S. Pacific Fleet Sea Sailor of the Year (SOY) finalists, Yeoman 1st Class Mujahideen Alikhan (right), Sonar Technician (Submarine) 1st Class Marquis Perry and Pacific Fleet Master Chief Suz Whitman take a selfie during a barge tour of Pearl Harbor, March 7.
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From sea to shore: Sailor of the year

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First-class petty officers selected as finalists from around Pacific Fleet (PACFLT) gathered at Pearl Harbor for the 2016 Pacific Fleet Sea And Shore Sailor of the Year (SOY), March 4-10.

Throughout the week, the 14 finalists visited historical sites such as the Battleship Missouri Memorial, the National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific, and the USS Arizona Memorial. During their time on the Ari-

zona Memorial, they honored the Sailors who lost their lives in the attack on Pearl Harbor with a wreath-laying ceremony.

“It’s always been my goal to give back to the Navy because it has given me so much throughout my career,” said Yeoman 1st Class Mujahideen Alikhan, representing submarine tender USS Emory S. Land (AS 39). “Upon arriving in Hawaii and meeting the other SOY candidates, I quickly learned that we all share that mindset and that we’re all motivated to put our Sailors first, and putting them in the best position we can to excel and maximize their potential.”

Additionally, the finalists spent time networking and speaking to Navy leaders from

the Pacific Fleet, receiving guidance and wisdom forged by years of shared experience.

“In the Navy, your strength as a team determines the success of the mission,” said Personnel Specialist 1st Class Laura Godinez, representing the 30th Naval Construction Regiment. “Throughout your career, you learn just how important the strength of each Sailor is to the overall team, and I look forward to taking what I learn this week back to my Sailors to help make us stronger as a whole.”

Chief Hospital Corpsman Corey Smith, the coordinator for this year’s SOY week and the 2015 Sea Sailor of the Year, expressed how his experiences as a prior candidate helped influence his approach to mentoring

and leading the 2016 finalists during their week on the island.

“Over the past year, I have been reinvigorated by the Chief Petty Officer 365 program and being around some phenomenal leadership,” Smith said. “It’s an honor and a privilege to be a part of this year’s SOY week and to show these Sailors some of the richest naval heritage and history the Pacific has to offer.”

The SOY candidates represent the highest echelons of the Navy’s SOY program, with the winners being announced at a luncheon ceremony in Honolulu, March 10.

One finalist representing the sea-based candidates and one representing the shore-based candidates will be selected as winners. The sea-based winner

will fly to Washington, D.C. and be meritoriously promoted to the rank of chief petty officer, while the shore-based winner will next compete in the Chief of Naval Operations Shore Sailor of the Year competition, also in D.C.

Former Chief of Naval Operations Adm. Elmo Zumwalt and former Master Chief Petty Officer of the Navy John Whittet established the SOY program in 1972 to recognize an individual Sailor who best represents the group of dedicated professional Sailors at each command and, ultimately, in the Navy.

Within 10 years, the Sailor of the Year program was expanded to include the shore establishment and Navy Reserve Sailors.



Veterans Talk Story: Master Sgt. Justin Gentile

Airman receives commendation medal for heroic actions on Oahu

Story and photo by
Staff Sgt. Christopher Stoltz

Joint Base Pearl Harbor-
Hickam Public Affairs

Pyramid Rock Beach, located on Hawaii’s north shore, is one of the most ferocious beaches along any part of Oahu. The extremely strong rip tides and waves, often exceeding five feet, make the beach exciting for surfers—but dangerous for everyone.

Last October, Master Sgt. Justin Gentile, 8th Intelligence Squadron signals intelligence flight chief, risked his life and plunged into the waters of Pyramid Rock Beach to rescue a child from certain death.

“I was with my children walking along the coastline in the early parts of the morning,” Gentile said. “I noticed a mother with a few of her children playing along the beach—and that’s when I saw him.”

Gentile said he then witnessed something no person would ever

want to see—a child being swept away from the shore by the rip tides of the ocean.

“I noticed the mother was not paying the closest of attention, as she was attempting to wrangle the other children she had accompanying her,” Gentile said. “One second, the child was there. In the blink of an eye, he was nearly a hundred feet from shore.”

Gentile said instinct immediately kicked in, as he instructed his children to go wait near their belongings—safely away from the waters. Gentile then took action and charged into the cold waters of an early morning to attempt a rescue.

“It was pretty tough to reach the child,” Gentile said. “I was fighting waves over five feet and getting pulled in every direction, and it took nearly five minutes to reach the child. The fact he was still swimming and above water when I reached him was a miracle in itself.”

Although reaching the boy was difficult, Gentile said the hardest part was yet to come.

“Once I reached the boy, I just hooked my arm around him and we started swimming in. I pulled him in the direction we needed to swim so we could fight the rip tides and eventually get back to shore,” Gentile said. “You think it is hard fighting a rip tide—try fighting one while trying to save another person.”

Gentile said his active lifestyle and conditioning allowed him to have enough stamina to get him close enough to shore with the child, where he was then thrown a boogie board by one of the bystanders. Gentile then put the child on the boogie board, and guided him onto a wave, where the child was able to coast back to the shoreline safely. Gentile, however, still had to fight against the current.

“The entire ordeal took nearly a half hour,” he said. “Once the boy was on land, I was able to focus and motivate myself to use my remaining strength and make it back to land myself. I’m not going

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‘A hui hou’ Golden Eagles

MC1 (SW) Corwin M. Colbert

Navy Region Hawaii Public Affairs

Patrol Squadron Nine (VP-9) “Golden Eagles” left their nest in Hawaii and returned to their birthplace at Naval Air Station (NAS) Whidbey Island, Washington after 25 years of decorated service in the nation’s 50th state.

In order to truly understand the significance and valor of this command, one must revisit its history and comprehend the great impact this small command has made in protecting and defending our nation.

VP-9 was commissioned at NAS Whidbey Island on March 15, 1951 and was outfitted with P4Y-2 patrol bombers.

Over the next decade, the squadron deployed in the

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A P-3 Orion, assigned to Patrol Squadron Nine (VP-9) Golden Eagles, takes off for a final flight during command disestablishment at Marine Corps Base Hawaii.
U.S. Navy photo by MC1 Meranda Keller

Santa Fe visits Yokosuka during Indo-Asia-Pacific deployment

Lt. j.g. Tajudeen Ismail

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Public Affairs*

Los Angeles-class attack submarine USS Santa Fe (SSN 763) arrived at Fleet Activities Yokosuka March 2 for a visit as part of its Indo-Asia-Pacific patrol.

The visit strengthens the already positive alliance between the U.S. and Japan through the crew's interaction with the Japan Maritime Self-Defense Force. It also demonstrates the U.S. Navy's commitment to regional stability and maritime security in the U.S. 7th Fleet area of operations.

Santa Fe is optimistic about the opportunity for a port visit in Yokosuka and looks forward to strengthening the ties shared with close allies.

"Our crew has had the opportunity to meet our partner Japanese submarine crews that visit Pearl Harbor and are excited to visit their homeport," said Cmdr. Jacob A. Foret, commanding officer.

This submarine is capable of executing anti-submarine warfare, anti-surface ship warfare, strike, intelligence, surveillance and reconnaissance missions.

"The crew has worked tirelessly at training and preparing for the western Pacific deployment and are eager to explore the many sights



U.S. Navy photo by MC2 Brian G. Reynolds

The Los Angeles-class attack submarine USS Santa Fe (SSN 763) is moored at Fleet Activities Yokosuka, March 2.

and sounds of Yokosuka," said Master Chief Electronics Technician (Navigation) Jorge Perez, chief of the boat.

"The crew has many first-timers who have

heard so many interesting stories about Japan and look forward to experiencing the Japanese culture firsthand during this port visit. They joined the Navy to

see the world, and this is their first foreign port visit."

Many crew members are excited to experience the rich culture of Japan.

Measuring more than 360 feet long and weighing more than 6,000 tons when submerged, Santa Fe is among the world's stealthiest platforms.

Santa Fe is homeported in Pearl Harbor and is assigned to Commander, Submarine Squadron 7. It is named after the city of Santa Fe, New Mexico.

A Naval Aircrewman renders a final salute to a P-3 Orion attached to Patrol Squadron Nine (VP-9) Golden Eagles during command disestablishment at Marine Corps Base Hawaii.

U.S. Navy photo by MC1 Meranda Keller



‘A hui hou’ Golden Eagles

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Asian and Northern Pacific areas of operations. These operations were saturated in significant events including night support operations with the United States Marine Corps during the Korean War, and most notably polar scouting missions for USS Nautilus' maiden voyage under the Polar Ice Cap.

The squadron re-outfitted its hangars with the P3A-Orion and P-3B Orion aircraft in 1963 and 1966, respectively. These

Lockheed aircraft were more than just bombers; they were turbo-prop anti-submarine and maritime surveillance aircraft. This subsequently expanded the squadron's missions and objectives in the future. They deployed to the western Pacific in 1964, marking the first operational use of the P-3A in the area. Two years later they deployed to Okinawa, marking the first use of the P-3B Orion in the western Pacific.

For three decades the squadron served the country with valor through

many significant eras, including the Vietnam War and Cold War. During this time, the squadron's P-3s were continuously upgraded to enhance U.S. military operations.

Following the P-3C Update III in 1990, VP-9 official moved to its new home at Naval Air Station Barbers Point, Hawaii in 1992. In less than a decade, the Navy used the squadron to showcase and introduce the Anti-Surface Warfare Improvement Program P-3C aircraft which provided imaging radars, electro-optic sensors

and overall better surveillance and reconnaissance data connectivity to the P-3C aircraft.

VP-9 set the bar again in 1999 during Fleet Battle Experiment ECHO, with a Standoff Land Attack Missile, the first launch using in-flight target reprogramming. In May of the same year, the squadron was on the move again, shifting its homeport to Marine Corps Base Hawaii, Kaneohe Bay. In late 1999, VP-9 located and tracked a real-world target during Operation Phantom Menace, which

was a major prosecution event in undersea warfare history.

From the late 1990's to now, VP-9 conducted well over hundreds of thousands of flight hours supporting campaigns across the globe in significant events in world history from Operation Enduring Freedom in Afghanistan and Operation Iraqi Freedom to the War on Drugs in El Salvador.

The rich military tradition blended perfectly on an island with deep cultures, traditions and American history.

As the squadron bids "A hui hou" to Hawaii, it will retire the P-3 Orion aircraft and be re-outfitted with the new and improved P-8A Poseidon to continue serving the country.

As a final thought, VP-9's current emblem has an eagle on a surf board. Let's hope the brave men and women who serve under this great squadron find good waves in the state of Washington. Fair winds and following seas.

For more information, visit www.vp9.navy.mil or www.history.navy.mil.

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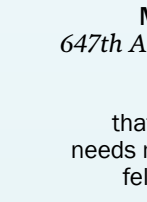


What's one quality you think everyone in the world needs more of and why?



Lt. Col. Kasi Chu
15th Medical Group

"Perspective. We need to at least try to understand where people are coming from, what they're struggling with, and what's happening in their lives. Try to see things from their point of view. Try to walk in their shoes."



Master Sgt. Steve Kim
647th Air Base Group Chapel

"I think the one quality that everyone in the world needs more of is love for their fellow man, or neighbor."



Airman 1st Class Corrina Largo
37th Intelligence Squadron

"I think one quality the world needs is honesty. Honesty promotes personal health and creates strong trust amongst one another."



Tech. Sgt. Juante Smith
37th Intelligence Squadron

"If I were to choose one quality I think everyone in the world needs more, I would probably choose understanding. With all the craziness in the world, a little bit of understanding wouldn't be such a bad thing."



J.C. Concepcion
Navy Environmental and Preventive Medicine Unit 6

"The world needs more honesty. It seems like every message has an agenda and that makes it hard to believe some people and what they say."



HM1 Diana De La Torre
Naval Health Clinic Hawaii

"I think one quality more people should have is respect. It seems more and more people are lacking it, thinking the world owes them something. Well, it doesn't. You have to work hard and earn what you want in life."



ETN2 Chad Wright
Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam

"One quality I believe the world needs more of is patience and understanding. People need to look at the big picture in any situation before they react or respond."



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

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COMMENTARY

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'Toughness' helps us 'catch excellence'

When Chief of Naval Operations (CNO) Adm. John Richardson talks about his philosophy in the design for maintaining maritime superiority, he starts the conversation by focusing on this Navy core attribute: "toughness."

He explains why he focuses on toughness in a recent soundings podcast: "One, it's very important; and, two, it raises the most questions in people's minds: what do we really mean by 'toughness'?"

The CNO and his team purposely chose the word "toughness" for what it conveys—"resilience plus more." Toughness means not just sustaining a blow, but also having the grit to get back up and fight even harder. Toughness helps us chase and catch excellence.

Think of our World War II (WWII) veterans—including Pearl Harbor survivors—after the attack of Dec. 7, 1941 and how they recovered, responded and prevailed in WWII.

Think about our Korean War or Prisoner of War (POW) veterans in Vietnam. Or, think about our Iraq and Afghanistan veterans, many deployed multiple times. And think about our Wounded Warriors. "Resilience plus more."

In his podcast, the CNO gives an example of toughness—the New England Patriots in Super Bowl LI. That was an amazing show of toughness and teamwork. In the face of a 21-0 deficit and with all the odds

against them, the Patriots did not fold. They did not self-destruct. They came together in adversity to triumph.

Toughness, as Richardson reminds us, is all about building strength and being thoughtful and deliberate as we "make our team tough on the competition." We can be disruptive without being destructive. And, as CNO says, we should show humility all along the way.

Think of the great Barry Sanders, who was decidedly not a New England Patriot. Sanders established and broke records in NCAA football and then for 10 years as a Detroit Lions running back.

Fellow football great Thurman Thomas described Sanders as "being in the Michael Jordan zone" as an athlete. But, what I personally remember most is his humility. Sanders scored and then, instead of spiking the ball in the end zone, handed it to the referee. He acted like he had been there before. He did not openly celebrate his own success. That's class.

"Effective Navy leaders," according to Richardson's Navy Leader Development Framework, "work from a foundation of humility, embracing our core values of honor, courage, and commitment. They behave with integrity, accountability, initiative and toughness. Navy leaders commit to improving the competence and character of themselves

and their teams. They inspire their teams to learn so as to achieve their best possible performance."

Like all truly great athletes, Barry Sanders trained relentlessly.

As Sailors, we must train relentlessly too, to be always ready. In the heat of battle—whether in the field or on the seas—we will revert to our core "muscle memory" that we develop during training.

Commander, Naval Surface Force Vice Adm. Thomas Rowden builds on the CNO's design with his surface force strategy: Return to Sea Control. In his strategy to improve the combat capability of surface forces, Rowden makes training a centerpiece of the strategy:

"We will organize, train, and equip surface forces to the greatest effect by using a framework composed of four pillars: tactics, talent, tools and training (T4). The framework is designed to enhance the capability and capacity of the surface force to achieve and maintain access across all war-fighting domains."

Our naval surface forces must be trained and built to respond to crises. We must be tough. And as Pearl Harbor has taught us, we must be ever-vigilant—ready at all times to provide credible combat naval power. Thus, we must be prepared and work together in the surface, air, submarine and cyber domains within the Navy and with other ser-

vices.

I'm confident our team at Naval Surface Group Middle Pacific and Navy Region Hawaii is tough and ready for whatever challenges the future holds for us.

And, by the way, physical readiness must also align with mental preparedness.

Whether you're a football player or Sailor, readiness comes through mental toughness and teamwork. When we envision success, plan together and execute as a thoughtful and decisive team, we achieve victory.

"How am I going to outfox the competition?" Richardson asks. Are we "ready to win"? Are we chasing and demanding excellence?

The CNO reminds us every leader in the Navy is a coach, and the best coaches demand good teamwork and training. They win—not at the expense of their team but because of the strength of their team. And, once again, they demonstrate humility when they win. They build on past achievements without gloating.

In the words of the great Coach Vince Lombardi Jr. of the Green Bay Packers: "We will chase perfection, and we will chase it relentlessly, knowing all the while we can never attain it. But along the way, we shall catch excellence."

To listen to the CNO's podcast, visit <http://ow.ly/kyp309pUWv>.

Hickam takes shape in 1938

The location of a tent city at Hickam Field is shown in the lower right hand corner of this photo dated March 31, 1938, 79 years ago this month. Base operations and the first four hangars have been completed. Bishop Point dock and submarine net pier are in place and Hangar Avenue extends to Bishop Point.

Photo courtesy of Hawaii Department of Transportation



Veterans Talk Story: Master Sgt. Justin Gentile

Airman receives commendation medal for heroic actions



Master Sgt. Justin Gentile, 8th Intelligence Squadron signals intelligence flight chief, speaks to his peers following an award presentation, Feb. 22.

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to lie—I was gassed. I am not sure how much longer I would have stayed afloat out there."

To recognize his actions, Gentile was awarded the Commendation medal in a ceremony held Feb. 22 at the Pacific Air Force's Courtyard of Heroes, located at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam.

"It is important to be a leader both on and off duty, and Master Sgt. Gentile exemplifies just that," said Lt. Col. Celina Noyes, 8th Intelligence Squadron commander. "Justin didn't have to do anything at all. The waves were dangerous but he took a risk and saved someone's life. Not everyone can say they would do the same thing."

As the ceremony came to a close, Gentile thanked everyone in attendance and said he is glad he was able to save someone's life—but said he wishes he never has to again.

"I would say this is a perfect example of why everyone needs to be safe," Gentile said. "Hawaii is a beautiful place, but it can also be very dangerous. Enjoy the beauty around us—but remain vigilant."

2017 WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH SPOTLIGHT: MONICA SOSAYA HALFORD

Former Navy WAVE visits Joint Base

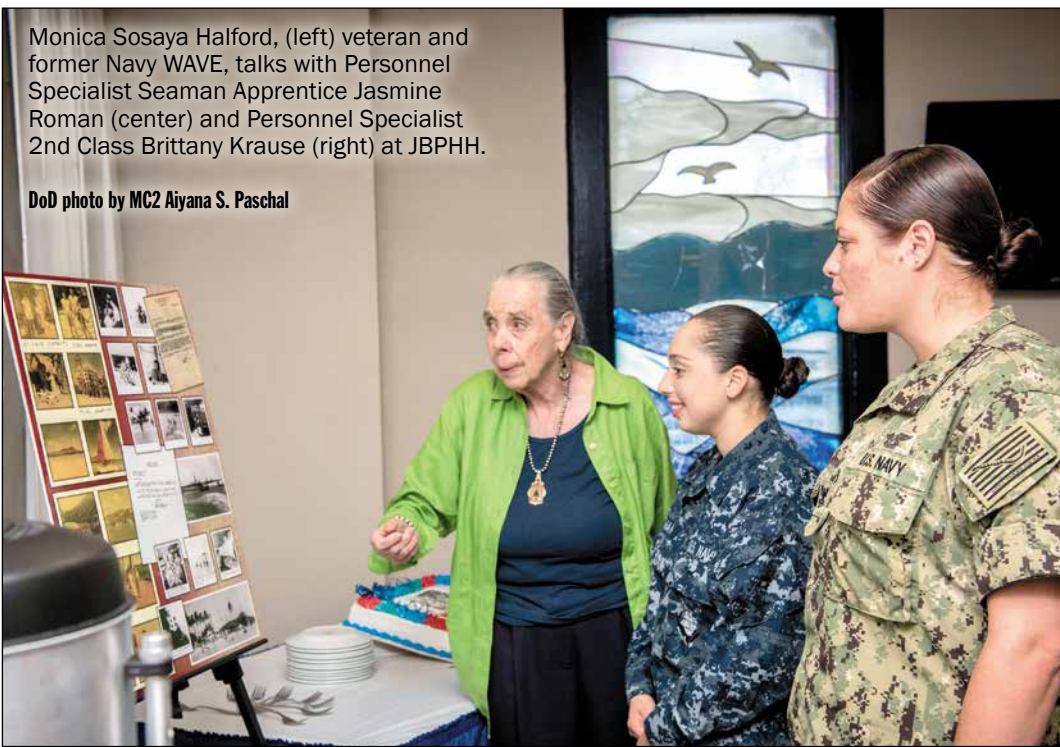
Ensign Britney Duesler

Sixty-two years after she completed her four-year tour as a Navy WAVE (Woman Accepted for Volunteer Emergency Service), Monica Sosaya Halford, a Santa Fe native and renowned religious artist, visited Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam with her daughter and two grandchildren.

Halford, who served as a flight orderly on a Martin J. Mars, a long-range ocean patrol flying boat, between Alameda, California and Pearl Harbor, shared her memories of Hawaii in the 1950s as she toured the base. Accompanied by representatives from the public affairs office and diversity committee, Halford and her family participated in a windshield tour, luncheon at the Silver Dolphin Bistro, and tours of the World War II memorials.

"I'm proud to be a veteran," Halford said. "The Navy gives you your independence. You're not judged by who your family is; you're judged by what you do and who you are."

Halford served as part of a double crew for the VR-2 patrol squadron, which was responsible for transporting Marines from California to Hawaii, and eventually to



Monica Sosaya Halford, (left) veteran and former Navy WAVE, talks with Personnel Specialist Seaman Apprentice Jasmine Roman (center) and Personnel Specialist 2nd Class Brittany Krause (right) at JBPHH.

DoD photo by MC2 Aiyana S. Paschal

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— Monica Sosaya Halford

Korea. She also briefly served on flights from Jacksonville, Florida, to Guantanamo Bay,

Cuba. She reflected on the more sober aspects of her service, which included deliver-

ing the troops to the battle, and sometimes bringing body-bags back.

"It was the saddest part, seeing those young men sit in those bucket seats and knowing where they were going," Halford said.

Despite the sobering transits while on the waterplane, Halford fondly remembers her trips to Pearl Harbor.

"It was like a vacation," she said. "I played tourist. Waikiki had public lockers where you could put your clothes; I swam a lot. Waikiki was so different. There were no high rises, and the Royal Hawaiian was the tallest building."

When asked what she thought of women in the present-day military, Halford responded with tears in her eyes. "We couldn't even try to compare with you girls," she said. "It's so different now, seeing women on submarines and ships. It's an honor just being here with you all."

Halford now lives in Santa Fe, New Mexico, and paints religious icons. Her work has been recognized by the president of the United States, and is featured in many museums around the country. She wears her woman veteran's badge proudly.

For more information on the Navy WAVES, visit www.womenofwvii.com.

Riki's last call as a military working dog

Story and photos by Tech. Sgt. Heather Redman

15th Wing Public Affairs

Members of the U.S. Air Force, Army and Navy said goodbye to military working dog, Riki, at the veterinary clinic at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam (JBPHH), March 2.

The Joint Base Security Department lost Riki as a valued member of their team. Surrounded by his trainer and several members of his unit, Riki was put to sleep due to illness.

Riki was accepted into the military working dog training program at Lackland Air Force Base, Texas in April 2010, where he was certified as a patrol explosives detection dog. The following year, Riki was assigned to JBPHH.

During his six years of service, Riki responded to multiple incidents, including eight bomb threats, and performed more than 200,000 vehicle searches.



Members of the U.S. Air Force, Army and Navy say goodbye to military working dog Riki at the veterinary clinic at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, March 2.



Editor's Note:

The Joint Base Security Department will host a memorial for military working dog Riki at Hickam Memorial Theater on March 16 at 2 p.m. The memorial is open to all who wish to pay their respects.

Pearl Harbor-Hickam Highlights



Above, Capt. Kenneth Epps, commanding officer, NAVSUP FLC Pearl Harbor, holds a hula hoop while Culinary Specialist 1st Class Osman Fernandez cheers with students during the Jump Rope for Heart event at Pearl Harbor Elementary School, Feb. 28.

Right, Third class petty officers from Hawaii commands take the Navy-wide E-5 exam at the submarine base gym at JBPBH, March 9. Sailors who qualify take the exam twice a year until they are promoted to the next pay grade.

U.S. Navy photo by MC1 Corwin M. Colbert



Left, A Sailor presented Ken W. Hartle, son of World War II veteran Ken Hartle, with an American Flag at a memorial service in Escondido, California, March 4. WWII veteran Hartle is thought to be the oldest living Pearl Harbor salvage diver, nicknamed "Old Deep Sea." He was 103 when he died, Jan. 24.

U.S. Navy Combat Camera photo by MC1 Charles White

Below, A detail of personnel assigned to the Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency conduct a dignified transfer for what may be the remains of U.S. service members who have been classified as missing in action from WWII at JBPBH, March 7.



Hesed Shel Emes: The truest form of kindness

Story and photo by
Tech. Sgt. Heather Redman

15th Wing Public Affairs

Seventy years ago, a young man was killed in World War II just days before the surrender of Japan. Since then, he has been interred with the wrong emblem on his headstone—that is, until recently.

On Feb. 28, 1st Lt. Levy Pekar, Rabbi chaplain assigned to Nellis Air Force Base, Nevada, led the headstone replacement ceremony at the National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific, to honor Staff Sgt. Jack Weiner, U.S. Army Air Forces.

“While I was in New York, I found out about Weiner’s story from his cousin,” Pekar said. “At first, it sounded like miscommunication because we couldn’t find anything about him. But after some digging, we were able to find the Quartermaster General’s form that confirmed Weiner’s wishes to have the Star of David on his headstone.”

When he first heard about Weiner’s story, Pekar said he felt a connection with the young man who died more than 70 years ago.

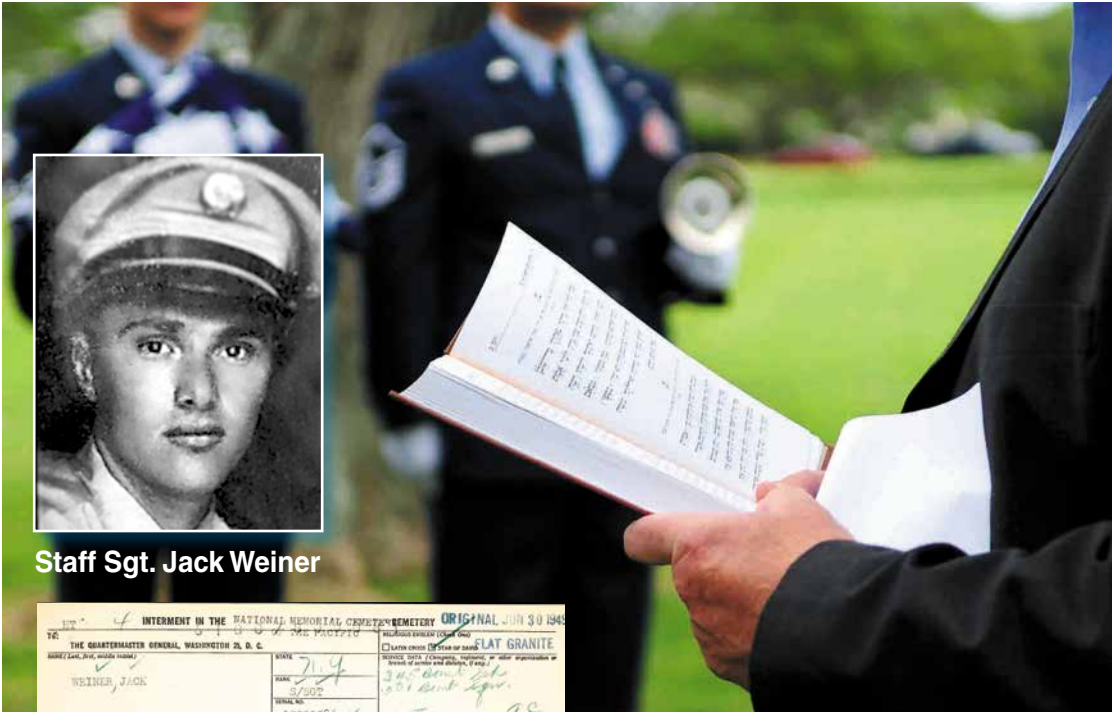
“Sgt. Weiner’s story resonated with me on so many different levels,” Pekar said. “With both of us being Jewish and Airmen, I felt like his story could have easily been mine. His story affected me on a spiritual level and as my duty as chaplain I knew we had to correct this mistake.”

In 1945, Weiner was a navigator assigned to the 345th Bombardment Group, which was stationed in Japan. During an air raid on Aug. 10, Weiner died in action when his aircraft was shot down.

“What we’re doing here is known as the Hesed Shel Emes or the truest form of kindness,” Pekar said. “One of the best things you can do in your life is something for the dead because it is something



Above, photos comparing Staff Sgt. Jack Weiner’s previous headstone and his corrected headstone.



Staff Sgt. Jack Weiner

INTERMENT IN THE NATIONAL MEMORIAL CEMETERY OF THE PACIFIC				ORIGINAL JUN 30 1945			
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Above, Daniel Bender, leader at the Lay Aloha Jewish Chapel, reads the Kelma'male Rachamim prayer during a memorial service for Staff. Sgt. Jack Weiner, U.S. Army Air Forces, at the National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific, Feb. 28.

that can never be repaid.”

Weiner made the ultimate sacrifice for his country, but his story would be incomplete without his family’s influence.

According to family records, his mother Eve was born and raised in the Jewish faith in Russia in the early 1900’s. During the time, pogrom, an organized persecution of Jewish people in Russia, was rampant as growing tensions

began spreading during World War I. Fleeing persecution, Eve migrated away from her homeland and she found refuge in the United States. Soon after settling in Brooklyn, New York, she gave birth to her only son, Jack, on July 22, 1922.

With the increase of anti-Semitism throughout Europe at the time, Eve was glad she and her son were safe from the persecution in Europe. As

Jack grew up and tensions turned into WWII, Eve celebrated the fact that she only had one son and he would be exempt from the draft. But Jack had other plans.

Despite being deferred from the draft for being an only child, Jack Weiner defied his mother’s wishes and joined the military.

Enlisting in the U.S. Army Air Force, Weiner was even-

tually stationed in Japan and assigned to the 345th Bombardment Group, 501st Bombardment Squadron. Just days after the atomic bombing of Hiroshima and Nagasaki, and mere weeks before the Japanese government officially surrendered, Weiner’s plane was shot down.

Originally buried at Yokohama Cemetery in Japan, Weiner’s remains were moved to Hawaii where he was laid to rest at the National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific in March 1949. It was during this transition a mistake was made and Weiner ended up with a Christian Cross on his headstone, instead of the Star of David.

“We have a sacred duty to protect our service members and we will do so in all cases, in life in death,” Pekar said. “It is easier to protect them while they’re alive, but it becomes a bit harder after they have passed. I’m just glad we are able to set a precedence of correcting mistakes when we become aware of them, even 70 years later.”

More than 30 members of the community, both military and civilian, attended Weiner’s headstone replacement ceremony. Attendees also read psalms and prayers. Although Weiner’s family members were unable to attend the ceremony, more than 30 members of the Jewish community came together to recite the Kaddish honoring and celebrating Weiner’s life and sacrifice.

“It speaks to this man’s incredible merit that so many years after his death, he and his religion are being recognized,” said Rabbi Itchel Krasnjansky of Hawaii. “He consecrated his life by making the ultimate sacrifice for his country. It’s appropriate that we are able to witness the occasion of him receiving his correct headstone and recognize his contributions to our nation.”

World War II Seabee reflects on V-J Day

Lt. Cmdr.
Jennifer Cragg

Commander, Navy
Expeditionary Combat
Command Public Affairs

World War II (WWII) veteran and Seabee Jack Mace recently reflected on the end of WWII on “V-J Day” (Victory over Japan Day) while stationed in Hawaii in 1945.

On March 5, Seabees worldwide commemorated the 75th anniversary of the Seabees that established a force of more than 325,000 builders who could fight during WWII.

Mace, who celebrated his 90th birthday on Feb. 28, is one of the dwindling numbers of Sailors who served as a Seabee during WWII. Mace served from 1944 to 1946 as a Motor Machinist’s Mate 3rd Class.

Mace’s granddaughter Amanda Hunsucker celebrated his milestone birthday with his extended family of four children, 10 grandchildren and two great children.

“Pa’, as he is so affectionately known was then and still is a humble and honorable man,” Hunsucker said. “His quiet and unassuming manner is testament to his great character. As we came together for his 90th birthday we were filled with

pride and admiration for his desire to serve his country at such a young age. A most ordinary man who by his love for God, family, and country is one extraordinary hero to all who know him.”

Mace, when he enlisted in the Navy, knew he wanted to be a Seabee.

“I’m inclined to build mechanically,” Mace said about deciding which rate to select when entering the U.S. Navy. “That’s one reason I joined the Seabees for. It also got me out of the regular Navy. One thing when I think about the Navy you’re on the water and the Seabees you’re on land. In case something happened, I figured I could walk a lot further than I could swim. In all, I enjoyed it.”

Mace who still has a faded and worn copy of the Blue Jacket manual from 1944 also maintains his Navy-related patches, discharge paperwork, dog tags, and other memorabilia that is stored in an old cigar box.

Mace was stationed at Pearl Harbor during his tour as a Seabee. The attack on Pearl Harbor had occurred less than three years earlier and the base was still dealing with the ramifications of the event.

“I would look across the bay at Ford Island and see the USS Arizona,”

said Mace as he recalled when reflecting on what it was like to work there after the 1941 attack. “Looking at that all the time; it crossed your mind that you knew there was a crew of that ship still underwater over there.”

Mace worked at the headquarters for the Seabee supply line which was in charge of shipping and receiving. His battalion would take cargo off of ships, move them to warehouses, sort them, and re-supply ships that would then take the supplies to units in the Pacific.

Additionally, he built

portable ramps for use on island landings, operated a crane and built landing wharfs.

“I don’t think any of us were looking for any glory or anything, we just took our orders and did what we were told to do,” Mace said. “Done the best we could.”

V-Jay Day — Aug. 14, 1945, will forever be remembered as the day Japan surrendered signifying the end of WWII.

“I know when it was announced we were stationed on Red Hill,” Mace said. “What I did all day, I don’t really know, I don’t

really remember, but I didn’t get out of hand too much, I didn’t end up in the brig.”

Mace said that everyone was really excited about V-J Day and there was definitely a “big hullabaloo.”

When asked if being a Seabee was something that he has carried with him throughout his life, Mace responded by lifting up his shirt sleeve revealing a fighting bee tattoo on his upper arm.

“Being a Seabee is being one for life,” Mace said.



To view a video of Jack Mace discussing his experiences during World War II, visit <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=B5ZY-q22wsvU&feature=youtu.be>.

Life & Leisure



MWR Marketing photos

Art exhibition to showcase instructors' work

Justin Hirai

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

The Joint Base Morale, Welfare and Recreation's (MWR) Arts and Crafts Center will host an art exhibition of artists Charis Derry's and Dennis McGeary's original paintings and sculptures. The exhibition will be in the Joint Base Arts and Crafts Center Gallery from March 16 through May

31. A free opening reception with appetizers served will be held from 5 to 6:30 p.m. March 16.

Derry and McGeary are class instructors at the Joint Base Arts and Crafts Center, and conduct the popular Paint and Sip events that take place every Wednesday evening at the Historic Hickam Officers' Club. They lead patrons step-by-step through a weekly feature painting, which will be completed that night. The customers then get to take their

painting home as their personal artwork. Food and beverages are available for purchase during the event.

"They are very active in the local art community and we are privileged to have them teach this program as well as many other classes here at the Arts and Crafts Center," said Donna Sommer, Arts and Crafts Center director.

Both artists will be at the opening reception to discuss their art and classes, and answer questions. At-

tendees can expect to see a variety of acrylic and oil paintings, mixed media and sculptures in the exhibition.

"An art opening at our gallery is always a fun, festive, free occasion, and the art is fresh and new. The Arts and Crafts Center strives to foster a creative environment," Sommer said.

For more information on the art exhibition, opening reception or Paint and Sip events, call 448-9907 or visit www.greatlifehawaii.com.



DPAA runs away from depleted 15th MXG



Rick June takes it to the rack for two of his six points in his first appearance of the season for DPAA.

**Story and photo
by Randy Dela Cruz**

Sports Editor, Ho'okele

Playing four against five in any competitive sporting event isn't very good odds for the team on the short end of the stick.

Despite the importance of the Above 30 White Division intramural basketball showdown between teams locked in second place, the 15th Maintenance Group (15 MXG) arrived at Hickam Fitness Center court with only four players to challenge a deep Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency (DPAA) squad that was looking to gain sole possession of the placing.

As expected, DPAA trounced the shorthanded 15 MXG by a score of 46-20 and now holds a 5-1 record, while the 15 MXG, which has lost two games in a row after a perfect start, fell to 4-2.

"We knew we could win the game from the very beginning," said sharp-shooting guard Capt. John Duncan. "But we always try to push ourselves to up our level of play. It doesn't really matter who we see. At the time we're trying to play the highest level of basketball we can."

Capitalizing on the situation, DPAA got out to a 7-2 lead, when Duncan splashed

down the first of his four treys early in the first half.

However, the 15 MXG kept pressing the action and scored the next five points to tie the score at 7-7.

The game-tying shot came on a three ball from the hands of Lt. Cmdr. Manuel Dominguez.

Seeing that they couldn't take the 15 MXG lightly, DPAA responded by being more patient and started picking their shots more carefully.

The strategy paid off, as DPAA went on a 10-0 run to take a 17-7 lead.

Guard Chief Warrant Officer 3 Sharron McClerain finished off a fast break by taking a dish from teammate George Carroll for the team's first double-digit advantage.

"The fast break was working to their advantage because it was helping them to match numbers," Duncan said. "So we were actually trying to slow the ball down and play more tempo."

The 15 MXG finally scored to break the run, but back came DPAA with a 7-0 run to close out the half to take a 24-9 lead into intermission.

Duncan, who finished with 12 points, all treys, opened up the second half with a three-point bucket to put DPAA up by 18 at 27-9.

The lead wavered a bit throughout the rest of the game but never dropped be-

low double-digits.

At the 4:00 mark, McClerain sank one of two free throws to raise the lead to 20 points at 40-20, which sealed the win for DPAA.

Duncan said that McClerain, who came off of the bench to score eight points, sparked the team when it needed it to maintain their large lead.

"We started the discussion that we needed to pump up the energy," he said. "Chief McClerain came out there and he really energized us. He started cutting to the lane and doing things on the offensive end that got us going."

Besides the big win, DPAA got some big news with the addition to the team by retired Rick June, an all-around athlete who also started at quarterback on the team's runner-up flag football squad.

Duncan noted that June is a huge addition who will only make the team better as it approaches the play-offs.

"For me, as a shooter, it's great because defenses know they have to guard him," Duncan said. "For Osborne (Sgt. 1st Class Shaka Osborne), down in the blocks, it gets him open because they can only play one-on-one, when they got to d-up on June. It really just opens a lot of stuff for us. We can space out the floor better, so it really helps."

NCTAMS PAC West shows dominance in huge victory

**Story and photo
by Randy Dela Cruz**

Sports Editor, Ho'okele

Naval Computer Telecommunications Area Master Station Pacific (NCTAMS PAC) West is putting things together to take a big step forward before the upcoming play-offs.

Battling against another top team in the Red Division, NCTAMS PAC West strung two strong halves together to dominate and topple the 647th Force Support Squadron (647 FSS), 53-29, on March 8 at Hickam Fitness Center.

The victory gave NCTAMS PAC West sole possession of second place in the Red Division with a record of 6-1, while the 647 FSS saw their record fall one game behind at 5-2.

"Before the game, I told them that this team (647 FSS) ain't no slouch," said NCTAMS head coach Master Chief Patrick Walker. "The last few games, it's been all about the defense and then, all of sudden, our offense started clicking. I just keep on encouraging them and they're being more vocal on defense with the switches and I think that's what are really helping them out."

Right from the start, NCTAMS PAC West seemed to have an edge as they pulled away with a slight lead in the early going of the game.

The introduction of guard Airman 1st Class Rayshad Johnson, however, put a stop to the run, as Johnson's penetration sparked the 647 FSS to mount a comeback.

Johnson knocked down a basket on a drive to the hoop and then followed up his lay-up with a long three ball from the right wing that pulled his team back to within three points at 18-15.

The momentum by the 647 FSS bothered Walker, who quickly called timeout and instituted a plan to keep Johnson under control.

"In the beginning, they didn't have a ball handler, which helped us get the early lead," Walker said. "So when No. 11 (Johnson) came in, I called

a timeout and brought everybody over and told them to not guard the inbound, just deny No. 11 the ball."

The strategy slowed down the 647 FSS attack and then with only one-minute remaining in the first half, NCTAMS PAC West played for the last shot and got the basket, when Information System Technician 3rd Class Marcus Jenkins followed up on a missed shot to place it softly back into the basket as time expired for a 22-16 lead at halftime.

Jenkins, whose work in the block was instrumental to his team's win, finished the game with 14 points, with 11 of them coming in the first half. "He's a complete player," said Walker, who added that Jenkins is a bona fide gym rat. "He plays hard on defense and offense, he can take you off the dribble and every now and then, he'll hit you with three-point shot. Me, personally, I think he's one of the best players on base."

Jenkins' buzzer-beating shot turned momentum in favor of NCTAMS PAC West and it carried over into the second half.

A three ball by Yeoman 2nd Class Paul Smith gave NCTAMS PAC West their first double-digit lead at 28-16 at the 17:35 mark.

Another seven minutes passed and the lead ballooned to 21 on another trey, this time by Information System Technician Seaman David Trevino with 7:08 remaining on the clock.

At that point, the game was well in hand, but NCTAMS PAC West continued to roll until the final horn sounded the end.

After watching his team possibly play their most complete game of the season, Walker said he'll continue to pass down the message that he hopes will keep them on track to the Joint Base title.

"After every game I tell them what their weaknesses were during that game," Walker said. "If they can continue to improve on that, hopefully this momentum will keep going and we'll continue to roll throughout the rest of the season."



Information System Technician 3rd Class Marcus Jenkins caps a shot to help NCTAMS PAC West to a big win.

Interior Communications Technician 1st Class John Cole's hoop retakes the lead for Chung-Hoon in the first half against Halsey.

**WHO'KELE
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Chung-Hoon fights off strong effort by Halsey

**Story and photo
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Sports Editor, Ho'okele

In the NFL, the saying goes that on any given Sunday, any team can give an opponent a battle, no matter what its record going into the game.

Apparently, the rule holds true in the intramural basketball Afloat Division at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam (JBPHH), as proven by USS Halsey (DDG 97) in their showdown against USS Chung-Hoon (DDG 93) Hooligans.

Running onto the court at JBPHH Fitness Center on March 4 with a 1-3 record, Halsey kept close until the very end, despite having only six players to start the matchup.

Although leading with only about seven minutes remaining in the game, Halsey started to lose ground. Chung-Hoon picked up the pace and began crashing the boards and hitting clutch shots from the perimeter.

In the end, Chung-Hoon was able to escape with a 47-40 victory to earn their fifth win against only one defeat, while Halsey fell to 1-4.

Leading the charge on the inside for Chung-Hoon was center Information Systems Technician 3rd Class Desmond Tate, who came alive in the second half.

Tate, who scored only two points on free throws in the first half, crashed the boards to pump in nine points on a variety of drives and

putbacks to keep Chung-Hoon in the hunt, before taking over late in the game.

"I feel like we could have ran away with this game, seeing that they only had six people," Tate said. "But all in all, we got the win. Everybody pitched in and contributed. We excelled on the boards today and it was a great win."

Like most of the game, the first half was especially tough. The teams traded baskets all the way until halftime.

Halsey struggled at first and remained scoreless until seven minutes into the game, when Operations Specialist 1st Class Darius Mitchell scored the team's first basket.

Later, Mitchell came back and dropped a three ball to tie the game at 14-14 and then, Chief Fire Controlman Brian Lee followed up with a lay-up to give Halsey their first lead of the game at 16-14 with 6:26 remaining in the first half.

Operations Specialist 2nd Class Fernando Tait fired in a trey to extend the Halsey lead, but back came Chung-Hoon to tie it up at 20-20 on a basket by Electronics Technician 3rd Class Daryl Vincent.

Chung-Hoon took the lead on their next trip down the floor with a bucket by Interior Communications Technician 1st Class John Cole, but just before the buzzer, Ensign Bryan Neely scored to tie the game at 22-22 going into intermission.

Starting off the second half, Halsey was able to capture and hold a lead by as much as five

points until 7:30 into the game.

At that point, Halsey big man and top scorer Operations Specialist 1st Class Byron Jones sustained an injury to his left shoulder and was forced to sit out the rest of the game.

Tate said that once Jones went down, it was time to go hard and dominate the paint.

"Byron is an exceptionally strong player," Tate said. "Once he went down, we could not let them hang around."

Two minutes later, Logistics Specialist 2nd Class Nikita Mayo sunk a teardrop inside the lane that tied the score up at 31-31.

Mayo then followed up on his game-tying basket by connecting on back-to-back shots from beyond the arc to put up Chung-Hoon for good at 37-35.

"Mayo's extremely clutch," Tate said. "That's why he wears Kobe's. It's all in the shoes."

While teams may be gunning for Chung-Hoon, due to that high positioning in the Afloat Division standings, Tate said that it doesn't matter who they are playing.

The only thought right now is to finish off the rest of the division, so they can meet up with defending champs USS O'Kane (DDG-77), who is the only team to defeat Chung-Hoon this season.

"I don't think it gets harder," Tate said. "Knowing that we have to play the O'Kane again, I think we are more focused on coming back and beating them. We just want to win everything."

NEX gives back with student reward program

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

Any eligible full-time student that has a B-grade point average equivalent or better, as determined by their school system, may enter the drawing. Homeschooled students can also qualify with acknowledgement that

the student has a "B" average or equivalent record of accomplishment.

Eligible students include children of active duty members, Reservists and military retirees as well as U.S. civilian Department of Defense employees stationed outside the continental United States and U.S. civilian employees of firms under contract to the Department of Defense outside the continental United States. Students must be enrolled in first through 12th grade. Children without an individual Dependent Identification Card need to be accompanied by their sponsor to submit their entry. Each student may enter only once each

grading period and must re-enter with each qualifying report card.

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

Since the program's inception in 1997, NEXCOM has awarded \$694,500 in savings bonds and monetary awards to students with the help of its vendor partners.



UPCOMING EVENTS

Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam Morale, Welfare and Recreation

Teen Center to hold March Mayhem today

● **#weownfriday: March Mayhem** will be held from 5 to 7 p.m. today at the Joint Base Teen Center. Teens can participate in a variety of sports activities. This is a free event, which is open to all teens ages 13 to 18 years old. For more information, call 448-0418.

● **Free spring open house in observance of National Craft Month** will be held from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday at the Joint Base Arts and Crafts Center. There will be make-n-takes, demos, door prizes, sales specials and free hot dogs and soda. For more information, call 448-9907.

● **Bottom fishing at Hickam Harbor** will be held from 2:30 to 5:30 p.m. March 12 at Outdoor Recreation at Hickam Harbor. This trip is for experts and beginners alike. The trip includes gear, guides and the boat. Participants can bring a snack and some drinks. The cost is \$30, and the sign up deadline is today. For more information, call 449-5215.

● **Liberty's Barracks Bash: Knockerball** will be held from 5 to 7 p.m. March 16 at the Gathering Place on the Hickam side of Joint Base. The Liberty staff will be grilling some bacon burgers, hotdogs, chicken and shrimp. There will be music and games. For this Barracks Bash, Sailors and Airmen will be playing Knockerball. This is a free event for single, active-duty military E1-E6 only. For more information, call 473-2583.

● **Free golf clinic** will begin at noon March 16 at the Navy-Marine Golf Course. For more information, call 471-0142.

● **St. Patrick's Day Party** will begin at 4 p.m. March 17 at Brews and Cues (building 1557). There will be free pupus and prize giveaways. There is no cover for this event, which is open to 18 and older. For more information, call 473-1743.

● **Annual creative writing contest** submissions are due on March 18 at the Joint Base Library. Poetry and short stories submissions will be accepted. Prizes will be awarded in both divisions and all age categories. To see the rules and age categories and to download an entry form, visit www.greatlifehawaii.com. The awards ceremony with refreshments will be hosted on April 8 by the Hickam Library Friends. For more information, call 449-8299.

● **Pre-teen St. Patrick's Day** event will be held from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. March 18 at the Joint Base Teen Center for ages 9 to 12 years old. Youth participants can wear green. The cost is \$5, and the deadline to sign up is March 15. For more information, call 448-0418.

● **Learn to Surf at Hickam Harbor** will begin at 9 a.m. March 19 at Outdoor Recreation at Hickam Harbor. Instructors will familiarize participants with the technique, gear, etiquette and methods on how to surf. The class starts out on land, and then transitions to the water (near shore). Participants must be able to swim without a lifejacket. The cost is \$30, and the deadline to sign up is March 16. For more information, call 449-5215.

● **Teen Center Hike: Aiea Loop Trail** will be held from 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. March 20 for ages 13 to 18 years old. Participants should bring water, hat and sunscreen, snacks and lunch. Participants are encouraged to wear comfortable clothes and supportive hiking shoes. The cost is \$5 and the deadline to sign up is March 17 at the Joint Base Teen Center. Transportation will be provided. For more information, call 448-0418.



Dominick Cruz



Robert Irvine



Jim Karol



Katie Meili



Craig Morgan

USO Spring Visit to feature March 25 variety show at Ward Field

The USO Spring Visit 2017 will feature a free variety show on March 25 at Ward Field, Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam. The show will start at 1 p.m. and gates open at noon. The event is open to all military-affiliated personnel and their sponsored guests.

The event is scheduled to feature country music artist Craig Morgan, Olympic swimmer and two-time medalist Katie Meili, mentalist Jim Karol, celebrity chef and restaurateur Robert Irvine and UFC commentator and former champion Dominick Cruz. The lineup is subject

to change without notice. In addition, the 12,000 Scouts of Aloha Council will provide free flavored popcorn at their booth while supplies last.

Pizza and cold beverages will be available for purchase. Patrons are welcome to bring in outside food and beverages into the event (excluding alco-

hol and glass containers). No entrance tickets are required. Parking is available within the surrounding area.

The following items are prohibited: Alcohol, glass, coolers larger than a six-pack size, tents, pets, barbecues and professional video/audio recorders. All personal items

are subject to search.

ATMs will not be on-site, so please plan accordingly and bring cash if you desire to make purchases. No official endorsement is intended.

For more information, email info@greatlifehawaii.com or visit the website www.greatlifehawaii.com.

Ahua Reef cleanup set for April 14

Naval Facilities Engineering Command Hawaii (NAVFAC Hawaii) will hold a cleanup event from 9 a.m. to noon April 14 at Ahua Reef.

Volunteers can help restore a Native Hawaiian wetland by removing invasive weeds, cleaning

up trash and creating habitat for native plants and birds.

Volunteers should wear closed-toed shoes and bring sun block, water, a hat, gloves and snacks. Expect to get wet and muddy, so boots and long

sleeves/pants are recommended.

For more information and to sign up, contact Corrina Carnes at 471-0378 or email [Corrina.carnes.ctr@navy.mil](mailto:carnes.ctr@navy.mil) or contact Aurelia Gonzales at 471-0378 or email Aureliag@hawaii.edu.

Entry deadline for Ford Island Bridge Run is March 15



The entry deadline for the 20th Annual Ford Island Bridge Run is March 15. The 10K run will be held from 7 to 10 a.m. April 1.

For the past 19 years, the Ford Island Bridge Run has been one of the largest 10k runs on Oahu. Race walkers, leisure walkers, serious and recreational runners can experience the scenic and historical sights along the run. The first 3,000 finishers will receive medals. No pets will be allowed.

Fees are \$30 regular entry, \$25 military family members, retirees and Department of Defense employees, \$25 for active duty, \$40 late entry fee (after March 15), and \$45 race day entry (accepted until 6:45 a.m.). Online registration closes on March 24. Mail-in entries will not be accepted if postmarked after March 27. Packet pick-up is Saturday, March 25 from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Richardson Pool building 1, located across from Rainbow Bay Marina.

For more information, call 473-0784/2494/2437.

Upcoming blood drives



A blood drive will be held from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. March 14 at the Pearl Harbor Navy Exchange main entrance.

All blood types needed, but there is a special need for O Negative and A Negative blood types.

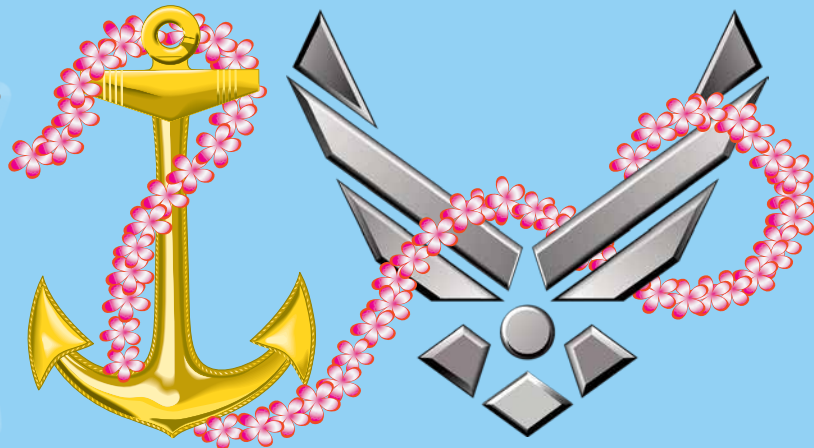
All donations made will directly support Tripler Army Medical Center, deployed service members, military missions and their families.

The following are a few basic requirements that must be met in order to donate blood with the ASBP. In general, donors need to:

- Have not donated blood previously within the last eight weeks.
- Weigh at least 110 pounds.
- Be at least 17 years of age.
- Have been feeling well for at least three days prior to donating.
- Be well hydrated and have eaten something prior to donating.
- Have picture ID and know when/where you have traveled.
- Be able to list the types of medications currently being taken.

For more information, contact Michelle Lele-Himalaya at 433-6699 or michelle.lele@amedd.army.mil.

MARCH

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CALENDAR**U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE RECRUITMENT**

MARCH 10 — A U.S. Department of State recruitment event will be held at 1 p.m. at Military and Family Support Center Pearl Harbor. Diplomat-in-residence Melissa Martinez will host an information session highlighting civil service and foreign-service careers with the U.S. Department of State. FMI: www.greatlifehawaii.com/family-support/mfsc-class-schedule or call 474-1999.

STRESS MANAGEMENT MARCH 13 — A stress management class will be held from 9:30 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.

TIME MANAGEMENT MARCH 14 — A time management class 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.

RESUME WRITING MARCH 14 —

A class on navigating USAJOBS and federal resumes will be held from 8 to 11 a.m. at Military and Family Support Center Wahiawa. A resume writing class will be held from 12:30 to 2:30 p.m. at Military and Family Support Center Wahiawa. Registration is highly encouraged. It's also helpful to bring along your own laptop as well as a draft resume and a job announcement you may be interested in pursuing. FMI: www.greatlifehawaii.com/family-support/mfsc-class-schedule or call 474-1999.

FBI RECRUITMENT MARCH 14 — A Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) recruitment event will be held from 10 a.m. to noon at Military and Family Support Center Hickam. Agency representatives will be available to discuss career choices, qualification requirements and hiring procedures. FMI: www.greatlifehawaii.com/family-support/mfsc-class-schedule or call 474-1999.

FINANCIAL PLANNING FOR RETIREMENT

MARCH 14 — A class on financial planning for retirement will be held from 9 to 10:30 a.m. at Military and Family Support Center Pearl Harbor. FMI: www.greatlifehawaii.com/family-support/mfsc-class-schedule or call 474-1999.

WOMEN'S HISTORY OBSERVANCE, MEAL

MARCH 15 — A Women's History Month special observance event will be held from 10 to 11 a.m. at Sharkey Theater. The event will honor trailblazing women. A special meal will follow from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the Silver Dolphin Bistro. The meal is open to all active-duty personnel, escorted family members of active-duty personnel, retirees and Department of Defense employees with a valid ID card. The cost of the meal is \$5.55. Please bring exact change to expedite time spent at the cashier stand.

WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH STORY TIMES

MARCH 15, 29 — A children's story time in honor of Women's History Month will be held from 9 to 10 a.m. March 15 at the Joint Base Library. In addition, a story time for all in honor of Women's History Month will be held from 9 to 10 a.m. March 29 at the Joint Base Library. FMI: Capt. Rashida Brown at (315) 448-1620 or rashida.brown@us.af.mil or Capt. Deline Tengen at (315) 449-0864 or deline.tengen.1@us.af.mil.

SURVIVOR BENEFIT PLAN CLASS

MARCH 15 — A survivor benefit plan (SBP) class will be held from 10 to 11:30 a.m. at Military and Family Support Center Pearl Harbor. The SBP is an insurance plan that will pay your surviving spouse a monthly payment (annuity) to help make up for the loss of your retirement income. FMI: www.greatlifehawaii.com/family-support/mfsc-class-schedule or call 474-1999.

NEW MOMS AND DADS CLASS MARCH 15

— A class for new moms and dads will be held from 5 to 8 p.m. at Military and Family Support Center Hickam. New and soon-to-be parents (or those who are thinking about becoming parents) can learn about the roles, responsibilities, demands and joys of being parents. FMI: www.greatlifehawaii.com/family-support/mfsc-class-schedule or call 474-1999.

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FINANCIAL READINESS FOR AIR FORCE SUPERVISORS MARCH 16

— A one-day financial training for Air Force supervisors will be held from 7:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at Military and Family Support Center Hickam. It is designed to provide a basic understanding of typical financial problems, how to deal with a financial crisis with one of your members, and create an awareness of available resources. FMI: www.greatlifehawaii.com/family-support/mfsc-class-schedule or call 474-1999.

POSITIVE PARENTING MARCH 16 — A class on positive parenting skills will be held from 1 to 3 p.m. at Military and Family Support Center Pearl Harbor. Topics include establishing positive relationships, disciplining assertively and creating realistic expectations. FMI: www.greatlifehawaii.com/family-support/mfsc-class-schedule or call 474-1999.

CONFLICT MANAGEMENT MARCH 17 — A workshop on conflict management will be held from 9 to 11 a.m. at Military and Family Support Center Hickam. FMI: www.greatlifehawaii.com/family-support/mfsc-class-schedule or call 474-1999.

IA RESOURCE FAIR MARCH 17 — An Individual Augmentee (IA) resource fair will be held from noon to 2 p.m. at Military and Family Support Center Pearl Harbor. The event is open to all IA Sailors, their families, command coordinators, ombudsmen and command support teams. FMI: www.greatlifehawaii.com/family-support/mfsc-class-schedule or call 474-1999.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY MARCH 17 — A Hawaii Foodbank volunteer opportunity will be held from noon to 2 p.m. at 2243 Kalaunu St. in Honolulu. It consists of packaging up and distributing perishable and nonperishable items for a low-income housing area. Participants should wear tennis shoes and civilian clothing is allowed. FMI: CS1 Alyssa Crowder at alyssa.crowder@navy.mil.

MOVIE
SHOWTIMES**THE SPACE BETWEEN US**

In this interplanetary adventure, shortly after arriving to help colonize Mars, an astronaut dies while giving birth to the first human born on the red planet. Thus begins the extraordinary life of Gardner Elliot — an inquisitive, highly intelligent boy who reaches the age of 16 having only met 14 people in his very unconventional upbringing. While searching for clues about his father, and the home planet he's never known, Gardner begins an online friendship with a street smart girl named Tulsa. When he finally gets a chance to go to Earth, Gardner is eager to experience all of the wonders he could only read about on Mars.

SHARKEY THEATER**TODAY — MARCH 10**

7:00 PM The LEGO Batman Movie (3-D)(PG)

SATURDAY — MARCH 11

2:30 PM The LEGO Batman Movie (PG)

5:00 PM Rings (PG-13)

7:20 PM John Wick: Chapter 2 (R)

SUNDAY — MARCH 12

2:30 PM A Dog's Purpose (PG)

5:00 PM The LEGO Batman Movie (3-D) (PG)

7:10 PM The Space Between Us (PG-13)

THURSDAY — MARCH 16

7:00 PM A Dog's Purpose (PG)

HICKAM MEMORIAL THEATER**TODAY — MARCH 10**

7:00 PM Split (PG-13)

SATURDAY — MARCH 11

3:00 PM A Dog's Purpose (PG)

6:00 PM The Founder (PG-13)

SUNDAY — MARCH 12

3:00 PM A Dog's Purpose (PG)

THURSDAY — MARCH 16

7:00 PM The Space Between Us (PG-13)