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JBPHH to host

# KAHIKI

celebration Nov. 18



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

The annual Makahiki at Kapuaikaula, known today as Hickam, will be celebrated at Hickam Harbor Beach at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam (JBPHH)

from 9 a.m. to noon on Saturday, Nov. 18. The Makahiki, or Thanksgiving festival, will feature ho'okupu (gift) presentations, cultural demonstrations and ancient Makahiki games.

The annual event is organized by the Oahu Council of Hawaiian Civic Clubs

families to learn about the rich pre-western Hawaiian traditions and history of the lands surrounding JBPHH.

Before the Makahiki begins at 9 a.m., senior members of JBPHH will participate with paddlers from Kamaha'o Canoe Club in carrying Lono, the deified guardian of agriculture, rain, health and peace to the shore.

These canoes will make a journey from Iroquois Point to Hickam Harbor. Once on shore, they will be greeted and a blast of the conch shell will announce their ar-

and provides an opportunity for military rival, and the Makahiki will commence.

One of the highlights of the event is the Makahiki games.

These games were a test of strength and skill for competitors to win recognition for their prowess.

Adults and children can participate in games such as 'ulu maika (stone rolling), moa pahe'e (dart tossing), haka moa (one-leg wrestling) and maka ihe (spear throwing).

The event is free and open to military and civilian personnel with base access, their families and sponsored guests.

## Women honored at Veterans Day ceremony

Story and photos by Tech. Sgt. Heather Redman

15th Wing Public Affairs

Every year the Veterans Day Sunset Ceremony brings together the men, women, and families that fought and served throughout the years. This Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam honored women veterans, Nov.

not been for our brave veterans, both past and present," said Michael Carr, Battleship Missouri Memorial Association president. "It is the contributions of women that helped make the military one of the most diverse organizations in America."

year was no different when women have made their mark aboard the deck of the Battle- on the military. With each passship Missouri Memorial, Joint ing generation, the role women have played in the military has

During the American Revo-"The America we know today lution, women primarily filled would not be what it is if it had roles as nurses, water bearers,

ing on the battlefield alongside

In World War II, women not only took to the workforce to fill factory positions that were traditionally held by men, but they also took to the skies and sea.

More than 1,100 Women Air Since the founding of the U.S. Force Service Pilots and ferried planes across the country and flight-tested aircrafts after a repairs, while members of Women Accepted for Volunteer Emergency Service held the same status of naval reservists.

The Korean and Vietnam

cooks and laundresses, serv- in more traditional non-combative roles. Often times serving as clerks or nurses.

These brave and gallant women paved the way for untraditional roles for women who wanted to serve their country," said U.S. Navy retired Rear Adm. Alma Grocki.

crease in varied roles for women in the services. We are proud of those who came before us, proud of what we've accomplished, and proud to be American veterans.

According to the National Wars saw women taking part Center for Veterans Analysis

and Statistics, women represent 15 percent of active duty and 19 percent of guard and reserve forces. They are one of the fastest growing populations among veterans and make up more than 10 percent of the total U.S. veteran population.

"Women in the military have "Slowly we've seen an in- had their usefulness questioned, and people doubted their fortitude to serve and perform," said U.S. Air Force Col. Kara Gormont, 15th Medical Group commander. "However, women have stepped up to those challenges and now serve in almost every facet of the military.'

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- U.S. Air Force Col. Kara Gormont, 15th Medical Group commander



staff sergeant, renders a salute





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MC2 Michael H. Lee

COMSUBPACPublic Affairs

Angeles-class fast-attack submarine USS Olympia (SSN 717) returned to Joint Base Pearl Harbor Hickam, following the a western Pacific deployment, Nov. 9.

several coordinated exer- of Olympia. "This group

forces and completed three highly successful missions vital to national security.

"The total commitment The crew of the Los and level of effort this crew has demonstrated over the last 18 months both prepared for and executing this deployment is nothing less than outsuccessful completion of standing," said Cmdr. Benjamin J. Selph, native of Prescott, Arizona Olympia participated in and commanding officer

themselves as professionals of their trade and ambassadors of their country throughout the deployment and I could not ask to lead a more dedicated crew."

The deployment was a great opportunity for junior Sailors to gain vital operational experience and to hone guidance and leadership skills from the senior leadership.

"The sincere efforts by

cises with U.S. and allied of young men conducted our experienced submalisted Sailors to the next riners instilling qualities that every Sailor needs to be successful and safe helped the junior Sailors become more knowledgeable and helpful in the execution of ship's operations," said Master Chief Electronics Technician (Submarine) Navigation Roland R. Midgett, chief of the boat and native of Virginia Beach, Virginia.

During the deployment,

rank, promoted seven officers and saw 37 submariners earn the right to wear the Submarine Warfare device.

Between missions, Olympia had four port calls to Guam and Japan.

"Having the opportunity to visit Japan on two separate occasions was an unforgettable experience," said Ma-chinist's Mate (Weapons) Olympia advanced 16 en- Fireman Raul Bonilla, a missiles.

native of San Diego.

The return of the Olympia to Pearl Harbor marks nearly 33 years of commissioned service since Nov. 17, 1984.

Olympia is the second ship of the Navy to be named after Olympia, Washington. The submarine is 362-feet long, displaces 6,900 tons and can be armed with sophisticated Mark-48 torpedoes and Tomahawk cruise





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# Diverse VIEWS



### How will you spend your Thanksgiving?

Submitted by Ensign Matthew Meltzer, Ensign John Griesbach, Lt. j.g.

Melanie Artis and David D. Underwood Jr.



Senior Master Sgt. Jorge **Diaz-Morales** Air Force Installation and Mission Support Center, Det. 2

"I plan on spending Thanksgiving in the company of family and friends who throughout the years have been present. I also expect a visit from my oldest daughter who I have not seen in three years, so the day will be extra special to me.'



MMW3 Jeffery Gaskins USS Chicago (SSN 721)

"I'll be on duty for Thanksgiving. I plan on having friends over to my place on Friday though.'



Tech. Sgt. Amanda Frederick 647th Force Support Squadron

"Tech. Sgt. Nykky Davis has opened her home to myself and other unaccompanied Airmen. Going to have good times and great food."



**Ensign Amour** Wilhelm NIOC Hawaii

"My brother is flying in from the East Coast and I'll be taking him to a



**Diane Reyes** Military spouse

"I'll be spending Thanksgiving with my family. Most of the time will be spent in the kitchen.



FCA2 Mary Wippler Center for Surface Combat Systems

"My boyfriend and I will be spending Thanksgiving at my dad's house down in Georgia. I've been forward-deployed and have missed the past three Thanksgivings, so I'm really looking forward to this year."

Want to see your command featured in Diverse Views? Got opinions to share? Drop us a line at editor@hookelenews.com

## COMMENTARIES

Jim Mattis

Secretary of Defense

### Nation highlights Warrior Care Month in November

Our Wounded Warriors, by their raw example of courage on far-flung battlefields, by their personal sacrifice for our country, and by their commitment

to defending this experiment in democracy we call Amer-

ica, have earned a place of honor far greater than any words or monuments we could ever give them.

They have shared the action and passion of our time, and will never be "at peril of being judged not to have lived," in the words of Oliver Wendell Holmes Jr., that most articulate Supreme Court justice and himself a combat-experienced infantry officer in the Civil War.

There must never pass a day in our nation or at the Department of Defense when we do not provide our wounded, injured, and ill service members the best possible care and support.

They have done their patriotic duty; they are neither diminished nor dependent, even as we help them bring new strength to bear. In their eyes we see the best of our country's fighting spirit. We are inspired by their strength in recovery, rehabilitation, and reintegration back to duty or transition into the civilian community.

November is "Warrior Care Month," a time we have designated to accomplish two goals: first, to renew our focus on all aspects of this mission; and second, to convey that there is no higher priority for this department than caring for those who have sacrificed so much.

I expect all hands to share information on programs and resources available to wounded, ill, and injured service members, as well as to their families and caregivers. This includes the physical, mental, spiritual, emotional, familial, civilian, and career-readiness activities the department makes available to service members and their families. I also urge all hands to take aggressive steps to improve care wherever possible.

I thank the many professionals in DoD who work year-round to provide exceptional care for our Wounded Warriors. We have no higher honor. For more Warrior Care Month information, please visit www.warriorcare.mil.



Team Navy celebrates after winning the 2017 Warrior Games' sitting volleyball medal rounds at the United Center.

### American Indians, Alaska Natives contribute to nation's strength, security

A.M. Kurta

Performing the duties of the Undersecretary of Defense for Personnel and Readiness

The Department of Defense (DoD) is pleased to announce the observance of November as American Indian Heritage Month.

Together we celebrate the heritage and legacy of the first Americans, and honor their contributions to the strength and security of our nation.

From the Revolutionary War to present-day missions around the world, American Indians and Alaska Natives have contributed and continue to contribute greatly

to national defense.

military forces and participated in every major conflict since the time Gen. George Washington enlisted their help in America's fight for indepen-

During World War II, Native American military personnel encoded messages in native languages to prevent enemy code-breakers from

deciphering sensitive information. Combining their unique talents with their resilient spirit, American Indians and Alaska Natives have valiantly served our military throughout our nation's history. American Indians and Alaska Natives continue to enrich this great nation with traditions of the past and innovation for the future.

Let us take this opportunity to celebrate the diversity of the DoD Total Force.

contributions of American Indians and Alaska These patriotic Americans have served our Natives to the nation, along with their rich legacy — deeply woven throughout our nation's fab-

> From the birth of our nation onward, American Indians and Alaska Natives have been integral to the fortitude and readiness of the Total Force.

> DoD is committed to honoring and recognizing military members and DoD civilians who are American Indians and Alaskan Natives for their continued contributions to the strength of our Nation, and dedicated service to and protection of the United States.

> Especially during November, and throughout the rest of the year, I encourage DoD personnel to recognize the achievements and contributions of American Indians and Alaska Natives and to

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1942 when he led a flight of LB-30s into a bomb strike against Imperial Japan. Tinker, who selected himself as flight leader for the combat mission instead of asking his subordinates to go, was the first general officer to die in action during World War II. Earlier, following the Dec. 7, 1941, Japanese surprise attack at Pearl Harbor, Tinker assumed command of the Air Force in Hawaii. Tinker was also a member of the Native American Osage Nation and 30-plus year U.S. Armed Forces veteran. A-4 • November 17, 2017 **HO'OKELE** 



Photos by Tech. Sgt. Eric Donner

U.S. Air Force Gen. Terrence J. O'Shaughnessy (center), Pacific Air Forces (PACAF) commander, speaks to PACAF leaders during the fall commander's conference.

### PACAF senior leaders discuss readiness during fall conference

Tech. Sgt. Kamaile Casillas

Pacific Air Forces Public Affairs

More than 100 senior officers, command chiefs and their spouses from across the Pacific Air Forces (PACAF) area of responsibility attended the fall commander's conference at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, Nov.

The semiannual event provides a forum for senior leaders to share perspectives, exchange best practices and lessons learned, as well as strengthen lines of communication in a rapidly changing environment.

fundamentally changed, making events like these critically important in addressing our top priorities and ensuring we are doing our very best to take care of our Airmen and their families," said Gen. Terrence J. O'Shaughnessy, PACAF commander, addressing the group.

"When you look in the mirror at tinue to meet the demands of a the end of the day, I need you to be able to say you did everything possible today to prepare your Airmen."

A substantial portion of the three-day conference included intelligence analysis and discussions regarding the growing complexity of the Indo-Asia-Pacific.

Day one focused on the nearterm threat posed by North Korea, day two focused on how the PACAF staff can best support Airmen and commanders across the region, and day three focused on theater-wide challenges to include new operational concepts, "The pace in the theater has like Agile Combat Employment, that are being implemented to counter these challenges.

> From supporting allies and partners in bilateral and multilateral training and exercises, to executing the first operational deployment of F-35A Lightning II fighters to Kadena Air Base, Japan — PACAF Airmen con

complex command.

"Our Airmen are instrumental in all of this ... in the most consequential region for our future, not just from a military perspective, but as a nation, O'Shaughnessy said, emphasizing the importance of maintaining a "credible forward-deployed force to retain our competitive advantage.

The conference also featured breakout sessions providing commanders, chiefs and spouses the opportunity to discuss innovative strategies to improve mission effectiveness as well as better care for Airmen and their families.

'We have to lead in a different way and capacity with this ops tempo to take care of our Airmen," said Chief Master Sgt. Anthony Johnson, PACAF command chief.

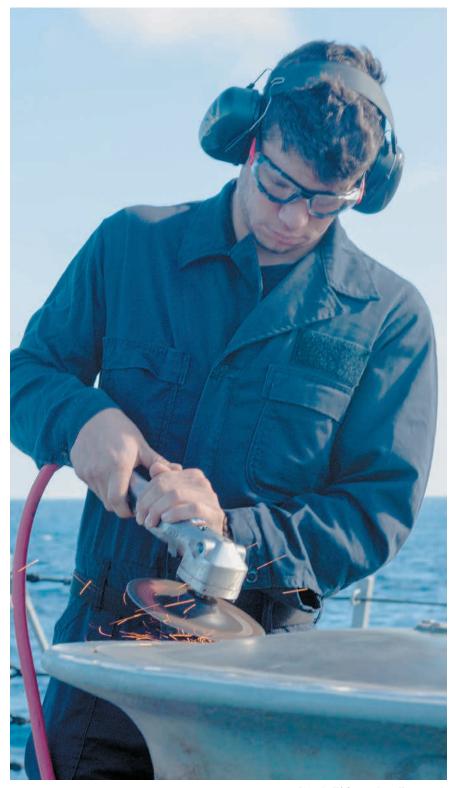
'We're counting on your leadership, your experience to posture your teams for success.'



U.S. Air Force Chief Master Sgt. Anthony Johnson, Pacific Air Forces (PACAF) command chief, talks with spouses of PACAF senior leaders during the fall commander's conference at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, Nov. 7.

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training exercise in preparation for an upcoming deployment.

Photo by MC Seaman Jasen Morenogarcia
Boatswain's Mate Seaman Austin Snell removes rust from a capstan on the missile
deck of the Arleigh Burke-Class guided-missile destroyer USS Michael Murphy (DDG
112) in the Pacific Ocean, Nov. 11. Michael Murphy is participating in a sustainment



Photo by Robert Purdy
The community of Kauai gathered at the Kauai Veterans Cemetery in Hanapepe Nov.
11 to honor all who served during a Veterans day observance. Capt. Vinnie Johnson was the keynote speaker and took part in a wreath-laying ceremony along with Cmdr.
Daniel Kimberly and Master Chief James Bibb.



Photo by MC Seaman Jasen Morenogarcia

Seaman Natalie Lopez sands a swivel joint assembly on the missile deck of the Arleigh Burke-Class guided-missile destroyer USS Michael Murphy (DDG 112), in the Pacific Ocean, Nov. 11.



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### Overseas Navy college offices remain open, NCVEC takes over VOLED

**Ed Barker** 

**Naval Education and Training Professional Development Center Public Affairs** 

Although 11 Navy College Offices overseas will remain open, the Navy College Virtual Education Center (NCVEC) has taken over Voluntary Education (VOLED) service responsibility for the continental United States (CO-

With the closure of the last CONUS Navy College Offices (NCOs), all educational program servicing for Sailors shifted to the NCVEC and Navy College Program (NCP) website.

"Even though the local stateside NCOs have gone away, on-base education

### Most popular features of the NCVEC and NCP website

- Text and web-chat features available during call center hours.
- A searchable knowledge database with FAQs.
- A help request/ticket system where a Sailor can complete an online request to ask a question or have an issue resolved and tracked.
- A self-scheduling tool for education counseling with the NCVEC staff which saves Sailors time and allows them to obtain the best time for counseling that meets their schedule.
- The "Wizard" tutorial which takes Sailors step-by-step through the Tuition Assistance (TA) process with links to WebTA training tools and videos.
- WebTA automation. The new process automatically checks/validates the Academic Institution's (AI) course/tuition information, validates a Sailor's status, including degree plan, counseling, grades, EAOS status, and TA annual usage. If everything is in order, forwards the request to the command approver for action and authorization through the My Education Module
- Links to the NCP mobile app. The app offers access to the NCP planning tools, including required training and the counseling scheduler. Sailors can download the app from the Apple or Google Play store at no cost. Search "NCP App" in the stores.

our partner schools," said Ernest D'Antonio, Naval programs are still avail- Education and Training

Center VOLED program director. "Navy College Program Region Advisors

able to Sailors through Professional Development and base commanding officers work together to select academic institutions to provide on-base education

programs."

The Navy College Office remains open at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam (JB-PHH) and the academic institutions with partnership agreements will continue to provide services as they have in the past. Currently, JBPHH is served by Chaminade University, Wayland Baptist University and Hawaii Pacific University.

"Our VOLED support structure includes a comprehensive array of self-service, contact, and virtual services," D'Antonio said. "The restructured service delivery model provides Sailors the educational tools and information when and where they

The NCVEC call center hours are from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. EST Monday to Fri-

day and may be reached by calling 877-838-1659 or DSN 492-4684.

"We are committed to providing the best possible education support services to our Sailors by constantly upgrading and improving our real-time, virtual, and online products." D'Antonio said. "We greatly appreciate our service members' input, cooperation, and understanding as we work to perfect our new service delivery model."

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

For more information, visit the Naval Education and Training Professional Development Center at www.netc.navy.mil/netc/ netpdc/Default.htm.

### Naval Inspector General to conduct area assessment

Navy Region Hawaii **Inspector General** 

The Naval Inspector General (NAVINSGEN) will conduct an area assessment from Feb. 5 to 9, 2018. Approximately 30 inspectors will visit various Navy commands, including Navy Region Hawaii, Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, and others as determined by NAVINSGEN.

Area assessments are inspections within a specific geographic location that focus on evaluating specific functions within the Department of the Navy (DON), cutting across claimancy, fleet, and command lines to identify DON-wide strengths and weaknesses.

Prior to the area assessment, NAVINSGEN will conduct focus groups in Hawaii with military and civilian personnel from Jan. 9 to 12, 2018

NAVINSGEN utilizes a pre-event survey to better understand quality of work life and quality of home life, as well as other factors that may impact mission accomplishment within the region. Your feedback will greatly benefit those assigned to Hawaii today

and in the future.

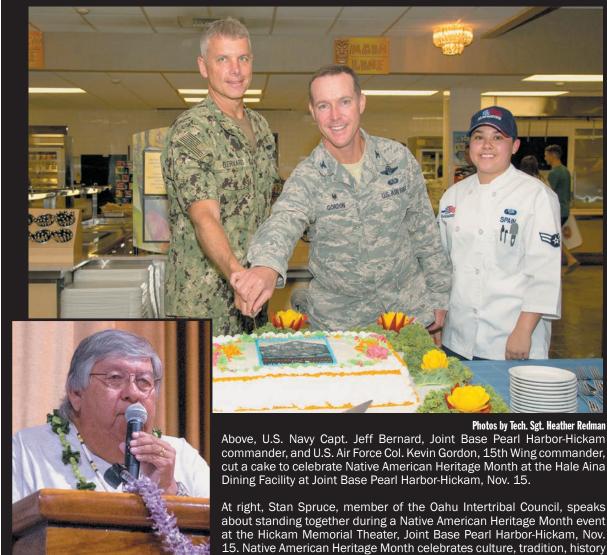
NAVINSGEN requests that all Navy personnel in Hawaii, including active duty military and Navy civilian employees (excluding contractors), participate in this short, anonymous, online climate survey to evaluate command climate and quality of work life. Maximum participation in the survey is highly encouraged.

"This is a great opportunity to let senior leaders know what you think about the various issues affecting quality of Navy life in Hawaii. Participating in this survey is time well spent, and I know your concerns and pointof-view will be heard by the Naval Inspector General's team," said Rear Adm. Brian Fort, commander, Navy Region Hawaii and Naval Surface Group Middle Pacific.

The online survey is available at http://surveys.secnav.navy.mil/ Surveys/se/7CFADE-3A394E075E and will remain open until Dec. 15.

For more information, please contact Carla Vivar at 471-1955 or the Navy Region Hawaii Inspector General, John Cosson, at 471-1958.

### Joint Base celebrates Native American culture



**Holiday** safety tips

### For your home:

- Supply of flashlights (and batteries)
- Supply of medications and food
- Smoke and carbon monoxide detectors

#### For your car:

- Check fluid levels, service belts and hoses
- Check tire pressure and tread Check brakes within
- the last 5,000 miles
- Test turn signals, brake and headlights, and four-way hazard lights
- · Change cracked or worn windshield wiper
- Stock emergency kit (flashlights, water, energy bars, warning triangles, first aid kit,

#### While driving:

- · Driving and texting make a lethal combination; don't let your next text be your last
- Alcohol and driving ... don't do it
- Plan your outing ... know the area and pack accordingly
- Slow down ... enjoy the
- Get a good night's sleep and take frequent rest

#### If stranded on the roadway: • Stay calm; get your

vehicle as far off the road as safely possible; turn on emergency flashers

### Keep safety in mind in seasonal, holiday plans

U.S. and the military.

Darlene Y. Cowsert

Air Force Safety Center Public Affairs

Increased travel and emotional overload are hallmarks of the holiday seasons that safety officials say result in preventable mishaps.

"It's as simple as taking the same safety practices and procedures we use on duty and applying them to our off-duty activities," said Air Force Chief of Safety Maj. Gen. John T. Rauch. Every Airman should maintain a safety culture, he said, from following the fundamentals on duty to using sound risk management and making smart decisions off duty.

"I urge every Airman uniformed and civilian— to take the time to thoroughly think through your holiday plans and use sound risk management when traveling and

sonal and holiday activi ties," Rauch said.

Occupational safety experts at the Air Force Safety Center track mishaps through the fall-winter-holiday period from the Monday preceding Thanksgiving Day to the day after New Year's Day. Mishaps for those periods over the past five fiscal years resulted in 24 serious off-duty mishaps; 20 deaths, one permanent total disability and four permanent partial disjority with 15, followed by sports, recreation and individual fitness with five.

and acknowledges the important contributions of Native people to the

"While we know that one fatal mishap is too many, it's especially disheartening when we see that most of these mishaps were preventable," said Bill Parsons, Air Force chief of occupational safety. "If every Airman commits to making risk management part of every activity — on duty and off duty — I'm convinced there will be more abilities. Motor vehicle Airmen who return to

participating in the sea- mishaps made up the ma- duty after the holidays with great memories and stories to share."

> While most serious off-duty mishaps involve motor vehicle operation, safety experts agree that potential dangers in the home and in recreational activities must also be managed effectively to save lives and reduce serious injuries.

> All Airmen and their families can use safety checklists (shown on the left side of this page) to keep their seasonal and holiday activities safe.



Call or text roadside

assistance or 911;

keep windows and

doors locked until

Make your vehicle

visible; open the hood

or tie a brightly col-

ored object to the an-

Remain in the vehi-

cle unless help is vis-

ible within 100 yards;

don't risk exposure

help arrives

tenna

### PMRF Sailors become 'Reading Buddies'

**Robert Purdy** 

Pacific Missile Range Facility Public Affairs

Sailors assigned to Pacific Missile Range Facility (PMRF) visited Kekaha Elementary School on Nov. 3 to take part in "Reading Buddies," a new community project spearheaded by the Keiki to Career (K2C) Leadership Council on Kauai.

Reading Buddies is designed to help raise literacy levels among younger students and is being launched from Kekaha Elementary School.

Marion Paul, K2C coordinator, said that the council is working to create a brighter future for all island youth and their goal is to demonstrate the effective power of the community working together to improve the reading scores at Kekaha Elementary School.

A critical indicator of a child's future success is their ability to read well by the end of third grade. Before the third grade, students are learning how to read. After the third grade, they use reading to learn. Students who cannot comprehend what they are reading by the third grade fall behind in every subject and consistently underperform. This can lead to frustration and a sense of failure and students are

four times less likely to graduate high school, and unlikely to succeed economically, Paul said.

PMRF Aviation Support Equipment Technician 2nd Class Miguel Barerra, who volunteered as a Reading Buddy, said, "It was an incredible experience and the kids seemed so excited to have us there. In-between books they would ask us about our jobs and how often we saved the day. Taking part in this project is so important. It really shows the kids how much we care."

Paul and Marilyn Asahi, principal of Kekaha Elementary School, thanked the Sailors for taking part.

"We could not do reading buddies without them. For them to come and help these little kids is just the most heartwarming thing that you could ever imagine," Paul said.

"Thank you to the Sailors of PMRF. We couldn't do this. Our kids just love it. Thank you so much for all of your support and supporting literacy at Kekaha Elementary School," Asahi said.

Located on the West side of Kauai, PMRF takes an active role in giving back to the community through participation in community service projects, school and youth sports initiatives and volunteer opportunities such as this.



Photo by MC2 Omar Powell

Pacific Missile Range Facility Sailors visit Kekaha Elementary School students Nov. 3 to take part in "Reading Buddies."









Randy Dela Cruz

Sports Editor, Hoʻokele

The University of Hawaii continued with its annual tradition of Military Appreciation Night on Veterans Day, Nov. 11, at Aloha Stadium, but with a different

While in the past, the ceremonies focused on returning armed forces personnel marching into the stadium, this year's event took a solemn turn with the focus placed upon Gold-Star fam-

At halftime, after starting with a mock battle in which Army personnel enacted a takedown of a war adversary, plaques commemorating 1st Lt. Brian Kong, 1st Lt. Jonathan Brostrom and 1st Lt. Nainoa Hoe were presented and displayed at

All three Soldiers were from Hawaii and are members of the university's Office of Undergraduate Education Army ROTC Fallen Warriors.

Kong was killed on Feb. 20, 1971 in Vietnam, Hoe died in Operation Iraqi Freedom on Jan. 22, 2005, and Brostrom died on July 13,2008 in Afghanistan.

A total of 21,354 fans were in attendance at the game, which saw Fresno St. defeat the University of Hawaii by a score of 31-21.



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At left, The Brownells are clockwise from left, Arthur, Trey, Amber, Chloe and Sean. At right, The Ross family is clockwise from left, Justin, Susanna, Malachi and Ezekiel.

### Key spouse, ombudsman honored at Military Appreciation Night

Story and photo by Randy Dela Cruz

Sports Editor, Ho'okele

Family life in the military means that there will be moments of chaos where life just seems to go 100 miles per hour.

Despite the hectic lifestyles, Susanna Ross and Amber Brownell have volunteered more of their own lives to make other families' stay in the military just a little bit easier.

On Veterans Day, Nov. 11, Ross and Brownell were honored during pre-game ceremonies at the University of Hawaii's Military Appreciation Night Mountain West football showdown against Fresno St.

teerism with the U.S. Navy, each received a \$500 check from the Honolulu Navy League for their outstanding work as a military key spouse and ombudsman.

Ross is the wife of Capt. Justin Ross and mom to Malachi and Ezekiel, while Brownell is married to Senior Chief Personnel Specialist Arthur Brownell and the couple has three children, Trey, Sean and Chloe.

"This is an amazing op-portunity," Ross said about her award. "I thank everyone who put me up for this, my husband and his commander."

According to Ross and Ross, who represented the Brownell, their role is not an

who was chosen for her volun- of coordination and communication between military personnel and their families to make sure that vital information is shared and passed on.

"I am a key spouse for the squadron and I support the men and women that are behind the active-duty military," Ross said.

"If they need help, we can point them in the right direction."

Brownell said that while there are moments when it just doesn't seem to be enough time in the day to take care of her family and the needs of others, the desire to serve keeps her on task.

"Whether it means getting

at midnight, I just make the seem to be one time in partictime. But this is absolutely rewarding. I just want to show everyone how proud I am of him (my husband) and the entire military. It's never easy, but I just do it without even thinking about it anymore. He's been in for 15 years and I just love doing it.

Like Brownell, Ross said that lending a helping hand is something that seems to come naturally for her.

"We definitely put God first," Ross said. "Then we put family and work. That's the way it goes and it never gets in the way of each other."

While Ross said that the "You just have to make workload between family time," Brownell said. and volunteering is pretty steady throughout the year, U.S. Air Force, and Brownell, easy task and requires a lot up at 5 a.m. or going to bed Brownell said that there does

ular when things get a little bit more hectic.

"Whenever he's gone," she said. "That's just what happens. When they leave, things get busy. Things go wrong and that's when you just pull up your boot straps and go for it.'

maining here in the islands, Ross, who is from Florida, said that she and her family have loved their stay in Hawaii.

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Still, no matter where they go, Ross said that she plans to stay active and help out as much as she can.

"The other wives, I see what they are doing and it just makes me want to strive for more," Ross said. "That's why I got involved."

## 15th MXG preserves perfect record with late comeback

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Down by four points with only 1:03 remaining on the clock, the 15<sup>th</sup> Maintenance Group (15 MXG) marched down the field for 65 yards and a game-winning touchdown to win by a score of 20-18 over the 690<sup>th</sup> Cyberspace Operations Squadron (690 COS) on Nov. 8 in a Blue Division intramural flag football game at Ward Field, Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam.

The win represented the eighth consecutive win for the 15 MXG, which finished the regular season at the top of the Blue Division with a record of 8-0 and became one of only three undefeated teams at Joint Base for the season.

Things were not so pleasant for the 690 COS, which needed the win to advance into the playoffs, but instead fell entirely out of the postseason with

a record of 4-4.

Immediately after taking an 18-14 lead late in the game, the 690 COS defense only needed to come up with a stop to seal the game and a spot in the playoffs.

However, the 15 MXG, under the leadership of quarterback Airman 1<sup>st</sup> Class Marcus Atkinson staged one of the most dramatic comebacks of the 2017 season.

Starting at his own 15, Atkinson connected on two consecutive passes that placed the ball deep in 690 COS territory at the 11-yard line.

An incomplete pass stopped the clock with only 10 seconds remaining in the game, before Atkinson took the snap on second down and ran a keeper right down the middle of the field for the game winner.

"We put what happened behind us," said 15 MXG team captain Master Sgt. Kiwan Edwards. "As a team, we just had to come together and say 'let's do what we know how to do.' We can move the ball downfield. We've been doing it all game, so if we continue to do that, everything would come to fruition and it will be good."

The frenzied finish was a fitting way to end the battle, which teeter-tottered back and forth throughout the night.

The first big play came on an interception by Airman 1<sup>st</sup> Class David Brown, which gave the 15 MXG good field position

at the 690 COS 36-yard line.

The drive ended without any points and seemed to swing momentum back to the 690 COS, which began with the ball at their own 15 and took it to the end zone on a drive that covered 65 yards on eight plays.

Staff Sgt. Spencer Davies caught a pass from quarterback military family member Brad Clingler for the score and a 6-0 lead.

Later, the 690 COS went out to a 12-0 lead on a scoring pass from Clingler to Lt. Christopher Campbell.

With their back against the wall, the 15 MXG finally responded with a scoring drive of their own just before halftime.

Running a hurry-up offense, Atkinson drove the team downfield, needing only five plays to drive 65 yards and a touchdown

The scoring play came on a toss from Atkinson to Edwards that made it 12-6 at intermission

In the second half, an error by the 690 COS special teams allowed the 15 MXG to take their first lead of the game.

Punting deep in their own territory, the 690 COS lost the ball on downs, when the ball was hiked over the head of the punter to turn it over to the 15 MXG only eight yards away from the end zone.

Two plays later, Atkinson hit Staff Sgt. Tyler Jenkins for a touchdown to tie the score, before finishing off a two-point conversion for a 14-12 advantage.

The 690 COS managed to retake the lead on a pass from Clinger to Staff Sgt. JC Lawary for a touchdown, but the team couldn't stop the 15 MXG from stealing the game in the final seconds.

With the 15 MXG advancing to the playoffs on Nov. 18-20, the team will have to do it without the services of their team captain, Edwards, who will be off-island celebrating his wedding

Still, Edwards said that he believes that the 15 MXG would do well and might even surprise a few by bringing home the title.

"I wouldn't be surprised at all," he said. "This is my first year here and speaking to the guys who have been here for a few years, this is the best team that they've been on. I'm looking forward to it. It would be icing on the cake."

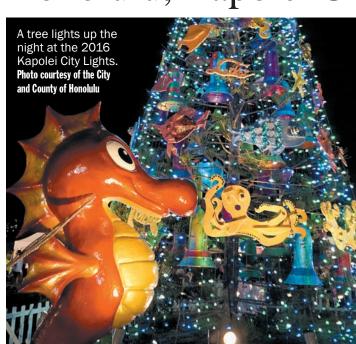
Airman 1<sup>st</sup> Class Marcus Atkinson picks up a few yards on a keeper. Atkinson scored the game-winning touchdown with only 10 seconds on the clock.





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### Honolulu, Kapolei City Lights to brighten holiday season



City and County of Honolulu

Honolulu City Lights will return for its 33rd year of holiday cheer on Saturday, Dec. 2, setting downtown Honolulu aglow with lights and displays to mark the start of the holiday season. The opening night festivities kick off a month-long celebration of family-friendly attractions. The schedule is as follows:

• 4 p.m., keiki rides and food booths open.

6 p.m., the mayor's Christmas tree lighting ceremony will begin at Honolulu Hale, just as the Public Workers' Electric Light Parade steps off at 'A'ala Park, moving down King Street.

• 6:30 p.m., Mayor Kirk Caldwell will illuminate the city's 50-foot holiday tree on the front lawn, and unveil the employee Christmas tree display and public wreath exhibit in the Honolulu Hale Courtyard.

 7:30 p.m., the evening will be highlighted with a star-studded holiday concert near the Sky Gate, featuring 2017 Na Hoku Hanohano Male Vocalist of the Year Josh Tatofi.

Free parking will be available in the city's mu-

nicipal lot. Go to www.honolulu.gov/csd for more information.

Honolulu City Lights will be open daily from 8 a.m. to 11 p.m. on the Frank F. Fasi Civic Center Grounds, and will run through Jan. 1, 2018.

In addition, Kapolei City Lights and West Oahu Electric Light Parade will be held Saturday, Dec. 9, from 4 to 9 p.m.

Oahu's west side will kick off the holiday season with a celebration featuring food trucks, cultural entertainment and a colorful electric light parade. The schedule is as follows:

• 4 p.m., the free street festival begins on Uluohia Street in front of Kapolei Hale.

 6 p.m., the parade on Kapolei Parkway steps off at 6 p.m. at Fort Barrett Road and ends at Kealakapu Street.

 7 p.m., the tree lighting ceremony at Kapolei Hale will begin and a Hawaiian-style concert will close the evening. The public can go inside Kapolei Hale for the community and city department tree display.

For more information, call the Mayor's Office of Culture and the Arts at 768-6622.



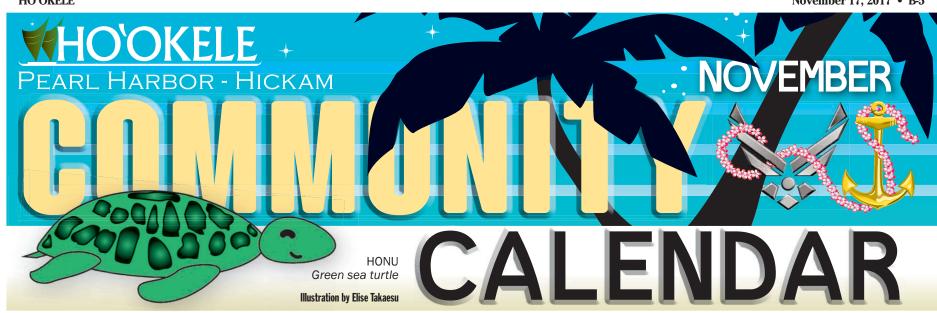
### Military Family Appreciation Night set for Nov. 21

- Free Navy Wounded Warrior "Road to Recovery" 5K Run/Walk will begin at 7 a.m. Nov. 18 at the Hickam Memorial Fitness Center. November is Warrior Care Month, so participants can show their support by participating in this run/walk. Awards will be given in several categories. This event is open to all base-eligible patrons. For more information, call 448-2214.
- **Bottom fishing** casts lines from 2:30 to 5:30 p.m. Nov. 19 at Hickam Harbor. The trip includes boat, gear, bait and guides. The cost of the activity is \$30 and the deadline to sign up is Nov 17. For more information, call 449-5215.
- \$2 Tuesday returns from 3:30 to 5:30 p.m. Nov.

21 at Mamala Bay Golf Course driving range. The \$2 will provide patrons with two buckets of balls to hit. There will be clubs to borrow and PGA club pros will be on hand to offer tips. The event will also have \$2 hot dogs and \$1 water and soda. This activity is open to ages 6 and up. For more information, call 449-2304.

• Free Teen Center Family Night: Military Family Appreciation will be held from 5 to 7 p.m. Nov. 21 at the Teen Center. Families with teens are invited to meet the staff and see what the center is all about. This event is open to families of teens registered with the center. For more information, call 448-0418.

- Sixth annual Turn and Burn Ride is riding it out from 9 to 11 a.m. Nov. 25 at the Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam Fitness Center. Participants can help those less fortunate by bringing a canned good for donation. For more information, call 473-2019.
- Learn to standup paddleboard from 9:15 to 10:15 a.m. and 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. Nov. 25 at Hickam Harbor. The cost of the class is \$25 and deadline to sign up is Nov. 23. For more information, call 449-5215.
- Hike Waimano Pools from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Nov. 25, departing from the Outdoor Adventure Center. The cost for this activity is \$15 and the deadline to sign up is Nov. 22. For more information, call 473-1198.
- Learn to surf from 9 a.m. to noon Nov. 26 at Hickam Harbor. The cost of this class is \$30 and deadline to sign up is Nov. 23. For more information, call 449-5215.
- Free English Channel Swim Challenge is being held all November long at Joint Base pools. Patrons can test their swimming fitness by trying to swim the distance of the English Channel within the month. The first 50 finishers get a fun prize. For more information, call 473-0394.



### THANKSGIVING MEALS

NOV. 22, 23 - A special Thanksgiving meal will be served from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Nov. 22 at the Silver Dolphin Bistro, Cromwell Circle building 654. The price is \$9.05 cash only. In addition, there will be a special Thanksgiving meal served from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Nov. 23 at the Hale Aina Dining Facility, Andrews Street building 1860. The price is \$13.50 cash only. There is no charge for the meals at both locations for RIK/ESM meal card members. The meals are open to all active-duty personnel, escorted family members of active-duty personnel, retirees and Department of Defense employees with a valid ID card. FMI: call the Silver Dolphin Bistro at 473-2948 or the Hale Aina at 449-1666.

Thanksgiving lunch buffet will be held Nov. 23 at the Historic Hickam Officers' Club. Seating times are 11 a.m., noon and 2 p.m. The cost is \$32.95 for adults, \$18.95 for children 7-12 years old and \$12.50 for children 4-6 years old. Reservations are required and need to be made by Nov. 17. FMI: call 448-4608.



#### **MAKAHIKI AT HICKAM HARBOR**

**NOV. 18** - The 2017 Makahiki (a Native Hawaiian ceremony of thanksgiving) will be held from 9 a.m. to noon at Hickam Harbor, Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam. The Makahiki, or festival, will feature ho'okupu (gift) presentations, cultural demonstrations, and ancient makahiki games (which were a test of strength and skill for competitors to win recognition for their prowess.)The event is free and open to military and civilian personnel with base access, their families and sponsored guests.

#### DEALING WITH DIFFICULT PEOPLE

**NOV. 20** – A workshop about dealing with difficult people will be held from 1 to 3 p.m. at Military and Family Support Center Pearl Harbor. Those who attend the workshop can learn all about those types of people who seem to create a toxic work environment. The class is design to teach participants some tips on show participants in the class how to

how to identify who they are, why they get under our skin, and the best way to deal with each specific type of difficult person. FMI: www.greatlifehawaii.com/ family-support/mfsc-class-schedule or call 474-1999.

#### PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

**NOV.** 21 – A class on people skills for professional development will be held from 9 to 11 a.m. at Military and Family Support Center Hickam. This class is designed to teach participants about communication, conversation, and the value of soft skills in the workplace. FMI: www.greatlifehawaii.com/familysupport/mfsc-class-schedule or call 474-1999.

### LINKEDIN: WHAT WILL THEY SEE

NOV. 22 - A class on LinkedIn will be held from 1 to 3 p.m. at Military and Family Support Center Pearl Harbor. Through LinkedIn, instructors can

connect with like-minded professionals in their desired industry, build those connections into a strong network, and market themselves to a target audience. The class will go over the proper way to build your professional profile and summary, how to use the job search functions, market yourself to LinkedIn recruiters, strengthen your network, and leverage the LinkedIn resources to your advantage. FMI: www.greatlifehawaii. com/family-support/mfsc-class-schedule or call 474-1999.

#### **SOOTHING YOUR BABY**

NOV. 22 — A class on soothing your baby and loving touch will be held from 1 to 2 p.m. at Hickam Medical Building. The class will include a new way to understand a baby's crying and introduction to infant massage. It will discuss the time in a baby's life when they cry more than any other time. The class aims to help parents find ways to soothe their baby and build resilience.

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### **SNACKS WITH SANTA**

**DEC. 2** – The Hickam Officers' Spouses' Club (HOSC) will host its annual Snacks with Santa event from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Ka Makani Community Center on the Hickam side of Joint Base. The event is free, but registration is required since space is limited. The registration link will go live Nov. 18 at 9 a.m. and can be found on the HOSC Web site at: https:// hickamosc.wildapricot.org/santa. Snacks with Santa activities will include a visit with Santa, face painting, crafts, games, cookies and drinks. Attendees will need to present proof of registration via print out or cell phone when checking in the day of the event. Also, attendees must have base access. FMI: Kimberly Vann at hoscsnackswithsanta@gmail.com.



# MOVIE SHOWTIMES

### SHARKEY THEATER

TODAY - NOV. 17

7:00 PM • The Foreigner (R)

#### SATURDAY - NOV. 18

2:30 PM • The LEGO Batman Movie (PG)

(free admission) 4:50 PM • Tyler Perry's Boo 2!

A Madea Halloween (PG-13)

7:00 PM • Blade Runner 2049 (3-D)

### SUNDAY - NOV. 19

2:30 PM • Captain Underpants: The First Epic

Movie (PG) (free admission)

4:40 PM • The Mountain Between Us (PG-13)

7:00 PM • The Foreigner (R)

### HICKAM MEMORIAL THEATER

TODAY - NOV. 17

7:00 PM • Tyler Perry's Boo 2! A Madea Halloween (PG-13)

SATURDAY - NOV. 18

3:00 PM • Tyler Perry's Boo 2! A Madea Halloween (PG-13)

6:00 PM • Marshall (PG-13)

SUNDAY - NOV. 19

1:30 PM • My Little Pony: The Movie (PG)

4:00 PM • Geostorm (PG-13)

### Blade Runner 2049

Officer K (Ryan Gosling), a new blade runner for the Los Angeles Police Department, unearths a long-buried secret that has the potential to plunge what's left of society into chaos. His discovery leads him on a quest to find Rick Deckard (Harrison Ford), a former blade runner who's been missing for 30 years.