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## Inspector General to conduct climate survey

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 weak-

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

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 encour-

"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 point-of-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.

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

### Online survey

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



#### Commander, 3rd Fleet and USS Coronado **Public Affairs**

The Nimitz Strike Group (CSG 11) is scheduled to arrive in Pearl Harbor Nov. 25, following a six-month deployment to the Arabian Gulf in support of Operation Inherent Resolve. Steaming in with the group will be the littoral combat ship USS Coronado (LCS 4) for a final port call on the voyage back to their homeport in San Diego.

staff, departed San Diego for a regularly scheduled deployment June 5.

CSG 11 consists of Nimitz-class aircraft carrier USS Nimitz (CVN 68), Carrier Air Wing (CVW) 11, Destroyer Squadron (DESRON) 9, USS Princeton (CG 59), USS Howard (DDG 83), USS Shoup (DDG 86), USS Kidd (DDG 100), and USS Pinckney (DDG 91).

The strike group conducted training and operations with the French Marine Nationale, In-

Force, Republic of Korea Navy, Royal Australian Navy, the United Kingdom's Royal Navy, and Royal New Zealand Navy. These included Malabar 17 in the Indian Ocean, Intrepid Sentinel in the Gulf of Oman, and landmark Three-Carrier Strike Force Operations in the western Pacific.

Independently, Coronado conducted exercises with 16 regional partner nations, participated in 11 multilateral and bilateral exercises and made area of operation. Since April, LCS Crew 203 worked all operations and exercises, including a successful Harpoon surface-to-surface missile engagement while operating with the Singaporean Navy during the Pacific Griffin exercise. Nimitz Strike Group

is part of U.S. 3rd Fleet, which leads naval forces in the Pacific and provides the realistic, relevant training necessary for an effective global Navy. U.S. 3rd Fleet con-CSG 11, along with the dian Navy, the Japan 10 strategic port visits stantly coordinates with air wing and strike group Maritime Self-Defense across the U.S. 7th Fleet U.S. 7th Fleet to plan welcome, see page A-3.

and execute missions based on their complementary strengths to promote ongoing peace, security, and stability throughout the entire Pacific theater of operations.

Coronado is the fourth littoral combat ship and second member of the Independence-variant. LCS is a high speed, agile, shallow draft, mission-focused surface combatant designed for littoral and open ocean operations.

For an aloha/safety

## Pearl Harbor welcomes USS Illinois to new homeport

#### **COMSUBPAC Public Affairs**

Newly commissioned Virginia-class fast-attack submarine USS Illinois (SSN 786) arrived at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam (JBPHH),

change of homeport. Illinois was commis-

sioned and christened for Thanksgiving. by the ship's sponsor, former First Lady Michelle Obama, during a ceremony at Submarine Base New London in Groton, Connecticut, Oct. 29,

Family members of the Nov. 22 for a permanent crew have started relocrew arrived just in time

The Virginia-class, also known as the VA-class or 774 class, is a class of nuclear-powered fast-attack submarines in service with the U.S. Navy. The submarines are designed for a broad spectrum of open-ocean and littoral cating to JBPHH and the missions. They were conceived as a less expensive

alternative to the Seawolf-class attack submarines, designed during the Cold War era, and are replacing older Los Angeles-class submarines, 20 of which have already been decommissioned. Illinois will be the fifth Virginia-class submarine homeported at JBPHH.

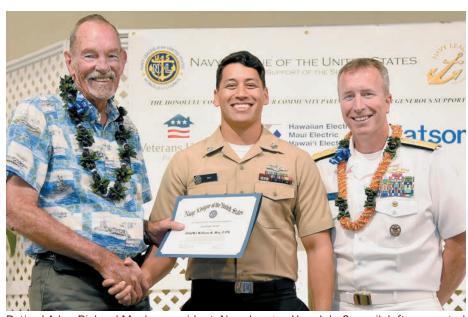
Illinois measures 377

feet in length, displaces 7,800 tons and has speeds upwards of 25+ knots. She is capable of attacking targets ashore with highly accurate Tomahawk cruise missiles and can conduct covert longterm surveillance of land areas, littoral waters or other sea-based forces.



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## Navy League honors sea services



Retired Adm. Richard Macke, president, Navy League Honolulu Council, left, presented Intelligence Specialist 1st Class William Roy, center, with a Sea Service Award as Rear Adm. Brian Fort, commander, Navy Region Hawaii and Naval Surface Group Middle Pacific stands alongside.

#### Story and photo by MC1 Phillip Pavlovich

U.S. Pacific Fleet Public Affairs

Four Sailors assigned to Commander U.S. Pacific Fleet (COMPACFLT) staff were honored during the Navy League Honolulu Council's 57th annual Sea Service Awards held at the Ala Moana Hotel in Honolulu, Nov. 17.

The Sea Service Award is the Navy League's way of recognizing top performers throughout the sea-going services.

The COMPACELT Intelligence Specialist 1st Class William Roy, Yeoman 1st Class

cian's Mate 2nd Class Randy Corpuz and Lt. Nicholas Ward.

"The service members here today are great examples to our children, sea cadets, boy scouts and girl scouts," said Jane Ferreira, executive director, U.S. Navy League Honolulu Council.

"There's no better mission than to serve those who serve and we look forward to doing more of that again, and in any way we can."

Retired Navy Adm. Richard Macke, president, U.S. Navy League Honolulu Council, kicked Sailors recognized are off the ceremony with remarks and introduced guest speaker Rear Adm. Brian Fort, Commander, Tamar Reid, Electri- Navy Region Hawaii and

Naval Surface Group Middle Pacific, who publicly recognized the service members.

A total of 52 service members from the Navy, Marine Corps, and Coast Guard were honored for their performance throughout the year.

"The award itself is beautiful but to be held in such high regards alongside incredible Sailors, Marines and Coast Guardsman is the true honor," said Roy, COM-PACFLT Sailor of the Year.

The Navy League of the United States, founded in 1902, is a nonprofit civilian, educational and advocacy organization that supports America's sea

## PHNSY employee awarded George S.B. Walters Award

#### **PHNSY Public Affairs**

Pearl Harbor Naval Shipyard and Intermediate Maintenance Facility (PHNSY & IMF) Marine Machinery Mechanic Supervisor Ryan Kadota was honored with the 2017 George S.B. Walters Shipyard Service Award by the Honolulu Council of the Navy League of the United States at the annual Sea Service Awards luncheon on Nov. 16 at the Ala Moana Hotel.

This award was established by the Honolulu Council in 2006 to recognize the role of civilian shipyard workers in keeping the Navy's ships and submarines "Fit to Fight!"

Recipients of this award

their overall outstanding performance, individual achievement, excellence in leadership, and participation in community activities. In honor of the award's namesake, the award recipient must also exemplify the attributes of enthusiasm, initiative and team spirit.

Kadota was cited for a winning attitude and enthusiasm that is characterized as contagious. He was recognized for his ability to think "outside the box" and commended for ensuring first time quality and on-time completion of jobs assigned to his shop. Kadota's nomination is a declaration that the quality of his work and the attitude of are selected based on his team reflect his pride yard.

in his role in the shipyard. Since 2006, the Hono-

lulu Chapter of the Navy League has presented the George S.B. Walters Shipyard Service Award to the Pearl Harbor Naval Shipyard civilian employee who best exemplifies the enthusiasm, initiative and team sprit demonstrated by its namesake.

The award was presented to Kadota by Lewis Walters, George's son. The younger Walters, who is now 92 years old, was also a shipyard worker who was present in the Navy Yard on Dec. 7. 1941

Additional information on PHNSY & IMF can be found on Facebook at www.facebook.com/ PearlHarborNavalShip-



Photo by Justice Vannatta

Capt. Greg Burton, commanding officer, Pearl Harbor Naval Shipyard & IMF, joins former shipyard worker Lewis Walters in congratulating Ryan Kadota for winning the 2017 George S.B. Walters Shipyard Service Award.



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# Diverse VIEWS



Submitted by David D. Underwood Jr. and Ensign John Griesbach Who is the most famous person you ever met, and how did you get to meet them?



TGSA Habibollah Allahimoghadam USS Port Royal (CG

"I trained at an MMA gym in San Diego, and I sparred with Chris Leben. I was bruised up a bit, but the picture and autograph from him after was well worth it.



Staff Sgt. Anthony Camper 647th Air Base **Group Chapel** 

"I met David Robinson when I was 12 years old. I had attended a charity event that he was a part of. The players were giving their event shirts out. He asked me if I wanted his shirt. I was speechless, but obviously accepted."



FCA3 Charles **Behrend** USS O'Kane (DDG 77)

"I met Flavor Flav while walking around Boise, Idaho. I saw his entourage, but I didn't even recognize him until I saw the clock he was wearing.



Staff Sgt. Shaneen High 15th Comptroller Squadron

"I met Jason Statham in 2011 at Edwards AFB during his movie preview, 'Killer Elite.'"



PFC Alan Josey U.S. Army Pacific

"I went to a Lil Boosie concert a while back, and afterward he came out into the crowd to meet people. I got to talk to him for a bit.'



Staff Sgt. Joel Polintan 15th Medical Support Squadron

"In tech school, I went to the NBA All-Star Game in Dallas in 2009. My friends and I attended the event in our blues and before the event started, we ran into Kobe Bryant and he greeted us and thanked us for our service!"

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

# Navy reminds Sailors of grooming standards

#### **Chief of Naval Personnel Public Affairs**

Facial hair has become a popular personal statement among Americans and the Navy publishes grooming standards for service members in Navy Uniform Regulations and also conducts studies on the safety science behind these standards.

According to the Navy Uniform Regulations, the face must be cleanshaven unless a shaving

waiver is authorized by eccentricities are not perthe commanding officer or higher authority. Mustaches are authorized but shall be kept neatly and closely trimmed and the mustache cannot extend below the lip line of the upper lip, extend across the corners of the mouth or extend any further than 1/4 inch from the corners of the mouth. The length of an individual mustache hair fully extended shall not exceed approximately 1/2 inch. Handlebar mustaches, goatees, beards or

mitted.

Many Sailors have asked why these strict regulations on facial hair length apply, especially considering the Navy used to allow facial hair growth, including beards.

In March 2016, the Naval Safety Center conducted a study at the request of the Director, Military Personnel Plans and Policy Division to consider how facial hair affects the proper fit of respirators worn to conduct many duties in the

Navy. The fit tests were performed on a number of volunteers with varying amounts of facial hair, including stubble, sideburns, and beards. The results showed that in general, the presence of beards and wide sideburns had a detrimental effect on the performance of the respirators. The study concluded that facial hair interferes with the seal and degrades respirator performance.

Based on the available research and long established negative effects of facial hair on face-seal efficiency of all current Navy breathing equipment, the Naval Safety Center concluded that deviations from the current prescribed facial hair grooming standards represent significant increased risk to the individual. Subsequent risk is also incurred by other crew members that may have to assist or rely upon these individuals.

The Navy takes the well-being of our Sailors seriously and strives to maintain the highest safety standards possi-

For more information regarding the study conducted, please contact Naval Safety Center Public Affairs at safe-pao@ navy.mil.

For more information regarding grooming standards, please contact Chief of Naval Personnel Public Affairs at usnpeople.fct@navy.mil.

# COMMENTARY Richard V. Spencer Secretary of the Navy **Holiday** safety I would like to wish the men and vides a well-deserved opportunity to

women of the Navy and Marine Corps Inroughout the world, the holiday season is a time of renewed hope for peace and goodwill. You are the foundation of that hope. Your nation, fellow Americans, and our friends and allies around the world respect and value your commitment. Remember that the decisions you make affect the whole Navy enterprise.

Holidays are statistically high periods for accidents and injuries, and there is no more tragic loss than one that was preventable. Stay safe and give yourself, your family, your shipmates, and fellow Marines the most precious gift of all — life.

The upcoming holiday season pro-

celebrate our accomplishments with team a joyful holiday season. I am those dearest to us — our family and grateful for your dedicated service and friends. Enjoy the holiday season, be am humbled to serve alongside you. safe in all that you do, and remember that not everyone on our team is able

to be with their loved ones. For those of you who are far from home and who go in harm's way, you are always in Polly and my thoughts and prayers. Know that your mission is important and your sacrifice is appreciated. Stay safe and look after every single member on our great team.

I am honored to have joined the Navy and Marine Corps family; one that loves, cares, and shares responsibility for each other. May God bless you and your families during this holiday season and in the year to come. May God continue to bless the United States of America.

## Welcome Nimitz Strike Group: Aloha! current, or you are having difficulty

#### Navy Region Hawaii **Public Affairs**

Hawaii is the land of aloha, which means hello, goodbye and love. You will hear it a lot while you are here. Another well-known Hawaiian phrase is E komo mai, which means welcome, or come in. Hawaii is the welcoming land of aloha, but it is also wise to keep safety in mind while enjoying your stay in the islands. Here are

## Hiking safety tips:

- Always use sunscreen outdoors to avoid sunburn.
- Be prepared take extra food, water.
- Bring a friend to hike with you,
- rather than hiking alone. Do not get lost: bring a map.
- Return before nightfall.
- Know before you go.
- Check websites or a hikers' guide-
- Check the weather forecast.
- Know your ability. • Get educated about leptospirosis.

## Ocean safety tips:

- Swim in areas with lifeguards.
- · Ask a lifeguard about beach and surf conditions before swimming.
- Never swim alone.
- Don't dive into unknown water or
- into shallow breaking water. Don't attempt to dive over large

- If unable to swim out of a strong

- returning to the beach, signal for help. Avoid swimming too close to or
- standing on reefs.
- Avoid murky water.
- Know your skill level.
- Obey the posted warning signs: don't ignore them. When kayaking, always have a life
- Avoid alcohol consumption when engaging in potentially dangerous outdoor activities.
- When in doubt, don't go out!
- Keep a wide distance between yourself and endangered Hawaii wildlife such as monk seals and green sea turtles.

## Road/pedestrian safety tips:

- Stay alert when walking in public areas so you will not become a victim of crime, especially at night.
- Do not text or look at your cellphone when crossing the street.
- · Put your cellphone away while driv-
- •Be aware of blind spots when using
- the crosswalk. Drivers should slow down: you can't predict what pedestrians
- Yield the right of way to pedestrians. Be patient with elderly or disabled pedestrians.
- Never wave pedestrians across the
- In residential areas and school zones, watch for children.

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U.S. Naval History and Heritage Command photograph

1942 Naval Battle of Guadalcanal, which took place 75 years ago this month. The brothers are from left, Joseph, Francis, Albert, Madison and George Sullivan. They are shown here aboard USS Juneau survived Juneau's Nov. 14 sinking but died in the waters off San Cristobal Island five days later.

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## Naval Health Clinic Hawaii to close early on Dec. 1

Naval Health Clinic Hawaii (NHCH) will conduct normal operations from 7:30 to 11 a.m. on Dec. 1. Starting at 11 a.m., all NHCH operations will be closed to include all medical/dental facilities at Makalapa, Camp Smith, Wahi-awa, Marine Corps Base Hawaii Kaneohe Bay and Shipyard Clinics. The call center, pharmacy, laboratory and radiology will not be available. The providers are attending required training to ensure delivery of the best and most current patient care.

All clinics will be open for regular business hours on Monday, Dec. 4. For NHCH hours of operation, please visit the website at www.med.navy.mil/

sites/nhch. Beneficiaries can speak to a nurse any time 24/7 by calling the toll-free TRICARE "Nurse Advice Line" at 1-800-874-2273. option 1. To book an appointment online, visit www.tricareonline.com. The Schofield Barracks Acute Care Clinic (ACC) is open from 7 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. for walk-ins only. The ACC can be reached at 433-8850. Tripler Army Medical Center (TAMC) has "Quick Care" located in the TAMC Emergency

Room that is open 24/7. For emergencies, dial 911 or go to TAMC. For active duty dental emergencies, dial 864-4705.



#### **PACOM Public Affairs**

Senior representa-Air Forces, and the U.S. Pacific Fleet met with representatives from the People's Republic of China (PRC) People's Liberation Army (PLA) discussed how to im-Navy and Air Force led by Rear Adm. Wang Dazhong, Deputy Chief of fessionalism; reviewed Staff of PLA Navy, during unsafe incidents over the

(MMCA) working group and annual plenary tives from U.S. Pacific meetings Nov. 15-17 at Command, U.S. Pacific the Daniel K. Inouye Asia the Daniel K. Inouye Asia Pacific Center For Security Studies (APCSS).

During the MMCA meetings, both U.S. and Chinese officials prove maritime and aviation safety and prothe Military Maritime last year; and discussed

Consultative Agreement implementation and assessment of the Rules of Behavior for Safety of Air and Maritime Encounters Memorandum of Understanding.

"The MMCA forum provides an opportunity for those who serve in the operational forces to better understand each other. By continuing to improve our communication via mechanisms like this we can ensure safe

the air." said U.S. delegation lead Maj. Gen. Joaquin Malavet, director for Strategic Planning and Policy, U.S. Pacific Command.

The MMCA meetings serve as mechanisms for open and transparent communication to address concerns and develop common understanding between U.S. and PRC air and naval forces in order to avoid interactions at sea and in unsafe incidents. The

MMCA was signed between the U.S. Department of Defense and the PRC Ministry of National Defense in January 1998 to promote common understanding regarding activities undertaken by both nations' maritime and air forces when operating in accordance with international laws and norms. U.S. Pacific Command is the Executive Agent for the United **HO'OKELE** November 24, 2017 • A-5





Photo by Tech. Sgt. Heather Redman

Tech. Sgt. Daniel Arrez, Staff Sgt. Nicholas Worrell, and Staff Sgt. Byron Patrick, to promote professionalism, and demonstrate air and space expeditionary force capabilities.



Photo by MCSN Jasen Morenogarcia

The Arleigh Burke-Class guided-missile destroyer USS Michael Murphy (DDG 112) fires its Mark 45 5-inch gun during a live-fire exercise in the Pacific Ocean, Nov. 5. Michael Murphy is participating in a sustainment training exercise in preparation for an upcoming deployment.



Photo by Tech. Sgt. Heather Redman

Service members from the 647th Logistics Readiness Squadron combat mobility from the 735th Air Mobility Squadron, secure a shipping container for the pallet build-up competition during the Hickam Port Dawg Challenge, at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, Nov. 17. The aerial port community hosts the challenge every year community hosts a Port Dawg Challenge every year to promote professionalism, and demonstrate air and space expeditionary force capabilities.



Photo by MC1 Michael Russell

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#### Story and photos by **MC1 Corwin Colbert**

Navy Region Hawaii Public Affairs

Makahiki is a Hawaiian festival to celebrate the bounty of the land and honor the traditional Hawaiian god Lono.

This year was the 16th annual Makahiki event that took place on Hickam Harbor Beach at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, Nov. 18.

their families, along with the local community, gathered together to celebrate the relationship between the people of Hawaii and the military with a traditional Hawaiian blessing and tournament.

The purpose of the event was to bring the military and the Hawaiian communities together.

"What makes this day so special is we can bond by having a fun and educational day with the local Hawaiians and get to know each other," said Jeff Pantelo, the Naval Facilities Engineering Command, Hawaii archaeologist.

The event began with a traditional canoe paddle from Iroqouis Point to the beach. This transit represents an ancient ritual where the spirit of Lono, the guardian of health and peace as well as agriculture, arrives to the shoreline thereby commencing the festivities. The canoe ditional Hawaiian welincluded horn-blowing and chanting.

Rear Adm. Brian Fort, commander of Navy Re-Surface Group Middle remarks. He thanked the local community for get-

ting together and sharing their traditions and customs with the service members and families in attendance. He also said the Navy and Hawaiians share interests in many things.

"Our Navy shares with the people of Hawaii the love of the sea, respect for nature and commitment to protect the environment and cultural resources," Fort said.

Following the official ceremony, those in atten-Service members and dance were encouraged to participate in traditional Hawaiian games.

> Musician 3rd Class Brenton Mitchell of Centreville, Maryland, a member of the U.S. Pacific Band, played Hawaiian music to entertain those in attendance.

> This was his first time at this event and he said it was a great opportunity to see firsthand Hawaiian traditions and customs on display.

> "This is my first Makahiki. It was a really cool and interesting event," he said. "I don't get to go to these cultural events as often as I would like. This is a real Hawaiian cultural event, not like the tourist events you see in town. They are wearing traditional clothing and doing a traditional prayer like their ancestors would,' Mitchell said.

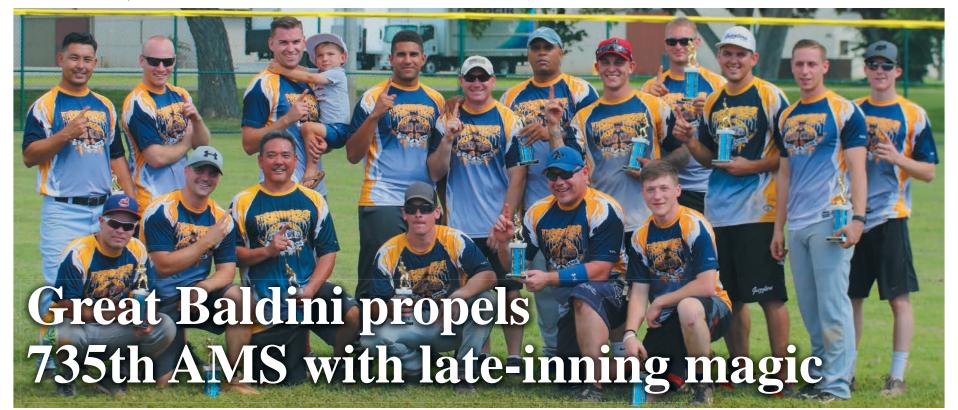
"It was great to see the admiral here rekindling the bond the military has pulled to the shore and with the local Hawaiwas followed by a tra- ian community. We are on their lands and I am coming ceremony, which thankful for the welcoming and friendly gesture they have given us," Mitchell added. "I think everyone should experience this gion Hawaii and Naval whether you're military or a civilian. I would recom-Pacific, provided opening mend anyone to come out and be a part of this next year."







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The 735 AMS is crowned the 2017 Winter Softball League champion.

#### Story and photos by Randy Dela Cruz

Sports Editor, Ho'okele

Cleanup hitter Chad Baldini, a Department of Defense civilian, lived the dream of starring in a championship on Nov. 18 during the Winter Softball League title showdown between the 735th Air Mobility Squadron (735 AMS) and the Civil Engineer Squadron (CES) at Earhart Field, Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam.

Baldini, who blasted two home runs in previous at-bats, came up to the plate in the bottom of the final inning with two outs and runners at first and second.

With the game all tied at 15-15 and one out away from going into extra innings, Baldini didn't hesitate one bit. He swung on the first pitch and mashed a deep, towering fly ball over the leftfield fence to turn the lights out on a threerun, walk-off shot and an 18-15 victory.

"I was surprised that I got a ball right there, but I knew if I saw something good, I would put a good swing on it," Baldini said. "He (pitcher) just happened to throw one right in there and I was just hoping it would stay fair."

The hefty swing ended a



Jimmie Miller keeps his eyes on the ball before smashing it for his second home run of the game.

everything you'd expect from a championship game.

The 735 got the jump on the game first when retired veteran Jimmie Miller blasted a two-run shot in the bottom of the second inning for 3-1 lead.

"As team sports go, momentum shifts all the time," Miller back-and-forth affair that was said. "At any time, anyone can

come through with a big hit. That was my first home run of the season, but whatever I could do to contribute, that's what it's all about."

Miller's bomb jumpstarted the 735 as the team clearly next turn at the plate.

In the bottom of the third, more big inning that would

home run of the game with a high fly over the centerfield fence that drove in three runs.

A double by Airman 1st Class David Clifford drove in another run, and then Miller drove his second shot out of the park for two more runs and a 9-1 advantage.

The 735 kept the damage coming in the next inning, with Baldini doing his best impression of Babe Ruth. Again, with two runners

on base, Baldini crushed another pitch over the centerfield fence for three more RBIs and a 12-2 advantage. Clifford followed up with an

RBI single to extend the 735's lead to 13-2 and that placed the 735 to within three outs of finishing the game via mercy rule.

Instead of closing out the game early, the CES started to wake up at the plate and scored two runs on a single by Staff Sgt. Justin Peredo to avert the mercy rule.

Then in the top of the sixth inning, things really began heat up. Master Sgt. John Edwards launched a three-run homer to pull the CES back to within six runs at 13-7.

The 735 seemed to have a lock on the game when the team pushed across two runs in the bottom of the sixth. continued its momentum in its However, after starting a comeback, the CES had one

Baldini smashed his first bring them all the way back.

With two outs, two runs in and the bases loaded, Staff Sgt. Breyden Gardner kept the rally going by slicing a single to drive in two more runs.

Now trailing by a score of 15-11 and the bases still full of runners, Peredo completely wiped out the deficit with one big swing for a grand slam and a 15-15 tie.

After losing an 11-run lead, Baldini said that with one more frame in regulation, there was no need to panic and he turned out to be right.

"Softball is a crazy game," Baldini said. "I take my hat off to the CE guys. That's a good team. They battled all year, so I knew unless it's the third out, they're still in the game. It is what it is. They tied and I got a chance to come up to the plate and hit the ball pretty well."

While Baldini was the clear MVP of the game, he said that the 735 won it all because of a great team effort that lasted all year.

"I've got to take my hat off to Miller," Baldini said. "Those two home runs earlier in the game were awesome. And then we had some guys that just came in. Our guy in right-center Joey Henn (Capt.) just PCSed in and there were other guys. It's just constant work. The bats came around and we played pretty well."

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#### Story and photos by Randy Dela Cruz

Sports Editor, Hoʻokele

At the start of the Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam intramural flag football playoffs, everyone looked to one of the four regular season division leaders to step away with the 2017 championship trophy.

Instead, much to the surprise of all, the unheralded 792/8 Intelligence Squadron Hangar 5 Warriors, who finished the regular season with a 6-2 record, pulled off an amazing feat. They captured the title for the first time in their history after beating the Gold Division champs 735th Air Mobility Squadron (735 AMS), 19-14, on Nov. 20 at Earhart Field, JBPHH.

"We were the underdog throughout the whole bracket," Senior Airman Aime Ezoua said. "We had two losses during the regular season and everyone was looking away from us. We came in with a chip on our shoulders and that's how we came out every single game. We came out fired up. We were under the radar the whole way and we definitely opened some eyes."

Against all odds, the Warriors advanced to the championship game after taking three games in the playoffs over the course of two days.

Squaring off against the 735 AMS, who finished their regular season with a near-perfect 7-1 record, Warriors head coach Master Sgt. Jermel Houston said that the team needed to come out hot and never let up in order to come out on top.

"What we do as a unit is that we always try to get the momentum first," he said. "It's hard to play from behind, so if we can get ahead of everybody, those guys got to play catch up on us."

The Warriors got what they wanted when the team's defense turned back the 735's first drive of the game, which got all the way to the three-yard line before being stopped on fourth down.

After the tough defensive stand kept the score tied at 0-0, the Warrior offense used the stop to breathe life into a drive of their own.

Quarterback Staff Sgt. James Chaney methodically marched the team downfield before facing a crucial fourth-and-goal from 735's 10-yard line.

Chaney dropped back to pass and zipped a pass down the middle and into the arms of receiver Staff Sgt. Luther Reck for a touchdown and early 7-0 lead after the one-point conversion.

The drive consumed eight minutes off the clock, but in just a few seconds

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m got}$  it all back.

On first down from his own 20, 735 quarterback Tech. Sgt. Marco Knight heaved a bomb down the right sideline and connected with Senior Airman Marquell Craig, who made the over-the-head catch and streaked untouched into the end zone for six points.

The successful extra point re-tied the score at 7-7, but just before half-time, Chaney put together a picture-perfect drive that used the clock to the team's advantage.

With under a minute remaining before halftime, Chaney completed a clutch pass on fourth down to move the chains for a first down on the 735 15-yard line.

On the next play, Chaney found Staff Sgt. Nicolas Chung on the left side of the end zone for the team's second touchdown and 13-7 lead going into the break.

Once Chaney and Chung found their timing synced together, the duo went right back to work in the second half.

Starting from his own 15, Chaney hooked up with Chung for two quick outs to pick up a couple of first downs, Then, on the ninth play of the drive, Chaney gambled and took a shot over the top

Chung made it to the end zone and then fought off two defenders to grab the ball for a miraculous catch and touchdown.

"I noticed that their (735) safety was playing up and he wasn't really paying attention to me in the middle," Chung said. "So as long as I beat my cornerback, hit them hard with my post, I knew that the middle was going to be open."

Down by two scores, the 735 did manage to score one more touchdown on another pass from Knight to Craig, but that would be as close as they would get.

Chaney, who ran the team's ball-control offense perfectly, said that the win wouldn't have been possible if it wasn't for the play of the Warriors defense.

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"No matter how many catches we made or how many throws I made, our defense has bailed us out every time," Chaney said.

"The last three games we played was all defense. Senior Airman Augman (David) ran the defense and is a very good defensive coach."

While the Warriors would take the time to savor the moment and championship, Ezoua said it's never too early to start thinking about the next one.

"Always looking for that two-peat," he said. "Maybe next year we'll come back with more players and more support. We didn't have the biggest team, but we had the best team with heart. They'll be looking for us next year."





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#### **BELLOWS SNOWFEST**

**NOV. 25** – Bellows Air Force Station will hold a Snowfest from 4 to 8 p.m. at Turtle Cove. The event will include photos with Santa, holiday activities, hot cocoa, entertainment, and 12 tons of snow to play in. FMI: call 253-1508 or visit the Bellows Air Force Station Facebook page.

#### **ANGER MANAGEMENT**

**NOV. 27** – An anger management class will be held from 9 a.m. to noon at Military and Family Support Center Hickam. FMI: www.greatlifehawaii.com/ family-support/mfsc-class-schedule or call 474-1999.

#### TRANSITION GPS

NOV. 28-29 - Transition GPS (Goals, Plans, Success): Accessing Higher Education Track will be held from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. each day at Military and Family Support Center Pearl Harbor. The course is designed to guide participants through the decisions involved in choosing a degree program, college institution, and funding, as well as completing the admissions process. Academic acculturation and connection to veteran student organizations is integrated into this learning course. FMI: www.greatlifehawaii.com/family-support/ mfsc-class-schedule or call 474-1999.

### **COORDINATOR, MANAGER TRAINING**

**NOV. 29** – Command sponsor coordinator (CSC) and individualized newcomer treatment and orientation (intro) manager training will be held from 8 to 11 a.m. at Military and Family Support Center Pearl Harbor. This class covers the regulations that govern the programs, how to assign sponsors, implementing rewards/awards to ensure a successful sponsorship program, and more. It is open to Navy CSCs, Air Force Intro managers, commanders, command master chiefs, command chiefs, and first sergeants. FMI: www.greatlifehawaii. com/family-support/mfsc-class-schedule or call 474-1999.

## PARENT-CHILD COMMUNICATION

NOV. 29 - A parent-child communication class will be held from 1 to 3 p.m. at Military and Family Support Center Pearl Harbor. The



**DEC. 9** – Pearl Harbor Navy Exchange patrons can enjoy food and games from 8 to 9 a.m. at the annual Breakfast with Santa on the NEX food court lanai. The event will also feature glitter tattoos, balloon art, holiday card-making, arts and crafts and prizes. The event will include a pancake and bacon breakfast, goodie bags and a framed picture with Santa. The cost is \$12 for children and \$8 for adults. The event is open to authorized patrons only. Tickets go on sale this weekend. FMI: 423-3287.

class is designed to improve parents' communication skills with their children of all ages. It will discuss techniques suitable for each age group. FMI: www. greatlifehawaii.com/family-support/mfscclass-schedule or call 474-1999.

## **EARNING SUPPLEMENTAL INCOME**

**NOV. 29** – A class to discover ways to earn supplemental income will be held from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. at Military and Family Support Center Hickam. This course will cover legitimate, remote employment opportunities, local parttime, temporary, and seasonal jobs, self-employment and government contracting, leveraging your hobby into a money-maker, quick-start income opportunities and money saving apps. The class will also help participants identify red flags for scams and determine your entrepreneurial risk tolerance and potential. FMI: www. greatlifehawaii.com/family-support/mfscclass-schedule or call 474-1999.

### **SAPR COMMAND POC TRAINING**

NOV. 29 - Sexual Assault Prevention and Response (SAPR) point of contact (POC) training will be held from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Military and Family Support Center Pearl Harbor. This is essential training to provide SAPR points of contact with the knowledge and responsibilities to perform their duties. Contact the Sexual Assault Response Coordinator for more information and to register for this course, which will require a letter of designation. FMI: www. greatlifehawaii.com/family-support/mfscclass-schedule or call 474-1999.

## **AFTER GPS**

**DEC. 1** — An After GPS (Goals, Plans, Success) class will be held from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Military and Family Support Center Hickam. The class will include briefings including survivor benefit,

Tricare, Veterans Affairs, Workforce Development Office, and Capstone preparation. This workshop also includes an employer panel to assist participants in understanding the civilian hiring process and how to best present themselves as the best candidate. FMI: www.greatlifehawaii.com/family-support/ mfsc-class-schedule or call 474-1999.

#### **SURVIVOR BENEFIT PLAN (SBP)**

**DEC.** 1 — A class on the Survivor Benefit Plan (SBP) will be held from 9 to 10:30 a.m. at Military and Family Support Center Pearl Harbor. When a military retiree dies their retirement pay stops. This means the surviving spouse will be left without a substantial income source. Participants in this class can learn more about the SBP, an insurance plan that will pay a surviving spouse a monthly payment (annuity) to help make up for the loss of retirement income. FMI: www.greatlifehawaii.com/familysupport/mfsc-class-schedule or call 474-1999 for more information.

#### **TOWER LIGHTING CELEBRATION**

**DEC. 8**— The 48th annual free Tower Lighting Celebration will be held from 4:30 to 7:30 p.m. at the Freedom Tower. Patrons can bring a blanket or lawn chairs to the event. The U.S. Air Force Band of the Pacific Hawaii will provide entertainment. Round-trip shuttle service will be provided from the BX Garden Shop to the event, starting at 4:15 p.m. until 7 p.m. Festivities will include bounce houses, holiday crafts, a special kids' clinic, glow jewelry provided by JBPHH chapels, story time with the Joint Base Library and free photos with Santa. FMI: www.greatlifehawaii.com.

## **HOLIDAY HEROES**

**DEC. 9** – A free Holiday Heroes kids and family event will be held from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Pearl Harbor Navy Exchange mall food court lanai. The event will include ornament-making, holiday card-making, photo booth sessions with costumed characters, photo frame coloring, door prizes and entertainment. No purchase necessary. Authorized patrons are invited to register their child (12 and under) at www. MvNavvExchange.com. FMI: 423-3287.



# MOVIE SHOWTIMES

## SHARKEY THEATER

TODAY - NOV. 24

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

SATURDAY - NOV. 25

2:30 PM • Free admission to Top Gun (PG)

5:00 PM • The Foreigner (R)

7:20 PM • Thank You For Your Service (R)

SUNDAY - NOV. 26

2:30 PM • Free admission to Spider-Man Homecoming (PG-13)

5:10 PM • Geostorm (3-D) (PG-13)

7:00 PM • Geostorm (3-D) (PG-13)

7:20 PM • Jigsaw (R)

THURSDAY - NOV. 30

## HICKAM MEMORIAL THEATER

TODAY - NOV. 24

7:00 PM • Only the Brave (PG-13)

SATURDAY - NOV. 25

3:00 PM • Tyler Perry's Boo 2! A Madea

Halloween (PG-13) 6:00 PM • The Snowman (R)

SUNDAY - NOV. 26

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

4:00 PM • Geostorm (PG-13)

## WEDNESDAY - NOV. 29

7:00 PM • Advance screening with free admission to a movie rated PG-13.

THURSDAY - NOV. 30

6:30 PM • Suburbicon (R)

## My Little Pony

Twilight Sparkle, Applejack, Rainbow Dash, Pinkie Pie, Fluttershy and Rarity embark on an epic journey to save Ponyville from a dark force. Along the way, the Mane 6 meet new friends and face exciting challenges as they travel beyond Equestria to defeat the evil Storm King and his minion unicorn — Tempest Shadow.

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## Wounded Warrior Bowling Tournament gets rolling Nov. 28

- Free Chill and Grill and 9-Ball Challenge will be held from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. Nov. 24 at Club Pearl Brews & Cues building 1557. All participants in the challenge have a chance to win a prize at the end. This activity is open to those ages 18 and older. For more information. call 473-1743.
- Sixth annual Turn and Burn Ride will be held from 9 to 11 a.m. Nov. 25 at the Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam Fitness Center. The event is a two-hour cycle workout to burn off the Thanksgiving calories. Patrons can help those less fortunate by bringing a canned good for donation. For more information, call 473-2019.
- Wounded Warrior **Bowling Tournament** will be held from 10 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Nov. 28 at the bowling center on the Pearl Harbor side of Joint Base. Patrons can see bowling teams from all branches of service compete for bragging rights. It's free to attend this event. For more information, call 473-2574.
- Kayaking Chinaman's Hat will be held from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. Nov. 29, departing from the MWR Outdoor Adventure Center. The cost of this activity is \$25 and includes all gear and guides. This trip is considered moderate to strenuous in difficulty, depending on water conditions. For more information, call 473-1198.
- Learn to spear fish Nov. 29 and Dec. 2 (a two-day course) at Hickam Harbor. The first day will be held at Hickam Pool to learn techniques, how to use gear, and to learn about state rules and regulations. The second day will have participants at the harbor with shallow water before moving deeper. The cost of this class is \$60 and the deadline to sign up is Nov. 27. For more information, call 449-5215.
- Registration for youth sports junior team tennis spring season will begin Dec. 1 at the youth sports office. The season will be held from Feb. 1 to May 6. The cost of this activity is \$40 per child and it is open to those ages 6 to 18. For more information, call 473-0789.
- Registration for Ready, Set, Run! will begin Dec. 1 at the youth sports office. This cross country running club will be held from Jan. 3 to Aug. 18. The cost of this activity is \$20 per child and it is open to ages 7 to 18. For more information, call 473-0789.
- Registration for Smart Start Basketball will begin

- Dec. 1 at the youth sports office. This is a free parent and youth participation program where the parents learn to coach their kids. The sessions run from Jan. 5 to Feb 9 at Bloch Arena. It is open to youth ages 3 to 5. For more information, call 473-0789.
- **Abandoned vehicle** auction will be held 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Dec. 2 at the lot on South Avenue. Vehicles are sold "as is" with all faults of any nature, known or unknown, without warranty or guarantee, either expressed or implied. Bids must be submitted in person. The cost to attend this event is free, and it is
- Defense cardholders only. For more information, call www.greatlifehawaii.com.
- Mountain biking Mokuleia will be held from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. Dec. 2, departing from the MWR Outdoor Adventure Center. Difficulty level of this activity is intermediate due to the terrain. The cost of this activity is \$25 and includes the use of a bicycle. The deadline to sign up is Nov. 30. For more information, call 473-1198.
- Holiday Breakfast Bowl with Santa will be held from 9 to 11 a.m. Dec. 3 at the bowling center
- open military Department of on the Pearl Harbor side of Joint Base. The cost is \$8 per child 12 years and younger and includes breakfast (two pancakes, bacon, milk or juice), one game of bowling and shoe rental. This event is limited to the first 30 authorized patrons and signups are being accepted from Nov. 27 to Dec 1. For more information, call 473-2651.
  - Learn to standup paddleboard will be held from 9:15 to 10:15 a.m. and 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. Dec. 3 at Hickam Harbor. The cost of this class is \$25 and the deadline to sign up is Dec. 1. For more information, call 449-5215.



## Hickam Memorial Gym now open 24/7

Story and photo by Tech. Sgt. Heather Redman

15th Wing Public Affairs

The Hickam Memorial Gym is now open to registered users 24 hours a day and seven days a week, as of Nov. 20.

The gym's 24-hour access is available to all authorized users over the age of 18. Individuals who do not have a common access card may purchase a proximity card for \$5.

"Opening the gym serves as an example of the great teamwork here," said Col. Douglas Pierce, Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam deputy commander.

"Thanks to the 647th Force Support Squadron, 647th Civil Engineer Squadron, Naval Facilities and weight equipm basketball courts, sonal training, group cise classes and more.

Engineering Command, and all the volunteers for putting in the time and energy to make this hapnen"

Since the registration opened, more than 500 people have signed up for 24-hour gym access.

"Extending the gym hours and providing this service to our Airmen, Soldiers and Sailors will increase our combat effectiveness without putting an extra burden on the Force Support Squadron," said Col. Kevin Gordon, 15th Wing commander.

"This is a huge win for the Joint Base."

The Hickam Memorial Gym serves approximately 1,500 personnel daily, and houses a variety of cardio and weight equipment, basketball courts, personal training, group exercise classes and more.



Col. Douglas Pierce, Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam deputy commander; Col. Kevin Gordon, 15th Wing commander; and Dawn Pierce, Hickam Gym manager, cut a ribbon for the 24/7 opening of the Hickam Memorial Gym, Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, Nov. 20.



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