SecAF concludes first Indo-Pacific tour

PACAF Public Affairs

Secretary of the Air Force Heather Wilson completed her nine-day tour of the Indo-Pacific at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, Feb. 2.

"The United States plays an important role in maintaining peace and stability in the In-do-Pacific," Wilson said. "No nation is strong enough on its own. We have to do it with, and through our allies."

The secretary visited Hawaii, Guam, the Philippines, South Korea and Japan where she met with Airmen and families as well as key defense and military leadership to demonstrate the United States' shared commitment to peace and security in the region and seek opportunities to enhance interoperability and capacity.

Wilson was stationed in Korea as a young Air Force



Photo by Staff Sgt. Jack Sanders

Secretary of the Air Force Heather Wilson sits with a group of local squadron commanders at the Pacific Air Forces headquarters at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam during a question-and-answer discussion Feb. 2.

her first time in the region, it the entire Air Force is readiserved as her first official visit as Secretary of the Air Force, and a very important one.

"No place in the world is it more important than here, now, for our Airmen [and allies] to be ready," she said during her stop at Osan Air Base. "The most important

ness. Making sure we're ready for any fight at any time."

Wilson was joined by husband, Jay Hone, as well as Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. David L. Goldfein and his wife. Dawn, as well as Pacific Air Forces Commander Gen. Terrence O'Shaughnessy at various stops of the itinerary.

Wilson's visit showcased many of her priorities for the future of the Air Force — readiness, modernization, innovation, leader development and deepening of partnerships. Key highlights of her visit included visiting with Airmen where she shared her expectations of

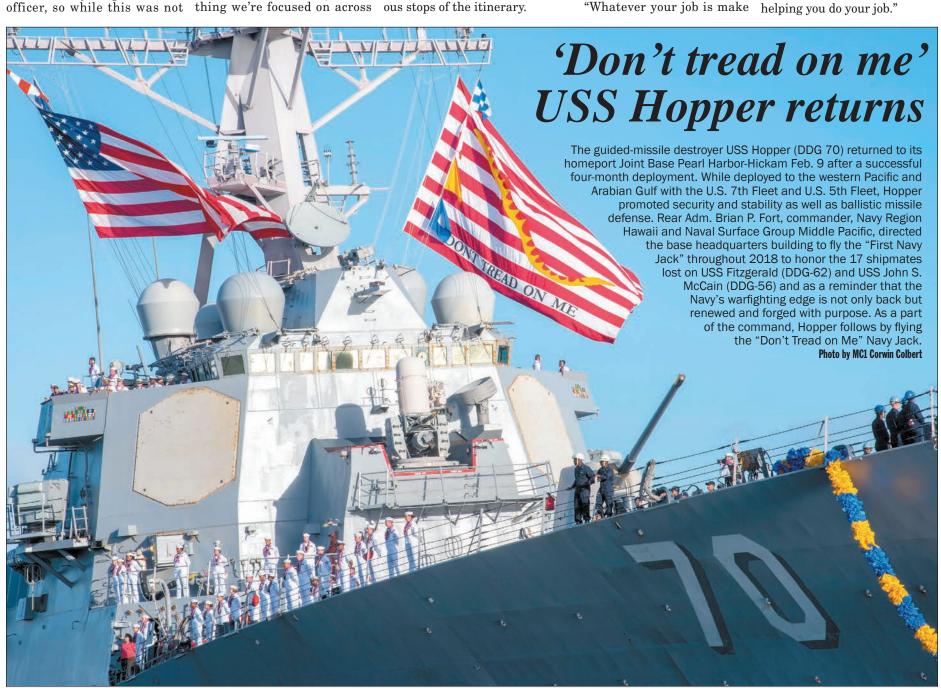
the force.

sure that you're really good at everything that you do. That's a real mission focus. The second is to be values driven. 'Integrity First', 'Service Before Self' and 'Excellence In All We Do', are things that we don't just put on the wall in the Air Force. We live our values."

Wilson said Airmen can expect when a budget is finalized to see an increase in manning, specifically at the squadron level, and a pay raise.

The Secretary concluded her trip at JBPHH, returning to Washington D.C. with notes from the field and due outs to Airmen throughout Pacific Air

"I have to take back (problems identified by Airmen) with me and my to-do list," Wilson said. "That's why I come out to see what Airmen do and how they're getting after the job, so that I can be more effective at



USS Texas arrives in Pearl Harbor

MC1 Daniel Hinton

COMSUBPAC Public Affairs

The Virginia-class fast-attack submarine USS Texas (SSN 775) was welcomed home by friends and families awaiting their return at the historic submarine piers at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, Feb 14.

Texas successfully completed a six-month western Pacific deployment while conducting operations in support of national security.

During the deployment, 31 officers and Sailors earned their submarine warfare qualification "dolphins" and 27 Sailors advanced in rank, including six to the rank of chief petty officer.

"Earning 'dolphins' symbolizes the completion of ship's qualifications and is a testament to the hard work and dedication of not only the individual

but also those other members of the crew who trained them," said Cmdr. Mike Dolbec, commanding officer of Texas and native of Manchester, New Hampshire. "I can say with a great deal of pride that these are the finest men and women that I have ever served with, and it is a great honor to be their commanding officer."

While deployed, Texas executed port calls to Guam, Sasebo, Japan and Yokosuka, Japan.

The crew enjoyed all of the port calls but there is always a little more buzz around the boat when we get to Yokosuka," said Machinist's Mate Auxiliary Master Chief Daniel Kloepfer, from Portland, Oregon, and Texas' Chief of the Boat. "There is so much to do with Tokyo so close and many families flew out to meet the boat in Yokosuka."

Upon returning to Pearl Har-

bor, Dolbec praised the crew for their hard work and preparation for the six-month deployment.

"The crew worked and trained tirelessly, preparing to execute any mission in defense of our nation," Dolbec said. "In my opinion, every Texas Sailor is a hero, whose patriotism is evident daily.'

Commissioned Sept. 9, 2006, Texas is the second Virginia-class submarine constructed and the first submarine to be named after the Lone Star State. The state-of-the-art submarine is capable of supporting a multitude of missions, including anti-submarine warfare, anti-surface ship warfare, strike, naval special warfare involving special operations forces, intelligence, surveillance, and reconnaissance, irregular warfare, and mine warfare.

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The crew of the Virginia-class fast-attack submarine USS Texas (SSN 775) render honors to the national ensign at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam Feb. 14 following the completion of a western Pacific deployment in support of national security.

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Hokule'a hosts tours for military children, local community

Story and photo by Blair Martin Gradel

Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam Public Affairs

During its historic week-long stay at Pearl Harbor, members of the Polynesian Voyaging Society (PVS) welcomed aboard 2,000 school children, military families and other interested local community members for free public tours of its legendary canoe, Hokule'a.

"This is the first time that Hokule'a has sailed into Pearl Harbor in her 42-year history, and it's the first time a Polynesian voyaging canoe has sailed these waters in more than 600 years," said Sonja Swenson Rogers, PVS communications

"This engagement with Pearl Harbor and the Puuloa community has helped us discover some of the ancient Hawaiian history and sites of this area including the fishponds that are currently being restored by the community and the U.S. Navy."

On Feb. 10, the Hokule'a was welcomed at the marina by the Puuloa community and U.S. Navy, who hosted the canoe for a week-long engagement that included school visits, public dockside tours and a crew "talk story" event.

According to Rogers, the focus of Hokule'a's visit was to bring the canoe to more of Hawaii's children and honor Pearl Harbor's ancient culture and history as well as learn about efforts to restore the area's cultural sites, including Loko Pa'aiau Fishpond, located near McGrew Point Navy housing.

"By bringing Hokule'a to Rainbow Bay Marina in Puuloa, we are giving kids and the



Bob Perkins, Hokule'a crew member, shows visiting school children how to use the Hokule'a's steering paddle, called the "hoe uli."

noe," Rogers said.

"As the crew conducts these canoe tours, they are sharing the importance of voyaging and the mission of Malama Honua (which means to care for Island

Rogers said that Hokule'a's Pearl Harbor visit was part of PVS community outreach initiative called "Mahalo Hawaii Sail," which involves the Hawaiian icon sailing into more than 30 ports and 70 communities throughout Hawaiian

community access to the ca- each stop, the crew is expected Age Center, said her center to interact with local community members, particularly school age children, so that they might experience first-hand the symbol of Hawaiian culture and learn what it was like to live on the open deck of a Polynesian voyaging canoe.

Rogers estimates that during the Hokule'a's week-long stay the crew will have given dockside tours to approximately 2,000 students and local military and community members.

Tiffany Ettleman, assis-Islands during 2017-2018. At tant director at Catlin School

alone brought more than 83 children throughout the week to visit crewmembers and see the canoe.

est thing because we get to share a piece of ancient history with our kids," she said. "Many of whom may not even understand how special this visit really is until they go home later

or realize this is the first time

that this canoe has ever been in

"I just think this is the cool-

Pearl Harbor." Many believe that the construction of the Hokule'a in 1975 started the rebirth of voyaging and sparked a renaissance in Hawaiian culture.

"By bringing the children on the deck of Hokule'a, the hope is that they will leave with a knowledge of the significance of Hokule'a and an understanding of the importance of voyaging values that are also relevant on land," Rogers said. "We and our communities need to malama honua - respect and care for ourselves, each other, and our natural and cultural environments."

For more information, visit www.hokulea.com.



Airman 1st Class Noelle Hong, 324th Intelligence Squadron intelligence analyst, during a blood drive at the Hickam Main Exchange, at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, Feb. 6.

Story and photo by Tech. Sgt. Heather Redman

15th Wing Public Affairs

Every month, units from around the 15th Wing come together to save lives by supporting the Tripler Army Medical Center (TAMC) Armed Services Blood Program (ASBP).

The TAMC Blood Donor Center holds multiple donation events a week. along with their clinic hours, and collects several hundred units of blood a month.

"Most of the units collected through Tripler go directly to service members here on the island," said Michelle Lele-Himalaya, ASBP blood donor recruiter. "Some units are sent to conoverseas, but most of it is used for medical procedures at Tripler."

The ASBP encourages people to donate locally due to the wait times for shipping blood from the continental

"It takes about three to four days for a unit of blood to be collected and tested before it can be used," Lele-Himalaya said. "If we run low and have to purchase units of blood from the mainland, we would need to add on an additional three days for shipping which is a long time to wait if you need a transfusion.

According to the ASBP, a single trauma victim can use 40 or more units of blood. Leukemia patients undergoing treatment can use up to eight units

tingency areas for those wounded of platelets, and one pint can sustain a premature infant's life for up to two

> "Blood is a limited resource that you don't realize how important it is until you need it," Lele-Himalaya said. "So we encourage people to donate whenever they can."

The blood donation process takes about 30 minutes from screening to collection, and an individual can donate every 57 days.

ASBP is the official blood collection, manufacturing, transport and transfusion program for the U.S. military. They are responsible for providing blood and blood products to deployed service members on the battlefield, on board Navy casualty receiving treatment ships, hospital ships and aircraft carriers.

Department of the Navy releases fiscal year 2019 budget

Department of Defense

The Department of the Navy released its proposed \$194.1 billion (Base and Overseas Contingency Operations (OCO)) budget Feb. 12, for fiscal year (FY) 2019.

This budget is part of the \$716 billion (Base and OCO) defense budget President Donald Trump submitted to Congress the same day.

Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Navy for Budget, Rear Adm. Brian Luther, briefed media during a Department of Defense press conference on the Navy and Marine Corps portion of the bud-

"Our ability to complete our mission rests on the entire Navy and Marine Corps team — Sailors and Marines, Active Duty and Reserve, our Civilian teammates and all our families," Luther said. "The department is grateful for the increased funding and has worked diligently in this request to ensure the funding provided protects and sustains the readiness gains of FY18 and creates a balanced warfighting force with the capabilities needed for the fight and the capacity to win the fight."

This year's budget request is focused on restoring wholeness by growing the readiness, capability and capacity of the Navy and Marine Corps in an effort to build a more lethal, resilient and agile force to deter and defeat aggression by great power competitors and adversaries in all domains across the conflict spectrum. This force is necessary to fulfill the maritime responsibilities articulated in the national defense strategy.

Wholeness will be achieved by focusing on six specific dimensions: building a bigger, better, networked, talented, agile and ready fleet.

This budget includes a \$63.4 billion (base and OCO) request for operation and maintenance, funding the maximum executable amounts for ship depot maintenance, aviation depot maintenance and the flight-hour program. The operation and maintenance request represents an emphasis on the importance of restoring wholeness to build capacity and improve lethality in the future.

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Describe a dream you had that you remember.



Lt. Col. Eric Bein 25th Air Support Operations Squadron

"I dream of retiring on the Hawaiian Islands on a regular basis.'



Tech. Sgt. Frank **Benitez PACAF**

"I dreamt of traveling through Europe with my family.



Suki Ross Military spouse

"I dream of flying, but it always takes a few jumps to get off the ground."



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"Constant dreams of thinking I'm late for watch on the boat but when I come to I'm actually at home in my bed and it's an off day.'



IT1 Mickey Johnson NCTAMS PAC

"Making chief and having my wife and daughters put the anchors on my collar."

Rear Adm. Brian Fort

Commander, Navy Region Hawaii and Naval Surface Group Middle Pacific



Aisa DeBear Navy Exchange Fleet Store

"I always dream I am falling off a cliff then I come to and I realize I am still in my bed."

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COMMENTARY

'The values that unite us...'

Love and aloha to Hokule'a voyagers

(Editor's note: This commentary is excerpted from Rear Adm. Fort's remarks last Saturday welcoming the Polynesian Voyaging Society and Hokule'a to Pearl Harbor. Hokule'a departs this afternoon at 5 p.m. after a week at Rainbow Bay Marina.)

I am a firm believer that the values that unite us are greater than the distractions that divide us.

We are truly inspired by the brave but humble navigators and voyagers of Hokule'a and by the values you cherish and represent.

Ask any U.S. Navy Sailor what our Navy's core values are, and she or he will tell you: Honor - Courage - Commitment.

These are shared values.

Honor, for example: Members of the Polynesian Voyaging Society sail and live with a code of honor, discipline and ethics — respect for the land, love of the oceans, caring for people, and sustainability of our shared environment.

Courage: Can you imagine what it takes to sail — by wind, currents, stars, the sound of the waves lapping the canoe, and intuition – across vast oceans – without modern instruments? The ancient Polynesians and other early mariners were bold, proud, strong, and resilient. They inspire all of us today.

Commitment: Navigators of Hokuneering, Mathematics, and, yes, Art. Navigation is both a science and an art. Your commitment to education and to the next generation is part of your DNA. We all must be committed to teaching those who come after us. And we must educate them on the lessons of history.

That knowledge at a deep and pro-



Photos by MC1 Jeffrey Troutman

Above, Rear Adm. Brian Fort, commander, Navy Region Hawaii and commander, Naval Surface Group Middle Pacific, speaks with Nainoa Thompson, president of the Polynesian Voyaging Society and master navigator of Hokule'a. Below, Hokule'a renders honors as it passes by the USS Arizona Memorial.

found level helps unite us and keeps us

from being divided. Here at Pearl Harbor we are re-

minded each day of our shared history. We see the reasons to defend our freedom and liberty to pursue our dreams. We remember the service and sacrifice of brave veterans in the Pacific War that started here on Oahu. And we remember the once young people who faced an existential crisis le'a are committed to the pursuit of more than 75 years ago and who reknowledge. Science, Technology, Engi- sponded boldly - warriors and states-

men such as: Adm. Gordon Paiea Chung-Hoon, commanding officer of USS Sigsbee in World War II, who gallantly fought the enemy and received the Medal of Honor. He was our Navy's first Asian American / Native Hawaiian admiral. And, today his proud namesake, USS Chung-Hoon, is homeported here in Pearl Harbor.

Sen. Daniel K. Inouve, of the famed 442nd Infantry Regiment in World War II, and a man who continued to serve his nation, state and the free world when his dream of becoming a medical doctor was destroyed on a

Army, also fought for freedom, and was severely wounded at Normandy. "Pinky" Thompson devoted the rest of his life to helping others and, like his son, made a positive difference in people's lives as a force for good and as an early leader of the Polynesian Voyaging Society. When "Pinky" Thompson passed, Sen. Inouye reminded us we lost a "noble leader."

The brave leaders I just highlighted understood the value and importance of service: service to others, service to their country and service to a higher

Speaking on behalf of our military team — including DoD civilians, veterans and family members here in Hawaii — we are supremely fortunate to live in Hawaii-nei (beloved Hawaii).

We do not take this opportunity for granted and we try to live with Aloha. We host an annual Makahiki at Joint Base, participate at Merrie Monarch in Hilo, and include Hawaiian blessings at all our important events, including Pearl Harbor Remembrance

By the way, the name of our Region/Base newspaper is "Hoʻokele" — Navigator.

We clean beaches, relocate albatrosses, protect other sea birds and turtles, and we do everything possible to protect marine mammals when we operate at sea. Thank you, voyagers, for joining us to help restore Loko Pa'aiau Fishpond on Saturday.

Most of all, just like ancient warriors, we train to be ready at all times. We train to defend against enemies who wish to do us harm. And we build partnerships with those who wish to

battlefield in Europe.

Myron "Pinky" Thompson —

Nainoa's dad — who joined the

Nainoa's dad — who joined the and during RIMPAC, the Rim of the Pacific Exercise, this summer.

> The values that unite us are greater than the distractions that divide us.

> Thank you again to the Polynesian Voyaging Society, area Hawaiian Civic Clubs, Kamehameha Schools, and all our neighbors for making today's celebration (and the weeklong visit) pos-

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C-17 arrives at home in Hawaii



F-15B Eagles from the 199th Fighter Squadron, 154th Wing, Hawaii Air National Guard escort the first Hawaii-based C-17 Globemaster III to its home at Hickam Air Force Base in February, 2006 (12 years ago this month). Hickam was the first base outside the continental U.S. to permanently host the C-17. A-4 • February 16, 2018

DoD celebrates National African American History Month

Department of Defense

The Department of Defense (DoD) joins the nation in celebration of National African American History Month, Feb. 1-28. Together we recognize the service and sacrifices of African Americans and celebrate their contributions to the defense of our nation, supporting the DoD mission both in uniform and through civilian service

Throughout our country's history, African Americans have made invaluable contributions to the armed forces and the security of the United States. Even in the face of prejudice and oppression, these patriotic Americans showed great resolve and continued to serve our country, support national defense, and champion equal treatment of all Americans. African Americans valiantly served on the front lines alongside their American brethren long before the issuance of Executive Order 9981 on July 26, 1948, which called for "equality of treatment and opportunity for all those who serve in our country's defense" and led to full integration of the services.

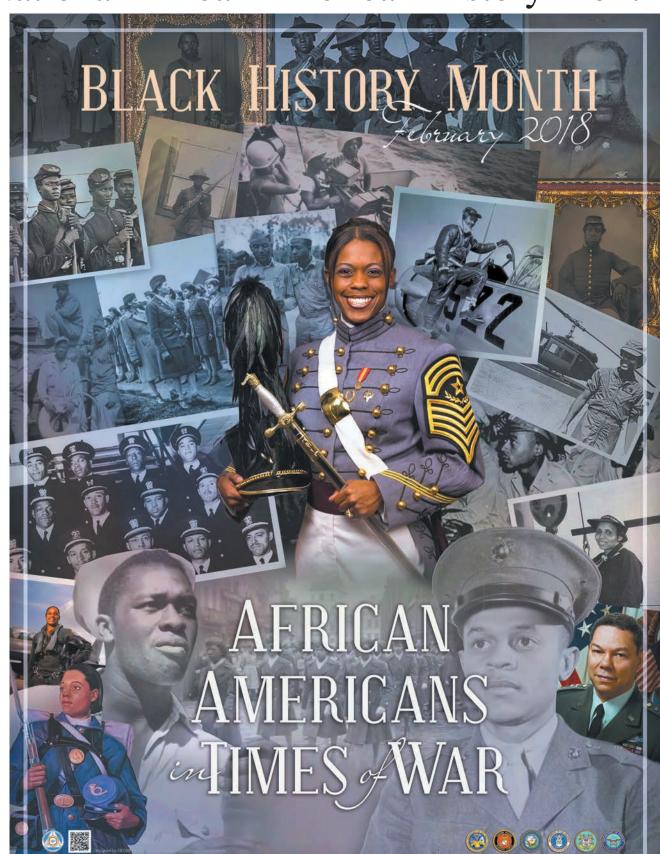
African Americans have fought in every major military conflict, demonstrating great courage and resiliency under the most challenging of circumstances. It is a lesser known fact that during the American Civil War almost 200,000 African Americans served in the Armed Forces — approximately 179,000 in the Army and 19,000 in the Navy.

From the early days of the American Revolution to the trenches of World War I and II; from the jungles of Vietnam to the deserts and mountains of Iraq and Afghanistan, and present-day missions around the world, African Americans have honorably served to defend this great nation. The department salutes the service and sacrifice of these courageous Americans — from the Buffalo Soldiers, Harlem Hellfighters, Tuskegee Airmen, and Montford Point Marines, to the Golden Thirteen and beyond. The contributions of AfricanAmericans are deeply embedded in the history of the United States and continue to be reflected in the core of our nation's identity.

DoD is committed to recognizing and honoring African Americans for their noble service to our nation and advancement of the principles of equality and diversity throughout the United States. As we commemorate National African American History Month, DoD personnel are encouraged to celebrate the achievements and pay tribute to the sacrifices of African American members of the total force, past and present.

The 2018 Black History Month poster shows a collage of African American service members in wartime from each of the armed services beginning from the Civil War period and ending in the contemporary era.

DoD illustration



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Photo by MC3 Morgan K. Nall

The Arleigh-Burke class guided-missile destroyer USS Preble (DDG 88) conducts a replenishment-at-sea with the fleet replenishment oiler USNS Pecos (T-AO 197) in the Arabian Sea, Feb. 3. Preble is deployed with the Theodore Roosevelt Carrier Strike Group to the U.S. 5th Fleet area of operations in support of maritime security operations to reassure allies and partners, and preserve the freedom of navigation and the free flow of commerce in the region.



Photo by Senior Airman Kiara N. Spann

Airmen from the 154th Security Forces Squadron, Hawaii Air National Guard and members from the Mississippi Wildlife, Fisheries, & Parks Special Response team conduct disturbance response training during the PATRIOT South 2018 exercise at Camp Shelby, Hattiesburg, Mississippi, Feb. 14. PATRIOT South is a domestic operations disaster response training exercise conducted by National Guard units working in support of federal, state and local emergency management agencies and first responders.



Photo by MC3 Nicholas Burgains

Sailors assigned to the Arleigh Burke-class guided-missile destroyer USS Halsey (DDG 97) carry an injured pilot across the flight deck during a crash and salvage drill, Jan. 29. Halsey is deployed with the Theodore Roosevelt Carrier Strike Group to the U.S. 5th Fleet area of operations in support of maritime security operations to reassure allies and partners, and preserve the freedom of navigation and the free flow of commerce in the region.



Photo by Staff Sgt. Jack Sanders

U.S. Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. David L. Goldfein recognizes outstanding performers from the Pacific Air Forces at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, Feb. 8. Goldfein toured key locations in the Indo-Pacific where he met with key leaders, allies and partners and Airmen.





MC2 Elesia K. Patten

Submarine Group 7 Public Affairs

The Virginia-class attack submarine USS Mississippi (SSN 782) arrived at Fleet Activities

routine visit as part of Force. its deployment to the Indo-Pacific region.

This kind of visit strengthens the already positive alliance between the U.S. and Japan through the crews' interaction with the Japan Yokosuka, Feb. 12, for a Maritime Self-Defense

It also demonstrates the U.S. Navy's commitment to regional stability and maritime security in the U.S. 7th Fleet area of operations.

Mississippi is homeported in Pearl Har-

the most technologically advanced and stealthiest submarines in the world and is capable of fulfilling a multitude of missions.

U.S. 7th Fleet, which celebrates its 75th year in 2018, spans more than 124 million square kilo-

the International Date Line to the India/Pakistan border, and from the Kuril Islands in the North to the Antarctic in the South.

U.S. 7th Fleet's area of operation encompasses 36 maritime countries bor. Mississippi is one of meters, stretching from and 50 percent of the mil/local/csg7/.

world's population with between 50-70 U.S. ships and submarines, 140 aircraft and approximately 20,000 Sailors in the 7th Fleet.

For more news from Commander Submarine Group 7, visit www.navy.

Traffic alerts in support of Great Aloha Run

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

In support of the 34th annual Great Aloha Run on Presidents Day, Feb.19, the following traffic modifications and gate closures will be in effect during the run.

Borchers Gate will be closed, and Luapele Gate will be open from 4 a.m. to 1 p.m.

In addition, Center Drive and Radford Drive will not be accessible via Kamehameha Highway.

Makalapa Gate will be closed beginning at 9 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 18 and reopen at 5 a.m. Tuesday, Feb. 20.

Kuntz Gate access by Elliott Street will be modified outbound to allow eastbound traffic on Nimitz Highway only.

Catlin Drive, Camp Catlin Drive, Peltier Avenue and Puuloa Road will not be accessible from Nimitz Highway.

The 8.15-mile run race starts at sunrise from the Aloha Tower, winds down Nimitz and Kamehameha Highways and ends at Aloha Stadium.

For more information about the event visit www. greataloharun.com.

Call 808-473-2890 or email editor@hookelenews.com

New policy for harassment prevention, response

Department of Defense

The Department of Defense (DoD) announced today the release of DoD Instruction 1020.03, "Harassment Prevention and Response in the Armed Forces," effective immediately.

The comprehensive policy for service members addresses harassment, including sexual harassment and harassment through social media. The policy strengthens and reaffirms the department's position that it does not tolerate any kind of harassment by any service member, either in person or online.

The policy supersedes the department's past policies on sexual harassment for service members dures for all types of harassment prevention and response.

Through a department-wide oversight framework, this policy increases leadership commitment and accountability and provides additional resources and requirements to protect service members.

Preventive measures in the policy are set in place to identify and address problematic behaviors early, in an effort to prevent these behaviors from escalating.

of a continuum of behaviors that have no place in our workforce. The policy issued today brings us one step closer to eliminating these behaviors from the DoD. My focus on this is

L. Wilkie, undersecretary of defense for personnel and readiness.

In accordance with this policy, each service secretary and DoD component head is required to provide an implementation plan outlining steps and milestones in order to comply with this instruc-

The Office of the Secretary of Defense will also realign under one office that will report directly to the undersecretary of personnel and readiness the organizations that over-"Harassment is a part see issues including sexual assault, harassment, discrimination, diversity

and provides new proce- unwavering," said Robert mand reduction, and suicide prevention.

In collaboration with the service assistant secretaries of manpower and reserve affairs, the department will establish and convene the Defense Equal Opportunity Reform Group to assess and provide recommendations regarding the next steps to address the need for additional guid-

The department's policy strives to provide an atmosphere of dignity and respect and an environment free from discrimination, harassment and assault, to increase the readiness and lethality of and inclusion, drug de- the armed forces.

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Second-half surge leads Louisville to victory

Story and photo by Randy Dela Cruz

Sports Editor, Ho'okele

Playing in their first game of the season, USS Louisville (SSN 724) fought their way to a tie at halftime and then picked up steam in the second half to run away from USS John Paul Jones (DDG 53), 62-45, on Feb. 10 in an Afloat Division intramural basketball game at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam.

Despite starting the game with the bare minimum of five players, Louisville maintained pace with John Paul Jones in the first half and then came on strong in the second half to close out the win.

"We just came out here to have fun," said Culinary Specialist (Submarines) 3rd Class Tyre Smith, who led all scorers with 26 points. "We were down a couple of guys. We had a gunshoot schedule, so half our crew was there."

The lack of substitutions didn't affect Louisville at all. The team literally matched John Paul Jones shot-for-shot from the start of the game.

In fact, John Paul Jones fell behind twice early in the matchup and needed two threepoint shots by Operations Specialist 2nd Class Enrico Poole to tie the game up each time.

After John Paul Jones went out in front, Smith tied the game up with two free throws to make it 23-23 and then down by a basket with the clock winding down, Smith sank a lay-up off a drive to the basket to tie the score at 25-25 going into halftime.

Smith said that pressuring John Paul Jones right from the start might have surprised them and given Louisville a slight edge.

Then, adjustments along the way by Louisville's defense helped the team keep John Paul Jones on their heels, Smith said.

"Initially, we were running a two-three zone, then we stepped away from that," Smith said. "We went man for a little bit, but that wasn't working, so we just went back to the two-three and stayed in the switch."

While Louisville switched to a man-to-man defense, John Paul Jones found some success from the perimeter.

In the first half, John Paul Jones knocked down five long bombs from beyond the threepoint arc with Poole and Fire Controlman (Aegis) 1st Class Jared Borders picking up two each from downtown.

However, once Louisville went back to a two-three defense, the long shots dried up. John Paul Jones got only one trey, by Borders, in the entire second half.

Still, John Paul Jones managed to take an early lead in the second half by going to the inside and putting the ball into the hands of their big man Gas Turbine System Technician (Mechanical) 3rd Class Zach Kelsh, who scored twice in the post before throwing down a missed shot with a one-handed stuff that gave John Paul Jones a 33-27 lead.



Culinary Specialist (Submarines) 3rd Class Tyre Smith takes the ball under the defense of Gas Turbine System Technician (Mechanical) 3rd Class Zach Kelsh.

During that run, John Paul Jones was able to shut down Smith and keep him scoreless for six minutes.

However, while Smith was being closely guarded, other teammates — especially Sonar Technician (Submarine) 3rd Class Louis Green — stepped up to help Louisville retake the

For nearly four minutes, Green was the go-to player for Louisville, as the guard rebooted the team's attack by knocking down a trey that cut the deficit down to two at 33-31.

Then, back-to-back lay-ups

finished off a spectacular run by delivering a dime to Smith for two more points and a fourpoint 37-33 lead.

The jumpstart by Green was just what the team needed to take control of the game.

With only 3:45 remaining on by Green put Louisville back the clock, a breakaway slam in front at 35-31, before Green dunk by Smith raised the lead out with the win."

to 10 points at 48-38 and Louisville never looked back.

"We just trust each other," Smith said about the win. "They (John Paul Jones) had a little run, but we didn't let that get us down. We just kept focused, stayed in there, did what was working for us and came

Kauai seniors start Valentine's Day early in Kekaha

Story and photo by MC2 SW/AW Omar Powell

PMRF Public Affairs

Pacific Missile Range Facility (PMRF) Sailors took time out of their day to help Kauai's senior citizens enjoy an early Valentine's Day dance at Kekaha's Neighborhood Center during their 17th annual Valentine's Dance, Feb. 9.

Kauai's senior centers have been putting this event for their kupuna (seniors) to help them get out of the center and enjoy Valentine's Day with friends and the commu-

Each year, one of the

Koloa, Kalaheo, Hanapepe, Kaumakani, Waimea and Kekaha is chosen to coordinate the event. This year, it was Koloa Ohana Senior Club in charge.

"Putting this event together was a lot of work. But seeing the seniors faces while dancing on the dance floor with the Sailors made it all worth it," said Cecelia Moehi, president of Koloa Ohana Senior Club.

The County of Kauai Parks and Recreation assisted the committee with organizing and decorating Kekaha's Neighborhood Center.

"I enjoy participating in this event. I feel a need to nine senior centers from because they have given Kilauea, Kapaa, Lihue, so much to me," said Rus-



Boatswain's Mate 2nd Class Nathaniel Banez, assigned to Pacific Missile Range Facility, dances with a kupuna during Kauai's 17th annual Senior Valentine's Day Dance at Kekaha Neighborhood Center.

sell Wellington, west co- looking forward to this County of Kauai Parks ordinator, County Parks give back to the kupuna and Recreation. "This is their friends and Sail-

event to spend time with really a special day for the ors," said Melaine Oka- that the Sailors are here.

and Recreation."

"We are very grateful seniors. They have been moto, senior coordinator, We always enjoy spending

time with them," said Veronica Carilla, a kupuna at Kekaha Senior Center.

The Sailors were out in numbers hitting the dance floor.

"I'm new to the island and this event was an amazing opportunity for me to get in touch with the community. It was great to be able to put a smile on the local seniors' faces," said Boatswain's Mate 2nd Class Nathaniel Banez.

Waimea High School's Interact Club, a volunteer organization, helped the event by serving their seniors with coffee, tea, water, and their lunch. Waimea High School 12th grader Corey Agent said, "I like to help out the seniors and make them

Buzzer-beating shot raises 545 past The Young I's

Story and photo by Randy Dela Cruz

Sports Editor, Ho'okele

Early in the season, The Young I's (8th Intelligence Squadron) pulled victory from the jaws of defeat with two buzzer-beating shots.

Instead of making it three times this year, The Young I's had the tables turned around them this time around, as Army Sgt. Brian Robinson called backboard before knocking down a game-winning-bank shot that raised the 545th Transportation Company (545 TC) to a heart-thumping 45-43 victory. It took place in an Above 30 White Division intramural basketball game on Feb. 13 at Hickam Fitness Center, Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam.

"It felt good," said Robinson about how the ball felt after leaving his fingertips. "I was aiming for the backboard."

The clutch shot from the perimeter came just after Tech. Sgt. William Yeaman drove in the lane and completed a lay-up that tied the score at 43-43.

With 1.8 second remaining on the clock, Robinson motioned upcourt as he received the inbound pass from the sideline.

After making the catch, Robinson put a fake on his defender to create some space and then released the shot just as the buzzer sounded.

"I couldn't believe it," said Robinson about getting an open shot — especially since everyone in the house knew he was going to get the ball. "I did a litmove to my left before moving to the basket."

The game-ending shot was a fitting way to end a great basketball game in which both



Army Sgt. Brian Robinson takes it to the hoop for two of his 18 points.

tle football move. A little juke teams fought tooth-and-nail to keep their undefeated record intact.

Besides the hard-fought game between the divisional leaders, there was also a mini

top guards in the division, Rob-Ford, squared off between base-

duel in progress as two of the ing 20 points with two three- loss, but also placed the team inson and Tech. Sgt. Robert arc, but it was Robinson who sion's top spot.

fire in the second half with a dozen points that included the game-winner.

"I needed to wake up," Robinson said. "I had been playing all day and I had to wake up. I said my team needed me because we're down."

Trailing by 10 points at 24-14 early in the second half, Robinson shook off the cobwebs quickly, as he knocked down back-to-back treys to cut the lead down to four at the 16:34

Another three-ball by Robinson cut the lead down to a single point, before Sgt. 1st Class Maurice Allen attacked from the post to score a basket that put the 545 TC in front for the first time in the game at 27-26.

The Young I's responded and seemingly took control at 41-37 after a lay-up by Yeaman, but that's when Sgt. Gehori Echols pulled up just beyond the arc and swished a clutch trey that cut the lead down to a point at

41-40 with 1:30 left in the game. "That gave us a lot of momentum," said Robinson about the shot by Echols. "I had just missed in the corner and then it (Echols' trey) gave us a lot of

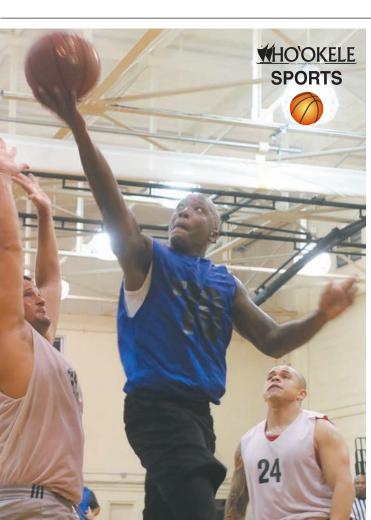
On the 545's next trip down court, Robinson completed the comeback with a lay-up that put his team up by a point at

Echols connected on one of two free throws, but Yeaman responded with a basket to tie the game before Robinson sent everyone home with the game-winner.

The win not only kept the 545's record perfect without a point bombs from beyond the in the driver's seat for the divi-

ord, squared off between basenes.

might have stole the show.
Held to only six points in
Ford was at his best in scorthe first half, Robinson caught
"We're going to try and stay
there," Robinson said. "We're
going to keep on driving."



Tech. Sgt. Brandon Hawkins floats to the basket to score two of his game-high 22 points.

HQ PACAF/ 613 AOC outlasts Pit of Misery

Story and photo by Randy Dela Cruz

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Tech. Sgt. Brandon Hawkins settled down to swish five of six free throws as the clock wound down to help Headquarters Pacific Air Forces (HQ PACAF)/ 613th Air and Space Operation Center (613 AOC) secure a 38-32 victory over the Pit of Misery in an Over 30 White Division intramural basketball game. It was held Feb. 13 at Hickam Fitness Center, Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam.

Hawkins, who knocked down only two of seven free throws in the first half, came through stroke to sink four throws in a row and give his team a 37-32 lead with only 28 seconds on the clock.

"I think it was just all the practice over the years," Hawkins said. "I tried to fall back on fundamentals after you find yourself in a little bit of a slump. You over think it and I was breaking up my stroke a little too much."

The game came down to nailbiter at the end, but at first it appeared as though HQ PA-CAF/613 AOC might runaway with it after opening up a double-digit lead at 14-4 with 11:02

remaining in the first half. However, a dry spell of all lay-up by Tech. Sgt Jake Monroe

most 10 minutes by HQ PA-CAF/613 AOC allowed Pit of Misery to cut the lead down to a basket at 14-12, before Master Sgt. Sammie Bolus finally broke the drought with a putback that upped the lead back

Hawkins completed a basket-and-one and then scored on a breakaway lay-up as the buzzer sounded off to give HQ PACAF/613 AOC a 21-13 lead at halftime.

Up by eight points to start the second half, HQ PACAF/613 $\,$ AOC hit the wall for the second time in the game, as Pit of Misery went on a 9-0 run after the break to take a 22-21 lead.

"They (Pit of Misery) started in the clutch as he steadied his in a zone and then they switched to man," said Haw-kins about being shutdown in the first half and then again to start the second half. "We didn't adjust properly. We kept in our zone mentality and didn't get enough motion. We were just standing around and hoping people make cuts. Once we started to get movement again, that's when we started to pick it up.'

Hawkins finally broke the skid by sinking one of three free

throws to tie the game up at 22-22 with 11:35 showing on the clock. A baseline jumper by Tech.

Sgt. James Keammener and a

staged HQ PACAF/613 AOC to a 30-26 lead, but back the other way, a clutch three-point shot by Master-at-Arms 1st Class Matt Walker cut the deficit down to a point at 30-29 with only 2:40 remaining in the game.

On the return trip, Pit of Misery took a one-point advantage on a basket, but Hawkins scored on a driving lay-up to put HQ PACAF/613 AOC back in front at 32-31.

From that point on, Hawkins was money from the charity stripe as he stepped up to knock down one of two to make it 33-31, before hitting four more in succession to put the game away for good. "It comes back to pride," said

Hawkins about the way his team fought back. "We don't want to be that team that everyone is talking about, hey did you hear they went up 10 and ended up losing? In the end, Hawkins said

holding off Pit of Misery to secure the win was just icing on the cake. "It feels good," he said. "This

is our NBA. There's not a lot of fans or media, but we still play like ball is life. It feels good to come our here and compete with these guys. When the game is close and you're the ones who comes out victorious, it's always a good feeling — especially when spouses and family are in the stands."

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

Navy, Air Force and community volunteers, along with crew members of the Polynesian Voyaging Society's Hokule'a will conduct a cleanup at Loko Pa'aiau } dYa`_UeYZdSaturday, Feb. 17, from 9

a.m. to 11 a.m.

The Hokule'a is currently docked at Rainbow Bay marina located at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam (JBPHH) and will depart today, Friday, Feb. 16 at 5 p.m. The arrival marked a historic } cde dRZ Z_e` Af @]`R Wc eYV]VXV_URcj voyaging canoe.

In addition to military volunteers, the McGrew Point residents and the Ali'i Pauahi Hawaiian Civic club will help with the cleanup, clearing of trash and removal of invasive plants along the shoreline, including mangrove and pickle weed.

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base still relatively intact. The ancient sluice gate is still visible, with upgrades made by subsequent residents before it

became military housing.

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Navy Natural Resources manager Rebecca Smith and Archeological Resource manager Jeff Pantaleo will give a short ScZWRS`feeYV}dYa`_UR_UeYVcVde`ration efforts. Kehaulani Lum, president of the Ali'i Pauahi Hawaiian Civic club will conduct a traditional Hawaiian oli (chant).

In addition, an Ahua Reef wetland restoration event will be held from 8 to 11 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 24.

Volunteers can help restore the Ahua Reef coastal wetland by creating a habitat for indigenous plants and birds. Activities will include pulling invasive



Ahua Reef wetland is located on the Hickam side of Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, near Hickam Harbor and Hawaii Air National Guard.

Volunteers need to wear closed-toed shoes, and should bring sunblock, water, a hat and snacks. Boots, long sleeves and long pants are recommended since

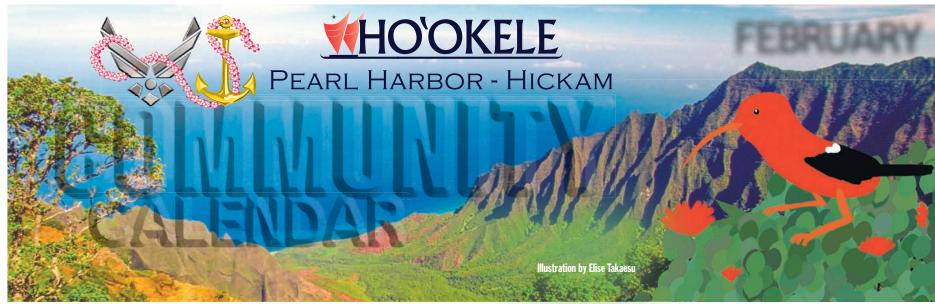
conditions will be wet and muddy.

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To volunteer for the Ahua Reef wetland restoration event, please RSVP to Corrina Carnes at 291-9053 or email corrina.carnes.ctr@Navy.mil.



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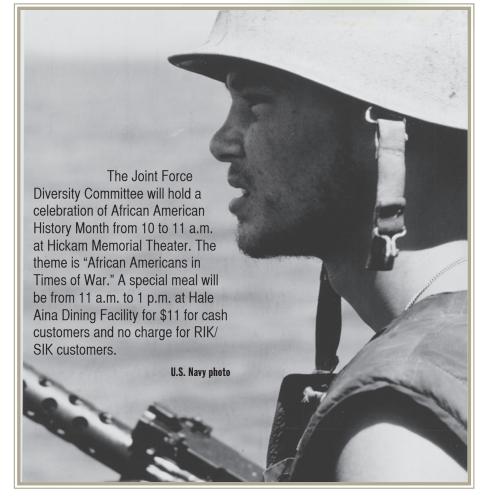
The 2018 Navy-Marine Corps Relief Society (NMCRS) active duty fund drive for Navy activities in the Navy Region Hawaii area will run through March 23. This year's theme is "By Our Own — For Our Own." FMI: Lt. Stephen Gubbins at 473-7946 or Stephen. gubbins1@navy.mil.

The Navy Tax Assistance Center is now open at the Navy College Building, 1260 Pierce St., building 679, Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam. The center is in classroom 11 on the first floor. The Tax Assistance Center will be open Monday, Wednesday, and Friday from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. Unlike in past years, the tax assistance center will provide service only to service members E1-E6 and their dependents with the ability to electronically file individual tax returns through internet-based software applications. The Tax Assistance Center relies on local commands for supplies. Service members or their family members interested in volunteering at the Tax Assistance center full-time or part-time should contact Lt. Rosemarie Lombardi by phone at 473-1394 or email Rosemarie.Lombardi@navy. mil or Lt. Kevin Griffin by phone at 473-1387 or email Kevin.R.Griffin@navy.mil.

The free annual two-mile Healthy Fun Run for all authorized patrons will be held at the Pearl Harbor Navy Exchange. Walk-in signups on the day of the event are welcomed. Registration for walk-ins will be from 6:15 to 6:45 a.m. The run will be from 7 to 8:30 a.m. Location of the event is the NEX Mall parking lot at the Bougainville and Radford Drive intersection. The two-mile route will be within the NEX parking lot perimeter. No purchase is necessary. FMI: 423-3287.

The annual Great Aloha Run will take place starting at 7 a.m. on Presidents Day. The 8.15-mile foot race begins at Aloha Tower and finishes in the Aloha Stadium. There are many divisions, including the Sounds of Freedom with military running in formation. FMI: www.greataloharun.com.

An Armed Services Blood Program blood drive will be held from



9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Naval Health Clinic Hawaii's Makalapa Clinic, Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam. FMI: http://www. militaryblood.dod.mil/ or contact Michelle Lele-Himalaya at 433-6699 or email Michelle.Lele.civ@mail.mil.

A class on civilian resume writing will be held from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. at Military and Family Support Center Pearl Harbor. This class targets private sector resumes only. FMI: www. greatlifehawaii.com/family-support/mfsc-class-schedule or call 474-1999.

A class on the Thrift Savings Plan (TSP) will be held from 9 to 11 a.m. at Military and Family Support Center Wahiawa. The TSP is a retirement savings and investment plan for federal employees and members of the uniformed services. FMI: www. greatlifehawaii.com/family-support/mfscclass-schedule or call 474-1999.

A free special presentation of MacGillvray Freeman's "Dream Big: Engineering Our World!" will be held at Sharkey Theater at 6 p.m. in support of National Engineers Week. FMI: email helen.chou@navy.mil.

A class on acing the job interview and dressing for success will be held from 2 to 4:30 p.m. at Military and Family Support Center Pearl Harbor. FMI: www.greatlifehawaii.com/family-support/mfsc-class-schedule or call 474-1999.

A class for financially savvy retirees about wills and trusts will be held at 9:30 a.m. at Military and Family Support Center Pearl Harbor. FMI: www.greatlifehawaii.com/family-support/mfsc-class-schedule or call 474-1999.

A class on LinkedIn will be held from noon to 1:30 p.m. at Military and Family Support Center Pearl Harbor. They will go over the proper way to build a professional profile and summary, how to use the job search functions, market to LinkedIn recruiters, strengthen a network, and leverage the LinkedIn resources. FMI: www.greatlifehawaii.com/family-support/mfsc-class-schedule or call 474-1999.

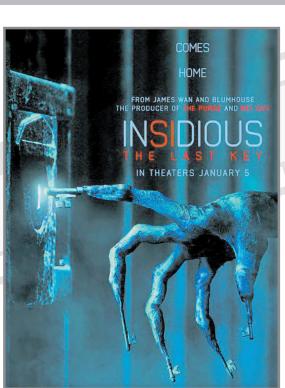
A class for new and soonto-be parents (or those who are thinking about becoming parents) will be held from 5 to 8 p.m. at Military and Family Support Center Hickam. They can learn about the roles, responsibilities, demands and joys of being parents. FMI: www.greatlifehawaii.com/family-support/mfsc-class-schedule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

Sponsor training will be held from 9 to 11 a.m. at Military and Family Support Center Pearl Harbor. The class is designed to give the new sponsor information to assist incoming personnel and families, in order to ease their transition to a new environment. Spouses are encouraged to attend. FMI: www.greatlifehawaii.com/family-support/mfsc-class-schedule or call 474-1999.

A USO transition services employment readiness workshop will be held from 8 to 11 a.m. at Military and Family Support Center Pearl Harbor. The event will include presentations on resumes, digital resources, interviews and professional etiquette, along with breakout sessions and resources. FMI: www.greatlifehawaii.com/family-support/mfsc-class-schedule or call 474-1999.

The 28th Annual Hawaii Collectors Expo will be held at the Blaisdell Exhibition Hall, 777 Ward Ave. in Honolulu. The event will be held from 4 to 9 p.m. Feb. 23, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Feb. 24, and 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Feb. 25. The cost is \$5, but admission is free for military with ID. The expo will include antiques, paintings, coins, stamps, sports cards, jewelry, comic books, anime, Funko pop, vintage clothing and more.

An information technology (IT)-specific resume workshop and discussion with TEKsystems will be held from 7:30 to 9:30 a.m. at Military and Family Support Center Pearl Harbor. A free hiring event for service members, veterans and military spouses will follow from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the same location. The hiring event will feature employers from the public and private sector as well as workshops that will focus on improving competitive employment. FMI: www.greatlifehawaii.com/family-support/mfsc-class-schedule or call 474-1999.



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Insidious: The Last Key

Brilliant parapsychologist Elise Rainier receives a disturbing phone call from a man who claims that his house is haunted. Even more disturbing is the address — 413 Apple Tree Lane in Five Keys, N.M. — the home where Elise grew up as a child. Accompanied by her two investigative partners, Rainier travels to Five Keys to confront and destroy her greatest fear — the demon that she accidentally set free years earlier.