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Hail to the CHIEFS

Rear Adm. Brian Fort, commander, Navy Region Hawaii and Naval Surface Group Middle Pacific, congratulates newly-pinned Chief Information Systems Technician Shericka Brantley at the conclusion of the regional chief petty officer pinning ceremony at the Hickam Chapel Center on Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, Sept. 14.

Photo by MC2 Jessica O. Blackwell

DPAA to commemorate POW/MIA day today

Ho'okele Staff

A National POW/MIA Recognition Day ceremony is scheduled for today from 10 to 11 a.m. at the National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific (Punchbowl).

National POW/MIA Recognition Day, observed every third Friday of September, honors those who were held as prisoners or were lost and unaccounted for in wartime.

"Americans pause on this special day

to remember and acknowledge the sacrifice of U.S. military personnel who, in heeding our nation's call to arms, forfeited their individual freedoms as prisoners of war, or lost their lives and remain missing," said Adm. Jon C. Kreitz, the deputy director for operations at Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency.

The POW/MIA flag is flown at certain federal government locations six days out of the year, including National POW/MIA Recognition Day. The other five

days include Armed Forces Day, May 16, Memorial Day, May 25, Flag Day, June 14, Independence Day, July 4 and Veterans Day, Nov. 11.

The POW/MIA table also makes an appearance at many military events. The table includes, among other items, an upside down wine glass, a yellow candle, a white tablecloth and a red rose. The table is set to recognize prisoners of war and those missing in action.

The Defense POW/MIA Accounting

Agency was established to identify the remains of fallen service members. Personnel from DPAA travel to various locations to recover remains, work to identify the service members to which those remains belong, and assist in transporting them to their final resting place and family.

For more information, visit www.dpaa.mil. There is also information from the National League of POW/MIA Families, at <https://www.pow-miafamilies.org/>.

Oklahoma Sailor laid to rest



Photo by Jim Neuman

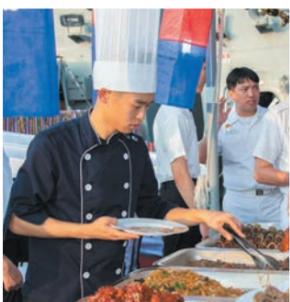
Members of the Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam ceremonial guard carry the remains of Chief Machinist's Mate Dean S. Sanders at the National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific, Sept. 19. Sanders, 38, of Lima, Ohio, was a crewmember of the USS Oklahoma killed during the attack on Pearl Harbor in 1941.

ROK Navy, PACFLT to perform

TODAY — Come out to the Halsey Terrace Community Center today at 5 p.m. for an afternoon the whole family can enjoy. The Republic of Korea Navy Cruise Training Task Group will be performing with the U.S. Pacific Fleet Band to promote Korea's traditional and modern culture and to strengthen the relationship between the United States and Korea. The performance will include: orchestra, pop, dance, percussion, taekwondo and more. Attendees can also sample authentic Korean food.

Call 473-2880 for more information.

Photos by MC3 Natalie M. Byers



Federal Fire Department leaders recognized for efforts

Story and photo by
MC2 Charles Oki

Navy Region Hawaii
Public Affairs

Members of the Navy Region Hawaii Federal Fire Department (FED-FIRE) were recognized by Hawaii state Rep. Cedric Gates, at the Waianae Coast Emergency Response after-action review meeting held in Waianae, Sept. 13.

The meeting was held to discuss the response by local and federal emergency services following the Waianae Coast wildfire in August 2018. The wildfire burned more than 8,000 acres along Oahu's Leeward Coast.

"Following Hurricane Lane and the recent wildfires on the Waianae Coast, we believe it is important for us as a community to hold a public meeting to highlight the numerous stories of resilience and to identify areas for improvements," Gates said.

"On behalf of the Waianae Coast, we would like to send a big mahalo to your personnel for their outstanding response during the



Members of Federal Fire Department Hawaii listen to questions from a Waianae Coast resident during the Waianae Coast emergency response after-action review meeting at Waianae District Park in Hawaii, Sept. 13.

recent wildfires on the Waianae Coast."

Following presentations by Honolulu Fire Department (HFD), FED-FIRE District Chief Neil Fujioka, Battalion Chief Kevin Ramos, Battalion Chief Brett McCurtain and Capt. Raymond McGill spoke about FED-

FIRE's assistance to HFD during the wildfires.

"The biggest thing I wanted to say to the Waianae community is that your support was outstanding," Ramos said.

"I've never seen anything like it in my life. While my crews were out working, I tried to get

them resupplied with food and water but they said 'no need, the residents are giving us everything we need,' so the support that Waianae residents provided us, along with HFD, was awesome. It was second to none. So we just wanted to say thank you to the Waianae com-

munity for what you guys did for us."

"Events like these are important to continue to provide a positive impact on the communities and to strengthen relationships and trust with our customers," Fujioka said.

Commander, Navy Region Hawaii provides,

maintains, and improves shore infrastructure, service support, and training to enable fleet operations of naval forces.

The command supports logistic requirements and deployment of joint forces as directed by combatant and service component commanders.

'No Drone Zone' at Hawaii military installations



Navy Region Hawaii
Public Affairs

The Unmanned Aircraft Systems (UAS), commonly referred to as drones, are growing in popularity with both government and private users.

To ensure the safety and security of military assets and personnel, there are clear restrictions on flying drones

over military bases.

All Navy and Marine Corps installations on Oahu are a "No Drone Zone" for all drones without prior approval.

These zones also include all communities connected to the Pearl Harbor waterways and Red Hill.

UAS operations within a five-mile radius of Hickam Airfield including Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, base facilities and a 3-mile radius of their outlying landing fields is prohibited with-

out the approval of the installation commander.

It is important to understand the rules when operating or flying a drone.

In February 2018, a civilian-operated drone collided with a helicopter on Kauai.

The responsible use of drones in compliance with the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) guidelines helps ensure the safety of all people and property.

The FAA has created an app,

B4UFLY, to help UAS users identify approved operating areas and includes a flight planning function.

Any UAS flown over Navy installations without prior permission and coordination with the appropriate authorities is a violation of FAA regulations, the Uniform Code of Military Justice and possibly the Naval Criminal Investigative Service.

Coordination with the FAA and installation commander is needed prior to such activity.

Diverse VIEWS



Submitted by David D. Underwood Jr. and Helen Zukeran

What is the best aircraft you've ever flown or flown in?



**Airman 1st Class
Kiara Reid**
535th Airlift Squadron

"The C-17 — it's been around for decades, being used to support aircrew and transportation of goods to combat zones. It can hold a maximum of 500,000-plus pounds per jet, so why wouldn't it be the best?"



**Master Sgt.
Dane Kaneshiro**
154th Operations Support Squadron

"The C-130 is the first military aircraft I've flown on. We transitioned to the C-17, but the C-130 makes me reminisce of my younger, more carefree, days. I miss what all the old-timers had the privilege to fly with."



**Senior Airman
Colby Ihle**
19th Fighter Squadron

"The best aircraft I have ever flown in would have to be a C-130. My first TDY was to Alaska, and I was able to get on a mission where we were tactical flying at low altitude through the mountains. It is an experience I will never forget."



Juan Colon
NAVSEA
Headquarters

"A Boeing 787 Dreamliner. It was brand new and had disco and mood lighting with new seats."



**Religious Programs Specialist 2nd Class
Christopher Bulloch**
Navy Information Operations Command Hawaii

"A V-22 Osprey. It was such an adrenaline rush. It starts off slow and immediately lifts off the ground like riding a rollercoaster."



**Aviation Ordnanceman 2nd Class
Cassandra Bonilla**
Port Operations

"A P-3 Charlie Orion. I flew on it during my 2015 deployment from Italy to Spain and Iceland and really enjoyed the people on it."

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

COMMENTARY

Rear Adm. Brian Fort

Commander, Navy Region Hawaii and Naval Surface Group Middle Pacific



Aegis integration and Wayne E. Meyer

On Sept. 13 we welcomed USS Wayne E. Meyer (DDG 108) to her new homeport here at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam.

USS Wayne E. Meyer is named for Rear Adm. Meyer, considered the "Father of Aegis," our Navy's centralized, automated, command-and-control radar and computerized weapon control system. It's the Navy's universal — and integrated — computerized system aboard our guided-missile cruisers and destroyers, including USS Wayne E. Meyer.

Brought to life by Meyer and his team in the early '70s, the Aegis combat system is able to detect threats from all around our ships — as many as 250 targets at the same time. Aegis can detect enemy threats in the air nearly 300 miles away.

Our leaders, from the chief of naval operations to the fleet and type commanders, remind us we steam today in a fast-paced, complex and frequently uncertain world. It's a world with evolving threats and unpredictable potential adversaries. That's one reason we can be extremely grateful for the steady and extremely capable Aegis system.

Meyer developed the system while director of surface warfare at the then-new Naval Sea Systems Command. It was just at the end of the Vietnam War but still in the heat of the Cold War, when Meyer brought together a team of top-notch engineers, his "true believers" — science, technology, engineering and mathematics volunteers who were willing to stake their reputations on making Aegis a reality.

Meyers integrated women on his team because he saw their skills and ability as well as their determination as members of his team.

He and his volunteers believed in the mission, and their hard work paid off for generations who followed.

The women and men aboard the USS Wayne E. Meyer are also volunteers — professionals who can lead, serve with integrity, rise to a challenge together and critically self-assess their performance. They are committed to continuous improvement and warfighting readiness in service to our nation.



Hula dancers welcome the Arleigh Burke-Class destroyer Wayne E. Meyer (DDG 108) and its crew as they arrive to their new homeport of Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, Sept. 13. The ship, which was previously homeported in San Diego, is named after Rear Adm. Wayne E. Meyer, who is known as the "Father of Aegis."

Photo by MC1 Corwin M. Colbert

Over the past two years DDG-108 conducted two deployments to the western Pacific, leading the fight for the Carl Vinson Strike Group.

In 2017 USS Wayne E. Meyer served as air and missile defense commander to ensure the safety of the strike group for its six-month deployment. During the 2017 deployment DDG-108 conducted exercises and drills with key allied partners, the Republic of Korea Navy and Japan Maritime Self-Defense Force.

In March 2018 USS Wayne E. Meyer and USS Carl Vinson (CVN 70) made a

historic port visit to Da Nang, Vietnam — the first time a U.S. aircraft carrier visited the country since the end of the Vietnam War in 1973. That was the same year coincidentally — 45 years ago — that Meyer and his team installed Aegis installed aboard the first test ship, USS Norton Sound (AVM 1).

Today our Navy continues to develop, test and deploy innovative systems on our ships here in the Pacific, including those on the Pearl Harbor waterfront. Aegis continues to evolve as well, embracing new changes in technology.

Increasingly, we are also embracing the potential and need for Aegis Ashore.

With the arrival of USS Wayne E. Meyer, named for the "Father of Aegis," to Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, we see a dedicated commitment to integrating and maintaining the most technologically advanced ships in the Pacific with updated and advanced capabilities.

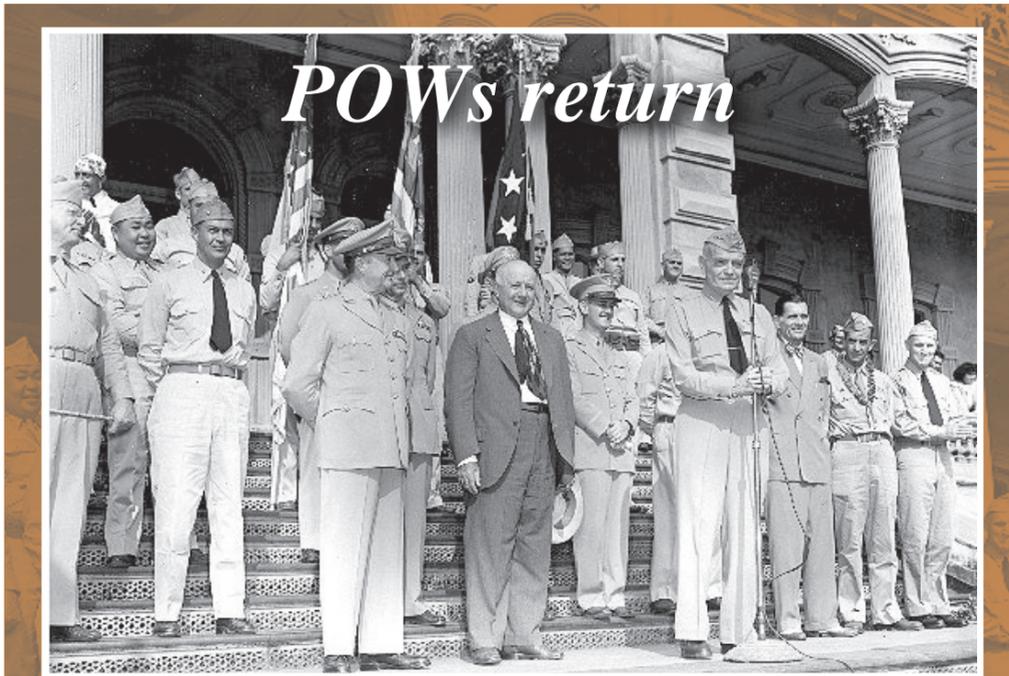
I join with the rest of our Region/MIDPAC team in welcoming — and integrating — the Sailors and families of USS Wayne E. Meyer as the newest member in our ohana.

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U.S. Navy photo
Adm. William F. Halsey participates in Honolulu's official welcome at the Iolani Palace to Army, Navy and Marine recovered allied military personnel (RAMP) just released from Japanese prison camps, Sept. 25, 1945. Front row, left to right: Lt. Gen. Robert C. Richardson; Gov. Ingram Stainback; Halsey; H.P. Faye, president of the Honolulu Chamber of Commerce; Lt. Col. Albert W. Braun, Army chaplain; and at far right, Cmdr. Campbell Keene, senior Navy RAMP.

NAVFAC Pacific welcomes new commander

Story and photo by
Krista Cummins

NAVFAC Pacific
Public Affairs

Rear Adm. John J. Adametz relieved Rear Adm. John W. Korka as commander of Naval Facilities Engineering Command (NAVFAC) Pacific during a change of command ceremony Sept. 13 at NAVFAC Pacific.

NAVFAC Headquarters commander and chief of civil engineers, Rear Adm. Bret Muilenburg, delivered the keynote address welcoming Adametz to his new command and praising Korka and his family for the leadership and sacrifices they have made to serve in the Pacific.

Muilenburg also noted the importance of the National Defense Strategy, the Chief of Naval Operations guidance and Commandant Marine Corps guidance.

"NAVFAC Pacific provides such a heavy lift



Rear Adm. John Adametz assumes command of NAVFAC Pacific during a change of command ceremony Sept. 13.

and amazing work to keep existing Navy and Marine Corps bases operating every day," Muilenburg said.

Adametz was nominated in March for appointment to the rank of rear admiral, and assumes command of approximately 4,000 military and civilian men and women who work for NAVFAC

Pacific and its three Facilities Engineering Commands in Hawaii, Guam and Japan and will also serve as the U.S. Pacific Fleet civil engineer.

Adametz, a familiar face within the NAVFAC community, most recently served as commanding officer for Naval Facilities Engineering and Expeditionary Warfare Center

and as commanding officer for NAVFAC Southwest.

"I am truly honored to stand before you today," Adametz said. "Our mission is clear: We are the naval shore and expeditionary systems command that executes life cycle technical and acquisition solutions aligned to Fleet and Marine Corps priorities in the Pacific Theater."

Korka remarked on how Adametz was qualified for his new position.

"The course ahead remains turbulent and filled with strong winds and heavy seas; However, as we press ahead focusing on our lines of efforts we are very fortunate to have a talented and gifted Naval officer ready to assume the

rank of NAVFAC Pacific," Korka said.

"Adm. Adametz is a good friend and I can tell you firsthand that he is a strategic leader who fully understands the intricacies of our business.

His experience in leading Seabees and having commanded two NAVFAC commands have prepared him perfectly. This command is in very strong and capable hands and I look forward to seeing him take this command to the next level."

Korka served as NAVFAC Pacific commander from October 2015 to September 2018 and will relieve Muilenburg in a NAVFAC Headquarters change of command scheduled for Oct. 19 in Washington D.C.

"John Korka, thank you for your exceptional leadership to this team," said Muilenburg.

"The long list of accomplishments of this command are a testimony to your leadership, thank you and well done."

First A2A strengthens relationship between US, Malaysia

Story and photo by
Tech. Sgt. Zachary Vaughn

PACAF Public Affairs

In an effort to deepen already strong bilateral ties and nurture interoperability between nations, Pacific Air Forces (PACAF) hosted a Royal Malaysian Air Force (RMAF) delegation for the two air forces' first Airman-to-Airman (A2A) talks Sept. 5-6 at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam.

PACAF hosts A2A talks with a number of nations across the area of responsibility, all with the effort of enhancing bilateral cooperation, discussing shared values and challenges, and developing plans for greater integration in the future.

"What we're doing with our allies and partners has a positive impact on security in the Indo-Pacific region," said U.S. Air Force Brig. Gen. Michael Winkler, PACAF Strategy, Plans, and Programs director. "These talks are crucial to knowing and sharing each air force's common objectives and limitations."

The discussions provided the opportunity to leverage lessons learned for future engagements between PACAF and RMAF.

"The U.S. and Royal Malaysian air forces have had a positive relationship for quite some time," said Maj. Gen. Dato' Hj Mohd Faudzi bin Hj Ahmad, RMAF, assistant chief of staff for operations and strategy.

"The U.S. serves as a key strategic partner and we help bolster one another's capabilities and pro-

fessionalism."

During the talks, PACAF and RMAF leadership sought avenues to mutually support each services' interests such as improving mission planning, learning about air transportation techniques, and enhancing command and control communications.

"By having these conversations, we can share information and knowledge," Faudzi said.

"It's important that we get to know each other and communicate so we can fulfill our requirements and objectives to maintain stability in the Indo-Pacific region."

The U.S. and Malaysian militaries participate in biennial exercises like Cope Taufan and Pacific Aircraft Rally.

"We're continuing to enhance the scope of Cope Taufan," Faudzi said.

"Previously, the exercise was mainly focused on fighter aircraft operations but this year we included air mobility elements. For the next iteration, we want to include a subject matter expert exchange program to harness the full spectrum of our capabilities."

RMAF delegates are also invited to PACAF key leader engagements meant to enhance trust between senior decision makers.

"Partnering with Malaysia adds huge value

to our organization," said U.S. Air Force Brig. Gen. Jeremy Horn, Washington Air National Guard commander.

"We take special interest in posturing ourselves for the future. These talks allow us to build events that involve our young leaders to be able to partner and grow together throughout their careers."

The two air forces have established a history of mutual assistance. In July 2018, the U.S. Air Force certified RMAF's Institute of Aviation Medicine's Centrifuge Training Program. The course trains RMAF aircrew to overcome gravitational induced loss of consciousness, or GLOC, among other aviation-related objectives.

"The U.S. Air Force assists us through a wide range of activities such as providing professional military education, government support on our military system, and improvement of our exercises," Faudzi said. "Regional security is not the responsibility of the U.S. alone. It should be shouldered by all nations."

"The Royal Malaysian Air Force will continue working together with the U.S., particularly in the areas of maritime security, counterterrorism and humanitarian assistance," Faudzi continued.



U.S. Air Force Brig. Gen. Michael Winkler, director, Pacific Air Forces Strategy, Plans, and Programs, discusses the U.S. and Malaysian military relationship with Maj. Gen. Dato' Hj Mohd Faudzi bin Hj Ahmad, assistant chief of staff for operations and strategy, Royal Malaysian Air Force on Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, Sept. 5.

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Pearl Harbor - Hickam *Highlights*



A Standard Missile -3 Block IB Threat Upgrade (SM-3 Blk IB TU) missile launches from the Japan destroyer, JS ATAGO (DDG-177) during Japan Flight Test Mission-05 (JFTM-05), Sept. 12. The Japan Maritime Self-Defense Force and the U.S. Missile Defense Agency announced the successful completion of the Aegis Ballistic Missile Defense intercept flight test. The test was in coordination with Navy Region Hawaii's Pacific Missile Range Facility Barking Sands, off the coast of Kauai in Hawaii.

Photo by Ryan Keith



Photo by Tech. Sgt. Heather Redman

Volunteers from the 15th Wing participate in a Reveille Ceremony for Prisoners of War and Missing in Action Week, Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, Sept. 17. From Sept. 17-21, events were held at JBPBH as part of POW/MIA Recognition Week.



Photo by MC2 Charles Oki

A Royal Australian Navy sailor assigned to the Hobart-class air warfare destroyer HMAS Hobart (DDG 39) tosses a line to a U.S. Navy Sailor as the vessel moors alongside the Arleigh Burke-class guided-missile destroyer USS Wayne E. Meyer (DDG 108) at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, Sept. 18.



Photo by SrA Javier Alvarez

Australian Flight Lieutenant Jess Raine, a dentist with the Royal Australian Air Force, unloads boxes of bottled water to U.S. Air Force Master Sgt. Joel Alviore, 13th Air Expeditionary Squadron first sergeant, at a health service outreach event during Pacific Angel 18-2 in Nui Thanh, Quang Nam province, Vietnam, Sept. 8.



Members of the USS Hopper as well as their families held the inaugural "Race for Grace 5k" in honor of the 21st anniversary of USS Hopper's commissioning, Sept. 12. The guided-missile destroyer Hopper (DDG 70) was commissioned in San Francisco, Calif., Sept. 6, 1997.

Photo by FC3 Megan Brannon

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Life & Leisure

CYP hosts a Magical Day

Story and photos by Miki Lau

Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam
Morale, Welfare and Recreation

After some uncertainty about the weather, Tropical Storm Olivia's showers departed just in time for a magical event, Sept. 15. Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam Morale, Welfare and Recreation, Child

and Youth Programs (CYP) hosted their annual Day for Kids event. Approximately 300 people came out to the festivities located just behind the Hickam School Age Center from 4 to 6 p.m.

Day for Kids is an initiative started by the Boys and Girls Club of America as a way to advocate for youth. It is a national celebration that reminds us that just one day can change a child's future.

The best part of the Day for Kids celebration is that "it gets the kids to experience something different. Each year is a different theme and they get to dress up and their imaginations come alive," said Destinee Dano, a CYP assistant with Youth Sports.

This year's event theme was Harry Potter, complete with music from the film, giant chess sets, crafts and a selfie station.

The crafts tent was one of the most popular attractions with children and families building their own wands, origami sorting hats, feather quills, owls and getting temporary tattoos. There was even a "Great Hall" set up with themed snacks and drinks.

For more information about upcoming MWR events, visit <https://www.greatlife-hawaii.com>.



Families at the Day for Kids event, hosted by Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam Morale, Welfare and Recreation, spent the day playing games, putting together arts and crafts and other activities, Sept. 15.

OMC to release survey

Ohana Military Communities

Ohana Military Communities (OMC) will be launching its annual CEL & Associates resident satisfaction survey Tuesday, Oct. 2.

This provides residents with an opportunity to share their thoughts and feedback on how OMC helps create exceptional living experiences for them.

The CEL annual survey is part of OMC's overall resident satisfaction program, which reflects their commitment to listen to resident feedback and take specific actions toward community improvements.

Resident participation is vital to ensure OMC is well-informed about all the neighborhood improvements in the past year that have contributed to the residents' quality of life as well as any opportunities for improvement.

This year, all surveys will be sent to residents via email. Residents are encouraged to check their email and spam folder in the event that their survey is not received by the end of the day Oct. 2. Residents are encouraged to update their current email address at their respective neighborhood office.

There will be more details on upcoming resident events that involve prizes and a grand prize drawing.

Hickam Communities to launch satisfaction survey Sept. 28

Hickam Communities LLC

On Friday, Sept. 28, Hickam Communities residents will receive an email from CEL & Associates (a third-party strategic consulting firm) containing a unique link and invitation to complete the annual resident satisfaction survey.

When the survey is administered this year, Hickam residents will be asked for their candid feedback about their experiences living with Hickam Communities — from the move-in process through every stage of residency.

Hickam Communities looks forward to the resident survey each year, as it provides firsthand feedback from families about their home, their community, and their experiences with Hickam Communities property and maintenance services team.

The survey is emailed to residents and should take fewer than five minutes to complete. In addition to rating Hickam Communities in a variety of areas, residents will also have an opportunity to share their ideas and suggestions. Survey

results, comments and suggestions are critical in helping Hickam Communities leadership identify the property management team's successful initiatives over the past year, as well as opportunities for improvement or areas that would benefit from a new program or service.

As a special incentive, residents who complete and submit their survey can "opt-in" to be entered to win a variety of prizes in a series of random drawings held each week over the four-week survey period that ends on Oct. 26.

Prizes include a golf package for two, a luau for four, and more. One lucky Hickam Communities resident will win free rent for one month. Residents must "opt-in" to be considered for all weekly prize drawings.

Hickam Communities residents are encouraged to update their current email address by contacting their community center as soon as possible. Residents who do not receive an email from Hickam-Survey@celassociates.com by Sept. 28 or have questions should contact their community center.

Keeping Earth's beauty

Participants pick up garbage at McArthur Park, on the island of Kauai, Sept. 15 in honor of the 2018 International Coastal Cleanup. Volunteers worldwide, including several from the Pacific Missile Range Facility Barking Sands, took the time to help clean local areas.

Photo by MC2 Omar Powell





2018 Summer Soccer League champions Navy Information Operations Command Hawaii pose for a photo.

NIOC defeats Port Royal to win soccer title

Story and photos by
Randy Dela Cruz

Sports Editor, Ho'okele

Just as you expect it to be, the 2018 Summer Soccer League's championship game was a tight and close affair, as the two top teams in the league squared off for the bragging rights at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam.

Defense was the name of the game for the two combatants, but in the end, Navy Information Operations Command (NIOC) Hawaii had just enough to edge past USS Port Royal (CG 73), 2-0, to claim the league's title Sept. 16 at Earhart Field.

NIOC got the first score on a goal by Cryptologic Technician (Interpretive) 3rd Class Travis DeLeon in the first half and then locked it up on a scoring kick off the foot of Cryptologic Technician (Interpretive) 3rd Class Lorenzo Francis as time was running out in the second half.

"We always try to come out and give it our best," said DeLeon, who was a selectee to join this year's All-Navy squad back in May. "This is a good group of players. I've been playing with some of these guys ever since I joined the military."

As the two teams squared off in the championship game, NIOC might have been the fresher squad after qualifying for the title matchup on the previous day with a win over Pearl Harbor Naval Shipyard (PHNSY).

Meanwhile, Port Royal, which was banished to the loser's bracket with a loss against 17th Operational Weather Squadron in the first round, had to play and win against PHNSY in a title-qualifying matchup that was played just before the championship showdown.

To make things even more difficult for Port Royal, the team was forced to compete in the back-to-back games without a single reserve.

Still, Port Royal was able to stay in the game with a strong defense that was anchored by goalkeeper Ensign Michael Tewksbewry, who did an excellent job of causing NIOC shooters to misfire throughout the game.

"I've been playing all season with these guys (teammates) and we have good communication on defense," Tewksbewry said. "I like to look at the whole field and see where the players are. I try to cut the corners, cut the angle, to give them the hardest shot possible. If they score,



Cryptologic Technician (Interpretive) 3rd Class Lorenzo Francis keeps the ball in play with a header.

then I know they took a pretty good shot."

DeLeon also commented on the job by Tewksbewry, as he said, "The goalkeeper was great. He definitely took advantage of cutting off a lot of angles, but unfortunately our forwards, as fast as they are; they need to work on their finish. But they are still young. They'll get it."

Midway through the first half, NIOC finally broke

through with a goal on a bang-bang play that was finished off by DeLeon.

The play started with a kick on goal that was blocked and kicked out of the box, but as the ball was moving away from the goal, it fell right in front of DeLeon, who calmly collected himself and blasted a straight away shot that finally got past Tewksbewry and into the net for the first score of the game.

"It was just a little tap in. I

did none of the work," DeLeon pointed out. "It just comes down to experience. When I play, there's no outside pressure. It's all reflex really."

Defensively, NIOC was also up to the challenge of preserving the slim 1-0 lead. The team kept the ball on the Port Royal side of the field for most of the game and rarely allowed Port Royal to advance deep enough to take a shot at goal.

"It all comes down to possession," DeLeon said. "As you saw, when they did counter, our keeper had to come up with an excellent save. They (Port Royal) were dangerous on the counter. We tried to keep them on their half of the field, so we don't have to defend."

While DeLeon was very happy to be on the championship winning team, he expressed that it was too bad that Port Royal was forced to play two games in a row.

"It's kind of unfortunate that we had to play them this way," he stated. "I would have rather played them fresh. It was closer than I thought it would be after hearing that they had to play two games back-to-back. They really came out fighting and there's something to be said about that."

Marauders defense makes strong debut in win

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It wasn't the most efficient game by any stretch, but the Marauders did enough in the first half, before blowing the lid off of Headquarters Pacific Air Forces (HQ PACAF) in the second half to win, 26-6, Sept. 18 in a season-opening Red Division intramural flag football matchup at Ward Field, Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam.

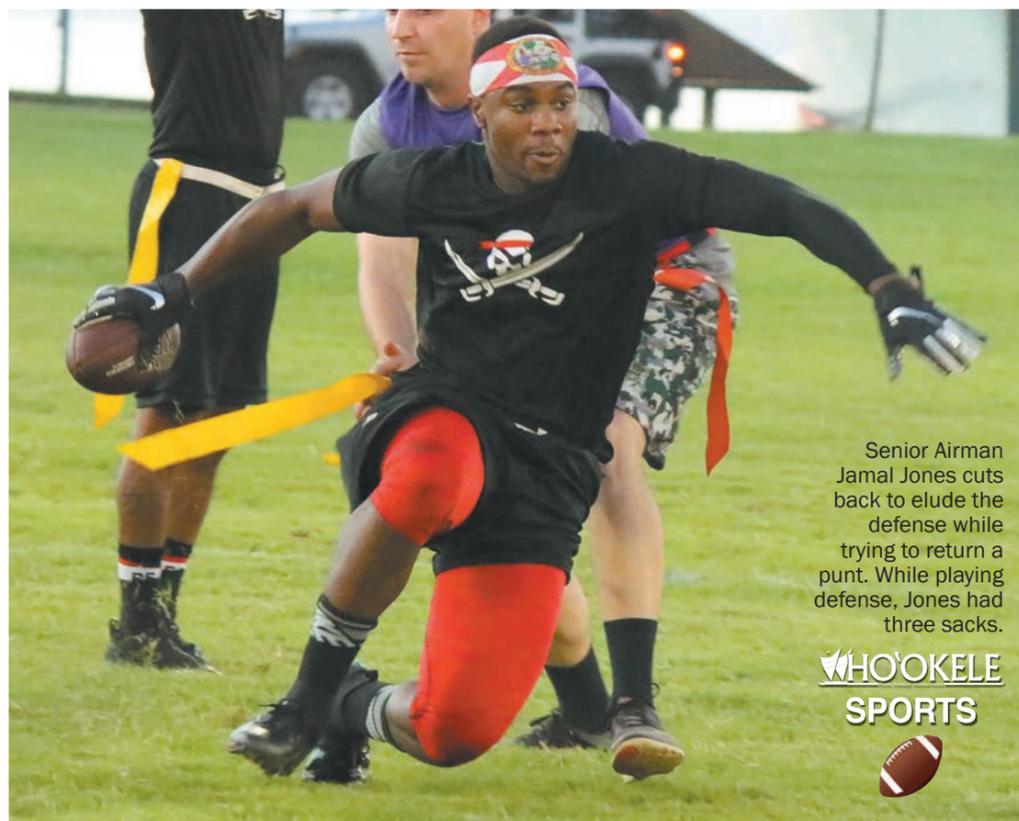
The win by the Marauders got the team off to a great start in the brand new season, while HQ PACAF must regroup for its next game Sept. 25 against Zero Fox Trot.

"In the first week, you're trying get through the bumps," said Marauders QB Staff Sgt. Dustin Vangordon. "I think as the game progressed, we started to get better and came together better. At the end, we started scoring and balls were flying through the air. It was good."

The year layoff didn't seem to have any effect on the Marauders offense in the team's first drive of the game.

Starting at their own 20, the Marauders easily maneuvered downfield and needed only five plays to punch the ball into the end zone for an early 6-0 lead, which became 7-0 after a successful point after touchdown.

During the drive, the Marauders racked up chunks of yards on every play, before erasing the final 20 yards with



Senior Airman Jamal Jones cuts back to elude the defense while trying to return a punt. While playing defense, Jones had three sacks.

a scoring pass from Senior Airman Jamal Jones to Tech. Sgt. Darren Pleasant.

Although the Marauders got on the scoreboard early, the off-season rust slowed down their attack all the way to halftime, where the team held a 7-0 advantage.

The Marauders defense was up to the challenge and stepped up to shut down HQ PACAF.

Jones was especially tough on defense, where, playing in the trenches, he was a disruptive force by adding constant pressure in the backfield.

During one drive in the first half by HQ PACAF, Jones took full control and picked up three sacks for losses.

After halftime, the Marauders defense held HQ

PACAF to a quick four-and out, and then, like they did in the first half, took their first drive of the second half and drove all the way to pay dirt.

Starting from their own 39, the Marauders used up four plays, before Vangordon found Staff Sgt. Isaac Logan in the back of the end zone for a 15-yard hookup and touchdown to make it 13-0.

"A lot of it was just trying to make adjustments in the game," Vangordon said about the team's first of three second-half touchdowns.

"There were things I was seeing that other people weren't seeing and there were things they were seeing that I wasn't seeing. It was just figuring out where the ball should go."

With the team up by two scores, the Marauders defense picked up right where they left off.

Appearing to have full control of the game, the Marauders defense may have shut the door on HQ PACAF for good, when defensive back Tech. Sgt. Joshua Lawson stepped in front of a pass at midfield, made the pick and took it all the way to the house for a touchdown and 20-0 lead after the PAT.

Much to their credit, HQ PACAF kept on fighting and even got on the scoreboard, when quarterback Senior Airman Austin Ludden threw a long bomb into the hands of Air Force recruit Kymani Taylor, who took the ball into the end zone.

However, with time running out, Vangordon found Logan one more time for the duo's second touchdown of the game on a 60-yard catch-and-run to the house.

"It's really about fine tuning," Vangordon said about the up-and-down game by the offense. "We were a little sloppy. We have all the talent out there and we know what we're doing, so it's all about fine tuning."



Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam Morale, Welfare and Recreation

Registration is now open for the **Alpha Warrior Battle Rig Competition** happening Oct. 5 at Hickam Memorial Fitness Center. Individuals and teams will try to complete the unique obstacle course in the fastest time. Instruction and practice on the rig will be available Oct. 4. This is a free event and is open to all base-eligible patrons. Sign-ups are also open to command fitness leaders and physical training leaders for a fitness certification course happening Oct. 3. For more information, call 448-4640/2214.

Entries for the **Arts & Crafts Center's Gallery Showcase** will be accepted through Sept. 30. Get your creative juices flowing and prepare to submit your artwork, crafts, photography and digital creations. It is free to submit a piece and works will be displayed in the gallery beginning with the opening reception Oct. 3. For more information, call 448-2393.

The Resiliency Run 5K takes place at 7 a.m. Sept. 22 at the Hickam Memorial Fitness Center. This is a free event and registration begins at 6:30 a.m. the morning of the event. For more information, call 448-2214.

Get fit with a new **Foam Rolling/Stretching** class from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Sept. 24 at the Hickam Fitness Center. In this class, learn self-myofascial release therapy incorporating static and dynamic stretching and controlled articular rotations to help build flexibility and range of motion. This class is free, happens on the fourth Monday of each month and is open to ages 18 and up. For more information, call 448-2214.

Cookies & Canvas gets colorful from 3:30 to 5:30 p.m. Sept. 26 at the Arts & Crafts Center. Kids get to create a painted masterpiece while nibbling on a sweet treat. This twice-a-month activity has a different painting subject each time. Cost is \$30 per person, includes all art supplies and is open to ages 7 to 14. Advance sign-up is encouraged. For more information, call 448-9907.

Sunset Yoga is a midweek break from 5 to 6:30 p.m. Sept. 26 at the Missing Man

Memorial. In partnership with Morale, Welfare and Recreation Fitness, Military & Family Support Center brings this outdoor session with mindful and self-care training in mind. This is a free activity and attendees need to bring their own mat and water. For more information, call 474-1999.

Hail & Farewell Night of sports is scheduled from 5 to 7 p.m. Sept. 28 at the Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam Teen Center. The event's intent is to welcome new teen center family members and bid farewell to those moving on to new adventures. This event is free and is open to all teens registered with the program and their families. For more information, call 448-1068.

Float Night is cooling you off from the heat from 5 to 7 p.m. Sept. 28 at Scott Pool. The pool stays open late and you can bring your personal float. Free ice cream floats will also be given out while supplies last. Note: for the comfort and enjoyment of everyone at the event, floats are limited to tubes no larger than 36 inches for youth and 53 inches for adults. For more information, call 448-2384.

The Eat the Street Shuttle departs at 6:30 p.m. Sept. 28 from the Hickam Information, Tickets and Tours office. Avoid the traffic and parking woes and catch the shuttle to the island's largest food truck rally. Price is \$7 and the shuttle returns to the base at approximately 8:30 p.m. For more information, call 448-2295.

Chinatown Food & Historic Walking Tour departs at approximately 8:30 a.m. Sept. 29 from the Hickam ITT office. Discover the intriguing history of Honolulu's Chinatown on this walking tour, sampling Chinese treats along the way. Cost is \$35 for adults and \$30 for ages 3 to 11 and includes round-trip transportation, guided tour and a Chinese-style lunch. Reservations are recommended. For more information, call 448-2295.

Alpha Warrior Battle Rig Certification is available for CFLs and PTLs from 8 a.m. Oct. 3 at the Hickam Memorial Fitness Center. Cost is free but advance registration is required and there are limited spots available. For more information, call 471-2021 for CFLs (Navy) and 351-8276 for PTLs (Air Force).



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Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam Morale, Welfare and Recreation

"No mud. No miles. No mercy."

That is how the Alpha Warrior course is described on its Facebook.

Alpha Warrior is a unique type of fitness training. The organization works with the military and civilians to provide challenging, modern ways to achieve fitness through obstacles and mental endurance.

The organization will be bringing the specialized Battle Rig to Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam (JBPHH) at Hickam Memorial Fitness Center from Oct. 3-5. The rig is quite large at 27 feet long, 12 feet wide and 12.5 feet tall. It has various obstacles to challenge competitors, such as; cliffhangers, hanging rings and the devil steps.

This free, three-day event consists of many activities, including a meet and greet with celebrity coaches, a course tutorial and an actual competition day for adults. The first day of the event will be for those qualified to engage in a command fitness leader or physical training leader certification course, which will allow them to utilize the rig for future command exercises.

On the second day, the celebrity coaches will be holding a course tutorial day to provide guidance and tips for participants. Competition day will be Oct. 5 for individual and adult teams.

As explained on the Alpha Warrior Facebook page, "Alpha Warrior obstacles are designed to challenge every muscle in the human body while testing one's athletic ability, both mentally and physically. Alpha Warrior is a course

that is "completed by many, but conquered by few."

"The goal of bringing the Alpha Warrior Battle Rig to JBPHH is to enhance the physical and mental abilities through functional fitness for individuals and teams," said Dawn Pierce, the director of Hickam Memorial Fitness Center.

"This event gives athletes an opportunity to compete in a higher level of competition than our regular offerings and provides great entertainment for spectators."

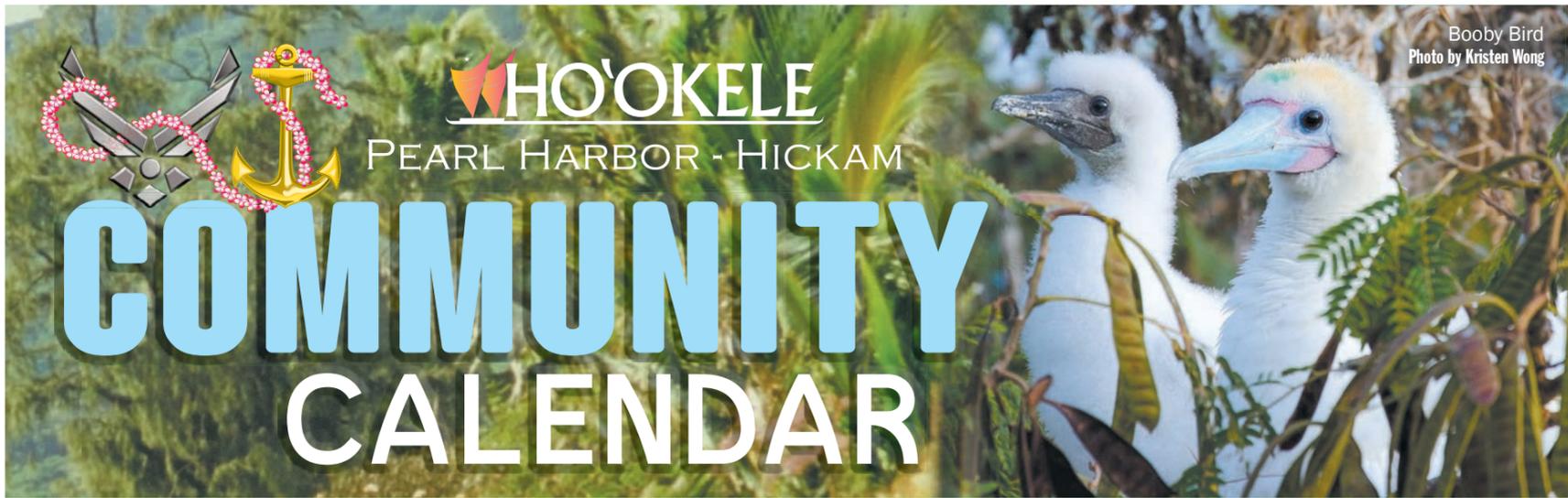
Pierce added that a great feature of the competition day is the kid's course (ages 4-12 years old) that will be added for fun.

"The youth rig really appeals to the true 'superhero' inside all of our children," she explained. "It is challenging enough to test their athleticism, yet designed for all to conquer a good portion of the obstacle."

The Battle Rig can be intimidating. However, the event being a few weeks away gives potential participants the chance to prepare for this fitness challenge. JBPHH Morale, Welfare and Recreation is assisting with those efforts by offering a series of four preparation and tutorial courses for rig hopefuls.

"We hope this will give those interested in competing an opportunity to gain a better understanding on how grip strength, core strength and use of body weight as a fitness tool will help to get through the Battle Rig course," Pierce said.

Sign-up is encouraged, although walk-ins will be taken on a space-available basis. For more information on the course date and times, visit <https://jbphh.greatlifehawaii.com>.

Booby Bird
Photo by Kristen Wong**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

NOW — Special Olympics Hawaii is seeking volunteers Oct. 13 and 27 from 7 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Schofield Bowling Center. For more information, call YN1 (AW) Dena M. Sinclair at 257-0716 or email dena.sinclair@navy.mil.

AHUA REEF RESTORATION EVENT

SEPT. 22 — There will be an Ahua Reef restoration event Saturday, Sept. 22, 8 to 11 a.m. Help restore a coastal wetland by creating habitat for native plants and birds. Activities include pulling invasive weeds and trash pickup. Ahua Reef Wetland is located on the Hickam side of Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, near Hickam Harbor and the Hawaii Air National Guard building. There is a parking lot with plenty of stalls. Closed-toe shoes are required. Expect to get wet and muddy — Wellington boots, long sleeves and pants are recommended. Additional items to bring include sunblock, water, hat and snacks. Navy Natural Resources will provide tools, gloves and water refills. RSVP to Noel Dunn by emailing at Ashley.n.dunn.ctr@navy.mil or by calling 224-249-2180.

9TH ANNUAL RICE FEST

SEPT. 22 — Hawaii's largest annual rice event will be held on Auahi Street fronting Ward Centre from 3 to 9 p.m. The event is free and open to the public. At Rice Fest, you will experience Hawaii's culinary diversity via food eating contests, entertainment and more. Various restaurant vendors and food trucks will be offering a variety of rice dishes for sale. Free parking will be available throughout Ward Village. For more information, visit www.ricefest.com.

ANGER MANAGEMENT

SEPT. 24 — This class is scheduled from 9 a.m. to noon at Military and Family Support Center Pearl Harbor. The class is designed to help you better understand, channel and control your anger. For more information, visit <https://jbphh.greatlifehawaii.com/support/military-family-support-center> or call 474-1999.

DEALING WITH DIFFICULT BEHAVIOR

SEPT. 25 — This class is scheduled from 10 a.m. to noon at MFSC Pearl Harbor. Do you ever encounter difficult behavior at work? How well do you work with people that handle situations differently than you do? Learn about different behavior types people encounter in the workplace. Learn tips on how to identify difficult behavior patterns, and the best way to deal with each specific one. For more information, visit <https://jbphh.greatlifehawaii.com/support/military-family-support-center> or call 474-1999.

HISPANIC HERITAGE EVENTS

SEPT. 26 — National Hispanic Heritage Month is observed from Sept. 15 to Oct. 15. There will be a Cross Talk event Sept. 26, from 10 to 11 a.m. at Sharkey Theater. The event will follow with a special meal at Silver Dolphin Bistro from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. The meal is open to all active-duty personnel, escorted military family members, retirees, Department of Defense employees with a valid ID card. Please bring exact change to expedite time spent at the cashier stand. Meal price is \$5.60. Cash and major credit cards accepted. For more information, call Master Sgt. Josephine Santana at 449-2314.



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GREEN CARD/IMMIGRATION AND NATURALIZATION

SEPT. 26 — This class is scheduled from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. at MFSC Pearl Harbor. Want to apply for your American citizenship? The MFSC in partnership with U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services presents an immigration information workshop to assist you. This class will provide step-by-step instructions and help you understand and navigate the U.S. citizen immigration application process. For more information, visit <https://jbphh.greatlifehawaii.com/support/military-family-support-center> or call 474-1999.

STOP BULLYING

SEPT. 26 — This class is scheduled from 10 a.m. to noon at MFSC Pearl Harbor. The effects of bullying can be long lasting for victims and can include fear, anxiety, depression and thoughts of suicide. This workshop looks at the dynamics of bullying and providing ways to defend against it. For more information, visit <https://jbphh.greatlifehawaii.com/support/military-family-support-center> or call 474-1999.

THRIFT SAVINGS PLAN (TSP)

SEPT. 27 — This class is scheduled from 1 to 3 p.m. at MFSC Pearl Harbor. The TSP is a retirement savings and investment plan for federal employees and members of the uniformed services. This class is designed to explain the benefits of the Thrift Savings Program, the different funds that are available to invest in, TSP withdrawals and much more. For more information, visit <https://jbphh.greatlifehawaii.com/support/>

military-family-support-center or call 474-1999.

NISEI SOLDIERS TO BE REMEMBERED

SEPT. 30 — The 13th annual Joint Memorial Service (JMS), will honor Japanese American Soldiers who served in World War II. The theme is "Remember their sacrifice by challenging ourselves." The ceremony will take place Sunday, Sept. 30, at 9:30 a.m. at the National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific. Tom Coffman, author of books on the history and political development of Hawaii, will be the keynote speaker. For more information, contact Larry Enomoto at 255-8971 or visit www.nvlchawaii.org.

ASIST WORKSHOPS

OCT. 2 AND 3 — The next Applied Suicide Intervention Skills Training (ASIST) Workshops are Oct. 2-3 aboard the USS Port Royal, and Oct. 16-17 at Barber's Point. The emphasis of the ASIST workshop is on suicide first aid as well as helping a person at risk stay safe and to seek further help. This two-day workshop teaches you how to:

- Recognize invitations for help
- Reach out and offer support
- Review the risk of suicide
- Apply a suicide intervention model
- Link people with community resources

For more information, email credo_hawaii@navy.mil, visit www.facebook.com/hawaii-credo or call 473-1434.

MEET ALPHA WARRIORS

OCT. 4 — The Navy Exchange and Morale, Welfare and Recreation have teamed up to

bring two pro athletes: Tawnee Leonardo and Kevin Klein of Alpha Warrior, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. on the first floor of the Pearl Harbor Navy Exchange (NEX). Both are competitors on NBC's show, "American Ninja Warrior." They will be at the NEX to sign autographs, take pictures and talk with fans. For more information, call 423-3287.

UPCOMING CREDO EVENTS

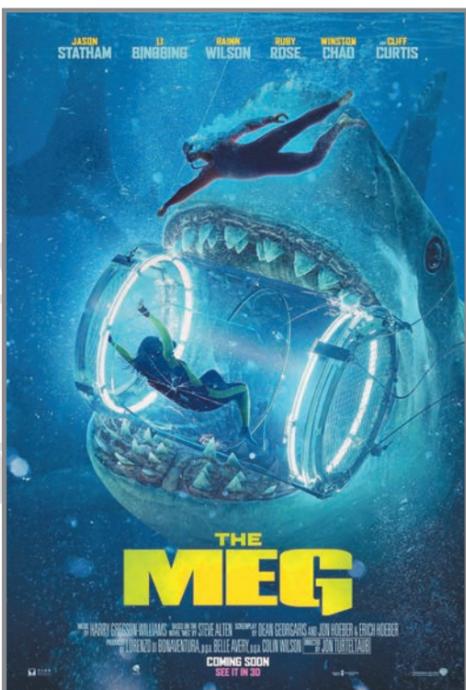
SEPT. 28-30 — The next CREDO Marriage Enrichment Retreat (MER) is scheduled for Sept. 28-30 in Waikiki. The next CREDO Dinner Date Night is scheduled for Oct. 25 at Honolulu Country Club. The next safeTalk Workshop is scheduled for Oct. 10 at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam Chapel. The MER is a free, all-inclusive weekend away for any couple that wants to reconnect after a deployment, enhance couple communication or understand your partner better. Dinner Date Nights vary in duration and content, but are all designed to enhance a couple's marriage on various topics. The safeTALK Workshop prepares anyone over the age of 15 to identify persons with suicidal thoughts and connect them to first aid resources. As a safeTALK-trained suicide alert helper, you will be better able to move beyond common tendencies to miss, dismiss or avoid suicide, identify people who have suicidal thoughts, and apply the TALK steps (Tell, Ask, Listen and KeepSafe) to connect them with suicide first aid caregivers. Preregistration is required for all CREDO events. To sign up for a CREDO event, registration can be done on the Facebook page. For more information, email credo_hawaii@navy.mil.

BREAST CANCER AWARENESS RUN

OCT. 5 — Naval Health Clinic Hawaii's Health Promotion Department invites you to the 2-mile Pink Day Fun Walk/Run for Breast Cancer Awareness Friday, Oct. 5. Check-in will be from 6:15 to 6:45 a.m. at the Pearl Harbor Navy Exchange parking lot with the walk/run beginning at 7 a.m. Bring the registration form, located on the flier, with you on the day of the event. The flier and waiver are accessible at www.facebook.com/nhchawaii. For more information, call the NHCH Health Promotion Office at 471-2280.

MILITARY SPOUSE EMPLOYMENT SYMPOSIUM

OCT. 15 — The Military Spouse Employment Symposium is scheduled at Historic Hickam Officers' Club Oct. 15 from 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. For more information, visit hiringourheroes.org/events.

**MOVIE SHOWTIMES****SHARKEY THEATER**

FRIDAY — SEPT. 21
7 p.m. • Mile 22 (R)

SATURDAY — SEPT. 22
2:30 p.m. • Alpha (PG-13)
4:40 p.m. • The Meg (3-D) (PG-13)
7:10 p.m. • Happytime Murders (R)

SUNDAY — SEPT. 23
1:30 p.m. • Alpha (PG-13)
3:40 p.m. • Crazy, Rich, Asians (PG-13)
7 p.m. • Mission Impossible: Fallout (PG-13)

THURSDAY — SEPT. 27
7 p.m. • BlacKkKlansman (R)

HICKAM MEMORIAL THEATER

FRIDAY — SEPT. 21
7 p.m. • Alpha (PG-13)

SATURDAY — SEPT. 22
3 p.m. • Hotel Transylvania 3: Summer Vacation (PG)
5:30 p.m. • Mission: Impossible - Fallout (PG-13)

SUNDAY — SEPT. 23
2 p.m. • Hotel Transylvania 3: Summer Vacation (PG)
4:30 p.m. • The Meg (PG-13)

THURSDAY — SEPT. 27
6:30 p.m. • BlacKkKlansman (R)

The Meg — A deep-sea submersible has been attacked by a massive creature, previously thought to be extinct, and now lies disabled at the bottom of the deepest trench in the Pacific ... with its crew trapped inside.