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WE REMEMBER

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Top, Makani Tabura blows a conch shell during a Hawaiian blessing as Arleigh Burke-class guided-missile destroyer USS Michael Murphy (DDG 112) renders honors to the National Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day 77th Anniversary ceremony. Above, Pearl Harbor and World War II veterans attend the ceremony.

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Early Friday morning, as rain fell softly across the island, a crowd of approximately 2,000 people were focused on one man — Mr. Everett Hyland. Seventy-seven years ago, Hyland was on the deck of the USS Pennsylvania when it took a direct hit from a 500-pound bomb launched by Imperial Japanese forces.

The bomb hit so close to where he was standing, it knocked him into the air. In the end, he sustained multiple wounds and severe burns, but escaped with his life. He was the only survivor on board. On Friday, the Arleigh Burke-class guided-missile destroyer USS Michael P. Murphy (DDG 112), passed through Pearl

Harbor, rendering honors to Hyland and the thousands of service members and civilians who were at Pearl Harbor on December 7, 1941.

The National Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day 77th Anniversary ceremony was held on the ceremonial lawn at the Pearl Harbor Visitor Center to remember the 2,390 American casualties from the attack on Pearl Harbor and reflect on the peace and prosperity forged by all who fought on.

The theme of this year's event was "Forging the Future," which derives from President Franklin D. Roosevelt's State of the Union address in 1943.

"As long as our flag flies over this capitol, Americans will honor the Soldiers, Sailors and Marines who fought our first battles of this war against

overwhelming odds," Roosevelt said. "Their unconquerable spirit will live forever."

The ceremony began with a customary moment of silence at exactly 7:55 a.m. — the time that the attack started in 1941. Following the national anthem, a Hawaiian blessing and passing honors, Superintendent of the World War II Valor in the Pacific National Monument Jacqueline Ashwell, expressed her compassion for the service members who were present 77 years ago.

"When I have the privilege of accompanying someone on their very first visit to Pearl Harbor, I ask them to stop for a moment and go back in time with me to imagine the harbor as it was that day," Ashwell said. "Explosions, chaos, smoke, flame. Some of you don't have to imagine. You witnessed it firsthand.

We are truly blessed to have you here with us today, to help us remember."

Adm. Phil Davidson, commander, U.S. Indo-Pacific Command, was the keynote speaker of the ceremony. He said that since World War II, the U.S. has continued to play an active role in ensuring a free and open region.

"The United States continues to work alongside our allies and partners towards this shared vision," Davidson said. "But, challenges remain. There are nations and forces in the region today opposed to the idea of a free and open region. We will remain opposed to those who desire to lead a region that is closed and authoritarian. We cannot fail and we will not fail."

Following the admiral's speech, active duty service members and National Park Service rangers presented

wreaths to honor the Territory of Hawaii, Army, Navy, Marine Corps, Air Force and Coast Guard. Distinguished visitors included David Ige, governor of Hawaii, Tatsunobu Isoda, mayor of Nagaoka, Japan, and Adm. John Aquilino, commander, U.S. Pacific Fleet. The ceremony concluded with a rifle salute by the U.S. Marine Corps and a vintage aircraft flyover.

Rear Adm. Brian Fort, commander, Navy Region Hawaii and Naval Surface Group Middle Pacific, reminded the crowd that in just under two years, we will commemorate the 75th anniversary of the end of World War II.

"The lives lost here at Pearl Harbor and throughout all of World War II will always be remembered," he said. "And that memory will continue to forge a generation of peace, partnerships, and prosperity for many generations."



A survivor's ashes are displayed during the Hickam Field Dec. 7th Remembrance Ceremony at Atterbury Circle, Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, Dec. 7.

Members of the 15th Wing Honor Guard perform a three-volley salute. The ceremony included performances by the Air Force Band of the Pacific, and laying commemorative wreaths.

Photos by Tech. Sgt. Heather Redman



Ho‘okele newspaper moving to a new digital future

Two historic bases – Pearl Harbor Naval Station and Hickam Air Force Base — combined into a single installation which formed Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam (JBPHH) on Oct. 1, 2010.

As a joint base, the Navy newspaper, formerly known as Hawaii Navy News, evolved into a regional joint military newspaper serving both the Navy and Air Force communities. The newspaper was renamed “Ho‘okele,” which means navigator in Hawaiian.

The Ho‘okele newspaper is a weekly publication published every Friday and is delivered to Navy and Air Force base housing; military exchanges and commissaries; medical clinics; Morale, Welfare and Recreation facilities and more.

From 2010 to 2018, the Ho‘okele newspaper provided news, feature stories, and command information that covered events within JBPHH and other organizations involving Hawaii Sailors, Airmen, Department of Defense civilians and military families.

Through the years, the Ho‘okele newspaper represented excellence in journalism, photography and graphic arts. Ho‘okele is an award-winning civilian-enterprise newspaper that received multiple Chief of Navy Information Russell Egnor Media Awards.

In 2012, Ho‘okele won first place in the Metro Newspaper category. In 2014 and 2015, Ho‘okele won honorable mention. The latest award Ho‘okele achieved was second place

in the Print Publication category in 2017, while competing against magazines.

Over recent decades, the decline of newspapers in the United States greatly accelerated. U.S. newspaper advertising revenue dropped from a high of nearly \$70 billion in 2000 to \$15 billion by 2016.

Oahu Publications, which published Ho‘okele, was not immune. Today’s Ho‘okele is our last as a newspaper.

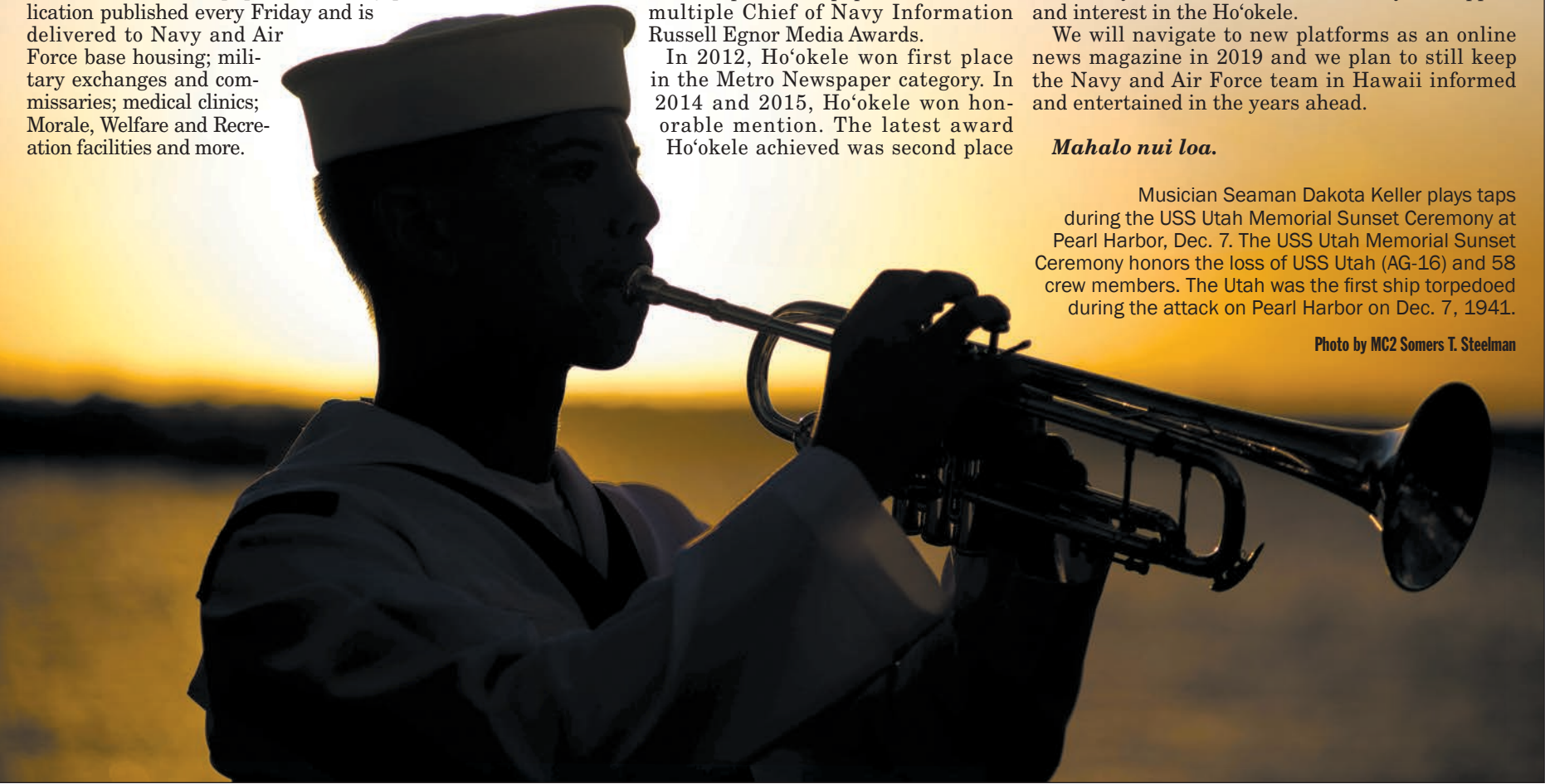
Thank you to all of our readers for your support and interest in the Ho‘okele.

We will navigate to new platforms as an online news magazine in 2019 and we plan to still keep the Navy and Air Force team in Hawaii informed and entertained in the years ahead.

Mahalo nui loa.

Musician Seaman Dakota Keller plays taps during the USS Utah Memorial Sunset Ceremony at Pearl Harbor, Dec. 7. The USS Utah Memorial Sunset Ceremony honors the loss of USS Utah (AG-16) and 58 crew members. The Utah was the first ship torpedoed during the attack on Pearl Harbor on Dec. 7, 1941.

Photo by MC2 Somers T. Steelman



77 years later

Veterans, friends, family remember USS Utah

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As the sun slowly lowered toward the horizon, service members, veterans, friends and family came together at the USS Utah Memorial Sunset Ceremony, held annually on historic Ford Island, to honor the loss of the USS Utah (BB-31/AG-16) and 58 of her crew still entombed aboard the sunken vessel.

The Florida-class battleship was the first ship torpedoed in the attack on the Pacific Fleet at Pearl Harbor on Dec. 7, 1941. Struck by two torpedoes, the ship capsized and sank in just 12 minutes.

Retired Master Chief Yeoman Jim Taylor, Navy Region Hawaii's Pearl Harbor survivor liaison, began his speech with a recounting of the story of John "Jack" Vaessen, who was on watch below decks and at the ship's switchboard when the attack began.

Utah capsized in minutes with Vaessen still trapped inside the hull. Waiting for hours inside an upside-down and pitch-black hull, he used a wrench to bang on the hull, signaling for a rescue that came hours later.

"We're here today to recognize the ship behind me, and the people that were serving on it," Taylor said. "I see a lot of covers that say 'Pearl Harbor Survivor' and 'USS Utah,' and it's really nice to have everyone come out here and recognize this great ship and its Sailors."

Taylor also made the announcement that the memorial, once closed to the public due to its location on an active military



Photos (background and foreground) by MC2 Somers T. Steelman

Pearl Harbor attack survivor Gilbert Meyer, assigned to USS Utah (AG-16) during the time of the attack, is embraced during the USS Utah Memorial Sunset Ceremony, Dec. 7. The USS Utah Memorial Sunset Ceremony honors the loss of USS Utah (AG-16) and 58 crew members.

installation, would soon be accessible to the public. National Park Services (NPS) Superintendent Jacqueline Ashwell, along with the Sons and Daughters of Pearl Harbor Survivors foundation, honored Taylor for his many years of service

to Pearl Harbor and especially to the interments held at the memorial.

With the setting sun and a bugle rendition of taps, the ceremony came to a close.

This year marks the 77th anniversary since the attacks on Pearl

Harbor. The sunset ceremony is part of a series of commemoration events hosted by the U.S. military, NPS, and the state of Hawaii to honor the courage and sacrifice of those who served Dec. 7, 1941, and throughout the Pacific theater.

Guests render honors at USS Oklahoma Memorial

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Pearl Harbor survivors, family members and friends gathered at the USS Oklahoma Memorial on Ford Island, Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, to honor fallen service members Dec. 7.

The ceremony commemorates USS Oklahoma (BB-37) and the officers,

Sailors and Marines who lost their lives during the attack on Pearl Harbor on Dec. 7, 1941.

The Japanese Imperial Navy launched the attack that damaged more than 20 naval vessels including the Nevada-class battleship Oklahoma, which was hit by nine torpedoes before finally sinking.

"There were 461 Sailors and Marines trapped inside the ship. Rescuers worked hard and over the course of two days, were able to rescue and

save 32 of them," said Rear Adm. Jon Kreitz, deputy director, Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency. "Her capsizing was slow and steady, an unimpeded process that cost way too many lives."

Only the USS Arizona (BB-39) lost more lives during the attack that morning. When the Oklahoma was finally brought back to the surface, there were 394 unidentified Oklahoma crew members.

"As of today, 188 Oklahoma Sail-

ors and Marines have been identified and returned to their families," Kreitz said.

The memorial was officially signed into law by President George W. Bush in 2006 and was formally dedicated on Dec. 7, 2007. It stands next to the entrance of the Battleship Missouri, where it was formerly berthed.

The annual ceremony is dedicated to the crew of the mighty battleship and serves as a reminder of what Sailors endured during the attack.



Pearl Harbor survivor Edward Stone (left) salutes alongside Lt. Sarah Greenfield (center) and Rear Adm. Jon Kreitz, Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency deputy director of operations, during a memorial ceremony at the USS Oklahoma Memorial on Ford Island, Dec. 7. Background: Memorial markers showcase the crew members of the USS Oklahoma (BB-37) who lost their lives during the attack on Pearl Harbor 77 years ago.

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Gathering together to remember



Pearl Harbor survivor John G. Mathruse observes the USS Utah Memorial Sunset Ceremony, honoring the loss of the USS Utah (AG-16) and 58 crew members, Dec. 7.

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Pearl Harbor survivors, World War II veterans, family members and guests sailed to the USS Arizona Memorial for a floral tribute to the fallen during the National Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day 77th Anniversary ceremony at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, Dec. 7.

Photo by Staff Sgt. Jasmomet D. Jackson



Koichi Ito, consul general of Japan in Honolulu, gives his remarks at the 3rd annual Japan-U.S. Joint Memorial Ceremony on Ford Island, Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, Dec. 6. The Japan-U.S. Joint Memorial Ceremony is held to promote reconciliation, friendship and peace in remembrance of the loss of life on Oahu 77 years ago.

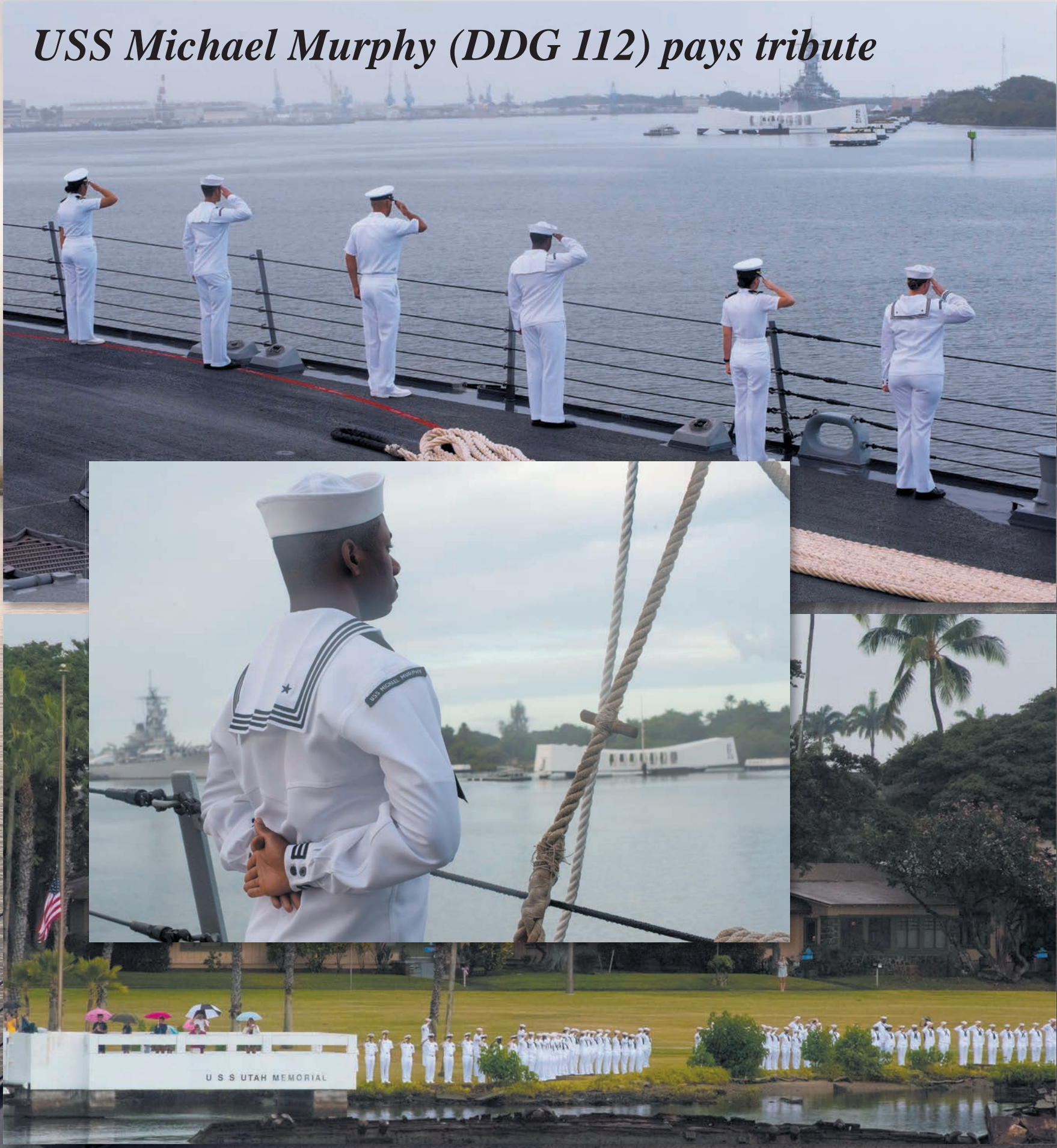
Photo by MC2 Jessica O. Blackwell



Pearl Harbor survivor Robert Fernandez hugs a young lady at Navy Hale Keiki School, Dec. 6. The students, staff and volunteers celebrated the Greatest Generation with "A Day with the Greats." The school honored Navy veterans Clarence Byal, of USS St. Louis (CL-49), Robert Fernandez, of USS Curtiss (AV-4) and Mickey Ganitch of USS Pennsylvania (BB-38) with songs, stories and hugs.

Photo by David Livingston

USS Michael Murphy (DDG 112) pays tribute



USS Michael Murphy (DDG 112) Sailors pay tribute to the USS Arizona Memorial and the USS Utah Memorial as part of the 77th Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day ceremony at the World War II Valor in the Pacific National Monument, Dec. 7. This year’s theme was, “Forging the Future” and the ceremony was attended by more than 2,000 veterans, active duty and guests. Murphy circumnavigated the Ford Island paying their respect to all service members who lost their lives on Dec. 7, 1941.

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Spirit of Liberty Foundation brings Freedom Bell to Pearl Harbor

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Guests and visitors gathered near the USS Bowfin Submarine Museum & Park at the World War II Valor in the Pacific National Monument Dec. 6, to honor the military with a bell-ringing ceremony.

Members of the Spirit of Liberty Foundation, a nonprofit based in California, brought the Freedom Bell to Hawaii for the occasion.

“It’s an honor to host the bell and to give the public an opt to ring the bell for their loved ones who served or are serving in the military,” said Chuck Merkel, executive director of the Pacific Fleet Submarine Museum at Pearl Harbor.

Richard Rovsek, the chairman of the Spirit of Liberty Foundation, explained how the bell came to exist.

“It was on a napkin at a restaurant five years ago, May 15,” Rovsek said. “I was sitting with a three star (military officer) who I was having dinner with who was serving in the Pentagon and I drew this (the bell) on a napkin and I said ‘I think we need this to honor the men and women in the armed forces.’”

The bell was cast on the 69th anniversary of D-Day, June 6, 2013. The bell contains 11 pounds of metal from the World Trade Center’s twin towers, which were destroyed Sept. 11, 2001. The bell also contains 330 pounds of bronze, 50 stars for each of the states, and the seals of each of the military branches.

“It’s extremely emotional because (Sept. 11, 2001) was the first attack on this country since Pearl Harbor,” Rovsek said.



Above, Rear Adm. Brian Fort, commander, Navy Region Hawaii and Naval Surface Group Middle Pacific, rings the bell at the USS Bowfin Museum and Park. Below, Richard Rovsek, chairman of the Spirit of Liberty Foundation, offers remarks about the Freedom Bell, Dec. 6.

Hawaii Mayor Kirk Caldwell was not present at the ceremony, but Merkel read a prepared statement on his behalf.

“In trying times we look to our heroes to guide us. Today, we honor those heroes who lived through the most devastating attack in the history of our state. We look to those heroes that are still with us and we honor the 2,403 service members and civilians who were killed on December

7, 1941,” the statement read. “It is a day that we will never forget, as it changed our home, our country and the world in vast and dramatic ways that continue to impact us all to this very day.”

Kahu Kordell Kekoa, ti leaves in hand, gave the bell a Hawaiian blessing.

Rear Adm. Brian Fort, commander, Navy Region Hawaii and Naval Surface Group Middle Pacific, recognized former

President George H.W. Bush, Ray Chavez and Ray Emory, all World War II veterans who passed away this year.

“The brave veterans of World War II including my own grandfather who fought in the army in the Philippines and my wife’s grandfather who fought right here in Pearl Harbor gave us a lasting peace all of us who wear the uniform today are committed to preserve,” Fort said. “Guys like Ray Chavez, Ray Emory,

certainly guys like Adm. Halsey, submariner Lt. Cmdr. Dick O’Kane, Adm. Nimitz and certainly Lt. j.g. George H.W. Bush, along with countless others those are the guys who forged the future we must always remember their legacy service and certainly their sacrifice particularly here at Pearl Harbor.”

At the close of the ceremony, Fort was first to ring the Freedom Bell. Then, one by one, guests at the ceremony were encouraged to come forward and ring the bell.

Adm. John Richardson, the chief of naval operations, rang the bell during the 75th anniversary of the attacks. Rovsek said Richardson mentioned “on many occasions how important this bell was to him.”

“I greatly appreciate that you have taken the time to be here,” Rovsek read on behalf of Richardson. “Our opportunities to express our gratitude to those who served here are rapidly diminishing due to the tyranny of time. Soon, those with memories of that terrible day will be gone. It will be up to us to keep their memories, and their hard-earned lessons alive, and to use their example of valor as an inspiration to us all.”

“I am also grateful to the Spirit of Liberty Foundation, for the work you do to keep the memories of all our veterans who served alive, veterans such as Ray Chavez, who was at the helm of the minesweeper USS Condor, the first ship to sight a Japanese midget submarine periscope in the pre-dawn hours of (Dec. 7).”

After the ceremony, members of the public were welcome to ring the bell each day from 8 a.m. to sunset, through Dec. 8.

For more information, visit <https://www.spiritoflibertyfoundation.org>.



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Bellator MMA fighter, and UFC Hall of Famer, Royce Gracie demonstrates with participant Archie Blair, of Blytheville, Arkansas, on fighting techniques, Dec. 12. The Bellator MMA representatives visited JBPHH as a part of a multi-day, multi-event partnership with the United Service Organizations (USO) for “Bellator and USO Present: Salute the Troops.”

Reid Tokeshi

Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam Morale, Welfare and Recreation

The crowd lined up early hoping for a chance to meet and, for a select group, get training from some of the biggest names in mixed martial arts. United Services Organization (USO) brought stars from the world of Bellator MMA to Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam for a clinic and meet and greet at the JBPHH Fitness Center Dec. 12. Dozens signed up to take part in the clinic conducted by MMA stars like Josh Thomson, Douglas Lima, “Big John” McCarthy, Chael Sonnen and more. Others were excited to meet former football star (and MMA practitioner himself) Herschel Walker. One person that many were particularly interested in was Brazilian jiu jitsu legend Royce Gracie, who helped bring mixed martial arts into the limelight and created the explosion of the sport.

Participants literally hit the mat, practicing moves demonstrated and taught by the elite athletes. The men and women learned techniques such as how to take an opponent to the ground, what errors to avoid and how to gain an advantage. Those on the sidelines had their phones out, documenting the experience for their friends and family. At the conclusion of the clinic, all the stars stuck around to meet the fans. Lines formed around each as photos were taken, autographs were signed and questions were answered. One fan got his wish as he got a photo of himself as the victim of a jiu jitsu move courtesy of Gracie. The clinic and meet and greet was part of an itinerary of activities by Bellator. The celebrities also visited commands prior to the clinic, while on Friday, Dec. 14, an MMA card is happening in honor of the military. Free tickets were distributed by the USO during the clinic.



Left, Bellator MMA fighter Josh Thomson demonstrates a fighting technique for service members and guests. Right, Bellator MMA referee, “Big” John McCarthy meets Yeoman 2nd Class Jusuf Jenkins, of Allendale, South Carolina, during a meet-and-greet.



Bellator MMA fighter, and UFC Hall of Famer, Royce Gracie, far right, and “Big” John McCarthy, MMA referee, far left, instruct Cryptologic Technician (Technical) 2nd Class Matthew Hahnrauch and his partner, on fighting techniques.

PHNSY/IMF remembers a hero of Dec. 7th 1941

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Like many other mornings, George S.B. Walters reported for work at Dry Dock No. 1 at 7:45 a.m., Dec. 7, 1941. Just minutes later, perched in his crane high above USS Pennsylvania (BB-38), Walters realized that war had just begun.

“I yelled, ‘Enemy planes attacking!’ to the men sleeping on the deck of the Pennsylvania,” Walters later recalled. “Those awake just laughed. I threw a wrench at them and they knew I meant business.”

Alerting the crew of the battleship wasn’t enough for Walters. Using the only weapon he had, Walters maneuvered the massive crane down the dry dock parallel to Pennsylvania, shielding the vulnerable flagship of the Pacific Fleet from attacking enemy aircraft. Swinging the crane’s boom at the attackers he showed gunners aboard Pennsylvania the direction of incoming planes.

Though Walters never struck an enemy aircraft, his heroics resulted in Pennsylvania sustaining only light damage, returning to the fleet after minor repairs. That day and in the many months to come, alongside thousands of others, a Navy Yard Pearl Harbor civilian crane operator and engine man become the stuff of shipyard legend.

Since 2006, the Navy League of the United States Honolulu Council has



Lewis Walters (right), son of George S.B. Walters, congratulates Dale Hoxie, an electrician supervisor of PHNSY/IMF.

Photo by Justice Vannatta

presented the George S.B. Walters Shipyard Service Award to the Pearl Harbor Naval Shipyard (PHNSY) and Intermediate Maintenance Facility (IMF) civilian employee who best exemplifies

the enthusiasm, initiative and team spirit demonstrated by Walters on that historic day 77 years ago.

This year, on Nov. 15, Electrician Supervisor Dale Hoxie received the award

during the Navy League’s annual Sea Service Awards luncheon at the Ala Moana Hotel. He continues the tradition of all shipyard workers keeping the fleet “Fit to Fight.”



Commander, U.S. Indo-Pacific Command, Adm. Phil Davidson, meets with Nirmala Sitharaman, India’s minister of defence, at USINDOPACOM headquarters.

India’s minister of defence visits USINDOPACOM

Story and photo by MC1 Robin Peak

U.S. Indo-Pacific Command

Commander, U.S. Indo-Pacific Command (USINDOPACOM), Adm. Phil Davidson, hosted Nirmala Sitharaman, India’s minister of defence, for her first visit to USINDOPACOM headquarters, Dec. 6.

“I was extremely pleased to host the honorable Minister of Defense, Nirmala Sitharaman here in Hawaii,” Davidson said. “Our two democratic nations are

committed to upholding a rules-based international order, which has brought decades of peace, stability, and prosperity. We are global partners on defense and security and this exemplifies our mutual cooperation to assure a free and open Indo-Pacific.”

After her meeting with Davidson, Sitharaman was given a tour of the USS Michael Murphy (DDG 112) and an afternoon barge tour of historic Pearl Harbor also hosted by Davidson.

The United States and India have been major

defense partners since 2016, a partnership that was reinforced by the inaugural U.S.-India 2+2 Ministerial Dialogue in New Delhi this past September, which included the signing of the Communications Compatibility and Security Agreement.

This partnership is a reflection of the increasing strategic importance of the U.S.-India security relationship and the significant progress both countries have made in advancing their defense cooperation.

The opportunities for mutual

coordination and collaboration in the Indo-Pacific region continue to grow.

Air forces of India and the U.S. are currently conducting a 12-day military exercise in Kalaikunda and Panagarh air bases in West Bengal, with an aim to enhance operational coordination, according to India air force officials.

The “Ex Cope India-18” will be the fourth edition in the series of bilateral drills between the Indian air force and the U.S. Air Force. USINDOPACOM protects and

defends, in concert with other U.S. government agencies, the territory of the United States, its people, and its interests.

With allies and partners, USINDOPACOM is committed to enhancing stability in the Indo-Pacific region by promoting security cooperation, encouraging peaceful development, responding to contingencies, deterring aggression, and, when necessary, fighting to win. This approach is based on partnership, presence, and military readiness.



RAAF stops in Hawaii

Photo by Staff Sgt. Hailey Haux

A Royal Australian Air Force F-35A sits on the ramp at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, Dec. 3. Two F-35As along with approximately 30 crewmembers traveled through Hawaii on their journey from Luke Air Force Base, Arizona, to Australia. The F-35 marks the beginning of Australia’s technological and capability transformation to a fifth generation air force.



At left, the photo is of a boat called the “Ho’okele” at Honolulu Harbor Pier 38. John Burns saw it after dining at a restaurant, and walking back to his car. Background: John Burns took this full rainbow picture in the Kunia section of Waipahu Dec. 9 in an area full of brush and trees.

John Burns is an administrative support assistant with Navy Region Hawaii.



UPCOMING EVENTS



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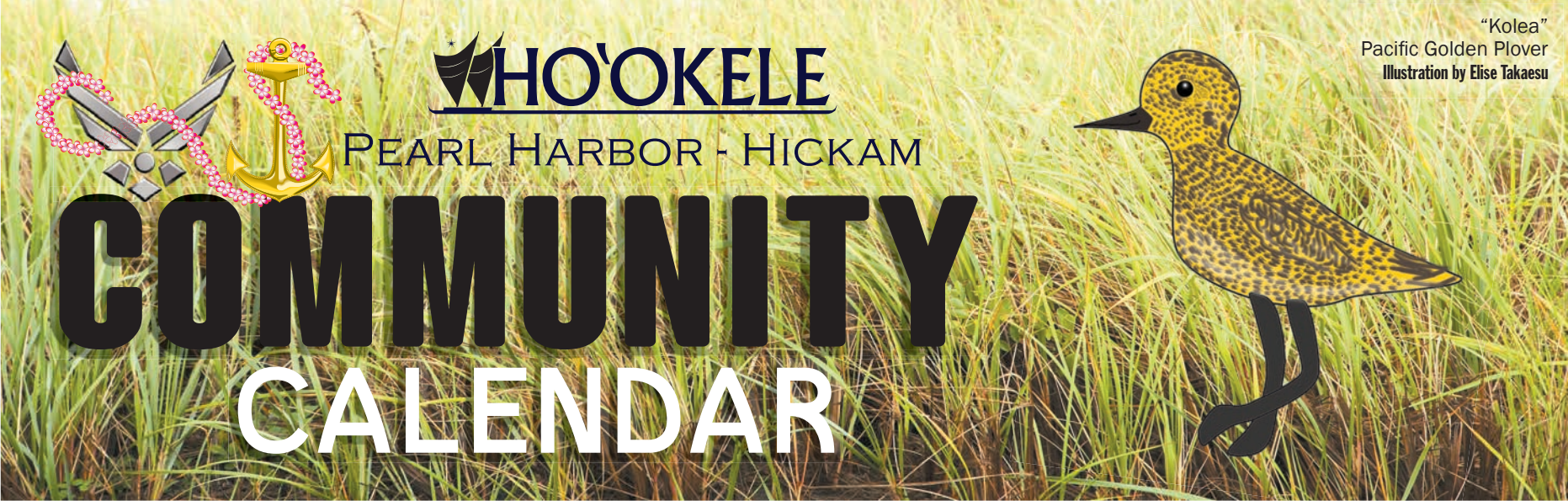
- Reservations are open for the **Information, Tickets and Tours Honolulu City Lights Holiday Tour**, happening nightly through Dec. 23. Take a festive ride on ITT’s own trolley through Honolulu to view the city lights before stopping at Honolulu Hale to see the holiday displays. Price is \$15 for the 6 p.m. tour and \$10 for the 8:30 p.m. tour. Children ages 4 and under are free but must sit on a parent’s lap. For more information, call 473-0792.
- **Ohana Paint Night** creates a bonding moment for parent and child today from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. and every Friday

through December at the Hickam Arts & Crafts Center. An instructor leads parents and children step by step through a featured painting of the night. Cost is \$35 per person, includes all supplies and is open to ages 7 and up. For more information, call 448-9907.

- A **Christmas ornaments class** gets crafty tonight from 5:15 to 7:15 p.m. at the Hickam Arts & Crafts Center. This session offers up new images each week (one more class on Dec. 21). Cost is \$30 per child, includes all supplies and is open to ages 7 to 14. For more information, call 448-9907.

- The **49th annual Tower Lighting Celebration** brings joy this holiday season today from 4:30 to 7:30 p.m. at Freedom Tower. This yearly favorite is back with tons of free activities for the kids, food for purchase, a free photo with Santa and a light and sound show on the tower. For more information, visit www.greatlifehawaii.com.
- A **free advance screening of “Bumblebee”** is on the silver screen Dec. 15 at 3 p.m. at Sharkey Theater. The movie is open to the first 400 in attendance. Active duty service members may receive up to four tickets while all others may receive up to two tickets. No advance tickets available. For more information, call 473-0726.
- **Storytime with Santa** invites deployed and Exceptional Family Member Program families to listen to Santa and Mrs. Claus read classic and contemporary holiday stories Dec. 18 from 4 to 7 p.m. at the Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam Library. The event includes refreshments and crafts. Advance registration is required for this free event. To register, go to the Military & Family Support Center page

- at www.greatlifehawaii.com. For more information, call 474-1999.
- **The Family Night: Christmas Ornaments event** keeps the holiday spirit going Dec. 18 from 5 to 7 p.m. at the JBPHH Teen Center. Teens are encouraged to bring their families and learn about upcoming events and what the Teen Center is all about. This is a free event. For more information, call 448-1068.
 - **Cookies & Canvas** gets colorful Dec. 19 from 3:30 to 5:30 p.m. at the Hickam Arts & Crafts Center. Kids get to create a painted masterpiece while nibbling on a sweet treat. This bimonthly 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.
 - It’s a **holiday party** Dec. 21 from 9:30 p.m. to 2 a.m. at the Country Bar in Club Pearl. Patrons can enjoy games, snacks and giveaways. Enter an ugly sweater contest. Admission is free to and open to ages 18 and up. For more information, call 473-1743.



NHCH CLOSURE
TODAY — Naval Health Clinic Hawaii clinics will be closed today at 11 a.m. in order to conduct the biannual command training. This will include all ancillary services as well (pharmacy, radiology, laboratory etc.).

NAVCO OFFERING SHOUT-OUTS
NOW — The Navy Office of Community Outreach (NAVCO) is offering another opportunity to create and share short, recorded shout-outs (15-20 seconds) with a Navy key message for all Sailors. Call the toll-free number: 1-855-OUR-NAVY (1-855-687-6289) before Dec. 17 at 8 a.m. EST. Have the below script ready and follow the recorded voice directions after calling. Wait for a three to five-second pause after voice directions and record message after beep. NAVCO asks that participants speak audibly, clearly and with enthusiasm. The script is as follows:

“Hi, I’m Navy (rank) (full name) from (hometown), (home state) and currently serving at (command) or aboard (ship), operating out of (duty station) or forward in the (AOR) providing the Navy the nation needs.

I want to wish my (spouse, family, mom and dad) and everyone in my hometown of (hometown) happy holidays (or Merry Christmas, Happy Hanukkah, Happy Kwanzaa, etc.) And a Happy New Year! I hope to see you all very soon. Go Navy!”

Sailors should tailor it to their command, area of responsibility, hometown and family. Hang up and the audio file will automatically be sent to NAVCO’s email.

Once received, NAVCO will thoroughly screen and share usable audio files with a full range of radio media outlets in the Sailor’s hometown. Shout-outs will be unusable if the message is indiscernible.

12 DAYS OF CHRISTMAS WITH USO JBPHH
NOW THROUGH DEC. 21 — The details for the 12 Days of Christmas with USO JBPHH, an online Facebook contest, can be found at www.facebook.com/USO-JBPHH. The first challenge is scheduled for Dec. 10. Participate in each daily challenge for a chance to win a prize. Details and rules apply.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED
DEC. 17-20 — Makalapa Elementary School is looking for volunteers for their

REINDEER FUN RUN



The Reindeer Fun Run keeps you in the fitness mindset Dec. 15 at 7 a.m. at the Hickam Memorial Fitness Center. Burn some of those holiday calories with a fun run. This is a free event. For more information, call 448-2214.

upcoming Holiday Shop, Dec. 17-20 from 9 a.m. to noon. If interested, contact Kasey Lahousse at Kasey_Lahousse@MAKALAPA/HIDOE@notes.k12.hi.us or 421-4110. The school also seeks a military command to partner with for future events.

Upcoming projects include:

- December - classroom projects
- April - Reading books to classrooms to support Read Across America
- May - Field Day - Volunteers to run stations

Commands who wish to volunteer for or partner with a school can contact Melissa Johnson, the JBPHH MFSC school liaison officer at 471-3673.

MOVIE ON THE LAWN
DEC. 21 — The USO JBPHH Movie on the lawn, “How the Grinch Stole Christmas,” is scheduled at 7 p.m. The event is open to active duty service members and their families. The event will be held at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam AMC Terminal Lawn

at 355 Mamiya Ave., building 2028. Refreshments will be provided. Bring blankets and low-seated chairs.

SNOW DAY AT BELLOWS AFS
DEC. 22 — Snow Day is scheduled from 9 a.m. to noon at Turtle Cove deck and lawn aboard Bellows Air Force Station. There will be photos with Santa, holiday activities, entertainment and “snow” to play in. For more information, visit Bellows Air Force Station on Facebook or call 864-0144.

MANAGING PERSONAL FINANCES
DEC. 27 — This class is scheduled from 9 to 10:30 a.m. at MFSC Pearl Harbor. Money management becomes more important and complicated as you go through life. The class covers the basics of debt reduction, budgeting, saving, and investing basics to advanced strategies and guidance for improving your credit score, planning savings goals and gaining awareness about loans. Call 474-1999.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED
JAN. 7-11 — Volunteers are needed for

the following adaptive sports events with wounded warriors, including basketball, sitting volleyball, shooting, archery and more. To sign up, contact Master Sgt. Christopher Flores at 448-4917 or Christopher.flores.5@us.af.mil.

BLESSING OF THE BIKES
JAN. 11 — The Blessing of the Bikes is scheduled from 8 to 11 a.m. at the Pearl Harbor Memorial Chapel. The event is a chance for motorcycle riders on base to have their bikes blessed for the new year. This is a nationwide event in which millions of riders have participated. The purpose is to pray for safety for each rider. There will be chaplains of various faiths and denominations present. This event is open to all riders on JBPHH. Information about other programs will be provided as well as refreshments while they last. Just ride up to chapel through the roundabout. It can be a drive thru event or riders are welcome to park and fellowship. For more information, contact Chaplain Suddath at 334-707-2343 or suddatn@cg73.navy.mil.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED
JAN. 18, FEB. 15 AND 22 — Volunteers are needed to assist students with various tasks during a field day. Approximately 40 volunteers are needed Friday, Jan. 18, at Aiea High School Stadium, Friday, Feb. 15 at Moanalua High Stadium and Friday, Feb. 22 at Radford High Practice Fields. For more information, contact CS1 (SW) Abraham Beck at 471-0370 or abraham.beck@navy.mil.

GREAT ALOHA RUN SCHEDULED FOR FEBRUARY
FEB. 18 — This coming Presidents’ Day, Feb. 18, 2019, over 20,000 participants will take their places at the start line of the Great Aloha Run (GAR), a 8.15-mile road race. The run starts at Aloha Tower and ends at Aloha Stadium. Participants are invited to compete in a variety of divisions. The regular entry deadline is Jan. 25, 2019. For more information or to register, visit GreatAlohaRun.com.

BLOOD, PLATELET DONORS NEEDED
DEC. 26 AND 27, JAN. 2 AND 3 — Consider donating blood or platelets this holiday season. Donors are needed Dec. 26 and 27, as well as Jan. 2 and 3, from 8 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Call Tripler Army Medical Center’s Blood Donor Center at 433-6148.



Bumblebee

A free advance screening of Bumblebee is free to the first 400 authorized patrons. Tickets will be distributed at the ticket booth on the day of the screening at 1:30 pm. Active-duty military ID cardholders may receive up to four tickets per ID card. Military retirees, military family members and Department of Defense cardholders may receive two tickets per ID card.

MOVIE SHOWTIMES

SHARKEY THEATER

TODAY — DEC. 14
7 p.m. • Overlord (R)

SATURDAY — DEC. 15
3 p.m. • Bumblebee (Advance screening)
6:30 p.m. • Hunter Killer (R)

SUNDAY — DEC. 16
3 p.m. • Aquaman
(Advance screening, see B-4)
6:10 p.m. • Bohemian Rhapsody (PG-13)

THURSDAY — DEC. 20
7 p.m. • Instant Family (PG-13)

HICKAM MEMORIAL THEATER

TODAY — DEC. 14
7 p.m. • Fantastic Beasts: The Crimes of Grindelwald (PG-13)

SATURDAY — DEC. 15
3 p.m. • Eligible patrons may attend a free advance screening of a PG-13 movie. Tickets available at the exchange food court. Seating open to non-ticketholders 30 minutes prior to showtime.
6 p.m. • Fantastic Beasts: The Crimes of Grindelwald (PG-13)

SUNDAY — DEC. 16
4 p.m. • Fantastic Beasts: The Crimes of Grindelwald (PG-13)

WEDNESDAY — DEC. 19
6:30 p.m. • Polar Express (PG)

THURSDAY — DEC. 20
6:30 p.m. • The Girl in the Spider’s Web (R)