

# Welcome back USS Halsey

## Commander Naval Surface Group Middle Pacific Public Affairs

The Arleigh Burke-class, guided-missile destroyer USS Halsey (DDG 97) returned Thursday from a seven-month deployment to the western Pacific.

While on deployment, the ship and crew of nearly 280 Sailors conducted various theater security operations and goodwill activities with partner nations.

“This was the first deployment for nearly two-thirds of my crew. Their conduct ashore and performance in exercises and missions in a variety of warfare areas was as excellent as it was professional,” said Cmdr. Linda Seymour, commanding officer.

“In the hard-hitting spirit of our namesake, USS Halsey made her mark as a reliable and agile partner to our sister ships and host nations in [U.S.] 7th Fleet,” she said.

Detachment Three from the “Easyriders” of Helicopter Maritime Strike



U.S. Navy photo by MC1 Johans Chavarro

The guided-missile destroyer USS Halsey (DDG 97) arrives at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam after returning from a seven-month deployment to the western Pacific. (Additional photos on page A-5.)

Squadron 37 (HSM-37) embarked aboard Halsey during the deployment and returned Feb. 3 to Marine Corps Base Hawaii.

The Easyriders flew 230 sorties, totaling more than 720 hours, with two SH-60B aircraft in support of multi-national exercises and presence operations.

“We know we made a positive difference in the region, and the experience we gained is invaluable to all members of the detachment,” said Lt. Cmdr. D. J. Wallace, officer in charge of Detachment Three.

“Our return to home port ends the final SH-60B deployment for HSM-37. Our

feelings are bittersweet. As maintainers and pilots transition to the very capable MH-60R, we close out 25-plus years of sustained presence with the SH-60B in the [U.S.] 3rd and [U.S.] 7th Fleet areas of operation,” Wallace said.

Halsey also participated in Cooperation Afloat

Readiness and Training (CARAT), building partnerships to increase stability in the Indo-Asia Pacific region and provided an escort to both Carl Vinson and George Washington Strike Groups during Valiant Shield and Keen Sword exercises.

Halsey Sailors com-

pleted numerous community relations projects which included volunteering at animal shelters, local elementary schools and orphanages while finishing several park and public area cleanups to beautify the surrounding community.

Halsey is named for Fleet Adm. William F. “Bull” Halsey, who was the first commander of U.S. 3rd Fleet. The ship is a multi-mission destroyer with anti-air warfare, anti-submarine warfare and anti-surface warfare surface combatants capabilities; designed to operate independently or with an associated strike group.

Halsey is assigned to Commander, Destroyer Squadron (DESRON) 31 aligned under Commander, Naval Surface Group Middle Pacific (MIDPAC) and U.S. 3rd Fleet. U.S. 3rd Fleet leads naval forces in the eastern Pacific from the west coast of North America to the international date line and provides the realistic, relevant training necessary for an effective global Navy.

## F-15 Eagle flies in Sentry Aloha



U.S. Air National Guard photo by Sr. Airman Loni Kingston

An F-15 Eagle assigned to the 104th Fighter Wing, Barnes Air National Guard Base, Westfield, Mass., flies near a Hawaii Air National Guard KC-135 Stratotanker in preparation for inflight refueling during exercise Sentry Aloha 2015 over the Pacific Ocean, Jan. 29. Sentry Aloha is a joint aerial combat training exercise hosted several times annually by the Hawaii Air National Guard. (Additional photo on page A-5.)



U.S. Navy photo

Chief of Naval Operations (CNO) Adm. Jonathan Greenert conducts an all-hands call to more than 500 Hawaii-based Sailors.

## Welcome CNO

### Navy Region Hawaii Public Affairs

Chief of Naval Operations (CNO) Adm. Jonathan Greenert will be in Hawaii today and will conduct an all hands call from 2:45 to 3:45 p.m. at Bloch Arena at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam. All hands are to be seated by 2:30 p.m.

The all hands call will begin with a reenlistment and awards ceremony. The CNO will then provide initial remarks to be followed by a question and answer period. Uniform for re-enlistees and awardees will be Navy service uniform for E-6 and below and service khaki for E-7 and above. For all other military personnel in attendance, uniform will be uniform of the day.

Leaders are expected to ensure every Sailor available has the opportunity to hear from the Navy’s top military leader.

## Deactivation ceremony creates Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency

### Story and photo by Staff Sgt. Christopher Hubenthal

#### Defense Media Activity - Hawaii

Service members and civilians at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam attended the Joint POW/MIA Accounting Command (JPAC) deactivation ceremony held Jan. 30.

The ceremony also served as a way to officially merge the Defense POW/Missing Personnel Office (DPMO), based in Washington, D.C., select functions of the Air Force Life Sciences Equipment Laboratory (LSEL) and JPAC into the newly established Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency (DPAA).

The Secretary of Defense announced U.S. Navy Rear Adm. Mike Franken as the



U.S. Air Force Maj. Gen. John Dolan (left), U.S. Pacific Command chief of staff; U.S. Army Master Sgt. Michael Swam (center), DPAA senior enlisted leader; and U.S. Air Force Maj. Gen. Kelly McKeague (right), DPAA deputy director, perform the casing of the Joint POW/MIA Accounting Command (JPAC) colors during the JPAC deactivation ceremony Jan. 30 at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam.

DPAA interim director, U.S. Air Force Kelly McKeague as the DPAA interim deputy, and U.S. Army Lt. Gen. Michael Linnington as the DPAA senior advisor on Jan. 9.

McKeague explained the reason behind the reorganization efforts.

“The nation and the Department of Defense have been always committed, staunchly committed, to the solemn obligation that we have to search for, recover and identify the remains of service members from past conflicts,” McKeague said.

“Today’s ceremony is a culmination of an effort that started with Secretary Hagel last March where he saw an opportunity to improve the way we do this mission. Today brings together, in an operational forum, three organizations

that will now be charged with fulfilling this mission.”

McKeague said that the integration of DPMO, JPAC and LSEL will create challenges but will also promote and increase the mission’s capabilities. “There are obviously structural differences and changes with an organization that brings together three different organizations into a solid and integrated organization. There are always challenges with that,” McKeague said.

“With that also comes the opportunity to improve our processes, build upon established strengths that we have, and, more importantly, move this mission forward with more effectiveness and more efficiency in how we fulfill this promise.”

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Photo courtesy of Battleship Missouri Memorial Association

Members of the Hawaii Civil War Roundtable participate in Living History Day by simulating a combat charge.

# Battleship Missouri Memorial unveils new exhibit on Living History Day

## Battleship Missouri Memorial Association

Pier Foxtrot 5 at Pearl Harbor buzzed with the music of the Big Band era, women dressed as Rosie the Riveter, and Soldiers from all periods of America's history marched on the decks of the retired USS Missouri for the second annual Living History Day held Jan. 31.

History came to life at the Battleship Missouri Memorial to celebrate two notable anniversaries for the Mighty Mo. The first was the USS Missouri's launch into service 71 years ago (Jan. 29, 1944). The second was its opening in Pearl Harbor for public tours 16 years ago (Jan. 29, 1999).

The event also marked the public unveiling of the Battleship Missouri Memorial's newest historical exhibit, "The War that Changed the World." The event began the Mighty Mo's build-up to the commemoration ceremony honoring the 70th anniversary of the end of World War II, which will take place on Sept. 2.

"With Living History Day, we look back to honor the USS Missouri and all the men and women who have fought for and supported the preservation of America's freedoms," said Michael Carr, president and CEO of the Battleship Missouri Memorial. "But today we are also looking ahead to the momentous date of Sept. 2, the 70th anniversary of when history's biggest war ended onboard the USS Missouri, with the opening of a new exhibit honoring the memories of the Sol-



Photo courtesy of MiShotz Photography

An actor playing Gen. Douglas MacArthur commanded the captain's cabin of the retired USS Missouri to ensure it was in shipshape condition for guests visiting during Living History Day.

diers and civilians of that era."

A highlight of the festivities was a special presentation by newly elected Congressman Mark Takai, who was sworn into office earlier this year. Takai presented his first certificate as a member of the U.S. House of Representatives to the Battleship Missouri Memorial, honoring the staff and volunteers for their dedication in sharing the Mighty Mo's place in history with the world.

"I commend the Battleship Missouri Memorial for their dedication to providing current and future generations the opportunity to experience this world-class battleship, and to be inspired by the universal values represented here of duty, honor, strength, sacrifice and peace," Takai said.

Living History Day at the Battleship Missouri Memorial offered a

variety of entertaining displays, exhibits, musical performances, and re-enactments of historical figures for the enjoyment of guests. Highlights included:

- "Gen. Douglas MacArthur" greeting visitors in the captain's cabin just outside the famed surrender deck where the real-life general presided over the ceremony ending World War II.
- A Civil War-era warship blowing its steam engine.
- Couples from Hawaii Jitterbugs dancing to Big Band swing music.
- Soldiers from the Marine Forces Pacific Party Band performing hits for all ages to enjoy.
- Special tours of the radio room and mailing station from the ship's post office.

For more information, call 1-877-644-4896 or visit USSMissouri.org.

# Miller relinquishes command of 515th AMOW at JBPHH

Kristine Hojnicky

515th Air Mobility Operations Wing

Col. Albert G. Miller relinquished command of the 515th Air Mobility Operations Wing (AMOW) to Col. Jeffrey G. Pierce during a ceremony Feb. 4 at the wing headquarters, Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, Hawaii.

During his seven-month tenure with the 515th AMOW, Miller successfully supported three presidential missions to multiple countries in the region, coordinated efforts to implement the first Department of Defense pet airlift program in the Republic of Korea, and shepherded facility improvements at six squadron locations across the Pacific. Miller is set to assume command of the 22d Air Refueling Wing at McConnell Air Force Base, Kansas in mid-February.

During the ceremony, Miller remarked how humbled and proud he is to have served the men and women of the wing as their commander.

"I will always cherish having been a part of what allows our Air Force to claim superiority over all others," he said.

"We are the only Air Force in the world that can move anything or anyone to anywhere in mere hours because we provide the en-

route platform to do so. And you make this mission look easy every day. Thank you and your families for your service and sacrifices for our nation," he said.

Pierce served as the wing's vice commander from July 2014 to February 2015. Previously he served on the joint staff at the Pentagon and as commander of the 735th Air Mobility Squadron, also located at JBPHH.

As commander of the 515th AMOW, he is responsible for 1,800 geographically separated personnel across 26 operating locations and nine Pacific time-zones from Alaska to Diego Garcia. There is an annual budget of more than \$50 million.

"I am proud to have the privilege of leading the men and women of the 515th AMOW," said Pierce. "The enroute support we provide each and every day reassures our Allies, deters would-be aggressors, and provides much needed assistance in time of crisis."

The 515th AMOW serves as the Pacific arm of the U.S. Air Force Expeditionary Center and Air Mobility Command. The wing's mission is to provide agile enroute capability to accelerate global air mobility for war fighters throughout the Pacific, utilizing command and control, aerial port operations and aircraft maintenance.

# Ford Island Bridge to be closed morning of Feb. 11

All lanes of the Ford Island Bridge will be closed from 9 to 10:30 a.m. Feb. 11 for operations and periodic maintenance.

Motorists and pedestrians should plan accordingly.

# Blood drive schedule updated

Tripler Army Medical Center Blood Donor Center has updated its schedule of upcoming blood drives as part of the Armed Services Blood Donor Program (ASBP).

Dates and locations are updated regularly online as new drives are scheduled.

Donors are encouraged to schedule an appointment online, call to make an appointment, and check [www.militaryblood.dod.mil](http://www.militaryblood.dod.mil) for the latest information.

Currently scheduled drives include:

- Feb. 10, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., JIOC Building, Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam.
- Feb. 18 and 19, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., 3rd Marine Regiment, Marine Corps Base Hawaii.
- Feb. 24, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., NEX, Tripler Army Medical Center.

For more information, call 433-6699 or 433-6148 or email [michelle.lele@amedd.army.mil](mailto:michelle.lele@amedd.army.mil).

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Commentary

# Cooperative partnerships build stronger community

**Rear Adm. Rick Williams**

*Commander, Navy Region Hawaii and Naval Surface Group Middle Pacific*

The theme of this week's commentary is the power of cooperative partnerships in improving our community – and why that is so important to our mission.

As beautiful as Hawaii is, you may have noticed some of our aging buildings and other facilities are in poor condition and in desperate need of repair. Frankly, some areas had become eyesores with overgrown weeds, broken foundations and roofs, cracks in infrastructure and many broken windows.

Some of these buildings are considered historical landmarks, and we are restricted from removing and replacing them. But we must not allow regulatory requirements, facility budget cuts, sequestration, the continuing resolution, and increased operational demands to become excuses to do nothing.

We must not allow circumstances to put us in a state of paralysis – as perceived “victims.” The antidote to victimhood is responsibility and action.

By taking responsibility, embracing innovation and developing cooperative partnerships, we are finding ways to begin rejuvenating isolated areas including at the Pearl Harbor Naval Shipyard, on Ford Island, in Wahiawa and in Fort Kamehameha housing.

So here is what we are doing.

At various locations, we are taking corrective steps in buildings where the infrastructure remains sal-



Rear Adm. Rick Williams

vageable and the problems are manageable. We are making progress by changing our approach and methodology to fix our buildings before the entire neighborhood suffers.

First we are taking our leading eyesores and breathing new life into them by reinventing them. We are giving those buildings and facilities important missions that bring people and resources to them, while keeping an eye on our historic origins. Here are some examples:

- At the shipyard, we are repairing piers, docks and buildings to better accommodate the fleet, recognizing we are the gateway to the rebalance to Asia-Pacific.

- At Ford Island, we are investing in “warfighting first” with building conversions that will support a MDPAC-SUBPAC multi-warfare training center and fleet interactive display equipment.

- At joint base, we are investigating the possibility of refurbishing the Fort Kamehameha housing area to a beautiful recreation area for service members, families and veterans for years to come. We want

to convert the homes to a Navy Gateway Inns & Suites lodge.

- At Wahiawa, we will fix the buildings, facilities and amenities that have a direct impact on quality of life for our fleet, fighters and families. That includes swimming pools, dining services and other quality-of-life support.

Among our strategies are developing partnerships in operations, planning and implementation of unique cost-sharing initiatives, where possible. Those efforts with multiple stakeholders are starting

to see an impact with more positive results expected in 2015 and beyond.

Navy Region has teamed up with United States Pacific Command; Pacific Air Forces; Commander, Navy Installations Command; Commander, Submarine Force U.S. Pacific Fleet; Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam; Pacific Historic Parks; and the Military Affairs Council of the Chamber of Commerce of Hawaii, among others.

It's amazing what can be achieved when a group of like-minded people get together and get creative.

They find a way. And, once people see a positive change, others are energized to be part of their winning team. Momentum builds. The community gets stronger.

As joint base commander, Capt. Stan Keeve, said, “Yes, it's a challenging environment to operate in, but with vision and strong leadership we can effect change. We are already seeing movement in the correct direction — forward.”

That brings us to our mission, one which Vice Adm. Dixon Smith, com-

mander, Navy Installations Command, calls “a vital and timeless mission — a mission the entire Navy is counting upon us to accomplish: to serve as the shore integrator to sustain the fleet, enable the fighter, and support the family.”

Our positive, can-do cooperative partnerships help us take customer service to the next level, execute policy, make smart business decisions, continuously improve, and represent the Navy to the surrounding community, all of which are part of CNIC's guiding principles.



U.S. Navy photo by MCI Jay C. Pugh

Commander, Navy Installations Command (CNIC) Vice Adm. Dixon Smith conducts an all hands call at Navy Region Singapore (NRS). Smith's stop in Singapore was part of a tour of more than 70 Navy commands worldwide.

## Diverse Views



**What is the most memorable dream you've ever had?**



**IT3 Gina Mitchell**  
*PACOM JIOC*

“I had a dream that I was in the middle of Japan doing karate and kung fu and beating people up. Kind of like ‘Kill Bill.’ I was her.”

**Staff Sgt. Kenneth De Gracia**  
*PACAF*

“Winning the lottery and playing for the San Francisco Giants as an outfielder.”



**CSSN Carlos Malava**  
*USS Paul Hamilton (DDG 60)*

“I guess being a superhero in some sort of anime or cartoon.”

**Carol Takumi**  
*PACAF*

“I was sitting in the living room with my dad. I turned around to talk with him when I saw, in the big picture window, someone with a big gun aimed at my dad. The guy pulled the trigger. I immediately woke up and called my dad to see if he was okay. He told me to stop dreaming about him.”



**EM3 Oleg Ligay**  
*USS Paul Hamilton (DDG 60)*

“I was flying once. That was pretty incredible.”

**Staff Sgt. Ashleigh Donovan**  
*647th Civil Engineer Squadron*

“My real-life dreams came true. When I woke up, I tried so hard to fall back asleep and into the same dream.”



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## First bombardment unit reaches Hickam



Photo courtesy of Pacific Air Forces

On Feb. 8, 1938, (77 years ago this week) Hickam Field's first bombardment unit, the 31st Bombardment Squadron (Heavy), arrived from Hamilton Field, Calif. Four members of the unit were killed in action on Dec. 7, 1941, nine members were wounded, and all of the unit's B-18 Bolo bombers (as shown in this photo) were damaged or destroyed. Re-equipped with B-17s, the squadron was assigned various maritime bombing and surveillance missions in the South Pacific.



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# Airmen participate in emergency management training

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Airmen from the 15th Wing tested their emergency management knowledge and skills during integrated base emergency response capability training (IBERCT) Jan. 26-30.

Participants of the training from the 15th Aerospace Medical Squadron (AMDS) practiced their response to chemical, biological and radiological contamination scenarios that simulated real-world potential threats.

“It’s absolutely invaluable training,” said Lt. Col. Mary Carlisle, 15th AMDS commander. “It validates our readiness requirements, and we are happy to have this training opportunity.”

The training built upon itself throughout the week, progressing in difficulty and detail. The final days of the training consisted of hands-on scenario training.

While conducting hands-on scenario training, Airmen used hazardous compound detection equipment to take initial air and material samples of the training area. Once a simulated emergency took place, they suited up in hazardous material suits, gloves, boots and gasmasks and followed their training procedures to enter the affected area in order to conduct air and material testing. They then compared the results to their initial samples to determine the level of contamination.

Airmen worked together in teams to conduct the testing and reported their actions and findings back to a command center where the data was examined for further action, including coordination with other emergency response agencies.

“This week we learned to



Airman 1st Class Christopher McCloud, left, and Tech. Sgt. Aubrey Pabon, right, 15th Aerospace Medicine Squadron bioenvironmental engineering flight, test for chemical contamination during integrated base emergency response capability training Jan. 30, at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam.

have clear objectives, a clear mind and a clear understanding of how our duties are performed,” said Staff Sgt. Eva Doty, 15th AMDS bioenvironmental engineering flight NCO in charge of readiness.

“We were already proficient in emergency response, but this gives us a better understanding of our processes and the equipment we use.”

The training was coordinated through the bioenvironmental engineering office at Pacific Air Forces Headquarters. All PACAF bases are scheduled to par-

ticipate in the training.

The 15th AMDS bioenvironmental engineering flight is the first unit in PACAF to go through the training.

Carlisle said being the first PACAF base is an advantage for the 15th AMDS because “it allows us to provide feedback for the scenarios to the other PACAF bases.”

In order to maintain training consistency, the IBERCT was conducted by emergency management specialists with Alliance Solutions Group, a government contractor.



Two 15h Aerospace Medicine Squadron bioenvironmental engineering flight Airmen pass a solution used to test for chemical contamination during integrated base emergency response capability training.



# Pearl Harbor-Hickam Highlights



Builder 1st Class Donald Wedekind, Seabee diver from Underwater Construction Team Two, Port Hueneme, Calif., checks the density of piles during a survey on a deep draft wharf at U.S. Navy Support Facility Diego Garcia. During the survey Jan. 19, Seabees from Underwater Construction Team Two, Port Hueneme, and Navy divers from Mobile Diving and Salvage Unit One, Pearl Harbor are checking fenders and piles on the wharf to ensure they are structurally sound.

U.S. Navy photo by MC1 Class Cary Keen



Hawaii Air National Guard photo by Sr. Airman Orlando  
An F-15 from the Massachusetts Air National Guard's 104th Fighter Wing taxis out for a morning sortie and an F-16 from the 18th Aggressor Squadron follows behind. The fighters and Airmen are participating in the "Sentry Aloha" fighter training exercise at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam.



Photo from the inbound sea and anchor for USS Michael Murphy's recent port visit to Singapore. The ship spent about a week in port for mid-voyage repairs. While the main focus of this port visit was to conduct essential maintenance, the crew was also able to enjoy some much needed down time and explore the city of Singapore.

U.S. Navy photo by IC3 Twan Sia



Service members, families and friends welcome back the guided-missile destroyer USS Halsey (DDG 97) after returning Feb. 5 to Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam from a seven-month deployment to the western Pacific.

U.S. Navy photo by MC2 Johans Chavarro



U.S. Navy photo by MC2 Johans Chavarro  
Fire Controlman 3rd Class Adam Brown, stationed aboard the guided-missile destroyer USS Halsey (DDG 97), greets his wife, Alyssa, with a kiss after arriving at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam.



U.S. Navy photo by MC2 Johans Chavarro  
Sailors cross the brow of the guided-missile destroyer USS Halsey (DDG 97) after arriving at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam.



# ‘War on the Waters’ explains how Navy saved the nation

Review by Bill Doughty

When the USS Monitor was lost in a storm 152 years ago, the future of the nation hung in the balance.

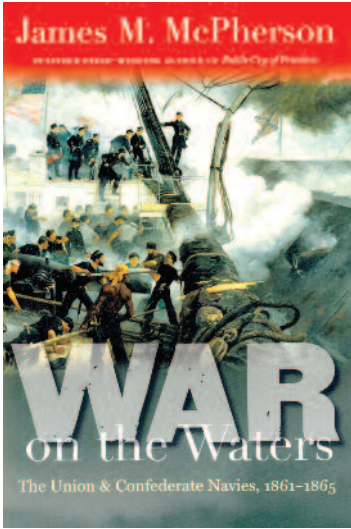
In his insightful book, “War on the Waters,” James M. McPherson shows how Union naval leaders, technology and strategies combined to overcome setbacks and losses to the Confederacy – and eventually win the war, free enslaved people and preserve the Union.

“To say that the Union navy won the Civil War would state the case much too strongly. But it is accurate to say that the war could not have been won without the contributions of the navy,” concludes McPherson.

The Pulitzer Prize-winning author writes about the wisdom of Secretary of the Navy Gideon Welles, the courage of Rear Adm. David Glasgow Farragut and the power of working jointly. The Army’s Gen. Ulysses S. Grant worked hand-in-hand with Navy’s Rear Adm. David D. Porter, the son and namesake of the War of 1812 hero.

We also meet Cmdr. John Rodgers (another son and namesake of a War of 1812 captain) and Cmdr. George H. Preble (grandson of one of the Navy’s greatest leaders, Capt. Edward Preble). The ties to the War of 1812 — in people, foreign alliances and brown-water naval tactics — are enlightening.

President Lincoln ordered the Army to provide its fleet of vessels to the Navy but promoted the idea of one-two punches by the Navy and Army from river ports to river forts. McPherson describes the fearless leadership of 19-year-old ship driver Colonel



Charles Rivers Ellet.

Quoting letters, diary entries, first-person reports and dispatches, the author presents a broad history of naval warfare on both sides of the Civil War. He describes “asymmetrical war on the waters” in blockades and blockade running, riverbank guerrilla warfare, subterfuge at sea, and night attacks, and he follows the development of ironclad ships, submersible vessels and mines (torpedoes).

The Civil War saw the watershed shift from wooden ships of previous centuries that would lead to the development of battleships by the end of the century. Innovation would continue. Less than 50 years after the end of the Civil War the era of naval aviation would begin.

Well-worn strategies of blockading commerce and targeting blockade runners would be expanded into the next century. A naval embargo against Imperial Japan in 1941 led to the beginning of the War in the Pacific.

Against the Confederacy in



(Above) Civil War gunship USS Commodore Perry.

(Right) USS Monitor crewmen working.

Images courtesy of Navy Reads

the 1860s, blockades were important in preventing the exporting of cotton and importing of salt. The role of salt in the southern economy and the targeting of salt production in the south by the Union Navy are fascinating side notes showing the importance of a healthy economy to a strong military.

McPherson describes the overall sociological effect of naval strategies on people in the north and south, too.

“Modern historical scholarship has shown how the Union army became a powerful force in the liberation of slaves, and how the 180,000 liberated black Union soldiers (most of them liberated slaves) in turn helped the Union army win the war. Less well known is the role of the Navy in freeing slaves and the vital contribution of black sailors to the navy’s campaigns. In 1861-



1862 the Navy penetrated earlier and more deeply than the army into tidewater regions of the South Atlantic coast and into the valleys of the lower Mississippi River and its tributaries...”

“War on the Waters: The Union & Confederate Navies, 1861-1865” starts as a dry treatise but picks up steam. With nearly two dozen photos and illustrations and 19 easy-to-read maps, this book is filled with information, details and insights. It deserves a place on

every military historian’s book shelf.

McPherson proves his conclusion: The Navy played a key role in winning the Civil War and saving the United States — a mere century and a half ago.

(A version of this review appeared on Navy Reads and DoD Navy Live blogs. Doughty’s Navy Reads blog promotes reading and literacy and is in support of the Chief of Naval Operations Professional Reading Program.)







U.S. Air Force photo by Staff Sgt. Christopher Hubenthal

U.S. Air Force Maj. Gen. John Dolan, U.S. Pacific Command chief of staff, delivers opening remarks during the Joint Prisoner of War/Missing in Action Accounting Command (JPAC) deactivation ceremony Jan. 30 at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam.

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JPAC’s mission was to provide the fullest possible accounting for U.S. personnel to their families and the nation. McKeague said that DPAA’s goals in fulfilling this promise won’t change but only become stronger. “It will become stronger. It will be more integrated, it will have access to a higher structure within the department. The agency will report directly to the

undersecretary of defense for policy, and, more importantly it will provide a focus,” McKeague said. “Now with these organizations all coming together in an integrated, comprehensive fashion, we’re able to improve our strengths and build upon the efficiencies and effectiveness to make us better.” For McKeague, the merge allows service members and civilians assigned to DPAA a better

opportunity to serve those who are still missing, their families and the nation. “We appreciate the opportunity to not only serve this nation but, more importantly, the fallen heroes who remain missing and fulfill the commitment to their families,” McKeague said. “There is no greater reward than that, no greater mission for someone in uniform than to be able to be associated with this mission and be able to fulfill it.”

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# Greenert explains value of presence, danger of cuts

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WASHINGTON (NNS) — Presence remains the mandate of the Navy and the service must operate forward “when and where it matters,” the chief of naval operations testified Jan. 29 before the Senate Armed Services Committee.

However, sequestration in 2013 not only whittled the Navy’s contingency response force to one third but forced reductions in afloat and ashore operations, generated ship and aircraft maintenance backlogs, and compelled the Navy to extend unit deployments, Adm. Jonathan W. Greenert said.

“Sequestration resulted in a \$9 billion shortfall in 2013, below our budget submission ... degraded fleet readiness and created consequences from which we are still recovering,” the admiral said.

Long deployments

Greenert also described carrier strike groups, amphibious-ready groups and destroyers experiencing eight- to 10-month, or longer, deployments.

“This comes at a cost of our Sailors’ and our families’ resiliency. It reduces the performance of the equipment, and it will reduce the service lives of our ships,” he said.

The Navy’s fleet readiness likely will not recover from the ship and aircraft maintenance backlogs until about 2018, five years after the first round of sequestration, according to Greenert.

“We reduced procurement of advanced weapons and aircraft, [and] we delayed upgrades to all but the most critical shore infras-

tructure,” the admiral said. “The end result has been higher risk [to] those missions requiring us to deter and defeat aggression and ... project power despite an anti-access, area-denial challenge.”

Forward presence provides value

Still, recent events speak to the value of forward presence, Greenert asserted.

“When tasked in August, the George H.W. Bush Strike Group relocated from the Arabian Sea to the North Arabian Gulf and was on station within 30 hours, ready for combat operations in Iraq and Syria,” Greenert said.

Additionally, Navy and Marine Corps strike fighters from the carrier generated 20-30 combat sorties per day and for 54 days represented the only coalition strike option to project power against the Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant, the admiral said.

Greenert highlighted the USS Truxtun, which arrived in the Black Sea to establish a U.S. presence and reassure allies within a week after Russia invaded Crimea. He recounted the USS George Washington Strike Group’s dozen ships that provided disaster relief to the Philippines in the wake of super typhoon Haiyan just over a year ago.

Overall, he said, a return to sequestration further delays critical warfighting capabilities, further reduces contingency response force readiness, and jeopardizes ship and submarine procurement.

“Unless naval forces are properly sized, modernized at the right pace ... ready to deploy ... and capable to respond in the numbers and at the speed required by the combatant commanders, they won’t be able to answer the call,” Greenert said.



# DoD official describes transition program progress

**Terri Moon Cronk**

*DoD News Defense Media Activity*

WASHINGTON (NNS) — The redesigned transition assistance program gives separating service members a “unique set of capabilities” as they enter the civilian workforce, Susan Kelly, defense transition to veterans program office director, told a House Veterans Affairs Committee panel recently.

In a review of the program before members of the economic opportunity subcommittee, Kelly outlined strides the Defense Department has made with the new TAP, in collaboration with several interagency

partners, such as the veterans affairs and labor departments.

Kelly emphasized that the new program will help more than 1 million service members transition from active duty in the next four years.

**Career-readiness standards**

“The foundation of the redesigned TAP is a set of career-readiness standards that are verified for all transitioning service members no later than 90 days prior to their separation from the military,” she explained.

If civilian career readiness standards are not met, service members receive further training or a “warm hand-over” to interagency

partners who ensure they receive post-separation assistance, Kelly added.

“Part of the redesign includes the robust ‘Transition GPS curriculum — Goals, Plans, Success.’ It builds the skills that transitioning service members need to meet in career-readiness standards, and it is now fully implemented at 206 military sites in the United States and overseas,” she said, adding that three supplemental training tracks exist for those who want to pursue higher education, technical training or entrepreneurship.”

The five-day program also is offered for service members around the world through DoD’s Joint

Knowledge Online platform, Kelly said.

TAP evaluation strategy progresses

A strategy for evaluating and assessing TAP has shown substantial progress, Kelly told the House panel. Its three goals are accountability, customer satisfaction and program effectiveness, she said. Long-term measures also are being developed by VA, DoL and the Small Business Administration, she said.

“Outcome measures are a priority for the TAP evaluation strategy, beginning with [The Vow to Hire Heroes Act of 2011] and career-readiness compliance,” Kelly said.

DoD-verified data to date shows active-duty service members’ compliance

across the services ranges from 91 percent to 97 percent, she said.

“These results account for three-quarters of the members who have separated from active duty,” Kelly added.

**Work remains to be done**

“We realize that we must work hard to close the remaining reporting gap,” she said.

A comprehensive communications campaign to inform service members about the redesigned TAP was put in place during fiscal year 2014, Kelly said. This year, she added, the goal is to implement the Military Life Cycle transition level of the program.

According to DoD’s TAP website, the MLC transition

level is critical because it gives service members the chance to plan for their post-separation career and see how their military skills can be used in the civilian world. It enables DoD to show how the services prepare their members for transition, and it optimizes how these highly trained and adaptable people can rapidly contribute to civilian society.

“This marks a major cultural shift for the department,” Kelly said. “In December, the military services reported to the White House that Military Life Cycle transition preparation was fully implemented at their installations, which the new TAP interagency governance structure will continue to monitor and improve.”

# AF Assistance Fund campaign is in full swing

**Air Force Aid Society**

WASHINGTON (AFNS) — The 2015 Air Force Assistance Fund Campaign has kicked off and will run until May 1.

Air Force bases worldwide are participating in this fundraising event which raises money for four Air Force charities — Air Force Aid Society, Air Force Enlisted Village, Air Force Villages Charitable Foundation and the General and Mrs. Curtis E. LeMay Foundation.

- The Air Force Aid Society: Provides Airmen and their families worldwide with emergency financial assistance, education assistance and various base-level community enhancement programs.

- The Air Force Enlisted Village: Supports Teresa Village in Fort Walton Beach, Fla., and Bob Hope Village in Shalimar, Fla. near Eglin Air Force Base. The fund provides homes and financial assistance to



U.S. Air Force photo by Scott M. Ash

Air Force senior leaders kick off the 2015 Air Force Assistance Fund drive in the Pentagon, Jan. 5. Seated are Secretary of the Air Force Deborah Lee James and Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. Mark A. Welsh III, and standing from the left are Air Force Vice Chief of Staff Gen. Larry O. Spencer, Undersecretary of the Air Force Eric Fanning and Chief Master Sgt. of the Air Force James A. Cody.

retired enlisted members' widows and widowers who are 55 and older. It also supports Hawthorn House (in Shalimar) which provides assisted living for residents, including 24-hour nursing care.

- The Air Force Villages Charitable Foundation: Donations support independent and assisted living needs for retired officers and their spouses, widows or widowers and family members. Communities are located in San Antonio, Texas.

- The General and Mrs. Curtis E. LeMay Foundation: Provides rent and financial assistance to widows and widowers of officer and enlisted retirees in their homes and communities through financial grants of assistance.

Air Force officials are using a three-campaign grouping where all Air Force bases are assigned to one of the following three six-week campaign periods:

Group I — Feb. 2 - March 13

Group II — March 2 - April 10

Group III — March 23 - May 1

Group I bases, which already started, include Charleston Air National Guard Base, West Va.; Grand Forks AFB, North Dakota; Keesler AFB, Miss.; Joint Base Langley-Eustis, Va.; Laughlin AFB, Texas; Malmstrom AFB, Montana; Vance AFB, Okla. and Minneapolis-St Paul International Airport Air Reserve Station, Minn.

New this year is an updated Air Force Assistance Fund website, which features information about all of the affiliate charities, a link to the donation forms, videos, assistance stories and FAQs. Everyone is encouraged to check out the site and learn more about how their donations help the Air Force family. Whether active duty or retired, officer or enlisted, Air Force Assistance Fund is there for the Airmen, by the Airmen to take care of our own.





Lt. Patrick Sweeten, Pacific Fleet bandmaster, speaks with students of the Moanalua Middle School band during a concert and educational clinics.

# Pacific Fleet Band tunes up Moanalua Middle School band camp

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The Pacific Fleet (PACFLT) Band held a concert and educational clinics Jan. 30 for the Moanalua Middle School's band camp at the Pu'u Kahea Conference Center in Waianae on Oahu.

The PACFLT Band provides community outreach through musical entertainment and education which builds bridges between military and civilians.

"Today, we came out to Moanalua Middle School's band camp. They're out here for three days as an intensive time for their band to get better, and it's really quite special for us to be a part of that," said Musician 3rd Class Chris Garten, musical education outreach program assistant assigned to PACFLT band.

Between songs, the band members stopped to answer questions from the students.

"I got to learn new things and see the Navy band perform," said Haley Woo, an eighth grader at Moanalua Middle School. "It was really helpful learning things from a professional. They really know what they're doing."

For Garten, the day was about being a role model and mentor for the students.

"When you're a kid, you don't always listen to what your teachers tell you," said Garten. "They're telling you the right stuff, but when you hear someone else tell you, or when you see a role model play for you, some of the stuff your teachers have been telling you click. It's incredible, especially for me, performing as a soloist and playing for the kids. They were engaged; they laughed."

"It feels like it came full circle. Something I wanted to do with my life is not just become a musician but be a teacher

and be a mentor as well. Hopefully, I can have an impact on some of the students."

According to Garten, they have worked with the school's band a couple of times before.

"Before we came out here with the whole band, we sent two smaller groups. We sent the brass quintet and the woodwind sextet. It's cool because these students know us. We've talked with them before. We've worked with them in smaller settings as well."

Following the PACFLT band's performance, the students participated in music clinics provided by the band to help further the students' education and training.

"The band has been tremendous," said Steven Agasa, half-time director at Moanalua Middle School. "I loved their performance; the students loved their performance. The questions that the students had for the band were terrific and improved their education. Hopefully, it will influence them to keep playing and maybe one day join a service band."

The PACFLT Band can be requested for events by the public. "There's a form people can fill out," said Garten. "They can e-mail us, they can



Students of the Moanalua Middle School band receive training from Musician 3rd Class Alia Moroz, oboist assigned to Pacific Fleet Band, during a music educational clinic.

message us on Facebook, and they can like us to see what we're doing. There's also a link to our webpage from there and we can be requested."

The PACFLT band is based at Pearl Harbor and is dedicated to providing top quality music and entertainment in support of the U.S. Navy's retention and recruiting programs and for internal and external public relations.

For more information about the band, visit <http://www.cpf.navy.mil/cpfband/>.



Musician 2nd Class Andrea Sematoske, musical education outreach program coordinator assigned to Pacific Fleet Band at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, speaks with students.



Students from the Moanalua Middle School Band applaud during a performance by the Pacific Fleet Band.



Musician 1st Class Stephen Hux, percussionist assigned to Pacific Fleet Band at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, speaks with students.



# COMPACFLT holds off late comeback by HQ PACAF

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Commander, United States Pacific Fleet (COMPACFLT) took a 15-point lead into the second half but had to hold off a furious rally by Headquarters Pacific Air Forces (HQ PACAF) to preserve a 34-32 win on Jan. 29 in a Blue Division season opener at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam.

Although cold in the first half, PACAF started to find the range midway through the second half, only to fall short at the end.

“Oh definitely,” said COMPACFLT head coach Chief Personnel Specialist Marvin Robles when asked if the game ended closer than it should have been. “We got too relaxed in the second half, started playing their game instead of our game, and my guys started losing their cool. We should always play our game.”

At tipoff, COMPACFLT had no problem playing their game as the team threatened to blow out PACAF in the early minutes of play.

A three ball by Intelligence Specialist 2nd Class Malik Coleman at the midway point of the first half gave COMPACFLT a 9-0 lead, which led to a 14-0 run.

The scoring streak was finally broken after 16 minutes of play on a free throw by Capt. Jeremy Kenne to make it 14-1.

COMPACFLT outscored PACAF, 10-8, for the remainder of the half to take a 24-9 lead into halftime.

With COMPACFLT still up by 15 points early in the second half, PACAF began to catch fire from the perimeter as Kenne dropped back-to-back treys to cut the lead down to nine at 30-21 with 12:15 remaining in the game.

Then on the next trip down court, PACAF dialed up a long-distance bomb once again as Senior Airman Phillip Hill connected from beyond the arc to make it a six-point game at 30-24.

COMPACFLT got a basket back on a steal and lay-up by Master Chief Cryptologic Technician (Technical) Reggie Mills, but PACAF answered back with Tech. Sgt. Bryan Donovan, who took a pass on the left wing and sank a clutch trey to shrink the lead down to five at 32-27.

Hill scored on a lay-up to make it 32-29, but Coleman responded with his second basket of the half to put COMPACFLT back out in front by five at 34-29 with 1:28 left on the clock.

Three seconds later, Donovan got fouled while attempting a trey and calmly went to the line to sink three free throws in a row.

While the free throws brought PACAF to within a basket at 34-32, the team just couldn’t complete the comeback.

“None of us have ever played together as a team before,”



Operations Specialist 2nd Class David Smith fights for a shot under the basket.

said Kenne about the team’s slow start. “It was just trying to figure out how to gel together.”

Once PACAF got over their opening-game jitters, Kenne said that the team was good to go.

Although held to only two field goals in the first half, a relaxed PACAF squad began to find their mark and connected on a total of four three-point shots in the second half.

“We were just taking what was available,” Keene said. “We saw some openings and we took them.”

Part of the reason for PACAF’s strong comeback was the inability of COMPACFLT to hit their free throws.



Master Chief Cryptologic Technician (Technical) Reggie Mills finishes off a steal with a lay-up.

COMPACFLT went to the charity stripe 18 times but managed to hit only three of their shots.

“We’re going to be doing a lot of practice on free throws,” Robles said. “That’s going to be one of our focuses during practice.”

While the team almost let one slip away, Robles said that he remains confident that COMPACFLT has what it takes to make it back to the finals.

Last season, COMPACFLT made it to the championship game but lost to USS Port Royal (CG 73).

“We got guys here that can play,” he said. “I can see us making it all the way to the finals again.”

## CNP hosts all hands call broadcast

### Defense Media Activity

FORT MEADE, Md. (NNS) — The Chief of Naval Personnel (CNP) talked with Sailors around the world during an all-hands call broadcast presented live Feb. 3 from Defense Media Activity at Fort Meade, Md.

Vice Adm. Bill Moran and Fleet Master Chief April Belo, the fleet master chief of manpower, personnel, training and education (MPT&E), took the time to address Sailors from across the fleet and around the world through a myriad of channels, such as in-studio questions, satellite feeds, and social media.

“We know that there are ships out there in the [U.S.] 5th Fleet area of responsibility that are dialed in. We know there are folks from fleet concentration areas on both coasts dialed in, so let’s get to the questions,” said Moran.

Some of the topics Moran and Beldo touched on are subjects of great importance to Sailors: pay, manning, advancement, tuition assistance and physical readiness.

Here are a few of the questions and answers from the all-hands call:

**Q:** Over the last few years, there have been several force shaping tools rolled out (i.e., ERB and C-Way). Are there any plans for future force shaping tools?

**A:** (Beldo) “Are there going to be any more changes or initiatives for force-shaping? Absolutely not. C-Way came online and it provided the opportunity to pay attention to the health of all of our ratings. So with regards to all of our ratings? Absolutely not. CNO is committed to that, he said no more ERB, and so you don’t have to worry about that shipmate.”

**Q:** Is there any plan on us receiving imminent danger pay?

**A:** (Moran) “The imminent danger pay areas are defined by the combatant commanders. Right now there is no plan to reinstitute imminent danger pay in [U.S.] 5th Fleet. We’re not doing anything with combat tax



U.S. Navy photo by Mass Communication Specialist 2nd Class Jonathan Sunderman Chief of Naval Personnel (CNP) Vice Adm. Bill Moran and Fleet Master Chief of Manpower, Personnel, Training and Education April Beldo speak to Sailors during a world-wide all-hands call at Defense Media Activity at Fort George G. Meade, Md.

exclusion zones, and we’re continuing to look at ways to make sure we incentivize you out there at sea. That’s why we saw a pretty significant bump in sea pay this year and also long deployment allowance that were instituted with Bush and Bataan. So hang in there. There is not going to be any change to imminent danger pay in the near future.”

*The all-hands call is being re-broadcast on [www.navy.mil](http://www.navy.mil), and a complete list of all the questions and answers will be on All Hands Magazine. For the complete article on the CNP’s all hands call broadcast, visit the website [http://www.navy.mil/submit/display.asp?story\\_id=85443](http://www.navy.mil/submit/display.asp?story_id=85443)*

## NEX gives back to students

### Navy Exchange Service Command

The Navy Exchange Service Command (NEXCOM) has been offering students a chance to help pay for college through its A-OK Student Reward Program since 1997.

The A-OK Student Reward Program offers the opportunity for all qualified students to participate in a quarterly drawing for monetary awards of \$2,500, \$1,500, \$1,000 or \$500 for a total of \$5,500 per quarter. The next drawing will be held at the end of February.

Any eligible full-time student who has a B-grade point average equivalent or better, as determined by their school system, may enter the drawing. Home-schooled students can also qualify with acknowledgement that the student has a “B” average or equivalent record of accomplishment.

Eligible students include dependent children of active duty military members, Reservists and

military retirees enrolled in 1st through 12th grade.

Dependent children without an individual dependent identification card must be accompanied by their sponsor to submit their entry. Each student may enter only once each grading period and must re-enter with each qualifying report card.

To enter the drawing, students can stop by any NEX with a current report card or progress report and have a NEX associate verify the eligibility. Then they need to fill out an entry card and obtain an A-OK ID, which entitles the student to 19 discount coupons for NEX products and services.

Along with the award, each winner will receive a lapel pin, certificate and medallion ribbon “in honor of academic excellence.”

Since the program’s inception, NEXCOM has awarded more than \$640,000 to students with the help of its vendor partners.



# Lady Paniolos fast starts spells doom for Wahine Koa

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The Lady Paniolos scored on their first two possessions off short rushes by Army Spc. Abigail McKoy en route to a 23-6 victory over Wahine Koa on Jan. 31 in a Hawaii’s Finest Flag Football (HF3) game at Mililani 10-Acres Park.

The league is owned and operated by Mike Todd, a military veteran and current Department of Defense civilian at Joint Intelligence Operation Center, and intermixes civilian with armed forces personnel in the only local flag football league that has a men’s division as well as one for the ladies.

The Lady Paniolos and Wahine Koa matchup was a showdown between two of the best teams from last season.

While the teams were supposed to square off for the title last season, the teams never got the chance to meet after the Lady Paniolos were forced to forfeit their semifinal game.

Meanwhile, Wahine Koa went on to claim the championship with a 19-0 win over the Marine Corps Base Hawaii-based War-dawgs.

Determined to prove that they were the true champions after being denied the chance last season, the Lady Paniolos came out with a vengeance against the Wahine Koa.

After the team’s defense forced a quick four-and-out, the Lady Paniolos, led by quarterback Kate Robinson, took the ball and punctuated a six-play, 32-yard drive with an 11-yard sweep to the house by McKoy.

Instead of going for a



Army Spc. Abigail McKoy sweeps around the left side to score the first of her two rushing touchdowns for the Lady Paniolos.

single point conversion, Lady Paniolos head coach Army Sgt. Marcello McDade rolled the dice and went for the much more difficult three-point try from 20 yards out.

The gamble paid off for McDade and, within minutes of opening kickoff, the Lady Paniolos were off and running with a 9-0 lead.

“I found out at last week’s game that we could go for three,” said McDade about going for the long conversion. “I figured let’s just try it out.”

Back on offense, the Wahine Koa mounted a drive of their own after getting the ball on their own 29-yard line.

On the first play from scrimmage, Koa quarterback Aubrey Kiemnec, a Department of Defense civilian, dropped back and delivered a strike into the arms of Staff Sgt. April Kelley, who made the catch and rambled down to

the Lady Paniolos 11 yard-line for a 40-yard pickup.

Two plays later, Kiemnec found Kelley again with a pass inside the end zone for a touchdown to make it 9-6.

With the lead narrowed down to three, the Lady Paniolos quickly made up the difference by moving the ball 43 yards on only four plays.

Robinson picked up six yards on the first play and then tacked on another 20 yards on a pass to Tasha Kai.

Kai rushed down to the one, before McCoy swept to the left for touchdown number two and a 15-6 advantage that lasted through halftime.

Both teams exchanged the ball on downs to open the second half but on the Lady Paniolos’ second possession, the team stunned Wahine Koa by scoring their third and final touchdown of the game.

This time, Robinson found Lauren Lupinetti for a 46-yard bomb down the right sideline for six to put the game away for good.

While it wasn’t the 44-0 win that the Lady Paniolos recorded in week one, McDade said that he’d take any victory over the Wahine Koa.

“Any time we play them (Wahine Koa) it’s always a tight contest,” he said. “It’s just the emotions behind that game. It takes my players to a different place.”

Wahine Koa head coach Gas Turbine System (Mechanical) 2nd Class John Lennon, Pearl Harbor Naval Shipyard, said that because this year’s squad is filled with quite a few new players, it may take a while for things to come together.

“I think it was just fundamentals,” Lennon admitted. “It’s a new team and chemistry is 50-50. If



Tasha Kai stretches out to haul in a pass for a 20-yard gain. Kai also recorded one interception while playing defense for the Lady Paniolos.

everybody is here, it’s great. As long as we mesh and the chemistry gets there, we’ll be fine.”

Although getting past Wahine Koa is a huge hurdle for the Lady Paniolos, McDade said there is no

guarantee that the road is now clear to the playoffs.

“If you look around, it’s kind of hard,” he pointed out. “It ain’t going to be easy. We’ll try to keep the team concept and go with it.”

## Pound Town avoids shocker, wins in overtime

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The 647th Security Forces Squadron (647 SFS) Pound Town basketball team won their second game of the season Feb. 4 but, unlike the first one, this victory wasn’t easy.

After tipping off the season with a 25-point win over Company I, Pound Town raced out to a 15-point lead in the first half of their showdown against the 15th Medical Group (15th MDG).

But instead of running away to another lopsided triumph, the team got a huge scare after being forced to earn a tough overtime 55-53 victory in a Red Division intramural basketball game at Hickam Fitness Center, Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam.

“We came out and we forgot about our fundamentals,” said Pound Town head coach Senior Airman Charlton Burton. “We went up early, we played great defense and we got out and ran. Unfortunately, basketball is a game of runs. Sometimes you get in a run and sometimes you (are) giving up a run.”

Using a torrid full-court press, Pound Town attacked 15 MDG from all sides and jumped out to a 10-2 lead after only three minutes of play, forcing their opponent to call timeout.

The break did little to hold off Pound Town as the team built up a lead of 15 points before settling into halftime ahead by a score of 31-20.

Coming out of the break, the 15 MDG made it immediately known that they were not going to roll over and give up.

Guard Sean Spears, a military family member, got things rolling with a three-pointer on the 15th Medical Group’s first trip down court.

Spears added a free throw and teammate Tech. Sgt. Cedric Monroe scored from the post before Spears topped off an 8-0 run with a basket on a drive from the left wing to pull to within three points at 31-28.

A trey by Senior Airman Martin Marvin stopped the run and gave Pound Town a little breathing room, but on the next trip down the floor Spears responded with his second three-point bomb to keep the game close.

The teams continued to trade baskets as the minutes ticked away but, down by a point with only 3:04 left on the clock, Senior Airman Debronis Warren put the 15 MDG ahead for the first time in the game at 43-41 on a shot from just beyond the arc.

“I couldn’t find my shot all game,” Warren said about his clutch shot from long distance. “I had an open look and I made it.”

The 15 MDG seemed to control the tempo from that point on and held a 48-44 lead with only 36 seconds remaining in regulation time.

However, Senior Airman Adrian McNeal scored on a quick move in the post and when the 15 MDG turned the ball over while trying to get to the front court, McNeal came up with another big hoop inside the paint for the tie.

“I thought the game was over,” Warren said. “We had time on our side, but some bad turnovers caused us to go into overtime.”

When it got into overtime, Pound Town looked toward their all-Air Force player Airman 1st Class Lortavious Smith to take control and he did.

Smith connected on back-to-back jumpers to open up



Airman 1st Class Lortavious Smith goes up for a slam-dunk to score two of his game-high 20 points for the 647th Security Forces Squadron (647 SFS) Pound Town.

the extra period and scored five of the team’s seven points in OT.

“He (Smith) gave us a very good start,” Burton said. “He brings a lot of energy to his team and, in turn, they give the energy right back to him.”

Despite getting off to a 0-2 start, Warren said that the near win over Pound Town proves that the 15 MDG is ready to turn the corner starting with their very next game.

“We’re always disappointed with a loss,” he said. “It’s like how we lost our first game, a bad play at the end. We just got to get our minds right at the end of the game. We’re meshing and I think we’re going to be good. We’re going to make the playoffs.”

While there were a lot of things that Burton could be concerned about after his team blew a double-digit lead, he said he was more proud of the way Pound Town held it together to pull out the win.

“I tell my team all the time that you have to know how to deal with adversity,” Burton pointed out. “Adversity will introduce a man to himself. Tonight we got to meet ourselves and stepped up. We showed that we’re ready.”

## Joint base basketball standings announced

Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam intramural basketball standings (as of Feb. 3, 2015):

Blue Division	W	L
1. NIOC HI	1	0
2. COMPACFLT	1	0
3. 690th COS	1	0
4. 735 AMS	1	0
5. 647 CES	1	0
6 HQ PACAF	0	1
7. 17 OWS	0	1
8. JIOC	0	1
9. 324 IS	0	1
10. Bushmasters	0	1
11. 647 LRS	0	1
Red Division		
1. NSSC	1	0
2. PHMSY IMF	1	0
3. Security	1	0
4. Pound Town	1	0
5. 15 MXG	1	0
6. 8 IS	1	0
7. 747 CS	0	1
8. Bronze St. Warriors	0	1
9. 647 FSS	0	1
10. Company I	0	1
11. 15 MDG	0	1
12. Nock Boyz	0	1

## Swamp Romp, expo this weekend

Marine Corps Base Hawaii Public Affairs

The Swamp Romp Health, Fitness and Wellness Expo will be held from 4 to 7 p.m. today at the Semper Fit Center at Marine Corps Base Hawaii.

The five-mile swamp romp, hosted by Marine Corps Community Services, will begin at 7 a.m. Saturday.

The individual and five or six-person team event is open to the general public. Walk-in registration deadline has been extended until today.

The swamp romp will consist of various obstacles including mud pits, water holes, a beach run, low crawls and climbing walls.

Late fees have been waived. The entry fee is \$40 for individuals and \$150 for teams of five to six people. Packet pickup is at the health fair in the Semper Fit Gym from 3 to 6 p.m. today.

All military members, their family members and civilians are welcome to attend both events. The expo will feature an array of booths offering products, services and workshops geared toward healthy living.

For more information, email [matthew.f.orr@usmc.mil](mailto:matthew.f.orr@usmc.mil) or call 257-8840 or visit [www.mcbh.usmc.mil](http://www.mcbh.usmc.mil) or [www.facebook.com/MarineCorpsBaseHawaii](http://www.facebook.com/MarineCorpsBaseHawaii).





# Live the Great Life



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MWR’s 90-day promotion means golfers save more when they play more on Mamala Bay Golf Course.

## Golfers can save at Mamala Bay Golf Course

Helen Ko

Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam  
Morale, Welfare and Recreation

Mamala Bay Golf Course is offering a new program where patrons can save on the greens. Initial fees vary on the golfers’ levels.

If they are an E6-O3, and pay an initial fee of \$75, then every round they play costs only \$8. Rates are as follows:

- 10 rounds (without membership) \$220.
- 10 rounds (with membership) \$155.

This represents a savings of \$65 and 10 rounds give the golfer 30 percent over the 10 play card and 20 rounds gives the golfer 50 percent over the 20 play card.

For E1-E5 at \$50 each round will cost \$5.

For E6-O3 at \$75 each round will cost \$8.

For O4-O10 at \$100 each round will cost \$8.

For Department of Defense at \$150 each round will cost \$10.

For federal employees at \$200 each round will cost \$10.

This program is only valid at Mamala Bay Golf Course.

“This offer, when broken down, is an extremely great value to golfers that can manage to play six or more rounds in a 90-day

period. For the lucky folks that can play 10 or more rounds, this program is a significant savings. Our goal is to increase our rounds and utilization of our golf course with eligible patrons,” said Carl Kelly, Mamala Bay Golf Course manager.

What is different about this program is that it provides continued savings on each additional round of golf the patrons play.

For instance, if an E1-E5 patron uses the 10-play card to play 10 rounds of golf, their green fees would amount to \$120, a 12.5 percent savings.

That same 12.5 percent holds true if the patron purchases and plays 20 rounds of golf. The most they can save is 12.5 percent.

Where the MWR program differs is that same 10 rounds of golf will cost \$100, a \$60 and 38 percent savings off of regular green fees.

“The savings are even more significant at the 20-round point to \$170 or 58 percent off normal green fees,” Kelly said.

The fee charge is the same for nine- or 18-hole play. Fees for carts and supplies remain the same.

For more information, call 449-2304/2305 or visit greatlifehawaii.com.



MWR Marketing photo  
The clubhouse at Navy-Marine Golf Course will be home to a new restaurant in the spring.

## New restaurant set for golf course

Reid Tokeshi

Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam  
Morale, Welfare & Recreation

Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam Morale, Welfare and Recreation (MWR) has released more details about the new restaurant coming to the Navy-Marine Golf Course. The Seven Palms Bar & Grille closed last weekend, along with the 19th Puka snack bar.

IRONS Tablet & Tavern is scheduled to open in the spring for lunch and dinner. The restaurant will be operated by the same group that runs the Dixie Grill in Aiea. The menu, with items made

from scratch, will reflect an emphasis on sustainability. According to the operators, the foods will contain no trans-fats or genetically modified organisms (GMOs) and will be organic, all-natural or hormone free. Much of the food used will also be sourced locally.

The snack bar downstairs will be renovated into a Dixie Express, serving foods with a southern flair. Diners can try pulled pork, brisket and baked beans among the menu options. Dixie Express is scheduled to open this month.

MWR will post updates on the progress on the website, www.greatlifehawaii.com, and on the Facebook page.

## Your Weekly Fun with MWR

**Spring Craft Fair Registration** opens today at the Hickam Arts & Crafts Center for the 40th Annual Spring Craft Fair to be held May 2. All items sold need to be handmade by participants. The cost is \$75 for a 15-foot-by-15-foot space, or \$105 for two to share a space. FMI: 448-9907.

**Youth Spring Baseball Registration** period for youth ages 5 to 14 years old closes today. The season runs March through June. The fee is \$70 for Shetland and Pinto divisions and \$85 for Mustang, Bronco and

Pony divisions. Registration is available at www.greatlifehawaii.com. FMI: 473-0789.

**Girls’ Fastpitch Softball Registration** for youth ages 9 to 12 years old closes today. The season runs from March through June. The cost is yet to be determined, and registration is available at www.greatlifehawaii.com. FMI: 473-0789.

**Youth Spring Volleyball Registration** period for youth ages 6 to 15 years old closes today. The season runs March through

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June. The fee is \$70, and registration is available at www.greatlifehawaii.com. FMI: 473-0789.

**Junior Spring Team Tennis Registration** for youth ages 7 to 18 years old closes today. The season runs February through April. The fee is \$40 and does not include USTA team fee. Registration is available at www.greatlifehawaii.com. FMI: 473-0789.

**MWR Super Garage Sale** will be held from 8 a.m. to noon Saturday at Richardson

Field. No pets are authorized at the event or on the field. Admission is free for shoppers. FMI: 473-0792.

**Paint ‘n’ Jam** class for youth ages 12 to 16 years old will be held from 3:30 to 5:30 p.m. Feb. 10 at the Hickam Arts & Crafts Center. Youth can create paintings on stretched canvas while “jamming” to music. The cost is \$25 including supplies. No experience is necessary. FMI: 448-9907.



Community Calendar

FEBRUARY

CNO ALL HANDS CALL

**TODAY** — Chief of Naval Operations (CNO) Adm. Jonathan Greenert will conduct an all hands call from 2:45 to 3:45 p.m. at Bloch Arena at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam. All hands are to be seated by 2:30 p.m. The all hands call will begin with a reenlistment and awards ceremony. The CNO will then provide initial remarks to be followed by a question and answer period.

EXPO, SWAMP ROMP

**TODAY, SATURDAY** — The Swamp Romp Health, Fitness and Wellness Expo will be held from 4 to 7 p.m. today at the Semper Fit Center at Marine Corps Base Hawaii. The five-mile swamp romp, hosted by Marine Corps Community Services, will begin at 7 a.m. Saturday. The individual and five-or-six-person team event is open to the general public. Walk-in registration deadline has been extended until today. The swamp romp will consist of various obstacles including mud pits, water holes, a beach run, low crawls and climbing walls. Late fees have been waived. The entry fee is \$40 for individuals and \$150 for teams of five to six people. Packet pickup is at the health fair in the Semper Fit Gym from 3 to 6 p.m. today. All military members, their family members and civilians are welcome to attend both events. The expo will feature an array of booths offering products, services and workshops geared toward healthy living. FMI: email [matthew.f.orr@usmc.mil](mailto:matthew.f.orr@usmc.mil) or call 257-8840 or visit [www.mcbh.usmc.mil](http://www.mcbh.usmc.mil) or [www.facebook.com/MarineCorpsBaseHawaii](http://www.facebook.com/MarineCorpsBaseHawaii).

BONE MARROW DONOR REGISTRY

**8** — Bone marrow donors can make a difference in someone's life by joining the national registry from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Pearl Harbor Navy Exchange mall rotunda. People between the ages of 18 and 44 can sign up. FMI: 423-3287 or email [Stephanie.Lau@nexweb.org](mailto:Stephanie.Lau@nexweb.org).

FORD ISLAND BRIDGE CLOSURE

**11** — All lanes of the Ford Island Bridge will be closed from 9 to 10:30 a.m. for operations and periodic maintenance. Motorists and pedestrians should plan accordingly.

UNITED THROUGH READING

**12** — An information session about the United Through Reading military program will be held from 1 to 2 p.m. at Pearl Harbor Memorial Chapel fellowship hall. The program helps ease the stress of separation for military families by having service members who are separated from the children they love read children's books aloud on video for the child to watch at home. Free childcare and light refreshments will be available for the information session. RSVP with the number of children to [amy.rueda@navy.mil](mailto:amy.rueda@navy.mil).

MUSIC AT BELLOWS AFS

**21** — Live music will be featured from 5 to 7 p.m. at Turtle Cove at Bellows Air Force Station. This is a free event, open to active duty military, military retirees, Reservists, National Guard, current and retired Department of Defense civilian employees with an authorized ID card and their families. FMI: 259-4112.



INTO THE WOODS (PG)

This modern twist on the beloved Brothers Grimm fairy tales intertwines the plots of a few choice stories and explores the consequences of the characters' wishes and quests. The humorous and heartfelt musical follows the classic tales of Cinderella, Little Red Riding Hood, Jack and the Beanstalk, and Rapunzel – all tied together by an original story involving a baker and his wife, their wish to begin a family and their interaction with the witch who has put a curse on them.

SHARKEY THEATER

**TODAY 2/6**  
7:00 p.m. The Hobbit: Battle of the Five Armies (3-D) (PG-13)

**SATURDAY 2/7**  
3:00 p.m. **SNEAK PREVIEW** - McFarland, USA (PG)  
Free to the first 400 authorized patrons. Tickets will be distributed at 1:30 p.m. at the ticket booth of Sharkey Theater. Active duty military card holder will be able to receive up to four tickets. Military retirees, military family members and DoD card holders can receive up to two tickets. All tickets will be by assigned seating.  
6:30 p.m. American Sniper (R)

**SUNDAY 2/8**  
2:30 p.m. Into the Woods (PG)  
5:10 p.m. Unbroken (PG-13)  
7:10 p.m. Big Eyes (PG-13)

**THURSDAY 2/12**  
7:00 p.m. The Imitation Game (PG-13)

PEARL HARBOR COLORS CEREMONY

**26** — A Pearl Harbor Colors Honors and Heritage ceremony will be held at 7:30 a.m. at the Pearl Harbor Visitor Center. The theme will be "African America History and Heritage" with a focus on Doris Miller, the Tuskegee Airmen, Vietnam and civil rights.

TAX ASSISTANCE CENTER

**NOW** — The Navy Tax Assistance Center is now open. The self-service model center is located at the Navy College, 1260 Pierce St., building 679, Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam in classroom 11. The tax center will be open daily from 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. FMI: [Ursula.m.smith1@navy.mil](mailto:Ursula.m.smith1@navy.mil) or 473-0443.

O'MALLEY VCC CLOSED TEMPORARILY

**NOW** — The O'Malley Visitor Control Center (VCC) is closed for approximately three months for renovation. All sponsors (except those authorized call-in privilege sponsorship) will need to meet their guests at the Nimitz VCC, building 3455 (also known as pass and ID), located outside Nimitz Gate for access onto the installation. During the renovation period, Nimitz VCC will be open 24 hours a day, seven days a week. FMI: 449-0865.

HOSC SCHOLARSHIPS

**NOW** —The Hickam Officers' Spouses' Club is now accepting applications for scholarships. All college-bound military family members are eligible, including high school seniors, current students and spouses. Applications and eligibility information are available online at [www.hickamosc.com](http://www.hickamosc.com). Applications need to be postmarked and mailed by March 9. FMI: email [hoscscholarship2015@gmail.com](mailto:hoscscholarship2015@gmail.com).

ASMC SCHOLARSHIPS

**NOW** — The Aloha Chapter of the American Society of Military Comptrollers (ASMC) is providing college scholarships this year to Hawaii high school seniors entering a field of study directly related to financial/resource management, such as business administration, economics, accounting and finance. Applicants do not need to be affiliated with ASMC or the federal government. Applications are due March 6. Application and submission requirements are located at the chapter website at <http://chapters.asmcnline.org/aloha/awards-4/>. FMI: email [mary.c.garcia@navy.mil](mailto:mary.c.garcia@navy.mil) or call 473-8000, ext. 6320.

HICKAM BEACH RESTROOM RENOVATIONS

**NOW**— Renovations to the Hickam Beach restroom, building 3470, have begun. During renovations the women's and men's restrooms will be closed to facilitate interior refurbishment. Renovations are tentatively expected through Feb. 13. During the closure, port-a-potties will be available adjacent to the restrooms. Alternate shower facilities will still be available for use until the renovations are complete.

HART UTILITIES WORK

**NOW** — The Honolulu Authority for Rapid Transportation (HART) has begun work on Kamehameha Highway near Makalapa Gate and Radford Drive next to Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, which includes single lane closures in the eastbound direction. Drivers will experience staggered single lane closures along Kamehameha Highway in the eastbound direction for pole and camera installations and intermittent closures of the right lane exiting Makalapa Gate heading east. Right turns onto Kamehameha Highway will be controlled from the center lane by Honolulu Police Department officers. Work near Radford Drive includes staggered single lane closures in the westbound direction for potholing and utility probing. Construction work takes place from 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Motorists should follow posted speed limits and other signs in the construction areas. FMI: [www.honolulutransit.org](http://www.honolulutransit.org).

HICKAM MEMORIAL THEATER

**TODAY 2/6**  
6:00 p.m. American Sniper (R)

**SATURDAY 2/7**  
4:00 p.m. Into the Woods (PG)  
7:00 p.m. Exodus: Gods and Kings (PG-13)

**SUNDAY 2/8**  
2:00 p.m. Night at the Museum: Secret of the Tomb (PG)

**THURSDAY 2/12**  
7:00 p.m. Unbroken (PG-13)

Movie Showtimes





***My Favorite Photo...***

Brandon Bosworth, Ho'okele assistant editor, recently took this photo of a beach located near Shangri La, the former Honolulu residence of heiress Doris Duke.

How to submit: send your non-posed photos to editor@hookelenews.com.

MWR events celebrate Valentines Day

*Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam Morale, Welfare and Recreation*

Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam Morale, Welfare and Recreation (MWR) will hold activities in honor of Valentine's Day.

- “Valentines Are for Lovers” bowling promotion is being offered today through Feb. 10 at Hickam Bowling Center and Naval Station Bowling Center. Patrons can sign up to win a lunch date or dinner date for two. The second-prize winner will receive two movie passes to Sharkey Theater. Winners will be notified on Feb. 11.

For more information, call 448-9959 or 473-2574.

- Parent and child Valentine origami will be offered from 1 to 3 p.m. Saturday at the Hickam Arts & Crafts Center. The activity is for children ages 6 to 12 years old accompanied by a parent. The cost is \$25, which includes supplies.

For more information, call 448-9907.

- Valentine's sweetheart dinner reservations close Feb. 11 for a Joint Base Catering event to be held Feb. 14 at the Historic

Hickam Officers' Club. An evening with live jazz music and table service is planned for adults only. The cost is \$45 per person, and all ranks are welcome.

For more information, call 448-4608.

- Preschool Story Time will be held from 9 to 10 a.m. Feb. 11 at the Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam Library. The theme of this free program will be “Valentine Friends.” For more information, call 449-8299.

- Valentine's Day 5K will begin at 8 a.m. Feb. 14 at Hickam Fitness Center. Awards will be given to the first and second place winners in each category, including men, women, youth ages 14 and below and strollers. The free event is open to all eligible patrons.

For more information, call 448-2214.

- A free couples golf clinic will begin at 9 a.m. Feb. 14 at Mamala Bay Golf Course.

For more information and to pre-register, call 449-2304.

- The free 2015 Sweetheart Swim will be held from 10 a.m. to noon Feb. 14 at Scott Pool. Participants need to sign up by

Saturday. Couples who swim a combined length of 500 meters will receive a gift. Signups will be taken at Scott Pool.

For more information, call 473-0394.

- Couples Valentine's Day origami will be offered from 1 to 3 p.m. Feb. 14 at the Hickam Arts & Crafts Center. The activity is for patrons ages 13 and older. The cost is \$20 per person, and supplies are included.

For more information, call 448-9907.

- Valentine's Day movie special will be held at 2:30, 4:30 and 7 p.m. Feb. 14 at Sharkey Theater. Patrons can save their movie ticket receipt and bring it in to the Naval Station Bowling Center to receive a free game of bowling for each movie ticket purchased. The offer is only good on Feb. 14.

For more information, call 473-0726.

- A Valentine's Day special menu will be held Feb. 14 at Sam Choy's Island Style Seafood Grill. Prices vary and patrons should call for times. Reservations are recommended.

For more information, call 422-1198.





# Let it snow....

Chief Builder Billy Harger, of Pearl City, assigned to Public Works Department Misawa, shapes a portion of the USS Constitution snow sculpture Jan. 31 during the 66th Annual Sapporo Snow Festival.

The 2015 Navy Misawa Snow Team is creating the sculpture for the festival and as a tribute to the U.S. Navy’s oldest commissioned ship. This is the 32nd year that Naval Air Facility Misawa and its tenant commands have sent a delegation of Sailors to the festival to create a sculpture, and to serve as goodwill ambassadors.

U.S. Navy photo by Senior Chief Mass Communication Specialist Ryan Delcore

## 647th Squadron to hold rifle match Feb. 19-20

The 647th Security Forces Squadron will sponsor an Excellence in Competition Rifle Match on Feb. 19 and 20.

Potential competitors may sign up by phone at DSN: 655-5086 or by email at [derrick.koch@us.af.mil](mailto:derrick.koch@us.af.mil) or [647sfs.combatarms@us.af.mil](mailto:647sfs.combatarms@us.af.mil).

Participants will need to provide the following information: name, rank, squadron, duty or home phone numbers.

The competition is open to all armed forces active, Guard and Reserve individuals. Due to ammunition allotment, only the first 200 shooters will be

guaranteed a slot in the competition.

The first 225 shooters will be allowed to register and the remaining 25 will be placed on standby in the order they sign up. Standby shooters will be assigned a time and date that they need to be there, if a competitor fails to show.

To earn a medal at the EIC match, shooters must have a score in the top 10 percent of all shooters for this match. With 200 shooters competing, there will be 20 medals available.

For more information, contact Koch.

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