

High winds fell tree at Bloch Arena



A military and civilian team responded to a downed *kiawe* tree at the Bloch Arena parking lot at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam earlier this week. The tree was toppled by high winds shortly after New Year's Day. Though parts of the lot remain closed for safety reasons, parking is still available at Bloch Arena.

U.S. Navy photos by Brandon Bosworth



HART utilities work on Kamehameha Highway begins, set for 18 months

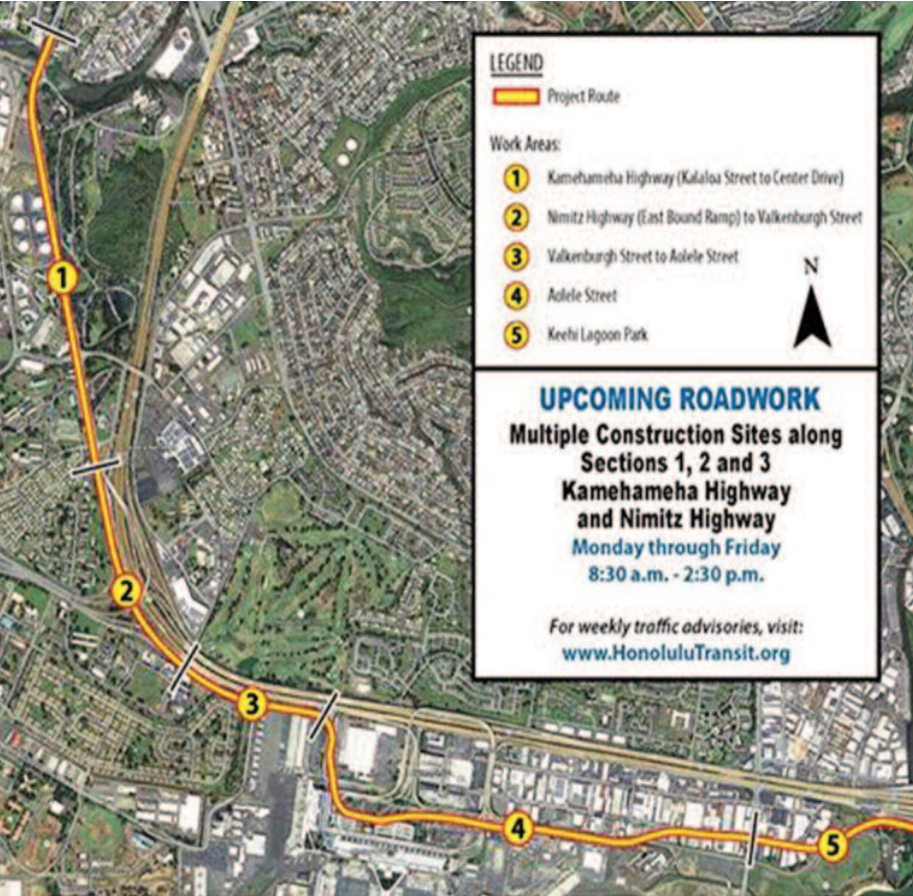
Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam Public Affairs

The Honolulu Authority for Rapid Transportation (HART) has begun roadwork on the Airport Section Utilities Project along Kamehameha Highway near Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam. The work began Jan. 5.

Roadwork for this portion of the rail project is expected to last approximately 18 months. Traffic flow adjustments will be made to accommodate construction activities, to include areas along Center Drive,

Makalapa Gate/Radford Drive, Halawa Gate, Borchers Gate, and the World War II Valor in the Pacific National Monument. Construction work will take place from 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Motorists should follow posted speed limits and other signs in the construction areas.

Contractor Nan Inc. will be working closely with HART to provide weekly traffic updates starting in January. Visit HART's website, www.honolulutransit.org, for more information and traffic updates for all impacted areas relating to rail.



First family departs JBPHH



U.S. Air Force photo by Staff Sgt. Alexander Martinez

President Barack Obama and first lady Michelle Obama wave as they board Air Force One Jan. 3 at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam to return with daughters Malia and Sasha to Washington, D.C. after their two-week vacation to Oahu.

Pearl Harbor Colors ceremony to begin Jan. 15

A Pearl Harbor Colors honors and heritage ceremony will be held monthly beginning at 7:30 a.m. Jan. 15 at Pearl Harbor Visitor Center.

The ceremony is to honor veterans, service members and military families. The theme next Thursday is “A Tribute to Military Families.” The Pacific Fleet Band will perform. The public is invited.



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Pearl Harbor survivor joins shipmates at USS Utah Memorial

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An ash-scattering ceremony was held for Pearl Harbor survivor John “Spike” Wallin on Dec. 11 at the USS Utah Memorial on Ford Island, Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam.

Sailors, friends and family members of Wallin, who passed away June 7 at the age of 92, attended the event which overlooked the sunken USS Utah.

Jim Taylor, Pearl Harbor survivors’ liaison, who presided over the ceremony, gave an overview of Wallin’s life and spoke about his experiences on the morning of Dec. 7, 1941.

Born on Jan. 26, 1921 in San Francisco, Wallin joined the Navy in 1940 and became an engineman.

On the morning of Dec. 7, 1941, Wallin was serving aboard the destroyer USS Monaghan (DD 354).

According to Taylor, the Sailor was wearing his dress whites in preparation for liberty and it was then that he noticed the Japanese planes approaching.

“He didn’t know what was going on, but when he saw the red circle on the side [of the plane], he immediately knew something was about to happen,” said Taylor. “He said the planes were so low he could have thrown an orange and hit them.”

According to Taylor, Wallin quickly went to his



battle station in the engine room of the Monaghan where he stayed until late

that night.

“By that time, his dress whites had changed to



black,” said Taylor.

Fortunately for the crew aboard Monaghan, the ship

was able to get underway.

But as it was finding its way out the channel, an en-

emy mini-submarine was spotted. With its engines at full speed, the order was passed to ram the sub. The crew aboard Monaghan also dropped two depth charges as the enemy submarine disappeared under the ship.

“He would probably say, ‘I’m not a hero; I was just doing my job, doing what I was trained to do,’” said Taylor.

“In my opinion, he was and still is a hero. He and others from our ‘Greatest Generation’ created the mold that the Sailors out here are going by today.”

Later Wallin left the surface community and joined the submarine force.

As a submariner, Wallin participated in six patrols in the western Pacific and after more than 21 years of service, he retired from the Navy.

At the end of the ceremony, Wallin received full military honors for his dedication and loyalty to service, including a rifle salute by the Joint Base Honors and Ceremonial Guard and the playing of Taps by a Navy bugler. Wallin’s daughter, Joanne Smith, and son, Johnny W. Wallin, were presented with the national ensign.

“It’s a pleasure to honor my dad’s memory,” said Joanne Smith. “I’m just truly happy because I know my dad wanted to be buried at sea, here in Pearl Harbor.”

“Our whole family was military and this is what dad wanted,” said Johnny W. Wallen. “I’m kind of emotional, but I’m happy that he’s home.”

Retired master chief brings veterans home to final resting place

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After 33 years of naval service, Retired Navy Master Chief Yeoman James “Jim” Taylor, 76, dedicates his retirement days to volunteering as the military liaison for the Pearl Harbor Survivors Association, organizing each and every ash scattering and interment for military veterans at Pearl Harbor.

“I started conducting burials for Pearl Harbor survivors while I was still working at the Navy brig,” said Taylor. “I became associated with the casualty people there and then started doing the burials. That was about 15 years ago.”

According to Taylor, he volunteers for no other rewards than for the satisfaction of fulfilling the final wishes of the heroes of America’s “Greatest Generation.”

Taylor described the services he provides to the families and his duties as a liaison as well as Navy’s involvement in the organization of ceremonies.

“I just coordinate. The United States Navy does everything for us. They provide full burial honors for Pearl Harbor survivors,” he explained.

“It’s a one-of-a-kind service that is only done here because there is only one Pearl Harbor and something the Navy takes pride in doing.”

In a few words, Taylor described the burial, yet there is much more that goes into each event—the pride and gratitude for the service member being reunited with his shipmates.

“First—rifles with firing three-volley, than there is a bugler from our Pacific Fleet Band that sounds Taps, then the flag is folded and presented to the next of kin,” Taylor said.

Taylor also coordinates with the Navy and divers from the National Park Service in order to provide



interment services for those survivors who served aboard USS Arizona and USS Utah during the Dec. 7, 1941 attacks on Pearl Harbor.

“The divers lower themselves into an area where there is an open port hole, approximately two feet in width,” described Taylor.

“They lower the remains inside the bag and then they release them. They are all located inside of the ship, both the Arizona and the Utah, and only the Arizona and Utah crew members are allowed to have that service.”

Flipping through various envelopes on his desk, Taylor looked through cards, letters and thank you notes from families and friends of the veter-

ans—each letter filled with gratitude for the services he and the Navy provides.

“I can show you a lot of thank you letters. I have never had one, in over 300 that I have done, that the family walked away with a negative feeling,” shared Taylor.

“I could use words that would actually make you cry. I have had people that were just in shock because it’s something way beyond their expectations.”

“Most of them just think they are going to bring their loved one over here, and the ashes will be thrown in the water,” he explained, describing typical expectations of the families.

“But instead they are

left in a trance because they just can’t believe the way their loved ones are honored by the Navy in remembrance and thanks for their service.”

During one of the most recent ash-scattering ceremonies held for Machinist’s Mate 2nd Class Harry E. Smith at the USS Utah Memorial, Martin Smith, seventh of the nine Smith’s children, expressed his gratitude for the honor his father received.

“Needless to say, without the Navy and Jim Taylor with his volunteer work, this would not have happened for us, and we are very grateful that it worked as well as it did,” said Smith.

Smith added, “I would

like to give my heartfelt thanks to Jim Taylor, the U.S. Navy and the service members present here. I am grateful and honored to be here today on Dec. 7, 2014. My heart is full and my soul is satisfied.”

With pride and gratitude, Taylor shared strong belief in heroism of the few remaining veterans and those who passed away, whose final wishes he had a privilege to fulfill.

“The survivors themselves will say they are not heroes but I differ with that; they are,” said Taylor.

“They created the mold that was followed by [service members] in Korea, Vietnam and all the other things we have going on

today. The [men] of World War II set the standard for us today,” he said.

Taylor emphasized the importance of remembering the veterans and how much the new generations owe them.

“It’s just something that we do because I know it makes the families happy. We make the deceased happy—it’s their wish,” shared Taylor.

“The vast majority of the time it is their desire to return back to Pearl Harbor, to return and be with the shipmates they lost on Dec. 7, 1941, and I know that it brings closure to the families when they see that their beloved received the honors they so richly deserve.”

Ashes of Pearl Harbor survivor Bodenlos scattered at USS Utah Memorial

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The ashes of Bugler Master Tech. Sgt. Allen Bodenlos, Pearl Harbor survivor, were scattered in the waters at the USS Utah Memorial on Ford Island, Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, during a Jan. 6 ceremony.

Jim Taylor, Navy Region Hawaii Pearl Harbor survivors liaison, provided remarks. Gary Roehm, a friend of Bodenlos, told stories and Chaplain Maj. Kurt Mueller delivered the benediction.

“Al was known as a story-teller,” said Taylor. “He loved to tell students in San Diego schools and tourists here at the Arizona Memorial Center his memory of the attack on Pearl Harbor.”

Military honors included a gun salute and the presentation of the burial flag to the family by the Hawaii National Guard Military Honors Team.

“Al was a ‘Bugler Mas-



U.S. Navy photo
(Above) Allen Bodenlos salutes during the National Anthem at the Nevada Memorial at Hospital Point, Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, in 2010, commemorating of the attack on Pearl Harbor Dec. 7, 1941.

ter,’ a title given to a chosen few,” said Taylor. “It was because of his expertise with the trumpet; he enjoyed teaching his subordinates.”

Taylor and Roehm re-

galed the audience with personal anecdotes of Bodenlos.

“It was truly an honor and a pleasure to know him,” said Roehm.

Bodenlos was born in

Cleveland, Ohio on Aug. 13, 1920. He enlisted in the Army on July 9, 1940. He was assigned to the 804th Engineer Aviation Battalion at Schofield Barracks during the 1941 attack on

Pearl Harbor.

The day before the attack, Bodenlos went shopping for instruments in Honolulu for the 804th New Drum and Bugle Corps with a friend from

the USS Arizona Band.

The next morning, on Dec. 7, he witnessed the skies fill with enemy planes and black smoke rising from burning ships in the harbor. He boarded a shuttle and returned to Schofield Barracks.

Bodenlos was the company courier and delivered messages from the command post via a motorcycle to the airfields for the next two days.

“Al came to Hawaii at least two times a year and every time he was here he paid his respects at both the USS Arizona and USS Utah Memorials. This is why I thought it would be appropriate to have his service here at the Utah — he loved her and her crew and always made it a point to spend time here during his stay,” Taylor said.

“Tech Sgt. Bodenlos wanted to return to Pearl Harbor on a final voyage and be reunited with his fellow servicemen who lost their lives during the attack on Pearl Harbor,” said Taylor. “This morning, thanks to his friends and their families, his wish will come true.”

USS Fort Worth joins USS Sampson assisting with AirAsia search

U.S. 7th Fleet Public Affairs

YOKOSUKA, Japan (NNS) – On Jan. 3, USS Fort Worth joined USS Sampson (DDG 102), which has been on station since Dec. 29, as the second U.S. Navy ship assisting with AirAsia QZ8501 search efforts.

Fort Worth is a littoral combat ship (LCS) on a rotational deployment to the U.S. 7th Fleet and brings maneuverability, speed and a shallow draft, which allows it to conduct expeditious visual and radar

searches in a congested, shallow water environment. Fort Worth is also outfitted with a MH-60R helicopter as well as two 11-meter rigid hull inflatable boats (RHIB) to further maximize efforts.

“We offer our sincerest condolences to the family and friends of those affected by this terrible tragedy,” said Cmdr. Kendall Bridgewater, USS Fort Worth Crew 104 commanding officer. “Having just left Jakarta, Indonesia last week, the USS Fort Worth will assist the Indonesian government in



U.S. Navy photo by MC1 Jay C. Pugh
Sailors assigned to Mobile Diving and Salvage Unit (MDSU) 1 carry a towfish side scan sonar system aboard the littoral combat ship USS Fort Worth (LCS 3) at Changi Naval Base, Singapore Jan. 1. Fort Worth deployed the system in support of Indonesian-led efforts to locate missing AirAsia Flight QZ8501.

any way possible.”

USS Sampson has assisted with searches since it arrived on station Dec. 29. The crew recovered several bodies Jan. 1 and Jan. 2. The remains were treated with all respects to religious customs and sensitivities and all 12 bodies were transferred via the ship's MH-60R helicopters to Indonesian authorities at Iskander Air Base in Pangkalan Bun, Indonesia.

Both ships will remain on station as long as their assistance is helpful to the Indonesian-led multinational search effort.



U.S. Navy file photo
USS Louisville (SSN 724), recently arrived at Fleet Activities Okinawa.

USS Louisville visits Okinawa during western Pacific deployment port call

Lt. Hobart Kistler
USS Louisville Public Affairs Officer

WHITE BEACH, Okinawa, Japan (NNS) — The Los Angeles class fast-attack submarine USS Louisville (SSN 724) arrived in Okinawa Jan. 6, for a port call as part of a deployment to the western Pacific.

Louisville is homeported at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam.

With a complement of more than 140 officers and Sailors, Louisville showcased the latest capabilities of the submarine fleet in its latest mission.

“Louisville brings to the theater a very capable multi-mission platform with nearly unlimited endurance for independent operations,” said Cmdr. Bob Figgs, Louisville's commanding officer. “My highly trained crew is proficient in all core mission capabilities, from open ocean anti-submarine and anti-surface ship warfare; to intelli-

gence, surveillance, and reconnaissance, and precision land strike.”

“They have worked tirelessly to prepare for and execute the first three months of our six-month deployment, and I could not be prouder of their accomplishments. I know that my officers and crew are looking forward to some well-deserved liberty here in Okinawa,” said Figgs.

Measuring more than 360 feet long and weighing more than 6,000 tons when submerged, Louisville is one of the stealthiest, most modern attack submarines in the world.

Louisville's stealth, mobility, endurance, and firepower allow this covert, multi-mission platform to operate independently or in conjunction with a Carrier Strike Group or joint forces to support the interests of the United States wherever and whenever needed.

“Each and every member of our crew has devoted a lot of time, hard work,

and energy towards preparing themselves and Louisville for this deployment,” said Chief of the Boat, Master Chief Fire Control Technician Larry Williams. “It is only because of the crew members that we are successful as a team. I am excited for the crew to be able to do what a lot of them have joined the Navy to do: see overseas countries and represent the U.S. Navy well. This port call is definitely well deserved by the crew, and each and every one of them has been looking forward to the visit.”

For some of Louisville's crew, a visit to Okinawa means more than time at the beach.

“My family and I have studied Okinawa's Shuri-ryu martial arts for more than ten years,” said Culinary Specialist Seaman Jarritte Bryant, of Columbia, S.C.. “After so much hard work, I plan to take advantage of this great opportunity to visit a real-life dojo and meet one of the order's masters!”

USS Hopper earns CSADD honorable mention

Chief of Naval Personnel Public Affairs

WASHINGTON (NNS) — The USS Hopper (DDG 70), homeported at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, has been awarded an honorable mention in the Coalition of Sailors Against Destructive Decisions (CSADD) Sea and Shore chapters of the year (COY). The awards were announced by the Chief of Naval Personnel Jan. 6.

CSADD is a peer influence social group meant to encourage Sailors 18 to 25 years old to combat destructive behavior through a culture of "shipmates helping shipmates." CSADD also serves to build leadership skills in young Sailors.

USS George Washington (CVN 73) was named CSADD Large Sea COY, and Helicopter Anti-Submarine Squadron Light Four Nine (HSL 49) was named Small Sea COY.

The Fleet Activities, Yokosuka, Japan was selected as CSADD Shore COY, and the Navy Air Training Technical Center, Pensacola, Fla., was selected as the Shore Training COY.

Beside Hopper, honorable mentions were also awarded to USS Dwight D. Eisenhower (CVN 69), Naval Hospital, Naples, Italy and Navy Medicine Training Support Center, Navy Enlisted Training Element, San Diego.

The best practices that made the winning chapters to stand out included integrating CSADD into their command indoctrination courses, organizing life skills workshops, making effective use of social media and networking resources with other organizations and chapters.

Since 2007 when CSADD was established, the group set out to inspire peer-to-peer mentoring to positively influence young Sailors' behavior through resources and tools that promote good decision making.

This marks the final official award presented by OPNAV(N1). Governing authorities have been turned over to commanding officers as of Oct. 1, 2014.

Leaders continues to support and encourage command participation in the more than 250 CSADD Chapters throughout the fleet.

DeCA working to fix product shortages for overseas stores

Defense Commissary Agency

The Defense Commissary Agency (DeCA) is working to overcome challenges that have impacted the timely delivery of products to stores in the Pacific and Europe, the agency director and CEO said.

In some instances commissary patrons experienced critical shortages in perishable products such as chilled juices, produce and dairy products.

“Several factors have caused our overseas stores to fall short of what's required to serve our patrons there,” said Joseph H. Jeu, DeCA director and CEO. “We are

doing everything possible — increasing our product reorders, looking for additional approved local sources and examining alternative shipping methods — to find solutions to these problems and ensure that products are available for our customers wherever they shop.”

DeCA's supply chain has many moving parts. U.S. products bound for commissaries in Europe and the Pacific are first transported from the United States by ocean vessels to overseas docks and then trucked to central distribution centers. From the CDCs, the products are further transported by truck to individual stores. This

process is also supplemented by local purchase contracts for certain items such as bread and dairy products.

In the Pacific, shipments destined for commissaries in Hawaii, Guam, Korea, mainland Japan and Okinawa have been delayed up to 10 days due to ongoing West Coast port delays related to negotiations between the Pacific Maritime Association and labor unions representing West Coast dock workers. Mediators from the Federal Mediation and Conciliation Service recently joined these negotiations.

The West Coast port delays have impacted the ability of com-

missaries in the Pacific to keep shelves fully stocked with sensitive chill products, such as yogurts, luncheon meats, butter, fresh bone-in meat and fresh pork. Frozen and dry grocery products were not affected by the West Coast port delays because a 30-day supply of those products is maintained in DeCA's central distribution centers. DeCA cannot maintain a warehouse supply of sensitive chill items because of their shorter shelf life.

DeCA officials said they will continue to focus on finding solutions to work around ongoing West Coast port delays that continue to affect the transportation of prod-

ucts to the Pacific. Commissary personnel there are standing ready to receive incoming shipments immediately upon arrival and stock them to the shelves.

With shipments scheduled to arrive weekly, management is keeping customers informed with signs in the stores.

“However, if a customer doesn't see the product they want to purchase on the shelf, he or she can check with their local store management to find out when it will be received,” said David Carey, DeCA's Pacific Area director. “We apologize for the inconvenience this has caused our shoppers during the holiday season.”

Pearl Harbor-Hickam Highlights



U.S. Navy ships homeported in Hawaii participate in the annual Pearl Harbor Holiday Festival of Lights in December.



U.S. Navy photo by MC2 Diana Quinlan
(Above) From left, Command Master Chief Matthew Logsdon, Cmdr. Jeffrey Heames, his children and Cmdr. Robert Bryans Jr. cut the cake celebrating a change of command ceremony held aboard the guided-missile destroyer USS Preble (DDG 88) at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam.



(Right) Cmdr. Robert Bryans Jr., commanding officer of the guided-missile destroyer USS Preble (DDG 88), arrives at a change of command ceremony held aboard the ship at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam. During the ceremony, Cmdr. Jeffrey Heames relieved Bryans as the new commanding officer of Preble.

U.S. Navy photo by MC2 Diana Quinlan



Senior Master Sgt. Dejneki Peyton, 15th Medical Group Education and Training flight chief, teaches St. Louis School Army Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps cadets portion control techniques during a lesson on nutrition Dec. 17 in Honolulu. Peyton and other 15th MDG education and training flight members visit the JROTC cadets at least once a month to provide them basic medical and health training.

U. S. Air Force photo by Staff Sgt. Alexander Martinez

Lt. Gen. Russell Handy, 11th Air Force commander, receives a brief from 15th Maintenance Group members aboard a lift at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, Dec. 12. Handy rode the lift above a C-17 Globemaster III. In addition to his tour, Handy also hosted a Wing all-call, addressing Air Force and Pacific-region topics of interest.

U.S. Air Force photo by Staff Sgt. Alexander Martinez





2014 was a year of visits and new arrivals at JBPHH

Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam Public Affairs

Ships from around the world visited Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam in summer 2014 to take part in the world's largest international maritime exercise, Rim of the Pacific (RIMPAC). Twenty-two nations, 49 surface ships, six submarines, more than 200 aircraft, and 25,000 personnel participated in the exercise, held in and around the Hawaiian Islands and southern California.

Last year's exercise included units and personnel from Australia, Brunei, Canada, Chile, Colombia, France, India, Indonesia, Japan, Malaysia, Mexico, Netherlands, New Zealand, Norway, People's Republic of China, Peru, the Republic of Korea, the Republic of the Philippines, Singapore, Tonga, the United Kingdom and the United States.

For the first time, hospital ships participated in RIMPAC. The Chinese hospital

ship, Peace Ark, and USNS Mercy (T-AH 19) conducted personnel exchanges, military medicine exchanges and mass casualty training, along with innovations and demonstrations by Commander, Navy Region Hawaii as Commander of Task Force Energy and Environment.

While RIMPAC is primarily thought of as a naval exercise, the U.S. Air Force also made significant contributions.

The 15th Maintenance Operations Center (MOC), which typically coordinates the C-17 Globemaster IIIs, provided maintenance servicing and job control for most of the aircraft involved in the exercise. The 747th Communications Squadron helped to maintain communication security during RIMPAC.

In October of 2014, the joint base welcomed Gen. Lori Robinson, who took command of Pacific Air Forces from Gen. Hawk Carlisle during a change of command ceremony at

JBPHH. Robinson is the first woman to lead a U.S. Air Force Component Major Command.

In November, military service members, civilians and families attended and participated in the annual *Kapuaikaula Makahiki* held at Hickam Harbor Beach, JBPHH.

The *makahiki*, known as a "Hawaiian Thanksgiving," provided an opportunity for military families to learn more about the culture and history of Hawaii.

Many dignitaries visited JBPHH in 2014. They included Lt. Gen. Russell Handy, 11th Air Force commander; Kathryn Miles, former Women Airforce Service Pilot (WASP); Vice Adm. Bill Moran, chief of naval personnel (CNP); Commodore Peter Yates, Royal Australian Air Force (RAAF) general logistics director; and Master Chief Petty Officer of the Navy (MCPON) Mike Stevens.

In July, Secretary of the Navy (SECNAV) Ray Mabus led a groundbreaking for the

Navy's largest solar project in Hawaii at JBPHH.

Less welcome visitors were Hurricanes Iselle and Julio. Iselle, which at one point was a Category 4 hurricane, weakened into a tropical storm before it made landfall on the Big Island on Aug. 8 while Hurricane Julio mostly spared the islands, moving north of Hawaii on Aug. 10. The 53rd Weather Reconnaissance Squadron (WRS), better known as the Air Force Reserve's Hurricane Hunters, deployed to JBPHH and spent close to a week providing hurricane reconnaissance support as well as helping with rescue efforts and data research. The squadron flew eight missions into Iselle and five into Julio while in Hawaii.

2014 also marked the arrival of new ships to the JBPHH waterfront.

In August, two guided-missile destroyers—USS Preble (DDG 88) and USS John Paul Jones (DDG 53)—arrived at their new homeport of JBPHH.

John Paul Jones brought

updated advanced Aegis capabilities to the surface group and will replace Lake Erie in Hawaii as a rotational ballistic missile defense deployer and testing ship.

Preble arrived from San Diego, replacing USS Reuben James (FFG 57), which was de-commissioned in July 2013. As a Flight 2A destroyer, Preble can embark helicopters to provide more robust response when it deploys.

In November, the Virginia-class fast-attack submarine USS Mississippi (SSN 782) arrived at the Pearl Harbor waterfront. Mississippi is the newest submarine permanently assigned to Submarine Squadron 1.

As 2014 drew to an end, JBPHH welcomed survivors of the Dec. 7, 1941 attack on Pearl Harbor who were in Hawaii for ceremonies marking the event.

Several of the survivors, along with their friends and families, participated in a white boat tour of Pearl Har-

bor on Dec. 4. They learned about the history of the harbor as well as its current role as an active U.S. naval base. The tour concluded with a stop at the USS Arizona Memorial where guests took time to drop flower petals into the memorial well in honor of those who lost their lives during the attack.

On Dec. 7, four of the nine remaining Sailors who were serving aboard USS Arizona during the Pearl Harbor attack—John Anderson, Lauren Bruner, Louis Conter and Donald Stratton—arrived at the USS Arizona Memorial for their final official reunion. While at the memorial, the survivors poured a "final toast" to their shipmates, drinking from original champagne glasses from the USS Arizona. They shared a bottle of wine—a gift from President Gerald Ford to the association presented in 1975.

The "final pour" marked the last gathering of the USS Arizona Reunion Association, bringing a page of Pearl Harbor history to a close.

WATCHING THE GENTLE GIANTS



Volunteers take time to catalog humpback whales from shore

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Editor, Ho'okele

The Hawaiian Islands Humpback Whale National Marine Sanctuary invites the public to get involved this year in monitoring the gentle giants known as humpback whales.

The annual Sanctuary Ocean Count project offers the community a chance to monitor humpback whales from the shores of Oahu, the Big Island and Kauai. The count is held the last Saturday of January, February and March (during peak whale season) of each year from 8 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. The 2015 ocean count dates are Jan. 31, Feb. 28 and March 28.

The count serves both as a volunteer activity for residents and visitors, and also helps to provide population and distribution information on humpback whales around the Hawaiian islands, according to the National Marine Sanctuaries National Oceanic & Atmospheric Administration (NOAA).

NOAA seeks site leaders and general volunteers for the count.

“This year in particular, a large number of our trained site leaders have military clearance. Without their participation, this event would not have been possible. Quite a few participants are active duty military,” said Nicholas Joly, sanctuary ocean count project coordinator for the Hawaiian Islands Humpback Whale National Marine Sanctuary.

Joly emphasized that that not only does the event serve as a fun activity for individuals and families, but also

helps provide important information about the whales.

Joly said that two of the 26 Oahu ocean count sites — Pyramid Rock and Mokapu Point — are at Marine Corps Base Hawaii Kaneohe Bay and military access is required to get onto the base. Ewa Beach Park and Ko Olina, which are near Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, are also among the count sites.

Each winter, from approximately December to May, a portion of the endangered North Pacific humpback whale population migrates from their feeding grounds in Alaska to the warm waters of Hawaii to engage in breeding activities.

Hawaii’s pristine marine environment is considered to be one of the most important breeding, calving and nursing grounds for humpback whales in the north Pacific. For that reason, the Hawaiian Islands Humpback Whale National Marine Sanctuary was dedicated to protect humpback whales and their habitat in Hawaii.

Humpback whale populations are still relatively unknown. In an effort to provide a relative approximation of humpback whale numbers and distribution patterns locally through the years and to raise awareness of the species, the sanctuary sponsors community events such as the Sanctuary Ocean Count.

The count was initiated as a means to provide Hawaii residents and visitors with the opportunity to observe humpback whales in their breeding grounds by conducting a yearly shore-based census during the peak breeding season. Although the census does not claim to provide scientifically accurate results, it serves as a tool to supplement scientific information gathered from other research activities.

The count also provides some information on how whales use in-shore waters on an average peak season day. It serves to promote public awareness about humpback whales, the sanctuary and shore-based whale watching opportunities.

The ocean count is held concurrently on Oahu, Kauai and the Big Island of Hawaii. By assisting in the count, volunteers help to monitor the number of humpback whales and other marine mammals around the islands in an effort to ensure their health and safety for generations to come.

The first count was conducted in February 1996 on Oahu, with approximately 150 volunteers. In 1999, the Big Island was added to the effort. Kauai began participating in 2000 and Kahoolawe began participating in 2002.

To date, the Sanctuary Ocean Count covers 60 sites on four islands, with an enlistment of more than 2,000 volunteers. In the future, the sanctuary hopes to expand this project to other islands.

For more information and to register for the ocean count, visit the websites or <http://hawaiihumpbackwhale.noaa.gov/involved/ocwelcome.html> or sanctuary-oceancount.org or email oceancount@noaa.gov.



Photos courtesy of NOAA

MWR to hold whale watching cruises

Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam Morale, Welfare and Recreation (MWR) will offer whale watching cruises through the Information, Tickets & Travel (ITT) office from noon to 3:45 p.m. every Saturday from Jan. 31 to April 4.

The cost is \$45 for adults and \$40 for children ages 10 and under. The cruise will consist of a sail along the west coast of Oahu in search of humpback whales. The cruise includes round-trip transportation from the ITT-Hickam office and bottled water. Participants are urged to bring sunscreen. For more information, call 448-2295 or visit www.greatlifehawaii.com.

WHALE WATCHING TIPS

There are a number of ways to watch whales. They can be seen from whale watching ships or from shore. Below are some common activities to watch for while out looking for humpbacks around Oahu. Information and photos are presented courtesy of Suzanne Canja and the Hawaiian Islands Humpback Whale National Marine Sanctuary. For more information, visit them online at <http://hawaiihumpbackwhale.noaa.gov>.

Head Rise or Spy Hop



A whale rises vertically toward the surface, with its head out of the water. Some believe this activity allows the whale to look at activity going on above the surface.

Breach



An acrobatic display where the humpback uses its tail to launch itself out of the water, then lands back on the surface with a splash.

Tail Slap



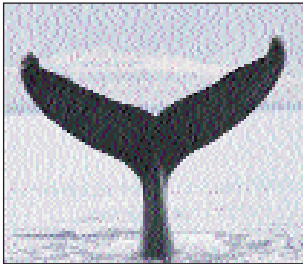
A humpback raises its tail flukes out of the water and slaps them forcefully on the surface of the water. This behavior is often repetitive and may serve as a warning.

Blow



Adult humpbacks take a breath every 10-15 minutes, but can remain submerged for as long as 45. Calves must surface more frequently, every three to five minutes.

Fluke up Dive



The tail of the humpback appears out of the water in an upward arch and slowly rolls underwater in conjunction with the dive.

Pec Slap



Humpbacks will slap the water’s surface with one or both fins simultaneously. The slapping of fins may serve as a communication signal to other whales.

No mountain is high enough for retired Navy lieutenant

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Life is always a journey of possibilities seems to be the mantra of retired Navy Lt. Donte Tanner, who over the past two years has accomplished what many take a life-time to achieve.

In 2012, Tanner, then stationed at Naval Supply Systems Command Fleet Logistics Center Pearl Harbor (NAVSUP FLCPH), carved out a name for himself by earning his professional credentials in the prestigious International Federation Body-building.

Next, Tanner scaled another peak by realizing a dream in establishing a state-of-the-art fitness center facility in 2014, where Tanner works with clients to reach their fitness goals.

Now after 20 years of service in the Navy and two major accomplishments neatly tucked into his back pocket, Tanner is embarking on perhaps his most lofty goal ever and he wants to take you with him.

After a preliminary run in late 2014, Tanner is getting ready to shoot season number two of his fitness television program, “The Best You Possible,” which kicked off on KWHE-TV and Oceanic Cable channel 11 with four episodes.

According to Tanner, portions of season two will be shot at Joint Base Pearl Har-



Donte Tanner talks over a workout with Chief Yeoman Fae McClafferty. Tanner’s new fitness television program, “The Best You Possible,” is getting ready to shoot portions of season two at JBPHH Fitness Center.

bor-Hickam Fitness Center, and he is looking for clients to participate in future shows.

“Going into season two, we really want to highlight our clients that are military people,” Tanner said. “This is a really positive show about fitness. It’s about real people, real fitness goals and how they are achieving them with my help.”

Tanner said that each 30-minute show targets a muscle group and guests shares their own experience about how much they have improved in that area.

As guests demonstrate each exercise, Tanner said he does his best to help view-

ers understand the movement and how to get the best out of every workout.

“The show is for the viewers who are watching it, but it’s entertaining because we’re talking about real people,” he said. “They’re following a story about them.”

Pointing back to his career in the Navy, Tanner said he is ultra-excited to be filming at JBPHH Fitness Center, where he also works as a private-contactor fitness trainer.

He said that the arrangement came about when he had a chat with Mark McFarland, JBPHH MWR fitness director, about how the show could be used to bring

more attention to all of the outstanding training amenities offered by the fitness center.

“We’re just going to work out with people and show the facility,” he said. “We’re just talking about fitness and people.”

To help people kick off the New Year on a healthful track, Tanner offered a few tips about how to maximize their progress.

“Include the people you love in whatever you are doing,” he said. “That’s important because if you don’t do that, you’re going to run into conflict.”

A close second to that is what Tanner calls, “Figure what fills you up. For me, what fills me up is being a part of something.”

In addition, Tanner said that you must have the faith that everything will work out because that tends to free your mind from failure.

And lastly, think that you can do it and always have gratitude, humility and appreciation for everything in your life.

Much of what Tanner stated are what he called “enablers” that help you to reach whatever goal you want to achieve.

A major source of those words of wisdom was acquired during his 20 years in the Navy, he said.

“One thing I learned in the military is that you can never do anything awesome by yourself,” he said. “It’s a team, it takes collaboration of different people.”

For more information, visit the web at www.thebestyoupossible.com.

Registration opens for Great Aloha Run

The Great Aloha Run will be held on Presidents Day, Feb. 16, beginning at 7 a.m.

The 8.15-mile course starts at Aloha Tower in downtown Honolulu and ends at Aloha Stadium.

Race divisions include a military division for active duty service members, Reserves, National Guard, family members and Department of Defense civilian employees. For more information, call the Great Aloha Run office at 528-7388.

In addition, the Sounds of Freedom division is for active duty troops running in formation. For more information, call

528-7388 or email soundsoffreedom@greataloharun.com.

There are three ways to register for the event.

The deadline for registration by mail is Jan. 16. The online registration deadline is Feb. 6. In addition, participants can register at the packet pickup Feb. 13-15 at the Kaiser Permanente GAR Sports, Health & Fitness Expo, Neal Blaisdell Center Exhibition Hall.

For more information on the Great Aloha Run, visit the website www.greataloharun.com.





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Tech. Sgt. Jason Price, quarterback for 647th Force Support Squadron (647 FSS), led the team to a perfect season.

Force Support Squadron perfect season tops 2014

Story and photos by
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Although 2014 was a busy year for sports enthusiasts on Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, the perfect season pitched by the 647th Force Support Squadron (647 FSS) intramural flag football squad has to go down as the most impressive feat to cap off the calendar.

Last year, in addition to the full array of intramural team sports, Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam (JBPHH) was also home to the Rim of the Pacific Exercise games.



After dominating the competition in the White Division with a perfect 11-0 record, the 647 FSS got through the first two rounds of the playoffs, before putting away the 15th Medical Group, 18-12, Dec. 15 to

finish the year at 14-0 and claim the bragging rights to the base's flag football championship.

Tech. Sgt. Jason Price, quarterback of the 647 FSS, said that after failing in the playoffs in the previous season, he and his teammates entered the 2014 year-ending playoffs determined to take it all the way.

"It was hard last year because we finished the regular season undefeated, but lost in the second round in the playoffs," Price said. "So our goal was to win the championship this year. Everybody was hungry. That's what did it."

Not far from the accomplishment of the

647 FSS, USS Port Royal (CG 73) made believers out of everyone on base by becoming the first team from the Afloat Division to capture an intramural basketball championship.

Against Commander United States Pacific Fleet, Port Royal fell behind by eight points early in the game, but went out in front at halftime on a trey by Seaman London Waldon and never looked back.

"Nobody respected us," Walden said. "So we made sure that we had to come in and handle business."

Lance Cpl. Isidro Hernandez kicks the title-clinching goal for Naval Health Clinic Hawaii.

In soccer, JBPHH crowned Naval Health Clinic Hawaii as intramural champions during the summer and winter Soccer League accolades went to the Pearl Harbor Futbol Club.



Hawaii Air National Guard outside hitter Tech. Sgt. Stephen Lorenzo slams a kill between two defenders.



Airman 1st Class Derric Ross blasts a two-run homer in helping 647th Security Forces Squadron (647 SFS) Pound Town win their second intramural softball pennant.

However, the most impressive achievement in soccer didn't occur on base but on the national level, where team captains Electrician's Mate 1st Class Luis Zamora, USS Chafee (DDG 90), and Information Systems Technician 1st Class Jay Reynard led Armed Forces Hawaii Futbol Club to second place in the 10th annual Defender's Cup Military Soccer Tournament that was held over the Labor Day weekend in San Antonio, Texas.

Senior Airman Jeremy Reding, 93rd Intelligence Squadron, led all team Hawaii scorers with seven goals at the tournament, which is the military's version of the World Cup.

"There was 10 groups total with four team in each," said Zamora about the round-robin schedule. "We ended up qualifying number eight out of the 38 teams. From there, we moved on to the knockout round, which was single-game eliminations, and we just took off from there."

Likewise, the past years also awarded title trophies to two teams in softball.

The bigger prize came first, with the 647th Security Forces Squadron (647 SFS) Pound Town claiming their second intramural softball championship by defeating USS Chung-Hoon (DDG 93), 9-2, June 22.

Meanwhile, Primo Lite wrapped up the Winter Softball League championship with a 20-10 thumping over Drama Free.

In volleyball, Hawaii Air National



Seaman London Waldon goes up for two points. Waldon led USS Port Royal (CG 73) to its first intramural basketball championship.

Guard (HIANG) saw their 10-year championship run interrupted in 2012 but has since bounced back to win back-to-back titles.

The HIANG rounds out the year in review with their straight-set win over the 324th Intelligence Squadron (324 IS) Tiger-Hawks to take the title in 2014.

While 2014 is fast fading in the rearview mirrors, 2015 should match every bit of the drama and surprises that makes sports a favorite pastime of both Airman and Sailors alike.

Just as in the previous years, keep turning to the pages of Ho'okele as the go-to source for what's happening in sports on JBPHH.

Military outreach activities planned for tournament

The 2015 Sony Open in Hawaii Tournament week tees off Jan. 12 and continues through Jan. 18 at Waialae Country Club Golf Course on Oahu.

As the Professional Golfers' Association of America (PGA) tour's first full-field event of the year, the open attracts 144 of the world's finest golf pros.

The event supports the men and women of the U.S. armed forces and their families through a variety of Birdies for the Brave military outreach activities that will be taking place throughout the tournament week.

Free admission is extended to active duty and retired military service members, reserves and family members who present a valid military ID. Ticket requests are also accepted online via Birdies for the Brave.

Free admission is also extended to veterans through the Veteran Tickets Foundation.

The tournament also includes the Birdies for the Brave military caddie program, which will give 30 active duty military service mem-

bers the opportunity to caddie for a PGA tour professional for one hole (18) during the Wednesday Official Pro-Am and experience a PGA tour event inside the ropes.

In addition, there will be a Birdies for the Brave Patriots' Outpost. A hospitality tent located on the 18th fairway will be open to active duty and retired military service members, veterans, Reservists and their families from Thursday through Sunday of the tournament.

"We also have hundreds of military volunteers helping us with the tournament next week (in areas such as gallery control, parking, Shotlink, admissions, pro transportation, etc.) and hope that many more military families will come out to cheer the PGA Tour pros and enjoy free food and beverages in the Birdies for the Brave Patriots Outpost," said tournament spokesperson Candice Kraughto.

For more information, visit the website <http://www.sonyopeninhawaii.com/military-outreach-activities>.

TRICARE Online to undergo a major overhaul

Capt. Louis Edwards

15th Medical Group

TRICARE Online (TOL) is set to undergo significant changes beginning Jan. 16.

The changes are set to improve the user's experience, and the system will have a new look complete with an updated home screen dashboard allowing users to select from appointments, Blue Button, prescription refills, personal profiles and quick links.

For those who are current TOL users, the new options will be very similar to the old interface.

Additionally, TOL has not only been upgraded for system interaction, but there are some great new features that have been added the site.

For example, scheduling and changing appointments online has been simplified.

Scheduling an appointment can now be done in just three easy steps. Additionally, appointment reminders within

TOL have been expanded. Previously, the system would only notify you via text or email for appointments that were booked on TOL. The updated system will now send you a reminder for all appointments you make at the military treatment facility where you are enrolled, including those booked with your MTF directly.

This new feature will be available as long as patients have signed up for appointment reminders and log into TOL at least once annually.

Another new feature will be earlier appointment notification. When booking an appointment on TOL you may not get an appointment as quickly as you would like. You now have the option to be notified if an earlier appointment becomes available before your scheduled appointment. Once notified you can go into TOL and reschedule your appointment for the earlier day and time.

Future appointments will also be viewable at the bottom

of your appointments screen so you can easily coordinate the appointment you are making with future appointments which are pending for you and your family members under the age of 18.

If you haven't registered for TOL or haven't logged in for some time, now is a great time to get connected. Go to www.tricareonline.com to register. You must be a TRICARE patient, at least 18 years old and enrolled to a military hospital or clinic to be eligible to use TOL.

You can log on with a Premium DS Login, DoD CAC or DFAS MyPay credentials. If you do not have DS Logon credentials and would like to create an account, click "register."

If you have any issues in registering you can contact TOL customer service at 1-800-600-9332. For information about the 15th Medical Group's online appointments, contact Capt. Edwards at louis.edwards3@us.af.mil.



Live the Great Life

Socializing, painting activity moves to new location

Reid Tokeshi

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

One of the more popular joint base MWR activities has moved to a new home at JBPHH.

Paint & Sip, a three-hour social painting party, recently was held for the first time Wednesday at the Historic Hickam Officers' Club.

The event moved over this month after previously being held at J.R. Rockers. Alexis Ybarra, catering director, said the new home for Paint & Sip will offer increased room, so more people can sign up to take part. The change in venue also made for a slight schedule change. Paint & Sip will be held on the first and third Wednesday of each month.

The twice monthly activity offers patrons 18 years and older a chance to get out of the house in

the middle of the week for a few hours of camaraderie while also indulging their creative side. Victoria Ledford, one of the instructors at the MWR's Hickam Arts & Crafts Center, leads the group step by step through a featured painting of the night. At the end of the evening, each attendee will have their own personal artwork to take home.

The evening begins with an hour of socializing, as customers have time to purchase food and beverages from the Koa Bar. Then, over the next two hours, Ledford will show participants a completed painting on which to base their own creation on. She then guides the group as each person comes up with their own interpretation of the example.

The cost for Paint & Sip is \$40 per person, and all art supplies are included. Participants can sign up at the Hickam Arts & Craft Center. A \$20 deposit is required. For more information, call 448-9907 or go to www.greatlifehawaii.com.



MWR Marketing photo

Paint & Sip instructor Victoria Ledford guides the group from start to finish in creating their own work of art.



MWR Marketing photo

Flag football is just one of many sports for kids beginning in March.

Registration for spring youth sports begins

Reid Tokeshi

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

It is the start of a new year, and January also means that registration begins for many Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam Morale, Welfare and Recreation (MWR) youth sports activities happening in the spring.

Several sports are offered, including baseball, volleyball, flag football and team tennis. There is also a girls' fastpitch softball and USATF track and field. Seasons

for most of the sports begin in March and will run into June. Team tennis starts in February.

MWR is also looking for volunteers to be coaches for all the sports. Many of the kids signing up are trying the sport for their first time so MWR is seeking patient adults with a love for teaching and coaching.

Fees vary depending on the sport as well as the age ranges. For more information on youth sports, call 473-0789 or go to www.greatlifehawaii.com and look under the fitness/sports section.

Your Weekly Fun with MWR

New Year's Resolution 5K Run will begin at 8 a.m. Saturday at Hickam Fitness Center. Awards will be given to first and second place winners in men's, women's, youth (ages 17 and under) and strollers categories. This free 5K is open to eligible fitness center users. FMI: 448-2214.

Free Golf Clinic will begin at 9 a.m. Saturday at Mamala Bay Golf Course. FMI: 449-2304.

Wheel Throwing pottery class for adults will be held from 9 to 11:30 a.m. every Saturday from Jan. 10 through Feb. 14 at the Hickam Arts & Crafts Center. Fundamentals will be covered, as well as advanced techniques. Tuition is \$65. FMI: 448-9907.

Monday Night Kid's Night will be held from 5 to 9 p.m. Jan. 12 at Sam Choy's Island Style Seafood Grille. Children ages 12 years and younger can get a free kid's meal with the purchase of an adult entrée. A bounce house will be available for children to play in from 5 to 7 p.m. FMI: 422-3002.

Dynamic Drawing: Awesome Animals class will be held from 3:30 to 5 p.m. every Tuesday from Jan. 13 through Feb. 10 at the Hickam Arts & Crafts Center for students ages 9 to 13 years old. Tuition is \$65. FMI: 448-9907.

Preschool Story Time will begin at 9 a.m. Jan. 14 at the Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam Library. The theme of this free program is "Alphabet Adventures." FMI: 449-8299.

Ford Island Historical Tour will be held from 9:30 a.m. to noon Jan. 14. Points of interest on this guided tour include the USS Utah and USS Oklahoma Memorials, the Navy Club Memorial honoring the USS Arizona, historic Nob Hill officer homes, and bombing and bullet strafing reminders. Round-trip transportation from the Information, Tickets & Travel (ITT)-Hickam office is included. Tickets are \$25 for adults and \$20 for children ages 3 to 11 years old. FMI: 448-2295.

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Intramural Basketball League Coaches Meeting will begin at 1 p.m. Jan. 14 at the Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam Fitness Center. The league runs Jan. 27 through April and is limited to commands from JBPHH. Any additional active-duty members not belonging to a command team will come from a players' pool. There is no registration fee. FMI: 473-2494, 473-2437.

Kids' Book Club will begin at 2 p.m. Jan. 14 at the JBPHH Library for youth in fourth and fifth grades. The "Second Wednesday" group will discuss "Home on the Moon." FMI: 449-8299.

Wild Wing Wednesday will be held from 5 to 8:30 p.m. Jan. 14 at J.R. Rockers Sports Café. "Rockers Wings" will be available for 75 cents per wing, naked or boneless, with a variety of sauces to choose from, including original, high octane, garlic Parmesan, chipotle barbeque and Asian sesame. FMI: 448-2271.

Free Golf Clinic will begin at noon Jan. 15 at Navy-Marine Golf Course. FMI: 471 0142.

Monthly Parent Night: Tea Party will be held from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. Jan. 15 at the Hickam Teen Center. Families of teens (ages 13-18 years old) are invited to this free event to see what the center is all about and to get to know the staff. New families are always welcome. FMI: 448-0418.

Mongolian BBQ will be offered from 5:30 to 8 p.m. Jan. 15 on the lanai of the Historic Hickam Officers' Club. A variety of meats, vegetables and sauces will be available for 85 cents per ounce, and rice, noodles, soup, beverages and fortune cookies are included. FMI: 448-4608.

Learn to Stand-up Paddleboard classes will begin at 9:15 a.m. and at 10:30 a.m. Jan. 17 at Hickam Harbor. The cost is \$25 for each session. The sign-up deadline is Jan. 14. FMI: 449-5215.

Story Ideas?

Contact Ho'okele editor for guidelines and story/photo submission requirements.

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JANUARY

HART UTILITIES WORK

NOW — The Honolulu Authority for Rapid Transportation (HART) has begun roadwork on the Airport Section Utilities Project along Kamehameha Highway near Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam. Roadwork for this portion of the rail project is expected to last approximately 18 months. Traffic flow adjustments will be made to accommodate construction activities, to include areas along Center Drive, Makalapa Gate/Radford Drive, Halawa Gate, Borchers Gate, and the World War II Valor in the Pacific National Monument. Construction will take place from 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Motorists should follow posted speed limits and other signs. FMI: www.honolulutransit.org.

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. Applications need to be postmarked and mailed by March 9. FMI: email hosc scholarship2015@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.asmcconline.org/aloha/awards-4/>. FMI: email mary.c.garcia@navy.mil or call 473-8000, ext. 6320.

SUICIDE PREVENTION PRESENTATIONS

TODAY, 14, 16 — Navy Region Hawaii will hold suicide prevention presentations. Presentations will be held:

- Today, 8 to 9:30 a.m. at Marine Corps Base Hawaii Chapel.
- Jan. 14, 8 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. and 2 to 3:30 p.m. at Pearl Harbor Memorial Chapel, Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam
- Jan. 16, 8 to 9:30 a.m. at Pearl Harbor Memorial Chapel, JBPHH.

The guest speaker will be Lt. Col. George Corbari, who fought his own personal battle against suicide. All hands are encouraged to attend. Commands may count this for suicide prevention general military training. Commands are encouraged to RSVP. FMI: 474-0045.

PEARL HARBOR COLORS CEREMONY

15 — A Pearl Harbor Colors honors and heritage ceremony will be held monthly beginning at 7:30 a.m. Jan. 15 at Pear Harbor Visitor Center. The ceremony is to honor veterans, service members and military families. The theme next Thursday is “A Tribute to Military Families.” The Pacific Fleet Band will perform.

PASSENGER TERMINAL HOURS CHANGE

15 — The Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam Passenger Terminal’s hours of operation will change beginning Jan. 15. The terminal will remain open seven days a week, but it will be closed from 10 p.m. to 4 a.m. daily. Roll calls will be advertised between the hours of 10 p.m. and 4 a.m. The terminal will open one hour prior to the roll call time to allow passengers to sign up and mark



AMERICAN SNIPER (R)

Navy SEAL Chris Kyle is sent to Iraq with only one mission: to protect his brothers-in-arms. His pinpoint accuracy saves countless lives on the battlefield and, as stories of his courageous exploits spread, he earns the nickname “Legend.” However, his reputation is also growing behind enemy lines, putting a price on his head and making him a prime target of insurgents. He is also facing a different kind of battle on the home front: striving to be a good husband and father from halfway around the world.

SHARKEY THEATER

TODAY 1/9

7:00 p.m. The Hunger Games: Mockingjay Pt. 1 (PG-13)

SATURDAY 1/10

2:30 p.m. Annie (PG)

7:00 p.m. American Sniper (R)

Free Advanced Screening of the American Sniper Rated R. Free to the first 400 authorized patrons. Ticket booth will open at 5:30 pm for distribution of tickets. Assigned seating tickets for Active Duty up to four tickets. Retired military, military family members and DoD card holders will be able to receive up to two tickets.

SUNDAY 1/11

2:30 p.m. Annie (PG)

4:50 p.m. The Hunger Games: Mockingjay Pt. 1 (PG-13)

7:20 p.m. Top 5 (R)

themselves present for the flight. Passengers are able to sign up for travel using the remote sign-up process. All flight information will remain available through social media and the pre-recorded telephone services. FMI: https://www.facebook.com/HickamAMC?ref=br_tf or call 449-6833.

LONG WEEKEND GETAWAY

17 — Joint base Morale, Welfare and Recreation (MWR) will hold a free long weekend getaway camp at Bellows Air Force Station with Liberty. Departures will be from the following Liberty centers: Express at 2:30 p.m., Beeman at 3 p.m., Instant at 3:15 p.m. and Makai Recreation at 3:30 p.m. The event is for single, active duty military E-1 to E-6 only. FMI: 473-2583.

MWR NEWCOMERS LUNCHEON

21 — Joint base MWR will hold a free Newcomers Luncheon from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the Tradewinds Club ballroom. The event will include a buffet lunch, information booths, prizes and giveaways. The event is open to families and will include activities for children. FMI: www.greatlifehawaii.com.

21ST CENTURY SAILOR OFFICE

23 — Rear Adm. Richard Snyder, director of the 21st Century Sailor Office, will participate in an all hands call from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. at Bloch Arena, Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam. In addition, an all hands call will be held from 2 to 3 p.m. at the Marine Corps Base Hawaii Theater.

NEW YEAR’S LOCK-IN

23-24 — The Hickam Teen Center will hold a 2015 New Year’s Lock-In from 7 p.m. Jan. 23 to 7 a.m. Jan. 24 for teens ages 13 to 18. The cost is \$25 or \$20 with a canned food donation. The event will celebrate National Pie Month and include games, snacks and prizes. FMI: 448-0418.

COLOR THE COSMOS DAY

24 — A ribbon cutting will begin at 2 p.m. for the grand opening of Pacific Aviation Museum Pearl Harbor’s exhibit showcasing student enhanced astrophotography images. The exhibit is part of the Smithsonian affiliate “Youth Capture the Colorful Cosmos” program. FMI: 441-1007 or www.pacificaviationmuseum.org.

FITNESS CHALLENGE 2015

24 — A free Fitness Challenge 2015 will be held from 9 to 11 a.m. at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam Fitness Center. Patrons can sample different genres of classes, including kickboxing, yoga, shimmy fitness and more. The challenge is open to all eligible patrons. FMI: 471-2019.

TAX ASSISTANCE CENTER

30 — The Navy Tax Assistance Center will open at the start of the tax season. The self-service model center will be located at the Navy College building, 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 or 473-0443.

LIVING HISTORY DAY AT BATTLESHIP MISSOURI

31 — A living history day event will be held from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Battleship Missouri Memorial at Ford Island. The event will include military displays, tours of the memorial, military musical bands, oral histories, a vintage aircraft flyover and other activities. Admission is free for Hawaii residents, members of the armed forces and Mighty Mo members with valid ID. The event is open to the public. The public can visit the Pearl Harbor Visitor Center to get tickets on the day of the event. FMI: 1-877-644-4896 or visit ussmissouri.org.

HICKAM MEMORIAL THEATER

TODAY 1/9

6:00 p.m. The Hunger Games: Mockingjay Pt.1 (PG-13)

SATURDAY 1/10

2:00 p.m. The Pyramid (R)

6:00 p.m. American Sniper (R)

SNEAK PREVIEW - Free admission until seats are full. Doors open at 4pm.

SUNDAY 1/11

2:00 p.m. Penguins of Madagascar (PG)

THURSDAY 1/15

7:00 p.m. The Hunger Games: Mockingjay Pt. 1 (PG-13)





JBPHH SCENES FROM THE YEAR 2014

U.S. Navy photo by Mass Communication Specialist 2nd Class Laurie Dexter The U.S. Navy Flight Demonstration Squadron, the Blue Angels, perform an aerial maneuver Sept. 27, 2014 at the Wings Over the Pacific Air Show at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam.



U.S. Navy photo by Mass Communication Specialist 2nd Class Diana Quinlan Boots for more than 7,000 fallen service members, each containing a photo identification, line up a field during the 2014 Tripler Fisher House 8K Hero and Remembrance Run, Walk or Roll Sept. 6.



U.S. Air Force photo/Tech. Sgt. Terri Paden Air Force wounded warriors take off for the men's 100-meter dash event during the track and field competition of the inaugural Wounded Warrior Pacific Invitational Jan. 8.



U.S. Navy photo by Mass Communication Specialist 1st Class Shannon Renfro USS Ronald Reagan (CVN 76) steams in close formation as one of 42 ships and submarines representing 15 international partner nations during Rim of the Pacific (RIMPAC) Exercise 2014.



U.S. Navy photo illustration by Mass Communication Specialist 2nd Class Laurie Dexter Fireworks display on the Fourth of July illuminates the night sky over Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam.

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