

Navy ships participate in IDCERTEX

Commander Naval Surface Group Middle Pacific Public Affairs

Five U.S. Navy ships commenced an independent deployer certification exercise (IDCERTEX) in the southern California and Hawaii operating areas. The exercise runs Feb. 9-20.

IDCERTEX provides a multi-ship environment to train and certify independent deployers in surface warfare, air defense, maritime interception operations, command and control/information warfare, command, control, computers and combat systems intelligence and mine warfare.

The exercise, led by Commander, U.S. 3rd Fleet (C3F) and executed by Commander, Carrier Strike Group 15 (CSG 15), includes the guided-missile cruisers USS Lake Champlain (CG 57), USS Chosin (CG 65), guided-missile destroyers USS Preble (DDG 88), USS Chafee (DDG 90) and Littoral Combat Ship USS Freedom (LCS 1).

Chosin, Preble and Chafee are conducting their training in the Hawaii operating area, while Lake Cham-



U.S. Navy photo by MCC John M. Hageman

An UH-60 Blackhawk helicopter from the Army's 25th Combat Aviation Brigade (25 CAB) lands aboard the guided-missile destroyer USS Preble (DDG 88) during an independent deployer certification (IDCERTEX) exercise. (Additional photos on page A-5.)

plain and Freedom are participating off the coast of southern California.

IDCERTEX serves as

CSG 15's final opportunity to evaluate and certify Preble, Chafee and Sailors from USS Fort Worth

(LCS 3) Crew 102, embarked aboard Freedom, across multiple warfare areas prior to regularly

scheduled deployments.

IDCERTEX begins with unit-level training specific to the ship that requires

training in shipboard fire-fighting, man-overboard drills, visit, board, search and seizure (VBSS), and other ship specific training. The integrated phase involves training between multiple ships and aircraft and consists of flight operations, submarine tracking, strait transit formations, replenishment-at-sea and other required mission evolutions.

"Our primary responsibility is to ensure these ships are certified and ready to execute a wide variety of missions while deployed," said Rear Adm. Joseph Kuzmick, commander of CSG 15. "We look forward to watching Preble, Chafee and Fort Worth Crew 102 operate in a multi-ship environment with advanced warfare scenarios."

Several supporting staffs are involved in IDCERTEX including Commander, Naval Surface Forces Pacific, Naval Surface Group Middle Pacific, Commander, Destroyer Squadron 31, Marine Aircraft Group 24, Hawaii Air National Guard and the 25th Combat Aviation Brigade.



U.S. Navy photo by MCC Peter D. Lawlor

Chief of Naval Operations (CNO) Adm. Jonathan Greenert speaks with Sailors at Joint Base Pearl Harbor Hickam.

CNO holds 'gateway' all-hands call

CNO re-enlists Hawaii-based Sailors

MC3 Amber Porter

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Chief of Naval Operations (CNO) Adm. Jonathan W. Greenert held an all-hands call Feb. 6 at historic Bloch Arena at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam for service members, civilians and their families stationed on Oahu.

The CNO stated that the rebalance is real with the USS Fort Worth (LCS 3) in Singapore and two more destroyers moving to the western Pacific and talked about the rotational am-

phibious ships deploying to Australia.

"We are on our way to Australia, then to New Zealand," said Greenert. "We wanted to stop here [Hawaii] at the gateway to the Pacific to listen and learn. We're going to Darwin, where at some point by the end of this decade, we will be sending amphibious ships on deployment for exercises in the southeast area."

The CNO also spoke with service members about current Navy initiatives including the Fleet Response Training Plan, new guidelines for uniform changes, TAD assignments, alternative health-care plans and restructured retirement.

Greenert assured the Sailors the retirement plan option would be offered, but those in uniform can still keep their current retirement plan under a "grandfather" clause.

The CNO also highlighted the strategy for shorter deployments, outlining the transition of deployments to a seven-month cycle.

"We're going to seven-month deployments," said Greenert. "It will take us through fiscal year 17 to get most destroyers down to seven-month deployments. The work that wasn't getting done before is happening now."

When asked his opinion about women's role in submarines, Greenert said,

"We've had women in the Navy for over 30 years. We've worked through concerns like this before. We're on a track working through this deliberately and we will get through this just fine."

During the all-hands call, which was also streamed live online, Greenert re-enlisted 17 Sailors and presented each Sailor and family member with a coin.

He closed the event thanking Sailors for their service and highlighting the importance of taking care of one another, treating each other with dignity and respect, and talking to leadership about what they can do to help Sailors.

USS Paul Hamilton to deploy tomorrow

Naval Surface Group Middle Pacific

The guided-missile destroyer USS Paul Hamilton (DDG 60) is scheduled to depart Saturday on an independent deployment to the Arabian Gulf and western Pacific Ocean.

While deployed, Paul Hamilton and its crew of more than 300 Sailors will conduct theater security cooperation and maritime presence operations with partner nations.

"We are proud, confident and ready for all tasking Paul Hamilton will be assigned," said Cmdr. John Barsano, commanding officer.

"For many of our young Sailors, it's the first time they will live aboard for eight months

and travel overseas. I could not have asked of anything more from the crew for this upcoming deployment."

Commissioned May 27, 1995, Paul Hamilton is the third U.S. Navy ship named after the third secretary of the Navy. His term in office included the first months of the War of 1812, during which time the small United States Navy achieved several remarkable victories over British warships.

Paul Hamilton is a multi-mission ship designed to operate independently or with an associated strike group. The ship is assigned to Destroyer Squadron 21 and is homeported in Hawaii within the U.S. 3rd Fleet area of operations.



U.S. Navy photo by MC2 Diana Quinlan

The guided-missile destroyer USS Paul Hamilton (DDG 60) passes by Battleship Missouri Memorial June 24, 2013.



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CNIC, former region commander, makes Hawaii visit

**Story and photo by
Senior Airman
Christopher Stoltz**

*Joint Base Pearl Harbor-
Hickam Public Affairs*

Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam welcomed a former Navy Region Hawaii commander home Feb. 6-9 as Vice Adm. Dixon R. Smith, commander, Navy Installations Command, visited Hawaii.

The visit could be considered a homecoming for Smith as he was the former Navy Region Hawaii and Naval Surface Group Middle Pacific commander from 2008 to November 2011.

Navy Installations Command, also known as the CNIC Enterprise, includes 11 regions, 69 installations and 123 naval operations support centers (NOSC).

It is also responsible for 31 business lines and 122 critical shore capabilities across three major categories: operations, quality

of life and facilities management. The command oversees a \$10 billion budget with more than 52,000 military and civilian personnel.

This visit marks the first time Smith has been to Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam since his assumption of command of CNIC on Oct. 24, 2014.

During his three days in Hawaii, he visited several areas of Oahu, including the Hickam side of joint base, Ford Island, Camp Smith, Wahiawa Annex and various stops at Pearl Harbor, such as Sailor's Attic.

Quartermaster 1st Class Aaron Martinez, one of the Sailors working at the Sailor's Attic, was able to explain to him why the attic is so self-sufficient.

"We spend a decent amount of time here," he explained to the vice admiral. "We usually come in a little early and stay late to ensure everything is sorted,



Vice Adm. Dixon R. Smith, commander, Navy Installations Command, asks Quartermaster 1st Class Aaron Martinez if there is anything he can do to assist the Sailor's Attic, located at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam.

so when the next person comes in, everything is ready to go," Martinez said.

He explained how the civilian volunteers help them achieve a high level of efficiency and that they

could not do it without their assistance. Lastly, he explained the Sailor's Attic is able to operate thanks to the donations it receives and the efforts of volunteers.

Smith left the Sailor's Attic and headed to the Fort Kamehameha housing area later that morning, where he learned more about the homes which are considered historic but are in

need of refurbishment.

The area is under consideration as a site for a new Navy Inns & Suites recreation center.

Greeting Smith at the Fort Kamehameha housing area was Navy Cmdr. Marcus Williamson, JBPHH JB4 facilities management division director, NAVFAC Hawaii. Williamson was able to provide Smith with a brief tour of the area. He explained that although the area may require effort to restore, the benefits will outweigh the costs.

"Having Vice Adm. Smith here was great," said Williamson.

"Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam has a unique opportunity to restore historically-significant housing for both the state of Hawaii and the military, while fulfilling a shortfall in temporary housing. I look forward to developing a path forward that will help us meet these objectives."

USS Arizona Sailor dies, 8 known survivors remain

Brandon Bosworth

Assistant Editor, Ho `okele

Joseph Langdell, the last surviving officer from USS Arizona, died Feb. 5 in Yuba City, Calif. He was 100 years old.

Joseph Kopcho Langdell was born Oct. 12, 1914 in Wilton, N.H. Earlier that same year, the keel of USS Arizona had been laid at the Brooklyn Navy Yard with Assistant Secretary of the Navy Franklin Delano Roosevelt in attendance.

Fresh out of college and officer candidate school, Langdell received his first duty assignment in early 1941. He would be serving as an ensign aboard the Arizona. Fortunately, on the morning of Dec. 7, 1941, he was not actually on the battleship.

"Although assigned to the USS Arizona, on the morning of the attack, then Ensign Langdell was on the main base of Pearl Harbor," said Jim Taylor, Pearl Harbor survivor liaison.

From the vantage point of his temporary assignment on Ford Island, Langdell saw the bombs fall and the Arizona sink, taking with



U.S. Navy photo of U.S. Navy USS Arizona survivor, retired Lt. Cmdr. Joseph Langdell, pauses to collect his thoughts during an interview as he visits the USS Arizona Memorial Visitor Center, Dec. 5, 2006.

it nearly 1,200 of his shipmates. He quickly joined in rescue and recovery efforts.

"Langdell spent the next three or four days pulling bodies, both dead and alive, from the burning waters of the harbor," said Taylor. "His temporary assignment saved his life, because if he been on board the ship, he would have been killed since his battle station was at the gun turret where the bomb struck and blew up the ship."

Langdell later served aboard



U.S. Navy photo of USS Arizona survivor, retired Lt. Cmdr. Joseph Langdell returns a salute as he makes his way through an honor cordon for USS Arizona survivors, Dec. 5, 2006. (Langdell died Feb. 5.)

the USS Frazier, a destroyer. He ultimately rose to the rank of lieutenant commander in the Naval Reserve and ran his own furniture store.

According to his son Ted, Joseph Langdell was a longtime classical music fan and was listening to Beethoven's Symphony No. 3, the 'Eroica,' when

he passed away.

Per his wishes, Joseph Langdell's ashes will be interred aboard the USS Arizona Memorial.

CNO re-enlists Hawaii-based Sailors at Bloch Arena

Chief of Naval Operations (CNO) Adm. Jonathan Greenert reenlists 17 Sailors before an all-hands call Feb. 6 at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam. Greenert spoke about the rebalance to the Pacific, shorter deployments, and potential upcoming changes to military compensation and retirement benefits.

U.S. Navy photo by MC2 Brennan D. Knaresboro





Presidential proclamation issued for African American History Month

Barack Obama

President of the United States of America

For generations, the story of American progress has been shaped by the inextinguishable beliefs that change is always possible and a brighter future lies ahead. With tremendous strength and abiding resolve, our ancestors — some of whom were brought to this land in chains — have woven their resilient dignity into the fabric of our nation and taught us that we are not trapped by the mistakes of history. It was these truths that found expression as foot

soldiers and freedom riders sat in and stood up, marched and agitated for justice and equality.

This audacious movement gave birth to a new era of civil and voting rights and, slowly, we renewed our commitment to an ideal at the heart of our founding: no matter who you are, what you look like, how modest your beginnings, or the circumstances of your birth, you deserve every opportunity to achieve your God-given potential.

As we mark National African American History Month, we celebrate giants of the civil rights movement and countless other men and women whose names are etched

in the hearts of their loved ones and the cornerstones of the country they helped to change. We pause to reflect on our progress and our history — not only to remember, but also to acknowledge our unfinished work. We reject the false notion that our challenges lie only in the past, and we recommit to advancing what has been left undone.

Brave Americans did not struggle and sacrifice to secure fundamental rights for themselves and others only to see those rights denied to their children and grandchildren. Our nation is still racked with division and poverty.

Too many children live

in crumbling neighborhoods, cycling through substandard schools and being affected by daily violence in their communities. And Americans of all races have seen their wages and incomes stagnate while inequality continues to hold back hardworking families and entire communities.

But the trajectory of our history gives us hope. Today, we stand on the shoulders of courageous individuals who endured the thumps of billy clubs, the blasts of fire hoses, and the pain of watching dreams be deferred and denied.

We honor them by investing in those around us and doing all we can to

ensure every American can reach their full potential. Our country is at its best when everyone is treated fairly and has the chance to build the future they seek for themselves and their family. This means providing the opportunity for every person in America to access a world-class education, safe and affordable housing, and the job training that will prepare them for the careers of tomorrow.

Like the countless, quiet heroes who worked and bled far from the public eye, we know that with enough effort, empathy and perseverance, people who love their country can change it. Together, we can help our

nation live up to its immense promise. This month, let us continue that unending journey toward a more just, more equal and more perfect union.

Now, therefore, I, Barack Obama, president of the United States of America, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and the laws of the United States, do hereby proclaim February 2015 as National African American History Month. I call upon public officials, educators, librarians, and all the people of the United States to observe this month with appropriate programs, ceremonies and activities.

Diverse Views



What's the fondest Valentine's Day memory you have experienced?



MC2 Laurie Dexter
NPASE detachment Hawaii

"I filled my high school sweetheart's room with balloons with candy in them."

Senior Airman Autumn Foster
690th Cyberspace Operations Squadron

"Being able to take my 7-year-old brother on his first Valentine's Day and show him how he should treat a lady on a date."

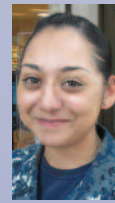


ET2 Kyle Lightell
USS Columbus (SSN 762)

"My first Valentine's Day with my wife."

Senior Airman Adrian Dizon
19th Fighter Squadron

"Driving up to Round Top Drive to a scenic view that overlooks Honolulu and spending hours talking to my future wife."



IT2 Alicia Figueroa
USS Hopper (DDG 70)

"My husband actually proposed to me on Valentine's Day. He proposed with a ring pop in exactly the spot where we met."

Staff Sgt. Joseph Willing
15th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron

"Surprised my now-wife with the normal Valentine's Day gifts and seeing her face light up after having a bad week, and being able to be home for it."



GSMC Michael Budomo
Pearl Harbor Naval Shipyard

"Dinner at home with family. I've had plenty of them away, so being at home."

Airman 1st Class Demetrius Harvey
Hickam Honor Guard

"When my wife and I had a home cooked meal of our favorite seafood to escape the rush at restaurants. We exchanged presents and spent quality time alone without interruptions or distractions. I cherish the moments we can share with just the two of us."



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African American History Month events planned

The following events are planned for African American History Month:

- Feb. 26, 7:30 a.m. Pearl Harbor Colors Honors and Heritage ceremony will be held at the Pearl Harbor Visitor Center. The monthly Navy history and heritage event will fea-

ture music by Pacific Fleet Band and guest speaker Capt. Stan Keeve, Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam commander.

- Feb. 26, 9:30 a.m. A special observance will be held at Sharkey Theater. Guest speaker will be Alphonso

Braggs, president of NAACP.

- Feb. 26, 11 a.m. A special luncheon will be offered at Silver Dolphin Bistro.

- Feb. 28, 3 p.m. A Gospel Fest & Taste of Soul will be held at Nellis Chapel.

Noted naval aviator flies fighter plane



U.S. Navy file photo

Ensign Jesse L. Brown, shown seated in the cockpit of an F4U-4 Corsair Fighter plane, was the U.S. Navy's first African American naval aviator. Brown flew with the "Swordsmen" of Fighter Squadron 32 (VF-32) aboard the aircraft carrier USS Leyte (CV-32) during the Korean War. While in Korea, he was killed in action and posthumously awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross.

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Chief of Naval Operations Adm. Jonathan Greenert participates in an open discussion with more than 30 flag officers Feb. 6 during the Naval War College's Combined Force Maritime Component Commander (CFMCC) Flag Officer Course.

PACFLT hosts senior leaders' course

Strengthens international bonds

**Story and photo by
MC2 Brian M. Wilbur**

U.S. Pacific Fleet Public Affairs

Senior military leaders from 14 nations gathered Feb. 5-11 at U.S. Pacific Fleet (PACFLT) headquarters in Hawaii for the Naval War College Combined Force Maritime Component Commander (CFMCC) Flag Officer Course.

The 27 CFMCC participants came from Australia, Bangladesh, Canada, Chile, France, India, Indonesia, Japan, Peru, Republic of the Philippines, Republic of Korea, Singapore, Sri Lanka and the United States.

"This course is one of the most important international venues the U.S. Navy hosts and directly supports our strategic rebalance to the Indo-Asia-Pacific," said Adm. Harry B. Harris Jr., commander U.S. Pacific Fleet.

"It provides big and realizable dividends for all participating nations by strengthening regional partnerships and improving operational effectiveness to address our common maritime challenges. The juice is well worth the squeeze," he said.

Chief of Naval Operations Adm. Jonathan Greenert told CFMCC participants, "This is a unique situation. They didn't have such a thing when I was coming up."

"Grasp this opportunity," said Greenert, who stopped in Hawaii on his way to visit Australia and New Zealand. "The fellowship that you will start developing here enables us and other countries to get aligned. Personal relations make it happen. You will never have enough resources like this again."

The Naval War College facilitated the week-long course. This was the ninth annual CFMCC hosted by PACFLT since 2007.

"With the U.S. Navy presence in the Asian maritime theater, it is important to have CFMCC at PACFLT," said retired Vice Adm. Yoji Koda, a facilitator from the Naval War College and former commander in chief of the Japan Maritime Self-Defense Force Fleet. "It is essential to give the countries aligned with the U.S. a better understanding of how PACFLT conducts business."

The participants heard lectures on maritime security and took part in open-forum panel discussions facilitated by subject-matter experts to foster a better understanding of the various perspectives involved in a combined force.

"It's an honor to be here at CFMCC. This is a good opportunity to make friends with all the countries here," said Rear Adm. Young-suk Kim, Republic of Korea navy, deputy commander Republic of Korea 1st Fleet. "This is also a great opportunity to better understand PACFLT and the U.S. Navy, its history at Pearl Harbor and how huge it is."

Rear Adm. Lisa Franchetti, commander U.S. Naval Forces Korea, echoed Kim's sentiments. "CFMCC gives us the opportunity to build personal relationships with our partners, improve cooperation across the theater, and learn from the experience of the senior facilitators," Franchetti said.

"The course provides great exposure to senior leader views, such as the CNO, PACFLT commander and Marine Forces Pacific commander. We also get to hear the partners and facilitator's perspectives on the Indo-Asia-Pacific and their thoughts on how to effectively organize for a combined operation," she said.

The value of these cooperative relationships has been proven in recent months when the U.S. Navy operates with partners and allies during disasters such as responding to Typhoon Haiyan in the Philippines or in the search for missing airliners.

JBPHH security department launches online newsletter

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The Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam Security Department recently launched an online newsletter.

The first issue was released on Jan. 25 and covered such topics as common access cards (CACs), domestic violence, community policing, and active shooter situations. It also featured contact information for various security departments, including the regional dispatch center and Joint Defense Operations Center.

"We started our monthly articles as an initiative to socialize to the base populace any trends or threats that we want them aware of," said Capt. Louis-Philippe Noel, JBPHH security operations officer.

"Furthermore, we want the community aware of what we are doing and that we are here for their protection and security."

Security and law enforcement operations for JBPHH are provided by the Joint Base Security Department (JB2), which is comprised of Navy and Air Force service members, civilians and contractors.

"Our department has taken many strides towards improving our processes and we hope that this initiative, along with our others, will continue to make this installation one of the safest places to live," said Noel.

The Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam Security Department newsletter can be viewed via the JBPHH website at www.cnic.navy.mil/pearlharbor-hickam under "base security."

Feeding feral dogs and cats on Navy property is illegal

Naval Facilities Engineering Command Hawaii

The Chief of Naval Operations has a policy letter in place "Preventing Feral Cat and Dog Populations on Navy Property." This is a very important issue throughout the Navy, but especially at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam.

The objective of this policy is to prevent injury or disease to Navy personnel and eliminate adverse impacts on native wildlife. It requires Navy commands to institute proactive pet management procedures in order to prevent establishment of free roaming cat and dog populations.

Free roaming cats and dogs pose a potential public health

threat to personnel on Navy installations, and they pose a threat to wildlife including endangered species and migratory birds.

Employees on Navy installations in Hawaii are urged to not feed or protect feral dogs and cats found around work areas on Navy property. All trap/neuter/release programs were disestablished on Navy property Jan. 1, 2003.

Instead, employees should report feral animals to their building/facility manager for proper relocation methods. Managers will submit a TF1 for NAVFAC Hawaii Pest Management to properly trap and relocate. For lost or stray dogs, please report them to the Hawaiian Humane Society at 356-2228.

Pearl Harbor-Hickam*Highlights*



Chief of Naval Operations (CNO) Adm. Jonathan Greenert speaks with Sailors at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam during an all-hands call Feb. 6. Greenert also spoke with a group of senior U.S. and International maritime officers at a Combined Force Maritime Component Commander Course held at the U.S. Pacific Fleet Headquarters, and met with Adm. Samuel J. Locklear III, commander of U.S. Pacific Command.

U.S. Navy photo by MCC Peter D. Lawlor

(Right) Quartermaster Seaman Ashley Martindale shoots bearings as the guided-missile destroyer USS Preble (DDG 88) passes the Battleship Missouri Memorial during an independent deployer certification (IDCERT) exercise held Feb. 9.

U.S. Navy photo by MCC John M. Hageman



(Left) An UH-60 Blackhawk helicopter from the Army's 25th Combat Aviation Brigade (25 CAB) over-flies the guided-missile destroyer USS Preble (DDG 88) and the guided-missile destroyer USS Chafee (DDG 90) during an independent deployer certification (IDCERT) exercise.

U.S. Navy photo by MCC John M. Hageman



(Left) Members of the 15th Wing staff agencies perform a buddy check after donning mission oriented protection posture four during a chemical, biological, radiation, nuclear and explosive exercise Feb. 6 at base X at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam.

U.S. Air Force photo by Tech. Sgt. Terri Paden

(Below) Senior Airman Tavarus Thomas, 647th Security Forces Squadron patrolman, left, and Senior Airman Justin Rager, a 647th SFS entry controller, right, perform buddy care on an injured Airman after a simulated attack during a chemical, biological, radiation, nuclear and explosive exercise.

U.S. Air Force photo by Tech. Sgt. Terri Paden



(Left) Senior Airman Amber Acosta, 15th Comptroller Squadron financial services technician, checks M-8 paper to check for simulated contamination during a chemical, biological, radiation, nuclear and explosive exercise.

U.S. Air Force photo by Tech. Sgt. Terri Paden

USS Hawaii visits Yokosuka during western Pacific deployment

Lt. j.g. G.P. Hahn

USS Hawaii (SSN 776) Public Affairs

FLEET ACTIVITIES YOKOSUKA, Japan (NNS) — The Virginia-class, fast-attack submarine USS Hawaii (SSN 776), homeported at Pearl Harbor, Hawaii, returned Feb. 5 to Fleet Activities Yokosuka for a visit as part of its deployment to the western Pacific.

Hawaii’s crew of 134 has been underway in the Pacific on a successful deployment for several months.

“The Hawaii crew has been excited to meet the challenges and experiences we have tackled so far in this western Pacific deployment,” said Cmdr. William Patterson,



U.S. Navy photo by MC2 Declan Barnes

The Virginia-class fast-attack submarine USS Hawaii (SNN 776) returns to Fleet Activities Yokosuka for a port visit.

commanding officer of Hawaii.

Many of the crew members were excited to have the opportunity to visit Japan again.

“I really love the Japanese culture,” said Machinist’s Mate Fireman Oszaldo Guiterrez.

“It’s very different than what I’ve experienced before. I never thought I would visit [Japan] but am even more excited to go back. I want to visit some historic temples and sites that I wasn’t able to see last time.”

Measuring more than 377 feet long and weighing more than 8,600 tons when submerged, Hawaii is one of the most advanced submarines in the world. Hawaii is the third Virginia-class submarine and is one of the United States’ newest fast-attack submarines.

Borchers Gate to be closed during Great Aloha Run Feb. 16

Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam Public Affairs

In support of the 31st annual Great Aloha Run on Presidents Day, Feb. 16, Borchers Gate will be closed. Luapele Gate will be the alternate gate between the hours of 7 to 11 a.m.

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

Makalapa Gate will be open inbound and modified outbound to allow east-bound traffic between the hours of 7 and 11 a.m. Kuntz Gate access by Elliot Street will be modified outbound to allow east-bound traffic on Nimitz Highway only. Catlin Drive, Camp Catlin

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

The 8.15-mile run will start at sunrise from the Aloha Tower Marketplace, proceed down Nimitz and Kamehameha Highways and end at Aloha Stadium.

Several water aid stations will be available along the route, including a water aid station on Kamehameha Highway near Borchers Gate.

More than 22,000 participants are expected and a portion of the proceeds will benefit local military assistance programs.

For more information, visit www.greataloharun.com.

Wounded Warrior Pacific Trials event needs volunteers

Navy Region Hawaii Public Affairs

Navy Region Hawaii (NRH) will host the Wounded Warrior Pacific Trials from March 9 to 13.

NRH is seeking volunteers to support this event.

Athletes from the trials will be selected to represent the Navy and Coast Guard at the annual warrior games in fall 2015. Events will include wheelchair basketball, seated volleyball, swimming, track and field, archery, shooting and cycling.

Approximately 150 to 200 volunteers will be required to ensure that this wounded warrior pacific trials is successful. Volunteers will provide a supportive presence during events, including providing assistance to the athletes and coaches during the various events.

NRH is also soliciting sponsors for athletes to support them during the events. Responsibilities will be to meet athletes at the Honolulu airport upon arrival, attend meet and greet meetings, and attend athletes' competitions during the weeklong trials.

Volunteering to become an athlete sponsor is a demanding responsibility, as volunteers will be the athlete's primary point of contact while he or she is on island competing during the trials.

Sponsorship is open up to commands as well as individuals.

Events and locations are as follows:

- Swimming at Scott Pool, Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam and Iolani High School.
- Track and field at Earhart Field, Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam and Iolani High School.
- Cycling at a location to be determined.
- Wheelchair basketball at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam Fitness Center.
- Seated volleyball at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam Fitness Center.
- Meet and greet at Hickam Beach.

Service members and commands desiring to volunteer should contact the following personnel Christopher.Creek@navy.mil or 472-8881, ext. 332 no later than Feb. 28.

Service members and commands wanting to sponsor an athlete should contact Kimberly.Hanscom@navy.mil or 471-5522 no later than Feb. 28.

There will be a mandatory brief for all athlete sponsors and event coordinators from 9 to 10:30 a.m. March 2 at Hickam Theater.

Commissaries announce Presidents Day holiday hours

In observance of Presidents Day on Feb. 16 the Pearl Harbor Commissary will be open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. The Hickam Commissary will be open from 10

a.m. to 6 p.m. on the holiday.

For more information, call the Pearl Harbor Commissary at 471-8402, ext. 101 or the Hickam Commissary at 449-1363.

Logistics officers tour 735th Air Mobility Squadron

Story and photo by
Tech. Sgt. Terri Paden

15th Wing Public Affairs

The Kanaloa Chapter of the Logistics Officer Association (LOA) received a tour Jan. 29 of the 735th Air Mobility Squadron at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam.

The behind-the-scenes tour of the squadron brought together logistics and maintenance officers from the 15th Wing, Pacific Air Forces and the 154th Wing for an inside look at the squadron's day-to-day operations.

During the tour, members of LOA were educated on the inner workings of an air mobility squadron including passenger services, air freight, air terminal operations center and Air Mobility Command Control Center.

“This was a great opportunity to expose maintenance and logistics readiness officers to the different tribes across the logistics enterprise,” said Capt. Blake Johnson, aerial port operations officer. “This LOA-sponsored tour bridged some of our interconnected processes and allowed our maintenance brothers and sisters to get a first person perspective on aerial port operations.”

Maj. Jerrymar Copeland, 15th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron



Air Force Tech. Sgt. George Welliver, left, 72nd Aerial Port Squadron cargo journeyman, shows Capt. Kelly Womble, 15th Maintenance Squadron Maintenance Flight commander, how to tighten procedures for belly bands during a demonstration of palette buildup at the 735th Air Mobility Squadron aerial port.

commander and president of the LOA Kanaloa Chapter, said the purpose of the event was to build relationships, increase cross-organizational job awareness and reduce mission delays through education.

According to Copeland, the tour was especially important considering the unique relationship the officers share. Though most LOA members work at different duty centers, all of the officers belong to the logistics career field which includes not only supply, transportation and readiness officers but also maintenance officers.

“We all want to know the impact we have on one another and how we can work together to accomplish the mission,” said Capt. Kelly Womble, 15th Maintenance Flight commander and vice president of the LOA Kanaloa Chapter. “Events like these help us see the big picture and things that go on that we don’t normally see. It’s good to know the ‘why’ behind the ‘what’ when it comes to how things are done.”

1st Lt. Clint Johnson, KC-135 aircraft maintenance unit officer in charge, said he had never been to the aerial port or seen a palette buildup prior to the LOA tour.

“Being able to get out here and get hands-on experience and eyes on the process is definitely beneficial and a better way to learn

about the operation,” he said.

Copeland said most of the officers in attendance work in positions that directly contribute to or impact the 735th AMS mission, so it is important for them to understand their part in the process.

“I know for maintenance officers it’s very easy to get focused on the task at hand and get tunnel vision, but it’s so important to take time to understand the other moving parts,” he said.

Though the tour was the first event of its kind for the officers, Copeland said he looks forward to setting up more opportunities to professionally develop the members in the future.

“The LOA is a professional organization for logistics and maintenance officers, and this gives us a chance to network within our career field,” Copeland said.

In addition to networking, Copeland said LOA events also aid young officers in becoming better leaders.

“The more we know about each other and how things operate, the better we’re able to lead our Airmen and help them understand what is needed to accomplish the mission,” he said.

Copeland said ultimately the tour and the LOA is about coming together to support other logistics and maintenance officers and work together as a team.

Military Saves Week events offer financial tips

Tech. Sgt. Aaron Oelrich

15th Wing Public Affairs

The Military and Family Support Center will offer extra financial help to service members during Military Saves Week which runs Feb. 23-27.

Military Saves Week is a Department of Defense (DoD)-sponsored event that gives service members and their families an opportunity to receive free financial support to help them save money, reduce debt and



build wealth.

“It will give people a chance to take a look at their finances and see what they are actually doing right and what they can do better,” said Debbie Blunt, an accredited financial counselor at the JBPHH Military and Family Support Center.

In observance of Military Saves Week, there will be a

financial fair Feb. 24 at the Hickam Exchange. Financial counselors, banks and other financial organizations from the local community will be on hand to help service members achieve their financial goals by providing savings advice, financial tools, resources and motivation.

In addition, there will be classes held by the JBPHH MFSC throughout the month of February. The focus of this year’s military saves week is “Set a Goal, Make a Plan, Save Automatically.”

According to Blunt, it is easy to set a goal, but much more difficult to meet that goal. Military Saves can help service members keep their financial goal with the Military Saves Pledge.

“This year we want to make this a pledge campaign, whether it is saving money to take a trip or whatever they want to save money for,” Blunt said. “Getting people to take that pledge is important. I think once you make that pledge, it is a little easier to stick [to a plan].”

After making a pledge, service members will be contacted by someone from the Consumer Federation of America, the DoD’s official financial readiness nonprofit partner, to follow up on their progress and answer any questions they may have.

Service members and their families can find more information and resources through Military Saves on line at www.militarysaves.org and through JBPHH MFSC at www.greatlifehawaii.com. Classes are as follows:

Feb.17-18, 7:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m., Million Dollar Sailor/Airman (NCTAMS, Wahiawa)

Feb.19, 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m., Couponing Class.

Feb. 24, 5-7 p.m., ‘Til Debt Do Us Part (Financial Class for Couples).

Feb. 24, 10 a.m.- 2p.m., Financial Fair: Hickam Exchange.

Feb. 25, 1-3 p.m., Financial Planning for Retirement.

Feb. 25, 9:30 a.m.-11 a.m., Financially Savvy Retirees.



A participant low crawls beneath camouflage netting.

‘Swamp Romp’

Story and photos by
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Marine Corps Base Hawaii

Marine Corps Community Services Hawaii and Combat Logistics Battalion 3 hosted the 21st annual Swamp Romp Feb. 7 at Marine Corps Base Hawaii's Landing Zone Boondocker.

The race was 5 miles long and contained many obstacles from mud pits to climbing walls and everything in between.

Participants of the race could either run by themselves or in groups of five or six. The race is Hawaii's first mud and obstacle run and was open to the general public.

This year there were approximately 1,120 participants in the race including 289 individuals and 137 teams.

Members of various military services participated, including U.S. Pacific Fleet.

"This year's turnout was lower than previous years," said Krista Shipes, the athletic director and race coordinator for Marine Corps Community Services Semper Fit. "We believe this is due to the influx of new, similar races coming to the island."

Shipes said this is the largest race of the Commanding Officer's Fitness Series. Construction of the race's 12 obstacles began in January and was installed the week prior to the race.

"There was a lot of running and mud, then more running and even more mud," said Christopher Burke of Marine Light Attack Helicopter Squadron 367. "You crawled with the mud, swung on a rope with mud; it was

overall a lot of fun though."

Burke recommends that anyone who plans to run the race next year tape the tops of their socks and shoes to keep mud out.

"I ran into a lot of deep mud and obstacles," Burke said. "There were things to crawl over and under; it was a lot of fun."

Burke said the race was a lot more difficult than he had thought. He said with each step he took, his feet got stuck into the sinking mud, which tired him out.

"At new twists and turns you just think, 'Is this the last one yet,'" Burke said.

One of the things that kept Burke going was the fact that he couldn't let his own group beat him.

He said the mud and ponds were extremely smelly and humid which added to the intensity of the race.

"It didn't smell good and it didn't taste any better," Burke said. "You just have to block it out and keep running."

Awards were given to the top three male and female



A team rushes through the first obstacle.

individual winners. Medals were also given to the top three teams in each team division.

The overall feedback was positive and participants enjoyed the race, Shipes said.

The Beast, a 10-kilometer race, is on March 21. For more information on any of the races and to see results, visit mccshawaii.com.



Participants run through Marine Corps Base Hawaii's 21st annual Swamp Romp held Feb. 7 at Landing Zone Boondocker.



A team finishes Marine Corps Base Hawaii's Swamp Romp.



A man dressed up as "Pokemon" character Pikachu joined hundreds of participants in the event.

Defending champs Port Royal hang on for win

**Story and photos by
Randy Dela Cruz**

Sports Editor, Ho'okele

The 2014 Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam intramural champions USS Port Royal (CG 73) were tested right out of the gates this season but weathered the storm to defeat Pearl City Peninsula (PCP) Warriors, 31-24, in an Afloat Division season-opening game Feb. 7 at JBPHH Fitness Center.

The game was tight all the way to the end with Port Royal clinging to a 27-24 lead with only a minute remaining in the game.

“It’s just getting the bugs out,” said Port Royal point guard Logistics Specialist 3rd London Waldon. “This always happens the first game. Coming into a brand new season, a lot of these guys haven’t seen this level before.”

Early in the game, it became clear that Port Royal was far from the well-oiled machine that cleared the table in last year’s playoffs.

Although the Warriors were also struggling in the early minutes of the game, Port Royal needed five minutes before posting their first score on a trey by Boatswain’s Mate 2nd Class Zach Robley.

The teams stayed cold for the next five minutes as well, with the score stuck at 4-2 in favor of Port Royal.

Then, with only six minutes remaining in the half, Port Royal finally showed some life on offense.

Seaman Michael Elzen zeroed in on a trey to make it 10-2, and five seconds later Port Royal got a double-digit lead at 12-2 on a steal and basket by Waldon.

Up at 16-4 going into the second half, Waldon immediately popped in a trey to put Port Royal ahead with their biggest lead of the game at 19-4.

While Port Royal was threatening to run away with the game, the Warriors finally awoke from their slumber and began to inch their way back into the game.

A three-point shot by Special Warfare Operator 1st Class Nicolas Wagoner at the 11:13 mark completed an 8-0 run to cut the lead down to seven at 19-12.

Another trey by Waldon, his second of the game, ended the run. However, back-to-back free throws by Gunner’s Mate 2nd Class Ricardo Hodges pulled the Warriors to within three points at 24-21 with 3:05 remaining in the game.

Elzen answered with his second trey



Seaman Apprentice Tariq Jackson tries to score in the post.

of the game to put Port Royal back out to a six-point lead at 27-21.

With time running out, the Warriors scrambled back to pull to within three points again at 27-24 with only a minute left to play.

However, a clutch basket inside the paint on a putback by Seaman Apprentice Tariq Jackson sealed the game for Port Royal with only 13 ticks left on the clock.

The loss was disappointing on many fronts for the Warriors, who battled back in the second half only to fall

short.

Compounding the defeat was the fact that the Warriors made 28 trips to the charity stripe but converted only 13.

“This is our first time playing with each other,” said Cooper, who led the Warriors with eight points on making eight of 12 shot from the free-throw line. “But we have tenacity and we don’t quit, so that’s what made the comeback.”

Despite struggling in their first game



Seaman Michael Elzen splits the defense of the PCP Warriors. Elzen sparked two rallies with a couple of three-points baskets in helping USS Port Royal (CG 73) to the opening-season win.

after winning the title, Waldon said that he doesn’t think that the close game against the Warriors would have any bearing on Port Royal’s future.

“It doesn’t cause us any concern,” he stated. “Our mindset is always the same. Last year was last year. We’ve got to start a new season. This is hard because everybody else wants it as bad as we do.”

Aggressive play leads Force Support Squadron to win

Story and photos by
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The 647th Force Support Squadron (647 FSS) got out to a slow start, but once they got on a roll, there was nothing to stop them from beating Naval Sea Systems Command (NSSC), 57-40, in a Red Division intramural basketball game Feb. 11 at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam Fitness Center.

The 647 FSS trailed by as much as seven points with only four minutes remaining in the first half, but the team went on a tear to outscore NSSC by a margin of 12-3 and close off the half with a 23-21 lead.

“The coach told us to play defense and turn it up and run,” said 647 FSS point guard Master Sgt. Jack Jones. “We got some easy fast-break points and stayed on it.”

The win was the second in a row for the 647 FSS after losing their season opener, while the NSSC lost their first game of the young season.

Following the tip-off, both teams traded baskets in the early minutes of play before NSSC went on a mini run and took an 18-9 lead.

Senior Airman Travis Phelps stopped the bleeding with back-to-back free throws to make it 18-11 and teammate Senior Mike Stephens followed up with two baskets in a row to narrow the margin down to four.

NSSC upped the lead back to five at 21-15 but, from that point on, the tide quickly changed in favor of the 647 FSS.

Staff Sgt. Visconti Christman calmly zeroed in on a three-pointer from the corner and made it a one-point game by following up on a lay-up.

Then with time quickly running down, Stephens swished a trey at the buzzer to give the 647 FSS a 23-21 advantage at intermission.

Halftime did nothing to cool down the warmed-up 647 FSS, which opened the second half on a 10-0 run, which began on a trey by Musician Seaman Brian Mathis and ended on another trey by Stephens.

“It started with defense,” said 647 FSS head coach Chief Master Sgt. Eric Dugger about the team’s strong run. “I think those guys wanted to come out and play aggressive in their zone, get some easy



Culinary Specialist 3rd Class Kali Pettigrew positions himself for the shot.

baskets, get good movement with the ball, be patient and get what we need.”

Mathis, who was scoreless in the first half, popped in his second trey of the night to give the 647 FSS a 40-25 lead at the 14:25 mark.

Then Jones added back-to-back hoops with just less than 10 minutes remaining to push the 647 FSS out to their biggest lead at 46-29.

Although NSSC staged a small comeback on the strength of four points from Culinary Specialist 3rd Class Kali Pettigrew to whittle the lead down to 10 at 48-38, the 647 FSS answered with seven straight points of their own to put the game away for good.

Stephens led the way for the 647 FSS with 18 points and was followed by Jones with 12, Mathis with 11, Phelps with 10 and Christman with seven.

Several NSSC players also excelled in the showdown, with Pettigrew leading the way with 11 points, while the team got eight points apiece from Logistics



Master Sgt. Jack Jones goes up for two of his 12 points.

Specialist 2nd Class Jerry Acosta and Lt. j.g. Derrick Olson.

The convincing win may just be the catalyst that the 647 FSS needed to kick-start their season.

Jones believes that the team is talented enough to go all the way, while Dugger

said he hopes that the win sends a message to the league and themselves.

“Hopefully it will send the message to my guys that we can play with anybody in the league,” he pointed out. “We’re here, we got a good team and every night we’re going to play hard.”

Strong second half helps 735th AMS defeat Bushmasters

Story and photo by
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The 735th Air Mobility Squadron (735 AMS) outscored the 25th Air Support Operation Squadron (25 ASOS) Bushmasters by 11 points in the second half to earn a 45-30 victory Feb. 5 in a Blue Division intramural basketball game at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam Fitness Center.

The win raised the 735’s early-season record to 2-0, while the hard-luck Bushmasters have now lost two games in a row.

“We just wanted to make sure that we helped each other out,” said Staff Sgt. Joseph Rutledge about the 735’s strong second-half stand. “We just made sure that no one got beat on the drive.”

For the 735 AMS, Staff Sgt. Jason Lockhart got things off to a good start with some deadly shooting from the perimeter.

Shortly after tip-off, Lockhart connected on a jumper from the wing and followed up with a trey to help the 735 take a 10-3 lead.

However, after cutting the margin down to five at 10-5, Staff Sgt. Robert Dixie showed he could drain it from outside as well and put the Bushmasters ahead at 11-10 on back-to-back splashdowns from beyond the arc.

The Bushmasters went on to take a four-point lead, but with 6:04 left on the clock before halftime, Tech. Sgt. Marco Knight tied the game up with a basket to even the score at 17-17.

Another basket by Rutledge put the 735 up at 19-17, but the lead was quickly erased on Dixie’s third trey of the half.

The lead would be the last for the Bushmasters, as the 735 regained the



Tech. Sgt. Marco Knight goes up for two of eight points to help the 735th Air Mobility Squadron beat 25th Air Support Operation Squadron (25 ASOS) Bushmasters.

lead at 23-21 on a shot from Knight before going into the break ahead at 25-21.

The second half started almost exactly the same way as the first, with Lockhart using his soft touch from the outside to drain a basket and a trey to lead the 735 to their first double-digit lead at 32-21.

While the Bushmasters were able to bounce back in the first half on the strength of Dixie and Staff Sgt. Jamaar Milner, the second half would not include any comeback heroics.

Milner scored seven points in the first half, while teammate Dixie added nine on three long-distance bombs from three-point land to account for 16 of the team’s 21 first-half points.

In the second half, Milner was able to convert only one basket, while Dixie was completely shut out.

“I think the problem was that we just took a lot of bad shots in the second half,” Milner admitted. “We started settling for threes instead of really working the ball and making good passes.”

Rutledge said that the difference in the game was that the 735 stuck to their game plan.

By rotating the ball and being patient, Rutledge said that the 735 were able to break down the Bushmasters defense and get the ball to an open shooter.

“We try to do a high pick-and-roll to open up the shot,” Rutledge pointed out. If not we try to get it to the big man, so he can take it to the hole and get points on the board.”

Milner said that in order to fix the things that are holding back the Bushmasters, the team would have to commit and spend more time practicing.

But as long as everyone gives 100 percent on the court, he’ll be satisfied win or lose.

“We just got to keep playing as a team,” he affirmed. “I hate losing, but at the same time, it’s more about the effort.”

Meanwhile, for Rutledge, the team’s second win in a row only fuels the fire for the guys to keep pushing for the ultimate prize.

“I think we’re going to do pretty good,” he stated. “We definitely plan on making it to the playoffs and hopefully compete for the championship.”

Joint base basketball standings announced

JBPHH intramural basketball standings
(as of Feb. 10, 2015)

Blue Division	W	L
1. NIOC HI	2	0
2. COMPACFLT	2	0
3. 690th COS	2	0
4. 735 AMS	2	0
5. 647 CES	1	0
6. 324 IS	1	1
7. 17 OWS	0	2
8. JIOC	0	2
9. HQ PACAF	0	2
10. Bushmasters	0	2
11. 647 LRS	0	1

Red Division		
1. NSSC	2	0
2. PHMSY IMF	2	0
3. Pound Town	2	0
4. 8 IS	2	0
5. 15 MXG	1	1
6. 647 FSS	1	1
7. 747 CS	1	1
8. Security	1	1
9. Bronze St. Warriors	0	2
10. Company I	0	2
11. 15 MDG	0	2
12. Nock Boyz	0	2

Afloat Division		
1. Chosin	1	0
2. O’Kane	1	0
3. Port Royal	1	0
4. John Paul Jones	1	0
5. Jefferson City	1	0
6. Chung-Hoon	0	1
7. Bremerton	0	1
8. PCP Warriors	0	1
9. Hopper	0	1
10. Corpus Christi	0	1

Wounded Warrior Family Symposium planned

Navy Region Hawaii

Public Affairs

A Navy Wounded Warrior Family Symposium will be held from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. March 10 at the Hickam Officers Club.

Navy Wounded Warrior Safe Harbor coordinates the non-medical care of seriously wounded, ill and injured Sailors and Coast Guardsmen, in addition to providing resources and support to their families.

Assistant Secretary of the Navy for Manpower and Reserve Affairs Juan P. Garcia III will deliver the opening remarks. Participants are asked to RSVP as early as possible because seating is limited to 100 guests.

The event is designed to encourage attendance by command leaders and medical providers to provide a clear understanding of the Navy Wounded Warrior-Safe Harbor mission and reinforce best

practices in care coordination, family and caregiver support, medical and disability benefits, and employment and transition services.

Wounded warriors, family members, caretakers and providers will share experiences, ideas and resources with all in attendance.

Lunch will be provided.

For more information, call 426-6381 or email Thomas.D.Howell7.mil@mail.mil.

Traveling exhibit to open in March

Pacific Aviation
Museum Pearl Harbor

Pacific Aviation Museum Pearl Harbor will serve as the first stop of the “National Memories” United States tour March 14.

The exhibit, which first went on display in the southern Chinese city of Shenzhen in 2010, has toured through mainland China and Taiwan.

Through the use of imagery and more than 100 historic photos taken by

the 164 th U.S. Signal Photo Company in the China Burma India Theater, “National Memories” brings to life the unusual and little known camaraderie that existed between Chinese and U.S. soldiers as their countries joined forces during World War II.

During WWII, the U.S. provided military assistance to China. That meant sending U.S. troops to China to train Chinese soldiers. In April 1941,

President Franklin D. Roosevelt signed a secret agreement that led to the creation of the famed first American Volunteer Group of the Chinese Air Force the Flying Tigers. The story of the Flying Tigers and an actual Curtiss P-40 Warhawk are part of a permanent exhibit at Pacific Aviation Museum Pearl Harbor.

For more information, call 441-1007 or email Education@PacificAviationMuseum.org.



Live the Great Life



Vendors who wish to participate in the spring craft fair will need to show a sample of their handiwork upon registration.

MWR Marketing photo

Craft fair vendor registration now open

Justin Hirai

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

Artists and crafters will have a chance to show their wares in one of the first big crafters events of the year.

Registration began last Friday for those who would like to participate in the 40th Annual Spring Craft Fair.

The craft fair will be held from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. May 2 in the grassy area next to the Hickam Arts & Crafts Center on Kuntz Avenue. Between 2,000 and 3,000 patrons attend the craft fair each year.

Any variety of crafts can be sold as long as they are handmade by the vendor. Items such as woodworking, jewelry, fabric or yarn crafts, paintings, photography and glasswork have been sold at previous spring craft fairs.

“You get the thrill of selling something you made and it will go to a good home. You also get a chance to make new customer contacts for future sales and network with other crafters,” said Donna Sommer, Hickam Arts & Crafts Center director.

“The Hickam Craft Fair is bigger and better than others outside of the base. We enforce the handmade rule and our craft vendors appreciate this,”

Sommer said.

The craft fair will also offer live entertainment, pony rides, archery games, make-and-takes for the kids, demonstrations and a variety of food.

Artists and crafters can register in person at the Hickam Arts & Crafts Center store or mail in their application. Either way they decide to register, they will need to have pictures of their handmade crafts.

Visit www.greatlifehawaii.com to download a registration form, rules and pricing and look for the spring craft fair vendor registration event page.

For more information, call 448-9907, ext. 101 or 102.

Japanese martial arts demo planned

Reid Tokeshi

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

There is an opportunity to observe authentic Japanese performances from 2 to 4 p.m. Monday at Hickam Fitness Center.

Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam Morale, Welfare and Recreation (MWR) will hold the Japanese martial arts demonstration and traditional performing arts.

Students from the Nippon Sport Science University will be performing in this exhibition. The university is known in Japan for physical education and sports, counting many Olympic medalists as past students.

There will be demonstrations in a variety of Japanese martial arts, including archery, sumo wrestling and karate. Traditional dance will also be performed, as well as the playing of the Japanese drum called “Wadaiko.”

Doors open at 1:30 p.m. Admission is free and is open to all military-affiliated personnel and their sponsored guests.

For more information, call 922-6300.

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All-Military Bowling Tryouts Registration closes today. Tryouts are scheduled to begin at 10 a.m. Feb. 19 at Hickam Bowling Center and at 10 a.m. Feb. 20 at Naval Station Bowling Center. Participants can bowl eight games each day, 16 games total. The top six male and top four female bowlers will advance to the Hawaii All-Military Bowling Tournament in April. Tryouts are open to all active-duty Air Force and Navy personnel. The cost is \$16 per day. FMI: 473-2651.

Lucky Friday the 13th Double Feature will begin at 5:30 p.m. today at Sharkey Theater. Patrons can purchase one movie ticket and see two movies for the price of one: “Night at the Museum: Secret of the Tomb” (PG) and “Taken 3” (PG-13). FMI: 473-0726.

Movies in the Park will begin at 7 p.m. today at the MWR Outdoor Recreation-Hickam Harbor lawn. Patrons can bring blankets,

drinks and snacks to watch a free movie, which will be suitable for all ages. FMI: 449 5215.

Valentine's Day 5K will begin at 8 a.m. Saturday at Hickam Fitness Center. Awards will be given to first and second places in each category, including men, women, youth (ages 14 and below), and strollers. This free 5K run is open to all eligible patrons. FMI: 448-2214.

Chinese New Year Celebration “2015: Year of the Sheep” Chinatown Food & Historic Tour will be held from 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday. The cost is \$33 for adults, \$25 for children ages 3 to 11 years old, and free for children on an adult's lap (no large strollers). FMI: 448-2295.

Chinese New Year Celebration “2015: Year of the Sheep” Chinese New Year Parade &

Dinner will be held from 2 to 6:30 p.m. Saturday. The cost is \$37 for adults, \$30 for children ages 3 to 11 years old, and free for children on an adult's lap (no large strollers). FMI: 448-2295.

Parent Night: Mint Chocolate Chip Month will be held from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. Feb. 17 at the Hickam Teen Center for families of teens ages 13 to 18 years old. Parents and siblings are invited to celebrate Mint Chocolate Chip Month at this free event. New families are welcome. FMI: 448-0418.

Traditional Black and White Darkroom Film Processing and Printing class will be held from 9 a.m. to noon Saturdays, Feb. 14 and Feb. 21, at the Hickam Arts & Crafts Center. This two-session class will cover the developing of black and white film, printing a contact sheet and making enlargements from the processed negatives. Tuition is \$50. FMI: 448-9907.

Whale Watching Cruise will depart at noon Saturday from the MWR Information, Tickets & Travel-Hickam office for Ko Olina Marina. Participants can sail along the west coast of Oahu to search for humpback whales. Tickets are \$45 for adults and \$40 for children ages newborn to 11 years old. FMI: 448-2295.

Couples Valentine's Day Origami class will be held from 1 to 3 p.m. Saturday at the Hickam Arts & Crafts Center for patrons ages 13 and older. The cost is \$20 including supplies. FMI: 448-9907.

Valentine's Day Movie Special will be available Saturday at Sharkey Theater. Patrons can save their movie ticket receipts and bring them in to the Naval Station Bowling Center the same day to receive a free game of bowling for each movie ticket purchased. FMI: 473-0726.

Community Calendar

FEBRUARY

POTLUCK, GOODS DONATION

14 — A potluck and goods donation for the homeless will be held from noon to 4 p.m. at Kakaako Gateway Park at the corner of Ilalo Street and Ohe Street. Donations requested include toiletries, gift certificates to purchase food, and nonperishable food. Volunteers are also needed to set up for the event. FMI: Master Sgt. Keisha Price at 449-8924 or www.facebook.com/15thWing/.

GATE CLOSURE

16 — In support of the 31st annual Great Aloha Run on Presidents Day, Borchers Gate will be closed during the event. Luapele Gate will be the alternate gate between the hours of 7 to 11 a.m. In addition, Center Drive and Radford Drive will not be accessible by Kamehameha Highway. Makalapa Gate will be open inbound and modified outbound to allow eastbound traffic between the hours of 7 and 11 a.m. Kuntz Gate access by Elliot Street will be modified outbound to allow eastbound traffic on Nimitz Highway only. Catlin Drive, Camp Catlin Drive, Peltier Avenue and Puuloa Road will not be accessible from Nimitz Highway. FMI: www.greataloharun.com.

GREAT CLOTHING GIVEAWAY

18 — E1-E5 families with children are invited to join USO Hawaii for the second Great Clothing Giveaway at USO Hickam. There will be a selection of children's clothing items that are direct from the store in a variety of sizes from preemie baby to young adult. Space is limited, so registration is required. FMI: <https://www.facebook.com/HawaiiUSO>.

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.

AFRICAN AMERICAN HISTORY MONTH

26, 28 — The following events are planned for African American History Month:

- Feb. 26, 7:30 a.m. Pearl Harbor Colors Honors and Heritage ceremony will be held at the Pearl Harbor Visitor Center. The monthly Navy history and heritage event will feature music by Pacific Fleet Band and guest speaker Capt. Stan Kieve, Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam commander.
- Feb. 26, 9:30 a.m., A special observance will be held at Sharkey Theater. Guest speaker will be Alphonso Braggs, president of the Hawaii Chapter of the NAACP.
- Feb. 26, 11 a.m. A special luncheon will be offered at Silver Dolphin Bistro.
- Feb. 28, 3 p.m. A Gospel Fest & Taste of Soul will be held at Nellis Chapel.

CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS

NOW — Navy Region Hawaii will host the Wounded Warrior Pacific Trials from March 9 to 13. Athletes from the trials will be selected to represent the Navy and Coast Guard at the annual Warrior Games in the fall. Navy Region Hawaii is asking for volunteers to support the event. There will be a mandatory brief for all athlete sponsors and event coordinators from 9 to 10:30 a.m. March 2 at Hickam Theater. FMI: Matthew.P.Butler@navy.mil or 472-8881, ext. 332 or 371-0271, or Christopher.Creek@navy.mil or 472-8881, ext. 332.

NCIS CRIME REDUCTION PROGRAM

NOW — From the start of fiscal year 2015, the NCIS Crime Reduction Program (CRP) has been focusing its efforts on the awareness and prevention of domestic violence. The CRP is a program which unites law enforcement and community service organizations with a shared goal of educating Sailors, Marines and Department of the Navy civilians about common threats to their safety. With the increasing focus on domestic violence prevention, the first quarter CRP has been extended through March. FMI: 474-1218, or the NCIS Hotline at 1-877-579-3648, text "NCIS" and tip information to CRIMES (274637) or call the DoD Safe Helpline at 1-877-955-5247.

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 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.

MARCH

WOUNDED WARRIOR FAMILY SYMPOSIUM

10 — A Navy Wounded Warrior Family Symposium will be held from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Hickam Officers Club. Navy Wounded Warrior Safe Harbor coordinates the non-medical care of seriously wounded, ill and injured Sailors and Coast Guardsmen, in addition to providing resources and support to their families. Assistant Secretary of the Navy for Manpower and Reserve Affairs Juan P. Garcia III will deliver the opening remarks. Participants are asked to RSVP as early as possible because seating is limited to 100 guests. FMI: 426-6381 or email Thomas.D.Howell7.mil@mail.mil.



TAKEN 3 (PG-13)

Liam Neeson returns as ex-covert operative Bryan Mills, whose reconciliation with his ex-wife is tragically cut short when she is brutally murdered. Consumed with rage, and framed for the crime, he goes on the run to evade the relentless pursuit of the CIA, FBI and the police. For one last time, Mills must use his "particular set of skills," to track down the real killers, exact his unique brand of justice, and protect the only thing that matters to him now – his daughter.

Movie Showtimes

SHARKEY THEATER

TODAY 2/13

Friday the 13th Double Feature

See two movies for the price of one.
5:30 p.m. Night at the Museum: Secrets of the Tomb (PG)
7:40 p.m. Taken 3 (PG-13)

SATURDAY 2/14

2:30 p.m. Paddington (PG)
4:50 p.m. Big Eyes (PG-13)
7:10 p.m. The Wedding Ringer (R)

SUNDAY 2/15

2:30 p.m. Paddington (PG)
4:50 p.m. Taken 3 (PG-13)
7:10 p.m. American Sniper (R)

HICKAM MEMORIAL THEATER

TODAY 2/13

6:00 p.m. Exodus: Gods and Kings (PG-13)

SATURDAY 2/14

4:00 p.m. American Sniper (R)
7:00 p.m. Taken 3 (PG-13)

SUNDAY 2/15

2:00 p.m. Annie (PG)

MONDAY 2/16

Special matinee showing receives a free soda (any size) with purchase of a large popcorn.
2:00 p.m. Into the Woods (PG)

THURSDAY 2/19

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





My Favorite Photo...

Becky Hommon, Navy Region Hawaii attorney, took this recent photo of the Honolulu Art Museum’s Mediterranean Garden. Hommon said the garden provides a spot of quiet beauty for mental refreshment and military members receive an admission discount.

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

Gospel Fest, Taste of Soul set

The Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam Special Observance Committee will hold its sixth annual Gospel Fest and Taste of Soul event at 3 p.m. Feb. 28 at Nelles Chapel, building 500.

The Gospel Fest will involve a number of choirs and praise teams from across the island.

The Taste of Soul event will involve tasting of a variety of soul food dishes with the opportunity for participants to have their best soul food dishes judged.

For more information about how to volunteer or to bring a soul food dish, email shadonna.mcphaul1.1@us.af.mil or call 449-6562.

Military shoppers have a chance at \$10,000 grand prize

Army & Air Force Exchange Service

A \$10,000 grand prize is up for grabs in the Army & Air Force Exchange Service’s latest “Because of You” contest. Authorized shoppers can enter by visiting shopmyexchange.com.

With the Spend Free Spree contest, military shoppers have a chance to win a \$10,000 exchange gift card or a \$2,000 gift card for second place. From Feb. 13-28, authorized exchange shoppers can enter at shopmyexchange.com/BecauseOfYou.

The contest is part of an exchange year-long effort to recognize service members’ unique contributions to the country.

“This \$10,000 prize could change someone’s life,” said Chief Master Sgt. Sean Applegate, exchange senior enlisted advisor. “This is the exchange’s way of thanking military members and their families for their service and sacrifice.”

Complete contest rules can be found at shopmyexchange.com/BecauseOfYou. Winners will be notified on or about March 15.

TAMC blood drive schedule updated

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

Currently scheduled drives include:

- 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 or visit www.militaryblood.dod.mil.