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Wounded Warrior Pacific Trials to be held March 10-13

Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam Morale, Welfare and Recreation

The 2015 Wounded Warrior Pacific Trials, a competition among seriously wounded, ill and injured service members from the Air Force, Army, Coast Guard, Navy and Special Operations Command, will be held March 10 through March 13.

An opening symposium will be held from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. March 10 at the Historic Hickam Officers Club. Archery trials will be held from 1 to 3 p.m. March 10 at Ford Island.

• Swim trials will be held from 8 to 11 a.m. March 11 at 'Iolani High School.

• Shooting Trials (pistol) will be held 8 to 11 a.m. March 11 at Ford Island.

• Track and field trials will be held 8 a.m. to noon March 12 at Iolani High School.

• Shooting trials (rifle) will be from 1:30 to 4 p.m. March 12 at Ford Island.

• Cycling trials will be from 8:30 to 11:30 a.m. March 13 at Ford Island.

• A closing luau will be held from 4 to 8 p.m. March 13 at the Hale Koa Hotel.

Admission is free. A complete schedule of events and more information is available at www.greatlife hawaii.com.



Hawaii commands garner CNO environmental awards

Tom Clements

Navy Region Hawaii Public Affairs

Hawaii-based commands ning, Team. were well represented in this week's announcement from the Chief of Naval Operations Environmental Awards program.

Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam won in the category of Natural Resources, Large Sands Kauai for Cultural FAC HI) for Cultural

Hawaii-Southern California Training and Testing Environmental Impact Statement Team, Pearl Harbor, for Environmental Plan-

All CNO winners will advance to the Secretary of the Navy level of competition.

"I'm very pleased to see recognition of the commitment from our Navy ohana here in preserving and protecting the resources that Installation; Pacific Missile are so important in this spe-Range Facility, Barking cial place where we live and work," said Rear Adm. Rick Resources Management, Williams, commander of Small Installation; Jeff Pan- Navy Region Hawaii and taleo of Joint Base (NAV- Naval Surface Group Middle Pacific. "I expect good



U.S. Navy photo Lt. j.g. Eric Galassi Shad Kane, cultural practitioner, conducts a blessing ceremony for the Loko Pa'aiau fishpond project at McGrew Point on Sept. 29, 2014 while representatives of the Navy and Resources Management, In- news in the coming an- Native Hawaiian civic clubs join hands. Mangrove removal at the ancient site began after the winners for each of the

level of competition."

The CNO Environmental Awards program recognizes Navy ships, installations, individuals and teams for their outstanding accomplishments and contributions to improving the environmental performance of our Navy.

For the fiscal year 2014 competition, 53 nominations from commands around the world were received in 10 award categories. Environmental subject matter experts and representatives from Navy and non-government organizations reviewed the nominations and selected award categories.

dividual or Team, and the nouncement from the next ceremony.

Navy-Marine Corps Relief Society aims high for 2015

Story and photo by MC3 Gabrielle Joyner

Navy Public Affairs Support Element West Det. Hawaii

Navy-Marine Corps Relief Society (NMCRS) kicked off its annual fund drive March 4 at Sharkey Theater at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam.

The NMCRS fund drive is held annually to generate donations that benefit Sailors and Marines. Some of the services and programs offered by NMCRS include financial assistance and counseling, quick assist loans (interest free), education assistance, health education and post-combat support, Budget for Baby, emergency travel, disaster relief and thrift shops.

Rear Adm. Rick Williams, commander of Navy Region Hawaii and Naval Surface Group Middle Pacific and chair of the NMCRS Advisory Board, gave remarks and stressed how important the NMCRS is to the CNO's initiatives of warfighting, operating forward, being ready and resiliency.

"We have the unexpected because life happens to all of us," said Williams. "In order for us to be able to be resilient and to deal with those kinds of problems, Navy Marine Corps Relief helps us do that, like a shock absorber."

Paul Belanger, director of NMCRS Pearl Harbor, also emphasized the value of the organization's fund drive as a vital asset to service members.

because it gives us the funds that are necessary to be able to help you help yourselves," said Belanger. "But what's more important than the fund drive

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Rear Adm. Rick Williams, commander of Navy Region Hawaii and Naval Surface Group Middle Pacific, gives remarks at the Navy-Marine Corps Relief Society (NMCRS) fund drive kick-off held at Sharkey Theater at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam.

and the money is that it's an opportunity for us to educate our Sailors and Marines about our organization so they make NMCRS their first resource, not their last resort."

With 70 of the 77 commands at Pearl "The fund drive is really important Harbor attending the kickoff, and 76 commands participating in the fund drive, Belanger says this year is already starting out stronger than previous years.

"This is the best pre-registration I have ever seen and I've worked here for 31 years," said Belanger.

Sailors designated as key persons and representatives for their respective commands attended the event to receive informational supplies and training about the NMCRS fund drive in order to help raise awareness and support.

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USO spring troop visit Sunday Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam Morale, Welfare and Recreation

A USO spring troop visit featuring a free variety show will begin at 6:30 p.m. Sunday at Ward Field, Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam. Gates open at 5:15 p.m.

- The event will include appearances by celebrities, including:
- Jason "Wee Man" Acuna, actor/skateboarder and MTV show host.
 - Dwayne Allen, Indianapolis Colts tight end.
 - David DeCastro, Pittsburgh Steelers guard.

• Diana DeGarmo, American Idol season three runner up.

• Dennis Haysbert, actor from The Unit, 24 and the Allstate Insurance spokesman.

- Miss America 2015 Kira Kazantsev.
- Andrew Luck, Indianapolis Colts quarterback.
- Chuck Pagano, Indianapolis Colts head coach.
- Phillip Phillips, American Idol season 11 winner.
- Ace Young, American Idol season five finalist.

The event is open to Department of Defense ID cardholders and their sponsored guests. Food and beverages will be available for purchase.

Authorized items include small clutches, blankets and folding chairs. All items are subject to search. Outside food and beverages, pets, backpacks, bags/totes, purses, umbrellas, video/audio recorders and tents are not authorized.

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'Sentry Aloha' exercises begin in sky over Hawaii

Hawaii Air National **Guard Public Affairs**

The Hawaii Air National Guard (HIANG) will host its second large-scale "Sentry Aloha" fighter exercise in 2015, beginning this week. Area residents may see an increase in fighter aircraft activity as they take off and land at Honolulu International Airport. The exercise officially began March 5.

For this exercise, F-15 Eagles from Oregon and Florida will be participating. The Arizona Air National Guard (ANG) will send F-16 Falcons, A-10 Warthogs, C-130 Hercules transports, and a KC-135 Stratotanker.

seven states participating. "Sentry Aloha" exercises have been conducted by the HIANG several times per

> year for decades. It has been growing in size and complexity following the HIANG's conversion in 2010 to the F-22 Raptor, the U.S. Air Force's premier fighter aircraft.

tankers will also be coming from Iowa and Maine. U.S.

Navy aviators will be flying

variants of the F/A-18 Hor-

net from California out of

Marine Corps Base Hawaii,

Kaneohe. There are a total

of 45 aircraft and more than

1,000 service members from

"Sentry Aloha" is now the tiple elements of the Air and augmentation of active for conflict or war. premier and primary train- National Guard in the mis- duty forces should these ANG KC-135 refueling ing exercise to prepare mul- sion of our nation's defense ANG units be called upon gration construct, the 154th

Under the total force inte-

F-15 Eagles deployed from the 104th Fighter Wing, Massachusetts Air National Guard, sit

on the flightline at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, Hawaii, March 6, 2014. The F-15s are

at JBPH-H as part of Sentry Aloha, an annual aerial combat exercise focused on offensive

Wing, the largest ANG wing in the nation, operates the F-22, KC-135 and C-17 in conjunction with active duty units maintained under Pacific Air Forces' 15th Wing.

The Hawaii Air National Guard is comprised of approximately 2,500 Airmen whose federal mission is to be trained and available for active duty operational missions. It is also tasked with Hawaii's air defense mission, protecting Hawaii's airspace around-the-clock, 365 days a year. Its state mission is to be trained and available for domestic operations at home, including relief and recovery operations following a natural disaster.

Hawaii Sailors attend First Class Petty Officer Leadership Symposium

and defensive counter measures and fighter integration.

MC2 (SW) Jeff Troutman

Navy Public Affairs Support Element West, Detachment Hawaii

First class petty officers (FCPOs) stationed at Pearl Harbor gathered Feb. 25 at Hickam Memorial Theater at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam to attend a First Class Petty Officer's Symposium.

Approximately 200 FCPOs who were looking to gain leadership and career advice from the Pearl Harbor Chief's Action Group (CAG), in conjunction with the First Class Petty Officer's Association were in attendance for the symposium.

U.S. Pacific Fleet Master Chief Marco Ramirez addressed the attendees via a pre-recorded video statement, congratulating first classes who were about to take the chief petty officers exam, as well as stressing the importance of the symposium.

"As first class petty officers, you are the ones, at your level, leading the [junior] Sailors in our Navy," said Ramirez.

You're our replacements, your leadership, what you do and how you do it makes a difference. This symposium will not only help build you to be better leaders but also



U.S. Navy photo by MC2 Laurie Dexter

Chanda Johnston, work and family life consultant and accredited financial counselor at the Military and Family Support Center, speaks to first class petty officers stationed at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam during a first class petty officer symposium held at Hickam Memorial Theater.

help you recognize destructive behaviors and educate you to intervene when necessary," Ramirez said.

He challenged the FCPOs to ask members of the CAG tough questions that may be on the collective minds of those in attendance but seldom addressed in an open forum such as this.

"The purpose of this kind of gettogether is to do some professional training with the Pearl Harbor FC-POs, to help them become future chief petty officers, and to guide

their junior Sailors along the way," said Master Chief Intelligence Specialist Jason Martin, who spoke to the Sailors about professional development and advancement.

"My hope is that the Sailors who attended today's symposium will have a better understanding of the resources they have to be competitive for advancement. The opportunities are definitely out there; they just have to find them," Martin said

Topics covered during the symposium included important tips for maintaining an individual's help even the newest FCPOs in atelectronic service record, career information and policies, individual augmentee assignments, and more.

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

Sailors who attended the symposium found the training worthwhile in conjunction with the goals making first class and beginning their journey to the chief petty officer's selection board.

According to Air Traffic Controlman 1st Class Jolyn San Nicolas. assigned to Marine Corps Base Hawaii (MCBH), the information she received at the symposium will enable her to not only enhance her own career but the careers of those around her.

"I'm all for educated knowledge and I'm excited to be here," said San Nicolas. "The evaluation writing block and the segment on uniform regulations were especially helpful, because it teaches me how to better serve my junior Sailors and be a better first class for them.

Additionally, many of the topics during the symposium were geared toward helping the FCPOs better understand the often overwhelming process of preparing their service record for selection to chief petty officers. Navy heritage, ethics, proper fitness and nutri-

changes occurring in today's Navy, tion were all covered in an effort to tendance begin planning their route to khaki leadership.

"The Navy is always changing around us, so seminars like this enable me to stay current on things like proper fitness, proper they had set for themselves upon ethics, and how to inspire the most out of myself and my junior Sailors," said Air Traffic Controlman 1st Class Courtney Sears, assigned to MCBH.

> "It's just a great way to learn about the resources available to you," she said.

> Sears said she would advise other FCPOs who didn't attend the symposium to attend future outings if they were interested in enhancing their chances for selection to chief.

"The opportunity to network amongst your peers and the amount of combined knowledge in the room is a huge benefit to everyone in attendance," said Sears.

"There's a bigger picture to the Navy than just what's in your office. From preparing your chief's package to actually taking the exam, the information you can walk away with from symposiums like this is enormous. I would highly encourage every FCPO who is looking to further their career to attend.

Battle of Sunda Strait lessons and need to be ready

Rear Adm. **Rick Williams**

Commander, Navy Region Hawaii and Naval Surface Group Middle Pacific

The Battle of Sunda Strait was fought 73 years ago this week more than 6,000 miles from Hawaii. The battle against a formidable, trained and determined enemy occurred nearly three months after the attack here on Dec. 7, 1941.

As most of our Pacific Rear Adm. Rick Williams Fleet battleships lay alongside Ford Island "battered and smoldering," in the words of author/historian James D. Hornfischer, far to the ity to track with radar from east of us in the Java Sea afar-Houston was at a dis-USS Houston (CA 30) was surprised by a superior Sunda Strait. Japanese task force near Indonesia in what would be the biggest surface naval engagement since World War I.



With an already damaged gun turret from a previous encounter with the enemy—and without the abiladvantage in the Battle of

Meanwhile, the more experienced Japanese navy, with advanced radar, torpedoes and training in night tactics, seized the advantage.

In those early months of importance of Chief of the war, our ships' weapons systems and tactics were outmatched by the adversary's capabilities. Fierce fighting in the dark of night and shorter range weapons created chaos and friendly fire incidents

Hornfischer shows how in the decade before the ity, using our surface war, USS Houston, U.S. Fleet flagship in 1938, was considered President Franklin D. Roosevelt's "own" – used by him on extended cruises and even on fishing expeditions.

Unfortunately, warfighting readiness and the ability to operate forward were immaterial to the distinctive mythology and polished image that grew up around the former flagship. Failure to modernize and adapt to new technology and tactics can have tragic consequences.

Today, the lessons of Sunda Strait reinforce the capabilities.

Greenert's tenets Warfighting First, Operate Forward, Be Ready. And, directly supporting "warfighting first" is Com-

Vice Adm. Rowden's concept of distributed lethalaction groups in power projection to protect sea lanes.

Vice Adm. Rowden is leading surface warriors using new tactics and training to ensure our an upper hand in battle. We take this personally here where we have a large surface action group poised and ready at Pearl Harbor. Key lessons from the

Battle of Sunda Strait: • Never mirror image an adversary or underesti-

mate their strength and

and new strategies.

• Train to be ready.

first few months of the of command, and the sent to POW camps. strength of cooperative partnerships.

Early on, Imperial Japanese forces, thanks to stronger throughout the strong command and control, had the upper hand because of their control over sea lanes and resources, from Manchuria readiness and maintain to Southeast Asia, including the Philippines and Java.

aftermath of the attack on tion is not enough. To Pearl Harbor, the United truly honor the sacrifice of States quickly accelerated the men who fought and its industrial base, cre- died in the Java Sea 73 ated the Joint Chiefs of years ago, we must com-Staff in early 1942, and mit ourselves to learning worked closely with our the lessons and follow the Allies – especially the CNO's warfighting readi-British, Dutch, Chinese ness tenets.

• Don't fight the last and Australians. Aus-Naval Operations Adm. war; commit to innovation tralian and American Sailors shed blood together at the Battle of Other lessons in those Sunda Strait, in which both USS Houston and Pacific war: the need HMAS Perth (D 29) were mander, Naval Surface for adequate resources, sunk and hundreds were Force U.S. Pacific Fleet the importance of unity killed or captured and

Our partnership with Australia after the Battle of Sunda Strait grew war and proved invaluable in later advances against the enemy, including at Guadalcanal.

While it's important to commemorate the Battle of Sunda Strait, just as we memorialize Pearl In response and in the Harbor Day, commemora-



What is the best way to show support for wounded warriors?

Lt. Andre Barber

Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam

"The best way to support wounded warriors is constant, sustained recognition. We cannot let awareness of our heroes be a fad or a trend because their challenges and suffering is not. They have

to wake up every day and face the world with their disabilities. They should be known and honored as the heroes they are.'



Tech. Sgt. Alejandra Anderson 392nd Intelligence Squadron

"By giving them someone they can count on. Someone like a personal friend who is constantly calling, keeping them motivated and in good spirits."

FC3 Deborah Rosen Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam

"This hits close to home as my husband is diagnosed with PISD. His su fering may not have physical signs, but he still faces challenges every day. I believe a great way to help our wounded warriors is to increase funding and options for rehabilitation, and possibly implement reintegration back into civilian life if they are deemed unfit to serve. I also believe more support for the families should be provided because having a wounded warrior in in the family can be devastating emotionally and financially for everyone involved."



USS Houston surprised in Battle of Sunda Strait



U.S. Navy photo

During the Battle of Sunda Strait, the cruisers USS Houston (CA 30) (shown here) and HMAS Perth, proceeding in company toward the Sunda Strait on the western end of the island of Java, encountered a Japanese landing in progress at Banten Bay. The battle was fought 73 years ago this week. The view of the Houston in this photo was taken in 1934 prior to the Battle of Sunda Strait. It was fitted with a ramp on the side for the convenience of President Franklin D. Roosevelt when he traveled aboard the ship.

Volunteers needed for Pearl Harbor Bike Path cleanup

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Master Sgt. Kris Bennett

56th Air and Space Communications Squadron



"By keeping people aware that these men and women sustained injuries serving our country."

Chief Navy Counselor Athena Allen Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam

"The best way to support our wounded warriors is to continue to build relationships with them through assets like the Navy Safe Harbor Program. We also need to continue to raise awareness



and publicize their merits as well as continue to cele brate their lives."



Staff Sgt. Robert Hartwell HQ PACAF

"Be there for them, for anything they need. They paved the way for us by giving us a great sacrifice. The least we can do is sacrifice some time to help and give back to them. We should want

to, wounded or not.'

Senior Master Sgt. Kristen Stanley 154 Maintenance Squadron, HIANG

"Just listen. When they are ready, they might want to tell their story. If they aren't, just be there."



Provided by SrAirman Christopher Stoltz and David D. Underwood Jr.

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

Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam and other military volunteers can participate in the next Pearl Harbor Bike Path cleanup led by the City and County of Honolulu. The cleanup will be held April 4.

City and County of Honolulu organizers have requested a specific area for joint base volunteers, including family members ages 12 and above, to help in the recently cleared mangrove land along the bike path near Kalauao Stream.

Volunteers should meet at the far end of the Best Buy parking lot in Aiea by 7:30 a.m.

Work will include trash removal, weeding and beautification. Volunteers should dress to get dirty, wear covered shoes and bring sunscreen.

The City and County of Honolulu will also host Earth Month kick-off festivities following the cleanup effort at Neal Blaisdell Park, starting at 11 a.m.

To volunteer, contact Chief Master-at-Arms William Matteson, william.n.matteson@navy.mil or (209) 216-7190. For more information, call Tom Clements at 473-0662 or e-mail tom.clements@navy.mil.



U.S. Navy photo

Michael Hays, a community service volunteer, cleans up a bike path that runs along Pearl Harbor's waterfront.



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March 6, 2015 Hoʻokele A-4 USS Olympia returns from western Pacific deployment

Story and photo by **MC1 Steven Khor**

Submarine Force Pacific Fleet Public Affairs

The Los Angeles-class, fast attack submarine USS Olympia (SSN 717) returned Feb. 25 from a scheduled deployment to the western Pacific, welcomed by families and friends gathered at the submarine piers at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam.

Cmdr. Thomas Shugart, the submarine's commanding officer, said the crew was outstanding and productive throughout the deployment.

"It was fantastic," said Shugart. "Our Sailors did a great job representing us and the nation overseas, working with our allies and projecting power forward in defense of peace and harmony in the western Pacific."

Olympia successfully completed an array of undersea operations and training evolutions and worked with allied partners in several multinational exercises, thus



Electronics Technician 1st Class Kyle Miller of the Los Angeles-class, fast attack submarine USS Olympia (SSN 717) hugs his wife following the return of the submarine Feb. 25 to Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam after a scheduled deployment to the western Pacific. (Additional photos on page A-5.)

sion readiness of U.S. and allied forces

Shugart commended his

tion and said they had a lot of fun.

"The guys were very excrew for being great ambas- cited to visit places like Ko-

Shugart. "They saw a lot of with the families." sights, which is a part of what joining the Navy is about. It's seeing the world."

Shugart added that the crew has a deep sense of as executive officer of pride brought on by their accomplishments while on deployment.

experience of operating in the western Pacific, the deployment afforded Sailors the opportunity to work on qualifications.

"We had several Sailors and officers who received their submarine warfare qualifications while on deployment," said Olympia's chief of the boat, Master Chief Electronics Technician Roland Midgett.

"Through the various events Olympia participated in, we were able to present their 'dolphins' uniform insignia at various ports or on the bridge during the underway period," he said.

We are elated to be back," added Midgett. "It's great to have accomplished all we have, and now the crew is long, it was aggravating at and Tomahawk cruise misimproving the overall mis- sadors on behalf of the na- rea and Japan," said ready to spend some time some point, but in the end, siles.

Olympia returned home with a new second in charge. Lt. Cmdr. Rob Walls relieved Lt. Cmdr. Thomas Flaherty Olympia in a pre-scheduled relief during the deployment. When Olympia rounded

In addition to gaining the the corner inside Pearl Harbor to a crowd of families and friends, it became apparent that they were finally home.

Jana Miller, wife of Electronics Technician 1st Class Kyle Miller said she is looking forward to seeing his face and giving him a big hug. "Welcome home, guys!" ex-

claimed Miller. "We are gonna go camping and try to go home for the summer."

Sonar Technician (Submarines) Seaman John Barnes, one of the newest Sailors on board, said he found the deployment challenging yet rewarding.

"It really makes you realize how close you become with your family on the boat, and there is nothing like it," said Barnes. "It was cated Mark-48 torpedoes

it was well worth it, definitely a good experience."

Many Sailors aboard Olympia distinguished themselves during this deployment period and were recognized through promotions, awards or earning their submarine warfare pin signifying their qualification as submariners.

Olympia's Sailor of the Year is Machinist's Mate 1st Class Kyle Hulett, The Junior Sailor of the Year is Electrician's Mate 1st Class Jory Anderson and the Blue Jacket of the Year is Machinist's Mate 3rd Class Jake Newman.

USS Olympia is the second ship of the United States Navy to be named after Olympia, Wash. Commissioned on Nov. 17, 1984, Olympia is the 29th ship of the Los Angeles-class, nuclear-powered, fast attack submarines. The submarine is 362 feet long, displaces 6,900 tons and can be armed with sophisti-

Eaton assumes command of 515th Air Mobility Operations Wing

Kristine Hojnicki

515th Air Mobility Operations Wing

Col. Casey D. Eaton assumed command of the 515th Air Mobility Operations Wing (AMOW) during a ceremony March 2 at the Historic Hickam Officers' Club at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam (JBPHH).

"It is a tremendous honor to be joining the team at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam alongside the men and women of the 515th Air Mobility Operations Wing," Eaton said.

The wing flourished under the leadership of Col. Al Miller, and I look forward to giving my all to build on that reputation of excellence. Accelerating air mobility throughout the Pacific starts right here, and I'm extraordinarily proud to be a part of this mission."

Aerospace Defense Command-U.S. Northern Command in Colorado Springs, Colo. where he served as the deputy chief of staff. As commander of the 515th AMOW, headquartered at JBPHH, he is responsible for 1,800 geographically separated personnel across 26 operating locations and nine Pacific timezones from Alaska to Diego Garcia, with an annual budget of more than \$50 million.

Headquarters, North American

Maj. Gen. Frederick H. Martin, U. S. Air Force Expeditionary Center (USAF EC) commander, presided over the ceremony.

"All of you should feel proud to be a part of the 515th AMOW team," Martin said. "Your continued effort and partnership with PACAF, PACOM and mission partners at your dispersed locations ensures that our nation can Eaton comes to JBPHH from continue to project rapid global



Maj. Gen. Frederick Martin, commander, U.S. Air Force Expeditionary Center, Joint Base McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst, N.J., hands the reins and the guidon over to Col. Casey D. Eaton during the 515 Air Mobility Operations Wing assumption of command ceremony, held March 2 at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam (JBPHH).

mobility throughout the Pacific."

Martin also recognized Col. Jeffrey Pierce, 515th AMOW vice commander, for his leadership. Pierce

Col. Albert G. Miller, the wing's previous commander, relinquished command.

'Col. Pierce, I commend you for has led the wing since Feb. 4 when everything you have done to seam-

lessly lead this wing through its changeover, to continue executing the mission, and in graciously welcoming Col. Eaton to the team," Martin said.

The assumption of command ceremony comes at the end of a fiveday commanders' conference for wing leadership and annual award nominees that included briefings from Pacific Command, 18th Air Force, Air Mobility Command (AMC) and the National Defense University. Other events included professional development seminars and the wing's annual awards banquet.

The 515th AMOW serves as the Pacific arm of the USAF EC and AMC. The wing's mission is to provide agile enroute capability to accelerate global air mobility for war fighters throughout the Pacific, utilizing command and control, aerial port operations and aircraft maintenance.

Pearl Harbor-Hickam Highlights



U.S. Navy photo by MC1 Steven Khor

A C-17 Globemaster III, from the 535th Air Lift Squadron at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, completes an air drop of four combat delivery sys-tems March 2 on Kahuku Training Area.

> U.S. Air Force photo by Tech. Sgt. Aaron Oelrich



Hula dancers from the Polynesian Cultural Center perform for the crew of the Los Angeles-class fast attack submarine USS Olympia (SSN 717) Feb. 25 as crew members prepare to moor the submarine at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam.



U.S. Navy photo by MC1 Steven Khor

The family of Master Chief Electronics Technician Mark Wolfe, assigned to the Los Angeles-class fast attack submarine USS Olympia (SSN 717), cheer for his arrival Feb. 25 at the submarine piers of Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam.

(Right) USS Paul Hamilton (DDG 60) Gas Turbine System Technician Mechanical 3rd Class Seth Gerber lets go of the rope so elementary students can start a tug-of-war game in the school playground Feb. 26. Paul Hamil-ton Sailors participated in a community relations project at Upi Elementary School in Yigo where they gave presentations about their naval careers and the importance of education and participated in the school's "Fitness Pride Day."

> U.S. Navy photo by Tanya M. Champaco Mendiola





(Left) Operations Specialist Seaman Apprentice Micheal A. Stewart II shows students how to navigate a hopscotch obstacle in the school playground Feb. 26.



U.S. Navy photo by Tanya M. Champaco Mendiola

(Right) USS Paul Hamilton (DDG 60) Chief Hospital Corpsman (SW/AW/FMF) Altiba Mathlin helps students do sit ups in the school playground Feb. 26.

> U.S. Navy photo by Tanya M. Champaco Mendiola



U.S. Navy photo by MC1 Steven Khor

The Japan Maritime Self-Defense Force (JMSDF) submarine JS Hakuryu (SS 503) arrives Feb. 27 at the submarine piers of Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam.

Crew members aboard the Japan Maritime Self-Defense Force (JMSDF) submarine JS Hakuryu (SS 503) prepare the submarine to moor to the pier following its arrival at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, Feb. 27.

U.S. Navy photo by MC1 Steven Khor

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

Gunnery Sgt. Bryon Bebout, assigned to the Joint Prisoner of War/Missing in Action Accounting Command (JPAC), observes wreckage from a B-24 Liberator aircraft during excavation operations in Madang Province in 2011.

Airmen missing from WWII returned

Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency

The Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency (DPAA) announced that the remains of U.S. servicemen, missing in action from World War II, have been accounted for and are being returned to their families.

The following service members have been accounted for and will be attack an anti-aircraft site buried with full military at Hansa Bay. The aircraft honors: Army Air Forces 1st Lt. William D. Bernier of Augusta, Mont.; 1st Lt. Bryant E. Poulsen of Salt Guinea. Four of the crew-Lake City, Utah; 1st Lt. men were able to parachute Herbert V. Young Jr. of Clarkdale, Ariz.; and Tech Sgt. Charles L. Johnston of Pittsburgh, Pa.; Tech Sgt. Hugh F. Moore of Elkton, Md. and Staff Sgt. John E. Copeland of Dearing, Kan.; Staff Sgt. Charles J. Jones of Athens, Ga.; and Staff Sgt. Charles A. Gardner of San Francisco, Calif.

Jones was buried Feb. 28 in Athens, Ga. and Johnston was buried March 2 in Arlington National Cemetery. On March 18, there will be a group burial service at Ar- this aircraft. After several lington National Cemetery honoring Poulsen, Copeland and the other crew members.

Bernier was buried Sept. material evidence.

19, 2014 in his hometown. Young was buried Oct. 15, 2014, in Prescott, Ariz.; Moore was buried on Nov. 11, 2014, in his hometown. Gardner was buried on Dec. 4, 2014 in Arlington National Cemetery.

On April 10, 1944, 12 B-24D Liberator crew members took off from Texter Strip, Nazdab Air Field, New Guinea, on a mission to was shot down by enemy anti-aircraft fire over the Madang Province, New from the aircraft but were reported to have died in captivity

Following World War II, the Army Graves Registration Service (AGRS) conducted investigations and recovered the remains of three of the missing Airmen. In May 1949, AGRS concluded the remaining nine crew members were unrecoverable

In 2001, a U.S.-led team located wreckage of a B-24D that bore the tail number of surveys, Department of Defense teams excavated the site and recovered human remains and non-biological

To identify Jones' remains, scientists from DPAA and the Armed Forces DNA Identification Laboratory (AFDIL) used circumstantial evidence and forensic identification tools, including mitochondrial DNA, which matched Jones' maternal niece.

To identify Johnston's remains, they matched Johnston's maternal cousins.

To identify Gardner's remains, they matched Gardner's maternal niece and nephew.

To identify Young's rethey matched mains, Young's sister.

To identify Moore's remains, they matched Moore's niece and grandniece.

To identify Bernier's remains, they matched Bernier's cousins.

To account for Poulsen and Copeland, scientists from DPAA used circumstantial evidence that placed them on the aircraft and accounted for as them as part of the group.

For additional information on the Defense Department's mission to account for missing Americans who went missing while serving our country, visit the DPAA website at www.dpaa.mil or call 703-699-1169.

NMCRS launches fund drive

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"For a lot of these guys it is a collateral vice members be ready to do their job and not duty, so we want to make sure that they go back to their commands with all the tools home." they need to have a successful fund drive," said Lt. Cindy Suarez, coordinator of the 2015 NMCRS fund drive.

now and for the future," said Cox. "I think our mission is so important, to help our ser-

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The key person's goal is to get 100 percent contact for all Sailors and Marines based on Oahu, Hawaii and to track and manage the completion of donation forms at each command through an assigned representative of the program.

also want them to be creative and to think outside the box with the fund drive events and make it fun," said Suarez. "The representatives have to recruit those superstars in their command to be their cheerleaders."

Jennifer Cox, a Navy spouse and case worker for the NMCRS, who has been volunteering with the organization for 12 years, said she is more than happy to be of service.

"It's a great way for me as a spouse to give back, and I think that in emergency situations there is so much we can do to help improve our Sailors and Marines situation for resources they offer, visit www.nmcrs.org.

have to worry about all those things at

Chief Cryptologic Technician (Networks) Bruce Hawkins, a key person for U.S. Pacific Fleet, shared what he learned from the fund drive kickoff.

"I'm an operations (ops) chief. I focus on ops mission. That's what I live and breathe. For me I thought it was a great way to lead into the NMCRS kickoff when the admiral spoke about how the NMCRS supports mis-"Our goal is 100 percent contact, but we sion and supports operations," said Hawkins. "That's near and dear to my heart. That's why I'm here to fight the fight.'

NMCRS was founded in 1904 as a private, nonprofit charitable organization that provides financial, educational and additional programs and services to members of U.S. naval services, their family members and survivors. The NMCRS mission is to help Sailors and Marines become financially selfsufficient and prepare for the unexpected.

The fund drive will run March 4-April 10. For more information about NMCRS and the



Airmen from the 647th Logistics Readiness Squadron build combat delivery systems Feb. 25 at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam. (Additional photo on page A-5.)

15th Wing Airmen support joint exercise

Story and photo by Tech. Sgt. Aaron Oelrich

15th Wing Public Affairs

The 647th Logistics Readiness Squadron (LRS) and 535th Airlift Squadron (AS) conducted two resupply air drops in support of the 25th Infantry Division (ID), Schofield Barracks, exercise Lightning Forge.

The air drop was accomplished using two C-17 Globalmaster III aircraft, which dropped 11,200 lbs of supplies over two days. In total, there where 16 pallets containing 576 boxes of meals-ready-to-eat and 64 ammunition containers, critical to the 25 ID training objectives.

"The mission was to resupply the Army units on the ground in support of Lightning Forge," said Maj. Andrew Beckett, aircraft commander and the mission commander from the 15th operations group.

"For this exercise, rather than the training bundles that we would normally drop we actually have people that are relying on us to receive the materials, it is an added realism to the training," he said.

According to Army Sgt. 1st Class Roderick Buck from the 5th Battlefield Coordination Detachment, 380th Ground Liaison Office attached to the15th Wing, exercise Lightning Forge is a force-on-force scenario involving eight battalions for the 25th ID.

The exercise is used to prepare the 25th ID for their Joint Readiness Training Center rotation. The JRTC is used to certify army units for deployment.

Coordination between 25th ID and the tive," said Parker.

15th Wing started in late January and continued through the recovery of the air drop in early March.

The coordination for the air drop was facilitated by Buck and also Army Capt. Gilbert Parker, both from the 5th Battlefield Coordination Detachment, 380th Ground Liaison Office attached to the 15th Wing. According to Buck, their job is working out all the small details in joint operations and translate what the Army wants from the Air Force and what the Air Force needs back from the Army.

"Coordination and communication are key, when you emphasize on joint capabilities, communication is a decisive factor in the success of an operation," said Parker.

The air drop was a combined effort by the 25th Transportation Company delivering the supplies to the 647th LRS palletized and preparing the supplies so that 535th AS could drop them to the 25th ID personnel on the ground.

"The C-17 is optimally designed to support the Army. It can carry strikers, tanks, support gear, it can conduct air drops of supply, personnel and gear in to theater, so actually training with the Army units out here is a great opportunity," said Beckett.

According to Buck, future joint operations will increase the communication to the Air Force through in-depth briefings on Army operations and the Air Force's role in them.

"The emphasis of the military is to bring the branches together as much as we can to work in parallel towards the same objec-

SPAWAR brings IT security and virtualization training to Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam

Story and photo by **Brandon Bosworth**

Assistant Editor, Ho`okele

The Space and Naval Warfare Systems Command (SPAWAR) NetOps Support Team (NST) Fly-Away Team (FAT) Reserve component recently provided IT training support to Naval Surface Group Middle Pacific (MIDPAC) and other units during a detachment to Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam. Training classes began Feb. 23 and concluded today.

The team provided classroom training in security as well as VMware virtualization. This was the first virtualization class in the MIDPAC region. Virtualization enables users to access networked operating systems from a single or multiple stations. This system will help the Navy both reduce its cyber footprint and increase security.

"Ships have limited space for servers and virtualizing the cyber environment makes sense. We need to train the fleet on how to use software like VMware," said Cmdr. Eric A. Stoeckel, customer advocate. Naval Air Systems Command Systems, Naval Undersea Warfare Center, Keyport, Wash. "It saves money, saves space, consolidates hardware, and provides better security."

At the end of each class, those who passed the certification examinations were given CompTia designation for Security Plus class and VCA certification for



Chief Warrant Officer Daryn Bartlett, SPAWAR NetOps Support Team, holds IT security training March 3 at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam.

VMware class.

The SPAWAR NST team is made up of Reservists who are attached to the SPAWAR Reserve Program at multiple sites across the country.

military and technical capabilities in support of team SPAWAR's mission, contingency response, and stillo@navy.mil.

resolution of C4ISR issues that impact current and future fleet readiness," said Stoeckel. "The instructor team brings unique civilian experience to the fleet."

For future training "The SPAWAR Reserve requests, contact Stoeckel Program provides unique at eric.a.stoeckel@navy.mil or Chief Information Technician Christopher Castillo at Christopher.ca

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JBPHH hosts cyberspace mission commander training

Tech. Sgt. Terri Paden

15th Wing Public Affairs

Members of the cyberspace community gathered Feb. 23-27 at the 535th Airlift Squadron at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam for a week-long training course on large force employment of defensive cyberspace capabilities.

The cyberspace mission commander training course was developed by weapons officers at the 67th Cyberspace Wing to teach large force employment, roles and responsibilities of the mission commander, and integration of cyberspace forces identified in the Air Force Cyberspace Tasking Order.

The result is a training program that teaches the United States Air Force Weapons School ME3C-mission planning process, as well as tactical defen-



U.S. Air Force photo by Master Sgt. Matthew McGovern

Capt. Donald Franklin, 26th Operations Support Squadron chief of wing tactics at Joint Base San Antonio-Lackland, explains the agenda during the first day of the cyber space mission commander training held Feb. 23 at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam.

and command and control through a dedicated mission commander.

"The process we're teaching was missing in the cyber

wing weapons and tactics at the 67th Cyberspace Wing, Joint Base San Antonio-Lackland. "This course fills in those gaps by providing a community," said Capt D. foundation for tactical missive cyberspace integration Tyler Franklin, the chief of sion planning and advanced cused on teaching the stu- are ready to go back to their units," Franklin said.

integration of multiple cyber weapon systems."

The week was divided into an academic phase and practical application phase. The first training day was fo-

dents the ME3C-(PC)/2 nms sion planning process. The ning. "This course has greatly hilty to plan planning three specific missions in defense of the 613th Air Operations Center.

value in this course," Franklin said. "When you go back to your organization, you know what you need to ner. know about defensive misbeen given an opportunity to practice applying it in a safe environment."

Franklin said the experience of planning three simulated missions gave students more confidence in the application of the mission planning principles.

"By the time they left here, they had three missions un- six courses we've had so far der their belt and they saw is that there is a night and that it's not difficult, it's not day contrast to how things scary, and when you use it, it works," he said.

week of training, students sion commanders in the

improved my ability to plan defensive cyber operations by giving me the tactical per-"We believe there is real spective necessary to create an executable plan," said Master Sgt. Alex Kuh, 613 AOC cyber operations plan-

"As a mission commander, sion planning and you've I feel confident in assuming the responsibility to lead the planning, coordination and execution of the mission."

The training is the first of its kind at a base in the Pacific, but Franklin said commanders are taking note of the benefits of bringing in the team to teach this course.

"What we've seen from the were done before and how they are executed now that Franklin said after one we have more trained mis-

JBPHH Safety Department commits to cultivating elite safety culture

Joint Base Pearl Harbor **Hickam Safety Department**

Joint Base Pearl Harbor Hickam Safety Department (JBPHH Safety) has announced that their focus in 2015 is to cultivate the way for service members, civilians and their families to enhance their quality of life.

According to Miranda A. Caban, JBPHH safety director, they plan to set the bar at its highest level: to predict, prevent and plan their way to the future.

is my goal to ensure that every-



a safe workplace starts with man-OGETHER agement, it

eryone. We all need to work together to achieve our common goal of an accident-free workplace.'

Here are some guidelines provided by the safety department.

• Create a proactive safety "As JBPHH safety director, it culture at the workplace by preparing for any situation, par-

ble. I will not compro- ing far and above the minimum standards not just for you, but for everyone, creates a proactive safety culture. You are your first While creating line of defense. Many accidents are preventable with more attention to good safety procedures and training.

• Always remember the five involves ev- steps to operation risk management (ORM). (1) Identify the hazards. List all hazards associated with the operation. (2) Assess the hazards. Determine the associated degree of risk in terms of probability and severity. (3) Make risk decision. Develop risk control options. Start with the most serious risk first

risks. (4) Implement controls. the controls to ensure they remain in place and have the desired effect.

Melody Sale is the new JBPHH safety supervisor. "As the JBPHH newly promoted safety supervisor, I am confident that, together with our team of safety experts and our extended ward to improvements in programs, communication and overall support," she said.

one on this installation performs ticipation and controlling the and select controls that will re- start with our office but with http://ow.ly/JWAu0.

their job as safe as possi- work environment. Always go- duce the risk to a minimum. De- each individual working on cide if the benefits outweigh the JBPHH installation. We want to promote good safety behavior (5) Supervise and evaluate. and welcome ideas that can im-Conduct follow-up evaluations of prove work processes. Our triangle logo with the three man symbol depicts what we believe-management, worker and JBPHH Safety working safely together. We are one ohana (family). Let's all share the safety responsibility," Sale said.

JBPHH Safety Department is located at 1260 Pierce St., buildsafety supporters throughout ing 679, suite 112 and can be conthis installation, we can look for- tacted at 473-1169 or 473-1166 and via email: cni_h_jbphh _safety@navy.mil.

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HIGHLIGHTING HISTORY

Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam Public Affairs

A series of heritage events last week at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam celebrated African American History Month.

honors and heritage ceremony took place Feb. 26 at Pearl Harbor Visitor Center. In celebration of African American History Month, Pearl Harbor Colors in February highlighted the ac-

Americans, with guest inspired menu. speaker Capt. Stan Keeve, commander of JBPHH, mu- Fest & Taste of Soul took sic by the Navy's Pacific place Feb. 28 at Nelles Fleet Band, and a presentation of colors.

A Pearl Harbor Colors American History Month ents at the Gospel Fest. Felspecial observance was held lowship and food followed Feb. 26 at Sharkey Theater. the music at the Taste of The event included remarks Soul, where a from guest speaker Alphonso variety of Braggs, president of the home Hawaii Chapter of the made NAACP.

A special luncheon was food served Feb. 26 at the Silver dishes Dolphin were

complishments of African Galley, featuring a Southern-

Finally, the annual Gospel Chapel. The event included music with choirs and praise In addition, an African teams showcasing their tal-

soul Bistro sampled.



U.S. Navy photo by Brandon Bosworth

U.S. Navy photo by MC2 Johans Chavarro

Members of the Ho'omana O Pu'uwai praise group perform in front of service members, families and friends during the sixth Annual Gospel Fest at Nelles Chapel at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam.



U.S. Navy photo by MC2 Johans Chavarro Service members, families and friends gather at Nelles Chapel for the Gospel Fest.



U.S. Navy photo by MC2 Johans Chavarro Members of the Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam Gospel Choir perform during the Gospel Fest.



Hopper pulls away from tight game to beat Warriors

Story and photo by Randy Dela Cruz

Sports Editor, Ho'okele

Fighting to pick up their second win of the season, USS Hopper (DDG 70) finally pulled away in the final minutes to beat Pearl City Peninsula (PCP) Warriors, 35-28, on Feb. 28 in an Afloat Division intramural basketball game at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam Fitness Center.

In evening out their record to 2-2, Hopper had to battle back from a strong effort by the Warriors, who forced a total of nine ties before succumbing to their second defeat against two wins.

"We started attacking the basket," said Hopper forward Navy Diver 3rd Class Kyle Rydberg. "Instead of just shooting threes, we were told to attack more and get to the free-throw line. We capitalized on that."

started immediately, with the game being tied four times in the first 16 minutes of play.

A three-ball from long distance by Ship's Serviceman 2nd Class Montrell Thomas gave the Warriors a four-point lead, but Hopper came back just in time

half to tie the score at 15-15. Early in the second half, Rydberg sank two free throws to pull Hopper to within a point at 18-17 and then added back-to-back putbacks for a 21-18 lead with 13:41 remaining on the clock.

The game got tied again at 22-22, but center Aviation Structural Mechanic 2nd Class Mohamed Toure scored on a post move down at the block to put Hopper back ahead by two points.

Then, after the Warriors gained a one-point lead, Toure came up with another huge score in the paint to put Hopper up at 28-27 with 9:52 left in the game.

From that point on, Hopper never trailed and went on to claim the seven-point victory.

Rydberg's strong aggressive moves to the basket were instrumental to Hopper's tough stand and victory

After scoring seven points The back-and-forth battle in the first half, Rydberg cranked it up a notch and posted nine more points in the second half to finish with a game-high 16 points.

In leading the team to victory, Rydberg said that he got some extra incentive to take it to the Warriors in the second half.

before the end of the first talking a lot of trash," he

said. "I feed off of that." For the Warriors, Lt. j.g. Josh Armour was the team's high-point man with a total of a dozen points on a variety of inside and outside shots.

Armour said that a change in tempo by Hopper allowed them to pull away in the late minutes of the game.

"Give them a lot of

he believes that the team is ready to turn the corner and claim its spot among the

Just a little more practice and Rydberg said he thinks

"I believe we're one of the top teams for sure," he stated. "We're a new team and we've got to put it more together in terms of chem-

credit," Armour said. "They changed their system a bit. They started trapping and we didn't have an answer." In addition, Armour said that Hopper's intensity in the paint allowed too many second-chance opportunities. "I think it (intensity) definitely helped," he admitted. "Their strategy to attack the bucket worked. We need to improve our rebounding. That's always a key.' Although Hopper got out to a slow start to kick off the season, Rydberg said that

contenders of the division.

it will happen.

"They (Warriors) were istry, but we're going to be hard to stop."



Navy Diver 3rd Class Kyle Rydberg elevates to the hoop in a dunk attempt.

Women pilots to be highlighted at aviation event

Pacific Aviation Museum Pearl Harbor

A Discover Your Future in Aviation event will be held from 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday at Pacific Aviation Museum Pearl Harbor.

Participants can talk one-on-one with aviation professionals and discover more about the women and men who contribute to aviation. The event is targeted toward young people interested in aviation as a career, school groups, Scouts and families.

Speakers in the hangar 37 theater will include Jessica Cox at 10 a.m. Cox is the world's first licensed armless pilot. Rob Kelso, executive director of the Pacific International Space Center for Exploration Systems, will speak at noon. Lt. Col. Karen Fuller Brannon, the first female U.S. Marine Corps F/A 18 Hornet fighter pilot, will speak at 2 p.m.

The event will include aviation-

related prizes aircraft flyovers, re-mote control demonstrations, aircraft open cockpits and hands-on aviation activities.

In addition, the event will include career information, interactive science exhibits and a scavenger hunt.

Tickets are \$6 online or \$10 at the door. The event is free for museum members.

For more information, visit www. pacificaviationmuseum.org or call 441-1007.

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Service members donate life at JBPHH blood drive

Story and photos by SrAirman Christopher Stoltz

Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam Public Affairs

Sailors and Airmen gave the gift of life at the Tripler Blood Donor Center (TBDC) blood drive held Feb. 23 at the Aloha Conference Center, Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam.

The drive, which takes place several times a month at bases across Oahu, is used to support and save lives of service members who are treated at Tripler Army Medical Center. The program is part of the Armed Services Blood Program (ASBP).

The ASBP is the official blood collection, manufacturing and transfusion program for the U.S. military. The ASBP is tasked with the collection, processing, storage and distribution of blood and blood products to ill or injured service members, veterans and their families worldwide.

Sgt. Gustavo Alvarado, non-commissioned officer in charge of the blood donor section of the TBDC, said although the blood is intended for military hospitals and service members treated at Tripler Army Medical Center, they also provide it to local hospitals who might be in need.

"If civilian personnel at local hospitals need blood, and we have the means to provide it to them, we are more than glad to assist," he said.

"We are fortunate to have a larger supply of reserves," he said. "However, if there is a rare instance where we need a certain blood type and do not have enough on hand, we have to purchase it from private blood banks around the island.'

Alvarado said he understands many blood banks cannot afford to simply "give" blood, as many of the blood banks are nonprofit and often operate on donations alone. However, he said he wished more clinics had the means to be more philanthropic.

Sr Airman Devin Roberson, operations management, Headquarters Pacific Air Forces, shares the idea of phi-



Army Sgt. Gustavo Alvardo, Tripler Blood Donor Clinic's (TBDC) non-commissioned officer in charge, enters a blood donor's information into his database during the TBDC's blood drive held Feb. 23 at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam.

lanthropy and said he likes to donate as much as possible.

"I feel it is my responsibility to give," he said. "I like to donate, because my blood type (O-neg) is rarer. I feel it is a duty to provide, especially if I can save lives in the process.

Saving lives is the best part of the job, according to Kolin Koizumi, Tripler Blood Donor Center medical technician

"We know there are plenty of ways to provide blood," he said. "Many people choose TBDC because they know their blood is going to help a close friend, co-worker or even a family member. We are just glad we can look out for the men and women who are on constant lookout for SrAirman Devin Roberson donates blood. us.'

Koizumi said there are many ways a person can give a is scheduled from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. March 31 at Makalapa gift, whether it is to a friend, loved one, or even a stranger.

"From one human to another, giving blood is something you cannot put a price on, and it is something that http://www.militaryblood.dod.mil/hawaii/appts.aspx, or so many of us can provide," Koizumi said. Another drive call 433-6195.



Clinic, JBPHH.

For more information about the Armed Services Blood Program, or to schedule a time for donation, visit

Shooters dial it up to lead Port Royal to victory

Story and photo by **Randy Dela Cruz**

Sports Editor, Ho'okele

It took a full half for USS Port Royal (CG 73) shooters to heat up, but once they got the touch, there was no turning back. The team, led by 18 points from Navy spouse Mana Hawkins, washed away a seven-point deficit to defeat USS O'Kane (DDG 77), 42-38, in an Afloat Division intramural basketball game Feb. 28 at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam.

The win kept the defending champions Port Royal atop of the Afloat standings with a pristine record of 3-0 while the heartbreaking loss left O'Kane at 2-2. Hawkins, a former All Pac West first team selection at Hawaii Pacific University and one of the top female basketball players to ever come out of the state of Hawaii, notched her second game in a row with five three-point baskets. While the shooting star opened up with five treys in the first half two weeks ago, this time Hawkins saved her heroics for the second half with four clutch deep shots from beyond the arc to lead Port Royal to the come-from-behind win over O'Kane "Earlier in the game, I wasn't really doing anything," Hawkins said. "Sometimes, they (opposing teams) forget that we have shooters. It's not only me, but Hartfield (Quartermaster 3rd Class Dylan) and Elzin (Seaman Michael). We just have to be in that mindset to knock them down." Right after tipoff, Port Royal opened up with a one-man performance by star guard Logistics Specialist 3rd Class London Hawkins, who was fouled Waldon, who ripped off two treys and added another two baskets to put his team out in front by a score of 10-0. However, O'Kane came back with a rally of their own and with 3:41 remaining in the half, the team got its first lead of the game at 17-16 on a basketand-one from guard Boatswain's Mate Seaman Jahleen Tabor.



Shipyard survives scare from 15th Medical Group

Story and photo by **Randy Dela Cruz**

Sports Editor, Ho'okele

Basketball is a game of runs and while a team may start off hot it doesn't always mean a runaway win.

Against the 15th Medical Group (15 MDG), Pearl Harbor Naval Shipvard (PHNSY) built up a lead as large as 19 points, but in the end, Shipyard needed a late surge to hold off and defeat 15 MDG, 55-49, on March 4 in a Red Division intramural basketball game at Hickam Fitness Center, Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam.



Then, still clinging to a one-point lead with time winding down, Hawkins shoot is the basket. I don't came up with her first big look at anything else."

USS Port Royal (CG 73) guard Mana Hawkins squares up to challenge USS O'Kane (DDG 77) guard Boatswain's Mate Seaman Jahleen Tabor.

splashdown of the game by sinking a trey at the buzzer to put Port Royal up by 23-21 at halftime.

O'Kane kept the pressure up in the second half and with only 13:00 remaining in the game, the team built up its biggest advantage of seven with a 29-22 lead.

The deficit was enough to awaken Hawkins, who zeroed in on back-to-back three-pointers to cut the lead down to a point.

O'Kane was able to momentarily stop the momentum of Port Royal but after building up another sevenpoint lead, Hawkins went back to work again.

Hoisting in her fourth three-pointer of the game, on the shot, stepped up to the charity stripe to complete the rare four-point play to shrink the lead down to three at 36-33 with 4:46 left on the clock.

"I think it's practice," said Hawkins about her clutch shot. "Everybody here helps me out to be better. Throughout this whole season, I wasn't feeling very confident, but my teammates and my husband are like, 'you can shoot it.' All I see when I

On the very next trip down court, Hartfield completed the comeback for Port Royal with a three ball to tie the score up at 36-36.

"Good execution on defense leads to good execution on offense," Hartfield said about his game-tying shot. "Our defense gives us the opportunity to take high-percentage shots."

While Hartfield may have tied the game, this one belonged to Hawkins, who punctuated her outstanding day by connecting on her fifth trey to put Port Royal ahead for good at 39-36 with only 2:36 left in the game.

Although the win was the third straight for Port Royal this season, the year has been anything but easy for the defending champs.

Port Royal has won all three of their games by margins of seven, four and four.

After losing a few key players from last year's squad, Hawkins said that it might take awhile before the team starts to put it together, but she is confident that it will happen.

'Coach always says defense and free throws," she said. "We keep that up and we'll be fine."

"We should have always been up by 10 points," said Shipyard guard Bruce Robinson, who is a military spouse. "It was communication. We stopped talking.³

At first it appeared that Shipyard would have no problem gaining their fifth win of the season against one loss.

Up by six points with 7:50 before halftime, Aviation Ordnanceman 2nd Class D.J. Scott heated up and connected on back-to-back bombs from beyond the arc to give Shipyard a double-digit lead at 20-8.

and he delivered two baskets in a row for a 24-9 mark.

Shipyard wasn't quite got its biggest lead of the game at 32-13 on an astermission.

Right at the buzzer, guard Sean Spears, a milswished a trey for the 15 MDG to make it a 32-16 game at the half.

The momentum created ing on the clock. by the shot from Spears seemed to carry over immediately into the second (SW) Blake Petenbrink half.

trey from the top of the lead back down to one. key.

Pearl Harbor Naval Shipyard team member Bao Lei goes up for a lay-up to score two of his game-high 21 points.

pher McCloud added a putback to cut the lead

down to eight at 32-24. A trey by Shipyard uard Engineman 2nd After Scott, it was Class Kenneth Adams Robinson's turn to step up stopped the bleeding temporarily at 35-24, but it didn't keep the 15 MDG advantage at the 2:50 from continuing their chase.

McCloud made it a done just yet, as the team four-point game at 38-34 with another basket in the paint and then Staff sist from Robinson to Bao Sgt. Brian Breedlove I feel good taking the Lei, a Department of De- came up with a clutch fense civilian, with under shot from the deep corner a minute to go before in- to pull to within a point at 38-37.

On the Medical Group's next trip down the court, itary family member, Breedlove erased the 19point deficit with a free throw to tie the game at 38-38 with 8:53 remain-

Back-to-back baskets by Engineman 2nd Class needed it at the end of the and Lei put Shipyard out Coming out of the break in front by four at 44-40. Senior Airman John but back came the Medi-Green ignited an eight- cal Group on another trey point run by popping in a from Spears to cut the

Then after falling be-Teammate Senior Air- hind by five, Spears came many games as we can man Debronis Warren fol- out with one more clutch lowed Green with a three shot from deep to shrink ball from the corner and the lead to two at 49-47 Airman 1st Class Christo- with 1:15 left to go in the take it home."

game.

However, with time winding down, Lei answered the call and converted a basket-and-one that finally put the game away.

Green, who was one of players that helped the 15 MDG come back from 19, said that intensity was the key to staying alive.

"When we're playing good defense and the team seems to be gelling, shot," said Green, who pumped in 11 points with nine coming from beyond the arc. "You just got to see one fall. After you see one fall, then they all start falling down."

For Robinson, he said that switching back from a man-to-man to zone helped Shipyard come up the stops when they game.

He said that he hopes a tough win like this one over the 15 MDG will serve Shipyard to become stronger as the season progresses.

'We're looking for as get," Robinson said. "Postseason, regular season, we're just trying to



USO coming to JBPHH this Sunday | Snack bar opens at golf course

Reid Tokeshi

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

It will be an evening of entertainment under the stars this Sunday when the USO "Spring Troops Visit" Variety Show comes to Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam. The event 5:15 p.m.

the Indianapolis Colts, head coach Chuck Pagano, quarterback Andrew Luck and tight end Dwayne Steelers, guard David DeCastro; "American Idol" alumni Diana DeGarmo, Ace Young and season 11 winner Phillip Phillips; film, stage and television ly significant to Mary and Miss America 2015 Kira tour in this position as the Kazantsev; and motion vice chairman. We look picture and television personality Jason "Wee Man" Acuna.

Adm. James Winnefeld that they will always have aii.com.



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will begin at 6:30 p.m. at Athletes, actors, singers and other celebrities will partici-Ward Field. Gates open at pate in Sunday's USO show at Ward Field.

Scheduled to make Jr.'s third and final USO the support of those they appearances include: from tour as vice chairman of serve.' Joint Chiefs of Staff.

eight-day, seven-country cardholders and their USO tour, our group of sponsored guests. Food Allen; from the Pittsburgh athletes and entertainers and beverages will will express their personal gratitude to those serving by sharing their talents,' Winnefeld said.

"This tour is particularforward to visiting America's sons and daughters who keep our nation The show is part of safe and showing them

The event is open to "As we embark on this Department of Defense ID be available for purchase. Authorized items for the event include small clutches. blankets and folding chairs, with all items subject to search. Outside food actor Dennis Haysbert; me, as this is our last USO and beverages, pets, backpacks, bags/totes, purses, umbrellas, video/audio recorders and tents are not authorized.

> For more information, visit www.greatlifehaw

Reid Tokeshi

Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam Morale, Welfare and Recreation

Golfers and others seeking a breakfast or lunch option at the Navy-Marine Golf Course went without any real choices after the 19th Puka closed at the end of January. That has changed with the opening of Dixie Express.

Located in the same spot as the former 19th Puka, MWR Marketing photo same people who run the Dixie Grill in Aiea, the same Southern specialties.

Dixie Express opens at 7 a.m. every day. The breakfast menu will also have Southern touches, and lunch begins at 11 a.m.

many who heard about it said. on social media. As a fan ing forward to trying it out. and cheese and combread.



Dixie Express opened Feb. Erica Scott chats with owner/operator Ed Wary as she waits 26 in time for the lunch for her order as the first customer at Dixie Express in the crowd. Operated by the Navy-Marine Golf Course clubhouse.

"Southern food? She ordered it to go and Express offers some of the Absolutely! And to have it liked what she saw. so close to the house is

great," said Scott who lives in Catlin housing area. "Right here, at the corner you get tired of the same old thing all the time. Navy spouse Erica Scott Sometimes you want home was Dixie Express' first cooking. I'm going to have customer. She was one of some happy boys," Scott

Scott opted for the beef of the Dixie Grill restau- brisket, with collard rant, she said she was look- greens, baked macaroni

"It looks to die for. I'm going to go home, take pictures and post it on Facebook myself," Scott said.

Golfers looking for a quick bite during play can also go to the Snack Shack near the fifth hole of the course. Hot dogs, sandwich rolls, and snacks are available for players to grab as they head to the next tee.

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Junior Lifeguard/Ocean Safety Registration for youth ages 11 to 17 years old closes today for the spring session, which runs April through May. The fee is \$95, and registration is available at www.greatlife hawaii .com. FMI: 473-0789.

March Madness BOGO Bowling will be held from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. today at Hickam Bowling Center and Naval Station Bowling Center. Patrons can purchase one game of bowling and get one game of bowling free. Shoe rental is not included. FMI: 448-9959, 473-2574.

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

Intramural Golf Tournament registration closes March 10. The tournament is scheduled for March 20 at Mamala Bay Golf Course and is limited to players from Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam Jactiveduty. Department of Defense civilians and family members 18 years March 12. FMI: 473-1198.

and older. Tee times will be available after March 16, starting at noon. Golfers will pay their green and cart fees on-site. Awards will be given to the top four winners. A minimum of 20 participants is required. FMI: 473-2494, 473-2437.

Preschool Story Time will be held from 9 to 10 a.m. March 11 at the Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam Library. The theme of this free program will be "Dr. Seuss." FMI: 449-8299.

Mongolian BBQ will be served from 5:30 to 8 p.m. March 12 on the lanai of the Historic Hickam Officers' Club. A variety of meats, vegetables and sauces will be available. Rice, noodles, soup, beverages and fortune cookies are included. FMI: 448-4608

Learn to Surf at White Plains Beach shuttle service will depart at 8 a.m. March 14 from the MWR Outdoor Adventure Center-Fleet Store office. The class starts with the basics and includes standing, paddling, wave etiquette and gear selection. Participants need to be able to swim without a lifeiacket. The cost is \$40. The sign-up deadline is

Bottom Fishing excursion will depart at 8:30 a.m. March 15 from Hickam Harbor. This trip is for both experts and beginners and includes gear, bait, guides and boat. The cost is \$30. The sign-up deadline is March 12. FMI: 449-5215.

Stand-up Paddleboarding at Kahana Valley excursion will begin at 9 a.m. March 15. MWR Outdoor Adventure Center staff will take participants to Kahana Valley on the windward coast. The cost is \$30. The gn-up deadline is March 12, FMI: 473-1198.

2015 Creative Writing Contest submissions will be accepted now through April 4 at the Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam Library. Entries can be submitted in short story and poetry divisions (no more than one entry for each type). There are three age categories: children, ages 6 to 10 years old; young adults, ages 11 to 18 years old; and adults, ages 19 years and older. The complete rules, entry form and details are available at www.greatlifehawaii.com. Judging begins at 1 p.m. April 18. FMI: 449-8299.

MARCH

DISCOVER YOUR FUTURE IN AVIATION

SATURDAY — A Discover Your Future in Aviation event will be held from 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Pacific Aviation Museum Pearl Harbor. The event is designed for young people interested in aviation as a career, school groups, Scouts and families. It will include discussions with aviation professionals, aircraft flyovers, remote-control demonstrations and prizes. FMI: www.pacific aviation.org or 441-1000.

FREE USO VARIETY SHOW

SUNDAY — A USO variety show featuring professional athletes, actors, singers and other celebrities will begin at 6:30 p.m. at Ward Field, Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam. Gates open at 5:15 p.m. The event is open to Department of Defense ID cardholders and their sponsored guests. FMI: www.greatlifehawaii .com.

WOUNDED WARRIOR FAMILY SYMPOSIUM

10 — A Navy Wounded Warrior Family Symposium will be held from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Historic 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. Juan P. Garcia, III assistant secretary of the Navy for manpower and Reserve affairs, 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.

WOUNDED WARRIOR PACIFIC TRIALS

10 TO 13 — The 2015 Wounded Warrior Pacific Trials, a competition among seriously wounded, ill and injured service members from the Air Force, Army, Coast Guard, Navy and Special Operations Command, will be held March 10 through March 13 at locations throughout Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam. FMI: www.greatlifehawaii.com.

NAVY RESERVE CENTENNIAL

11 — An event honoring the centennial of the Navy Reserves will begin at 9 a.m. at the Battleship Missouri Memorial. The theme of the centennial is "Ready Then. Ready Now. Ready Always." FMI: www.navyreservecentennial.com.

WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH 5K

12 — A Women's History Month 5K run will start at 7:30 a.m. at the Missing Man Formation on the Hickam side of Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam. Canned and/or nonperishable food items will be accepted and all donations will go to a local women's shelter. On the day of the run, T-shirts will be available for purchase while supplies last. FMI: Master Sgt. Chandra Lewis at Chandra.lewis@us.af.mil or 448-9766/448-4851.

KEIKI SAFETY FAIR

12 — Hickam Communities Annual Keiki Safety Fair will be held from 3 to 5 p.m. at Ka Makani Community Center, 1215 Owens St. children of all ages can learn about safety through games and demonstrations from a variety of organizations, including the Federal Fire Department and Honolulu Police Department. FMI: www.hickam communities.com or 853-3776.

GLOW RUN AND PARTY

14 — A free nighttime fun run and St. Patrick's Day party will be held at Turtle Cove, Bellows Air Force Station. Patrons are invited to dress in shamrock green or festive costumes and bring their glowsticks and LEDs. The party will be from 5:30 to 9 p.m. The glow run will begin at 7 p.m. with check in at 6 p.m. Prizes will be awarded. Participants in the run should wear shoes and bring a flashlight or headlamp. The run is not recommended for those ages 7 and younger. FMI: 259-4112 or www.bellowsafs.com.

A BETTER YOU

11-24 — The Pearl Harbor Navy Exchange (NEX) will partner with health and fitness organizations for A Better You event from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. daily throughout the NEX mall. Participating groups will include Naval Health Clinic Hawaii, TRICARE and the JBPHH Morale, Welfare and Recreation. The free event for authorized patrons will include demonstrations, health analysis, program information and giveaways. FMI: 423-3287 or email Stephanie.Lau@nexweb.org.

TRAVELING EXHIBIT

14 — Pacific Aviation Museum Pearl Harbor will serve as the first stop of the "National Memories" United States tour March 14. The exhibit brings to life the camaraderie that existed between Chinese and U.S. soldiers as their countries joined forces during World War II. FMI: 441-1007 www.pacificaviationmuseum.org.

'KICK BUTTS DAY'

18 — Aliamanu Military Reservation Youth Sports, Pearl Harbor Navy Exchange (NEX) and other organizations will hold a Kick Butts Day event from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the NEX mall. Kick Butts Day is a national day designed to empower youth to stand out, speak up and seize control against tobacco use. In addition, a two-mile walk-run will begin at 7 a.m. at the NEX. FMI: Brittany K. Bigham at 836-1923 or Stephanie Lau at 423-3287.

PEARL HARBOR COLORS CEREMONY

19 — The monthly Pearl Harbor Colors honors and heritage ceremony will begin at 7:30 a.m. at the Pearl Harbor Visitor Center. The monthly ceremony honors veterans, enhances public engagement and demonstrates naval heritage. The ceremony is open to the public.

THREE-POINT SHOOT-OUT

28 – Hickam Communities will host a Three Point Shoot-Out out from noon to 1 p.m. at Earhart Recreational Complex, intersection of Aupaka Street and Malick Avenue. The event is a fitness activity for

youth ages 5 to 18 who can compete in a three-point and free throw competition to win prizes. FMI: www.hickamcommunities.com or 853-3776.



JUPITER ASCENDING (PG-13)

Jupiter was born under a night sky and signs predicted she was destined for great things. Now grown up, Jupiter still dreams of the stars, but wakes up each day to the cold reality of a job cleaning toilets and an endless run of bad breaks. But when Caine, a genetically engineered ex-military hunter, arrives on Earth to track her down, Jupiter begins to glimpse the fate that has been waiting for her all along.

SHARKEY THEATER TODAY 3/6 6:00 p.m. Mortdecai (R) SATURDAY 3/7 4:00 p.m. Strange Magic (PG) 7:00 p.m. Jupiter Ascending (PG-13) SUNDAY 3/8 2:00 p.m. Paddington (PG) THURSDAY 3/12 7:00 p.m. Black or White (PG-13)

HICKAM MEMORIAL THEATER

TODAY 3/6 6:00 p.m. Paddington (PG)

SATURDAY 3/7 2:30 p.m. The SpongeBob Movie: Sponge Out of Water (3-D) (PG)

Advanced Screening of Run All Night Free to the first 400 authorized patrons. Doors open at 5:30 pm and tickets will be distributed at the ticket booth. (four tickets for active duty ID card holders, two tickets for military retirees, family members and DoD ID card holders.) 7:00 p.m. Run All Night (R)

SUNDAY 3/8

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MFSC to hold classes

The Military and Family Support Center (MFSC) at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam will hold upcoming classes.

• Million Dollar Sailor/Airman class will be held from 7:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. March 17 and 18 at MFSC Pearl Harbor. This two-day class is designed for junior Navy and Air Force personnel who can learn about proper budgeting techniques, credit management, savings and investment options, insurance, military pay and allowances, consumer rip-offs, how to obtain a loan, credit scores, reports, and new and used car purchasing techniques. Participants can register online at www.great lifehawaii.com.

• New Moms and Dads class will be held from 5 to 8 p.m. March 18 at MFSC Hickam. New and soon-tobe parents (or those who are thinking about becoming parents) can learn about the roles, responsibilities, demands and joys of being parents. The session will also include early childhood social, emotional and physical development, crying and consoling, basic care information, and what to expect in the first year. Participants can register online at www.great lifehawaii.co.

• Recruitment for the Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) will be held from 11 a.m. to noon April 20 at MFSC Pearl Harbor. A CIA representative will be on hand to discuss qualification procedures, the hiring process and answer questions. Registration opens March 16.



Blood drive

• March 31, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., Makalapa Clinic, Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam. For more information, call 433-6699 or 433-6148 or email michelle.lele@amedd.army.mil.

Breakfast with Easter bunny

Breakfast with the Easter bunny will begin at 8 a.m. March 28 at the Pearl Harbor Navy Exchange mall food court lanai.

The event for authorized patrons only will include a pancake and ham breakfast, glitter tattoos, balloon art, prizes and crafts.

The cost is \$12 for children and \$8 for adults.For more information, call 423-3287 or email Stephanie.Lau@nexweb.org.

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My Favorite Photo...

This sunset scene is one of many photos Air Force Staff Sgt. Carl D. Sanders, unit deployment manager for 690th Cyberspace Operations Squadron (COS/CYT), has taken during the two years he has been stationed in Hawaii.

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