

Chief petty officers celebrate 122nd birthday

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The rank of Navy chief petty officer, as it is recognized today, was officially established on April 1, 1893. One hundred and twenty-two years later, the chief petty officer's ability to build relationships and find solutions for both officers and enlisted personnel alike has led them to be called the "glue" of the Navy by many leaders today.

To celebrate those individuals, Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam and the National Park Service dedicated this month's Pearl Harbor Colors ceremony to the United States Navy chief petty officer.

The event, which took place April 1 at the Pearl Harbor Visitor Center, provided military personnel with the opportunity to celebrate their chiefs and allowed civilian visitors a chance to catch a glimpse of some of the "U.S. Navy's finest," according to guest speaker, Fleet Master Chief Marco Ramirez.

"America is the country



Chief petty officers from around Hawaii attend a gathering for morning colors at the World War II Valor In the Pacific National Monument to celebrate the 122nd anniversary of the Navy's chief petty officer rank.

she is today because of men and women like these," said Ramirez. "Chiefs serve a dual role as technical experts and leaders, with the focus shifting to leadership as they grow and establish tenure.

They are a foundation which has kept the U.S.

Navy solid for the last 122 years and today, and they will continue to keep the Navy solid for the future as well," Ramirez said.

One of the chiefs in attendance was Senior Chief Petty Officer Tam Dinh, Navy Expeditionary Combat Command Pacific, who said the

event was not only refreshing but inspiring."

"It is nice to get a pat on the back every now and then," he said. "However, this event is different to me; it is motivating.

"I'm excited to get back to my shop and see what I can do to continue to be a great

Sailor. I want to continue to earn the right to be named a chief petty officer, and I want my Sailors and everyone around me to see that effort as well," Dinh said.

Seeing the effort and excellence a chief exudes was easily seen by John Pritchett and his family who are visit-

ing Hawaii from Melbourne, Australia. They have visited the Pearl Harbor memorials all five times they have come to Hawaii. However, the Pritchetts said this visit was memorable due in part to the Pearl Harbor Colors ceremony and having some of the "Navy's finest" present at the event.

"It is great to see all these men and women here," Pritchett said. "We visit the memorial every time we visit Hawaii, but this particular trip is one we will never forget."

He was interrupted by a relative who said, "I think I am ready to join the Navy now."

Pearl Harbor Colors is sponsored by Navy Region Hawaii in coordination with the National Park Service. Each ceremony usually features the U.S. Pacific Fleet Band, the Honors and Ceremonies Guard from Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, and an official observance of "morning colors."

The next Pearl Harbor Colors will be held April 23 at 7:30 a.m. at the Visitor Center.

For more information about Pearl Harbor Colors, contact Lt. Damall Martin at 473-2920.

Joint service leadership signs SAAPM proclamation

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Senior leaders and service members assigned to Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, as well as community partners, attended the base's second annual joint signing of the Sexual Assault Awareness and Prevention Month (SAAPM) proclamation on April 2 at Hickam Memorial Theater.

The theme for this year's SAAPM is, "Eliminate sexual assault. Know your part. Do your

part." According to Cmdr. Jeanie Blankenship, the Sexual Assault Prevention and Response (SAPR) coordinator for Navy Region Hawaii, the main point of Sexual Assault Awareness and Prevention

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From left to right, Hawaii Air National Guard Brig. Gen. Braden Sakai, Navy Capt. Mark Manfredi, Navy Capt. Stanley Keeve Jr., and U.S. Air Force Col. Robert Cioppa, sign the Sexual Assault Awareness and Prevention Month (SAAPM) proclamation during an official ceremony at the Hickam Memorial Theater on Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam.



Volunteers can 'pitch in' at cleanup Saturday



Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam file photo

A Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam volunteer places trash into a bag during a previous Pearl Harbor bike path cleanup. The next scheduled cleanup event is Saturday and volunteers (ages 12 and up) can meet at 7:30 a.m. at the Best Buy parking lot in Aiea. Volunteers should dress to get dirty, bring sunscreen and water. For more information, call Lt. Corbin Dryden at 473-0660.

Easter Sunrise Service to be held Sunday at the Battleship Missouri

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The JBPHH chapels will host the annual Easter Sunrise Service beginning at 6:30 a.m. Sunday aboard Battleship Missouri Memorial. This is a multi-service event with chaplains from the Navy, Air Force and Army participating.

The service is a free event and is open to anyone with base access. The inter-denominational service runs about an hour long. Guests are advised to arrive by 6 a.m., and carpooling is encouraged. Dress will be crisp aloha attire.

The Battleship Missouri Memorial Easter Sunrise Service is a popular event, often attracting more than 1,000 people each year.

Chaplain Cmdr. George Mendes, Pearl Harbor Memorial Chapel, is the lead coordinator for the event and will help lead the services.

"My father was in the Navy in World War II, so I feel a personal connection to the Missouri through my father's experiences," he said.

Mendes said he looks forward to this year's Easter Sunrise Service.

"As a Sailor, I just love doing services on ships," he said. "I've done sunrise services on ships out to sea but nothing like this. It's humbling and an honor."

For more information, call the Pearl Harbor Memorial Chapel at 473-3971.



Airmen practice survival, evade, resist and escape

Story and photo by
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The worst-case scenario has the potential of becoming an overwhelming reality for flight crews that fly in the Pacific area of responsibility. Airmen at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam participated in combat survival training March 26.

This training simulates the aircrew going down in a hostile environment. During the training, Airmen are required to demonstrate their ability to conceal their location, evade opposition forces, and practice proper recovery procedures.

Tech. Sgt. Jeffrey Ray and Tech. Sgt. Michael Garcia are survival, evade, resist and escape (SERE) specialists for the 15th Operational Support Squadron. Their job is to ensure that all flight crews assigned to the 15th Wing are prepared to handle emergency situations by conducting refresher SERE training.

However, with Garcia on deployment, it is up to Ray to complete the SERE training for the 15th Wing.

According to Ray, training is conducted 12 months a year, including six unit-training assembly weekends for the National Guard



Airmen from the 535th Airlift Squadron, 65th Airlift Squadron and the 96th Air Refueling Squadron jump into Hickam Harbor to simulate exiting an aircraft that has landed in the ocean during water survival training on March 23 at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam. Water survival training is completed on triennial basis for all aircrew assigned to the 15th Wing.

and Reserve units. Every month he teaches the code of conduct training that includes, water survival, emergency parachute, con-

duct after capture, contingency SERE indoctrination, combat survival training, local area survival, and radio familiarization training.

Ray said that because of Hawaii's geographic location and the Pacific Command's area of responsibility, the water survival

training is one of the more important types of training.

"No matter where the aircrews are flying, they are over water at some point," said Ray. "If an aircraft were to go down in the ocean, it could be difficult for the recovery force to locate the crew.

"That is why it is important they know how to use their emergency equipment properly and know how to stay alive long enough for a personal recovery team to find them," he said.

According to Ray, equally important is the combat survival training. This training simulates the aircrew going down in a hostile environment. The aircrew uses teamwork to conceal their location, evade opposition forces, and practice proper recovery procedures.

"[Combat survival training] is very beneficial," said Maj. Dan Allen, a pilot evaluator for the 96th Air Refueling Squadron. "It gives us the opportunity to practice survival skills that we don't use a lot, like using the equipment, how to navigate, conceal, evade and how to get rescued."

All of the training provided by Ray is to ensure one thing. "We want to ensure all aircrew and high risk personnel are prepared to survive, evade, resist and escape in every scenario worldwide and return with honor," said Ray.



Retired Master Chief Petty Officer of the Navy (MCPON) Joe R. Campa Jr. greets a Sailor of the Chief Petty Officer 365 program during a CPO 365 meeting held at the Bloch Arena on Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam.

Retired MCPON visits Hawaii

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Retired Master Chief Petty Officer of the Navy (MCPON) Joe R. Campa Jr. visited Sailors stationed at various commands throughout Oahu during a Chief Petty Officer 365 (CPO 365) seminar held March 26 at Bloch Arena at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam.

The event was hosted by Naval Health Clinic Hawaii for the purpose of sharing information and passing down knowledge to the future leaders of the Navy.

"We didn't have CPO 365 training when I was in the Navy," said Campa. "So I feel like I missed out on something. This interaction between first classes and chiefs—that bond that you share and that coming together to effectively lead our Sailors and carry out our mission—I think it's one of the noblest causes there is."

According to Senior Chief Aerographer's Mate Enrique Acosta-Gonzalez, command senior

enlisted leader at Joint Typhoon Warning Center, the key to CPO 365 is networking and communicating with each other.

"We seldom get these opportunities with the MCPON that is currently in the seat," said Acosta. "But when a prior MCPON comes up, we gain perspective from their point-of-view, and it's the E-6 through 9 levels where they make the most impact. The MCPON's perspective on leadership is definitely important," Acosta said.

The event concluded with a question and answer session between Campa and the Sailors and was followed by a brief meet-and-greet.

"I still have the privilege of going out and seeing Sailors across the country and around the world and I am inspired by what I see," said Campa.

"These young patriots, doing the job that their nation asks of them, they ask for very little in return and the things that they do ask for is more. More responsibility, more opportunity, and it's this group here that provides it for them," he said.

Teamwork is important

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Month is to bring awareness to the fact that bystander intervention is the responsibility of all service members.

"The purpose of proclamation ceremony today was to get the Air Force and Navy together to take a stand," said Blankenship. "If you see your shipmate getting ready to make a bad decision or going down the wrong path, you need to step up and step in."

Brig. Gen. Braden K. Sakai, commander, 154th Wing, Hawaii Air National Guard; Capt. Stanley Keeve Jr., commander of Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam; Capt. Mark S. Manfredi, chief of staff, Navy Region Hawaii; and Col. Robert O. Cioppa, vice commander, 15th Wing, came together to sign the proclamation.

"We will recommit ourselves and we will commit to fighting against these behaviors that rob the dignity of our service and our shipmates," said Manfredi about signing the proclamation.

Aviation Electronics Technician 2nd

Class Samuel Shipley, SAPR victim advocate for Navy Region Hawaii, echoed Manfredi's position.

"Everybody knows or should know that sexual assault is just unacceptable," said Shipley. "Events such as these are a continued effort to create awareness of what is and what is not acceptable and to keep trying to get people to not only understand that but to join in the fight to eradicate it from our military and the world in general," Shipley said.

During the ceremony, Blankenship also addressed the importance of working together as a team to eliminate harmful behavior amongst service members.

"Military-wide, we've come together and said, 'Hey, we need to continue to be a team and not break these bonds of trust,'" said Blankenship.

"We're committed to bringing awareness, so that everybody understands that there are actions that are going to be taken, and there are actions that are not going to be tolerated."

How to be tsunami savvy

(Information provided by Dan DuBois,
JBPHH Emergency Manager)

April is Tsunami Awareness Month. Island residents are cautioned to be aware of the potential dangers of tsunamis. Here are some tips in preparation for tsunamis:

What to do before tsunami sirens sound
The actions you take in the face of a tsunami are a matter of life and death. Here are the things you need to do before the tsunami sirens sound the alert.

- Have a disaster plan.
- Know if your home is at risk for danger. Go to Hawaii State Civil Defense, Hawaii Emergency Management agency web site at www.scd.hawaii.gov. On the opening page of the website, go halfway down the page to find the tsunami evacuation zone mapping tool. You can put in your address and find out if your home is in a regular or extreme tsunami evacuation zone.
- Plan an evacuation route.
- Establish rally points for your family in case this happens when you are separated, i.e., mom and dad at work, children are in school or with friends.
- Know what your children's school plan is and what actions the school expects parents to take. Do not blindly rush to the school.
- Make a communications plan and include an out-of-state contact. In many cases during an emergency, local calls are jammed but you may be able to reach an out of state/off island number. Be prepared to text information.
- Prepare a disaster supply kit for your

home and car. You can go to www.Ready.navy.mil or www.beready.af.mil or FEMA's www.ready.gov for information on what to put in your disaster kit.

What to do when tsunami sirens sound

- Follow the instructions issued by authorities. JBPHH will put information on Facebook and on the Straight Talk line at 421-4000 and you can listen to a recorded message of emergency public information.
 - Stay off the phone for nonemergency communications. Text if you need to contact family members.
 - Move inland as soon as possible.
 - You should be able to walk to safety.
 - If you're downtown, find a building more than six stories high and vertically evacuate.
 - Most importantly, get away from the shoreline. You cannot surf a tsunami and even if the waves are small, powerful rip currents and undertows may be generated. Don't make the job of first responders and rescue personnel harder by becoming a victim.
- After the tsunami**
- Help injured or trapped people.
 - Stay out of buildings if water remains around it. Tsunami waters can cause buildings to sink, floors to crack, or walls to collapse.
 - When re-entering homes, use extreme caution.
 - Check for gas leaks.
 - Open windows and doors to help dry things out.
 - Look for fire hazards.
- Remember: be informed, have a plan, make a kit.

April is Tsunami Awareness Month

Dan DuBois

JBPHH Emergency Manager

Hawaii has a long history with tsunamis because of its location in the Pacific. Tsunamis can be caused by undersea earthquakes, but they are also a result of volcanic eruptions and major landslides both above and below the sea.

Hawaii sits on the mid-Pacific hot spot that is responsible for the formation of the Hawaii island chain. Mauna Loa and Mauna Kea, volcanoes that are both located on the Big Island of Hawaii, are surrounded by the Pacific ring of fire that generates major earthquakes.

Underwater earthquakes are caused by tectonic plate movement that displaces the sea bed and by pushing one plate upward and displacing a column of water up and out.

Since the 1800s, the state has been struck by 50 tsunamis, seven which caused major damage and five that were generated from outside the state.

Oahu faces two major tsunami dangers, local and distant. Local tsunamis are deadly because of the very short amount of time, between 20-30 minutes from earthquake to tsunami arrival. The 1868 tsunami that hit the islands destroyed two villages and the 1975 tsunami killed two people.

Distant tsunamis originate somewhere in the ring of fire



U.S. Air Force photo by Senior Airman Christopher Stoltz

Larry Sabatine, Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam deputy emergency manager, leads a group of more than 50 people during the Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam 3rd Annual 'Walk to Safety,' held April 1 at JBPHH.

and arrive anywhere from four to 16 hours after the earthquake event that generated them. The 9.5 earthquake in Chile on May 23, 1960 resulted in waves up to 35 feet high that hit Hilo on the Big Island and caused 61 deaths and \$75 million in damage.

Tsunamis are difficult to see in the open ocean, only changing the surface level by 12 or 36 inches, but they are moving as fast as a commercial jet at 600 mph. When these waves reach land, they slow down and move upward causing the huge waves. They are not a single wave but a series of five to seven waves that build in amplitude.

They can also cause what is known as a "wrap around effect," so a wave impacting the north shore of an island wraps

around the island and pushes large waves inland on the south facing shores. The waves are not always consistent when they come ashore. In the 2010 Chile quake, Oahu only had waves of 12 inches while homes were pulled off foundations and out to sea on the Big Island.

The 2011 Japan quake and tsunami has caused scientists at the University of Hawaii and Pacific Tsunami Warning Center to rethink how tsunamis may affect the Hawaiian Islands. This research resulted in the redrafting of the tsunami evacuation zones for an extreme tsunami event.

The important thing to remember about preparing for tsunamis is the same as for hurricanes and other disasters: Be aware and be prepared.

Commentary

Happy 122nd birthday chief petty officers!

MCPON Mike Stevens

Master Chief Petty Officer of the Navy

Chief petty officers, On April 1, we celebrated 122 years of excellence. One thing that CPOs have always excelled at, despite the challenges, is our ability to recognize and implement change.

If I could coin one word for this year's birthday theme, it would be 'progress.' Our Navy is 239 years old—could you imagine where our Navy would be with-



MCPON Mike Stevens

out progress? We went from wind-

powered sails to coal-powered steam. Now we sail under nuclear power. Our aircraft have gone from propeller power to jet power. We went from CPO initiation to transition to induction and now CPO 365.

Without change, there is no progress. Change is not always easy, but that's OK, because hard is what we do.

George Washington once said, "The harder the conflict, the greater the triumph."

As CPOs, we have the responsibility to ensure

our Navy continues to progress. We owe this to our nation, our Navy and our people.

Chiefs, I can't begin to tell you how proud I am of you. I've had the opportunity to be a member of our CPO Mess for two decades, and I can tell you today with great confidence that our CPO Mess has never been better. You should feel good about who you are, what you represent, and your ability to lead our Sailors.

Thank you from the bottom of my heart for 122 years of excellence.

Commentary

Eliminate sexual assault, know your part, do your part

Rear Adm. Rick Snyder

Director, Twenty-First Century Sailor Office

We all have a role in prevention of sexual assault and other behaviors that negatively impact our shipmates and our Navy.

Each of you can make a difference by the example you set through your words and your actions.

The Navy is making progress towards eliminating sexual assault — thank you. But we still have much work to do, and I'm confident we'll get it done.

Frequently, we see that sexual assault victims were previously sexually harassed — often by the same alleged offender. No one wants to be part of a culture that harasses our shipmates. Through our awareness and diligence, we can stop it.

We must be supportive of all victims of sexual assault. Surveys indicate victims of sexual assault are about evenly split between men and women, and all of our shipmates must feel comfortable coming forward and reporting.

We must be sensitive in



Rear Adm. Rick Snyder

our response to victims of sexual assault. They need our support, not our exclusion. Actions done to them in retaliation for coming forward discourages them and others, and it's against the Uniform Code of Military Justice.

Treating each other with dignity and respect is core to our Navy.

As I said, we are making progress. Together, we can, and must, keep that momentum going. Thanks for your support and participation in upcoming Sexual Assault Awareness and Prevention Month activities and events.

(This information was from a NavyLive blog posted March 31.)

Commentary

Navy chiefs celebrate their 122nd birthday

Vice Adm. Bill Moran

Chief of Naval Personnel

On this 122nd birthday of the Chiefs Mess, there is no greater honor than to salute our chief petty officers — past, present, and future.

As the conscience of our Navy, chiefs keep us grounded in our proudest traditions while always looking for ways to make our service better.

We ask a lot of these men and women ... to be watchstanders, deckplate leaders, technical experts, but per-



Vice Adm. Bill Moran

haps most important of their many responsibilities is that of role model and coach to our newest Sailors.

As molders of talent, chiefs quickly become the first teachers of what's right and what it means to make a difference. Whether to an ensign, or an E-3, the direction to "ask the chief" means problems will soon be solved and the chance to learn has just begun.

Over the last 20 months, our team has benefited greatly from the chiefs, senior chiefs and master chiefs we have worked with

around the fleet. Never shy and always willing to tell us how we can do better, their thoughtful counsel has shaped our efforts to improve the lives of Sailors and families.

Happy birthday, chiefs. You make us who we are, and who we will become. I treasure every opportunity to be around my heroes — the selfless, humble quiet leaders of the mess. Your professionalism and sacrifice make us the greatest Navy the world has ever known. Thank you for all you do.

Navy confirms death of Sailor in hiking fall

Navy Region Hawaii Public Affairs

HONOLULU – At approximately 3:45 p.m. on March 29, a 21-year-old male Navy Sailor from the USS John Paul Jones (DDG 53) based at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam fell approximately 50 feet to his death off the Pali Notches trail.

The Sailor is identified as Johnathan McNeely of Lake Wales, Fla.

"Our thoughts and prayers are with his family, shipmates and loved ones during this difficult time," said Navy Region Hawaii in a statement.

The Honolulu Fire Department responded to the scene and recovered the Sailor, who was subsequently pronounced dead by on-scene paramedics,

and airlifted. The cause of death is due to traumatic injuries sustained from the fall.

Honolulu Police Department has the lead on the investigation.

A memorial service is planned in the coming weeks aboard John Paul Jones.

No further details were available at the time Ho'okele went to press.

Diverse Views



What is the most valuable thing you ever learned in Sexual Assault Prevention and Response (SAPR) training?



Master Sgt. Priscilla Bastatas
154th Logistics Readiness Squadron,
HIANG

"The SAPR training provided me with the tips, tools and resources available to aid in the elimination of this improper conduct. Being armed with the knowledge of prevention is not as important as the implementation of it."

Command Master Chief Jack Johnson
Joint Base Pearl Harbor Hickam

"The best information I've acquired from SAPR training is that communication is key. An open dialogue is healthy and will ensure everything is consensual."



Chief Master Sgt. Harold Hutchison
Pacific Air Forces

"That every single person plays an important role in this program. More importantly if you're an Airman, supervisor, civilian, commander or leader, you need to be directly and aggressively involved in this program."

Senior Chief Fire Controlman
Carlton Seals
Pearl Harbor Naval Shipyard

"One of the most valuable things I learned during SAPR training is to make sure you ask permission. Don't just assume one thing is going to happen based upon what signals you think you are receiving."



2nd Lt. Paige Shirley
647th Force Support Squadron

"Don't be afraid to be open about sexual relations issues. Be respectful and kind of everyone's opinions and circumstances, but don't be too shy to address the issues. Positive conversations do more good than ignoring the topic."

FCC Shellie Higa

"The most valuable information I've learned from SAPR training is actually more than just one thing. You learn a broad variety of information that is useful, and it is important to be well-armed with knowledge that will keep relationships intact and people out of trouble."



Provided by Senior Airman Christopher Stoltz and David D. Underwood Jr.

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Hickam holds Purple Heart ceremony



Photo courtesy of the state of Hawaii Department of Transportation

A Purple Heart ceremony took place April 2, 1942 at Hickam Field. The event happened during World War II, 73 years ago this week.

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U.S. Pacific Fleet announces 2014 Sea, Shore Sailors of the Year

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WAIKIKI — Rear Adm. Robert Girrier, deputy commander of U.S. Pacific Fleet, announced Logistics Specialist 1st Class Blanca Sanchez as the 2014 Sea Sailor of the Year (SOY) and Steelworker 1st Class Brenton Heisserer as the 2014 Shore SOY during a ceremony held March 27 at the Ala Moana Hotel in Waikiki.

Prior to announcing the winners of the competition, Girrier commended all 10 finalists for their excellence, integrity, teamwork and leadership.

“You embody the hallmarks that typify the values we look for. The junior enlisted look up to you as their teachers, role models and leaders, just as you looked up to those who helped shape you into the leaders you are today,” said Girrier. “...they [SOY finalists] embody every aspect of our Navy’s warfighting ethos –



Steel Worker 1st Class Brenton Heisserer, right, assigned to Naval Construction Group 1, steps forward as he is announced as the 2014 U.S. Pacific Fleet Shore Sailor of the Year during the 2014 U.S. Pacific Fleet Sea and Shore Sailor of the Year announcement ceremony held March 27 at the Ala Moana Hotel in Honolulu.

which exemplifies decisive leadership, teamwork and diversity. These Sailors are empowering leaders and superb team members. They have a sense of ownership, demonstrate unwavering integrity, and, most importantly, they inspire trust,” Girrier said.

Representing Naval Mo-

bile Construction Battalion 4, Sanchez will fly to Washington, D.C. and be meritoriously promoted to chief petty officer. She said she was surprised to win 2014 Sea Sailor of the Year.

“I honestly didn’t even hear my name,” said Sanchez. “It took me a while to realize it was my name

they were saying. It’s unbelievable and now that I’m starting to catch my breath, I’m looking forward to what’s next and the great leaders I’m going to have.”

Heisserer, representing Naval Construction Group 1, will travel to Washington, D.C. to compete in the Chief of Naval Operations Shore

Sailor of the Year competition.

“I told myself to remember to breathe. It’s a special moment in my career and it flashed before my eyes. The important thing for me is to make sure that I give back and give the information I have learned to other Sailors. There’s nothing that says one of my Sailors or any other Sailors can’t be here next year,” Heisserer said.

Leading up to the ceremony, the 10 finalists spent the week at Pearl Harbor learning about the rich naval history and heritage of the area. They visited the USS Arizona Memorial, where they honored the Sailors who lost their lives in the attack on Pearl Harbor with a wreath-laying ceremony, the Battleship Missouri Memorial and the National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific (Punchbowl). They also spent time networking and speaking to Navy leaders from throughout the Pacific Fleet.

“They [SOY finalists] have integrity and want to volunteer. They’re the first to come to work and the last to leave. It takes a good family to recognize that and help them as one team, one fight,” said U.S. Pacific Fleet Master Chief Marco Ramirez.

“Recognition goes a long way. We need to recognize our Sailors who work for us day in and day out. The SOY program is just one way to do it,” he said.

According to Aviation Boatswain’s Mate (Fuel) 1st Class Joseph Mathews, time spent with the other nine finalists during the week also allowed him the opportunity to build strong, lasting relationships with his peers.

“Being here has been a great experience,” said Mathews. “Just getting to know my fellow first classes, and getting to know them as people, has been the biggest thing for me. A lot of us have the same story: spouses, family back home and kids. And talking about that really takes you away from everything and makes you realize that now we’ll be a part of each other’s family as we leave here and keep in

touch with each other.”

For many of the other Sailors, the road to becoming a SOY finalist has been a rewarding experience in and of itself, one filled with self-determination and selflessness.

“Sailor of the Year, for me, has meant a lot of hard work and dedication,” said Logistics Specialist 1st Class Stacey Myers.

“This year there was a lot of personal adversity I had to deal with, but I went to work every day with a smile on my face, because I knew my team was depending on me to get it done,” Myers said.

Chief Aviation Structural Mechanic Matthew Meadows, 2013 Sea Sailor of the Year winner, said being Sailor of the Year is all about paying tribute to those who have supported the Sailor and all of their hard work that followed.

“No one becomes Sailor of the Year alone,” said Meadows. “Being given the title of Sailor of the Year is not about you; it’s about the people who helped you get there, whether through the support of a spouse, loved one, friend, the Chiefs Mess, your junior Sailors, or fellow first classes.

“That title is a testament to those who have helped these Sailors get to that spot and all of the hard work that they’ve given in return,” Meadows said.

The Sea Sailor of the Year finalists were: Aviation Boatswain’s Mate (Handling) David Dysart, USS Makin Island (LHD 8); Hospital Corpsman 1st Class David Gloria, 1st Medical Battalion, 1st Marine Logistics; Yeoman 1st Class William Kennedy, USS San Francisco (SSN 711); Hospital Corpsman 1st Class Issa Khalil, USS Carl Vinson (CVN 70); Logistics Specialist 1st Class Blanca Sanchez, Naval Mobile Construction Battalion (NMCB) 4.

The Shore Sailor of the Year finalists were: Navy Counselor 1st Class Sara Dozier, Submarine Group Nine; Aviation Ordnanceman 1st Class Misty Beck, Navy Munitions Command West Detachment North Island; Steelworker 1st Class Brenton Heisserer, Naval Construction Group (NCG) 1; Aviation Boatswain’s Mate (Fuel) 1st Class Joseph Mathews, USS America (LHA 6); Logistics Specialist 1st Class Stacey Myers, Fleet Air Forward Detachment Misawa.

Former Chief of Naval Operations Adm. Elmo Zumwalt and former Master Chief Petty Officer of the Navy John Whittet established the SOY program in 1972 to recognize an individual Sailor who best represents the group of dedicated professional Sailors at each command and, ultimately, in the Navy.

Within 10 years, the Sailor of the Year program was expanded to include the shore establishment and Navy Reserve Sailors.

4th Annual TACP run remembers fallen Airmen

Story and photo by
Tech. Sgt. Terri Paden

15th Wing Public Affairs

Airmen in the tactical air control party (TACP) career field often make many sacrifices in their line of work. Sometimes it’s the ultimate sacrifice. Though those members may be gone, Hickam TACP’s ensure they are never forgotten.

The 4th Annual TACP Remembrance Run wrapped up March 27 at the Missing Man Formation on the Hickam side of Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam.

The 24-hour run began at noon March 26, and more than 300 members of the Hickam community took part in the event honoring fallen members of the TACP community.

In addition to memorializing its fallen brethren, the unit also uses the annual event to raise money and awareness for the U.S. Air Force TACP Association, which provides support to injured veterans, those who suffer with post-traumatic stress disorder, or family members of the fallen.

Staff Sgt. Jeffery McElhaney, 25th Air Support Operations Squadron (ASOS) joint terminal attack controller and event coordinator, said remembering the fallen Airmen with a 24-hour run is a true testament to the brotherhood that the team shares.

“I’ve lost three friends from the TACP community in the last three years and, in each of those cases, the association helped out a lot, so this is something that hits close to home



A volunteer runner jogs on the running path overlooking Pearl Harbor during the tactical air control party (TACP) 4th Annual TACP Remembrance Run at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam.

and I wanted to be involved,” McElhaney said.

The annual run takes place at every TACP unit across the globe with each squadron competing to see who can raise the most money. Though there are first, second and third prizes awarded to the most successful units, McElhaney said the real point of the event isn’t to win.

“We want to raise as much money as we can to help the organization,” he said. “It’s not about winning first place but raising awareness. Most everyone has an association they want to support. Why not help one that takes care of our own.”

Though the event was largely centered on fundraising for the TACP association, Airmen, Soldiers and Sailors from around the island came to pay their respects

and support the event.

“Not only does this event build camaraderie in the community, it’s an opportunity to get involved, promote fitness, and have a good time,” McElhaney said.

Airman 1st Class Jason Holmes, 25th ASOS, is the newest Airman to join the unit and said in his brief time on the team he has seen nothing short of amazing teamwork. The run is just one of many ways he has seen the unit come together to get things done.

However, for Holmes, participating in the event had an even more personal significance.

“It’s nice to know if I were to die in the line of duty, I’d have TACP brethren out here running in remembrance of me, so I came out to do the same for them,” he said.

Ford Island Bridge to close briefly for run Saturday

The Ford Island Bridge will be closed from 6:55 to 7:35 a.m. Saturday in support of the 18th annual Ford Island Bridge Run, sponsored by Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam Morale, Welfare and Recreation.

The 10K race will start at 7 a.m. at the entrance to the bridge, proceed clockwise around the island and end at Richardson Field, across from Aloha Stadium. All motorists and pedestrians should plan accordingly.

Race day entries will be accepted until 6:45 a.m. with a registration fee of \$45. Pets are not allowed.

For more information, visit www.greatlifeohawaii.com or call 473-2494 or 473-2437.

Pearl Harbor-Hickam*Highlights*



Vice Adm. Dixon R. Smith, Commander, Navy Installations Command (CNIC), is joined by the Sexual Assault Prevention Response (SAPR) and Counseling, Advocacy and Prevent teams in Washington, D.C. April 1 to sign proclamations declaring April 2015 as Sexual Assault Awareness and Prevention Month and Child Abuse Prevention month across the CNIC enterprise. The admiral called upon all Navy personnel and their families to increase their awareness of the Navy-wide efforts to prevent sexual assault and child abuse.

U.S. Navy photo by Sandra L. Niedzwiecki

U.S. Air Force Chief Master Sgt. Laura Noel, 15th Wing Binnicker Professional Military Education Center commandant, holds the American flag as part of a remembrance ceremony held March 31. It honored the life and service of 9th Chief Master Sgt. of the Air Force James Binnicker, at the Binnicker Professional Military Education Center March 31 at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam.

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



U.S. Air Force photo by Senior Airman Christopher Stoltz

The Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam Honors and Ceremonies Guard stands by during Pearl Harbor Colors, on April 1 at the Pearl Harbor Visitor Center. Pearl Harbor Colors is held at the Pearl Harbor Visitor Center.



U.S. Air Force photo by Senior Airman Christopher Stoltz

Fleet Master Chief Marco Ramirez, fleet master chief of U.S. Pacific Fleet, speaks during a gathering for morning colors at the World War II Valor In the Pacific National Monument to celebrate the 122nd anniversary of the Navy's chief petty officer rank.

Sailors and senior enlisted of the Chief Petty Officer 365 program stationed at various commands throughout Oahu greet retired Master Chief Petty Officer of the Navy (MCPON) Joe R. Campa Jr. during a CPO 365 meeting held March 26 at the Bloch Arena at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam.

U.S. Navy photo by MC2 Laurie Dexter



PACAF honors 9th Chief Master Sergeant of the Air Force

Story and photos by
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Pacific Air Forces held a remembrance ceremony March 31 to honor the life and military service of James Binnicker, 9th Chief Master Sergeant of the Air Force, at the Binnicker Professional Military Education (PME) Center.

Binnicker served as PACAF senior enlisted advisor from June 1978 to June 1981.

Binnicker passed away March 21 at the age of 76.

He served as Chief Master Sergeant of the Air Force from July 1, 1986 until his retirement on Aug. 1, 1990. During his tenure, Binnicker worked toward the implementation of the enlisted performance report (EPR), feedback system and worked toward getting more master sergeants admitted into the Senior NCO Academy.

U.S. Air Force Chief Master Sgt. Harold Hutchison, Pacific Air Forces Command Chief Master Sergeant, was the keynote speaker during the ceremony.

“We pause to remember and honor Chief Binnicker today,” Hutchison said. “He was a man who was recognized by so many as a leader, mentor, friend and one who dedicated his life to others. We honor the chief because he made a difference in all the ways that really matter in this lifetime,” Hutchison said.

After his retirement, Binnicker continued to serve the enlisted force by mentoring Airmen attending Airman Leadership School at Hurlburt Field, Fla. Binnicker also helped provide homes to retired enlisted couples, surviving spouses and military family members as part of the Air Force



(Above) U.S. Air Force Tech. Sgt. Ryan Scott, left, Tech. Sgt. Steven Byrd and Master Sgt. Tamra Whiting retire the colors during a retreat ceremony held March 31 as part of a remembrance ceremony honoring 9th Chief Master Sgt. of the Air Force James Binnicker, at the Binnicker Professional Military Education (PME) Center, at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam. *(Additional photo on page A-5)*



(Above) U.S. Air Force Senior Airman Killian Tolleson, right, Senior Airman Jason Brown and Senior Airman Dennis Vo salute during a remembrance ceremony honoring 9th Chief Master Sgt. of the Air Force James Binnicker.

(Below) U.S. Air Force Chief Master Sgt. Harold Hutchison, Pacific Air Forces Command Chief Master Sergeant, talks about the life and career of 9th Chief Master Sgt. of the Air Force James Binnicker during a remembrance ceremony.



Enlisted Village (AFEV).

“His service to our great force didn’t end when he retired,” Hutchison said. “He could have easily rested on his laurels, sat back in his chair, and reminisced on all of his accomplishments. But no, that wasn’t Chief Binnicker.

“After generations of taking care of active duty, Guard and Reserve, he took on the enormous responsibility of caring for and looking after our extended Air Force family when he be-

came the CEO of our enlisted village,” he said.

The PME Center was dedicated in honor of Binnicker in 2012 and Tech. Sgt. John Robertson, 15th Wing Binnicker PME Center Airman Leadership School (ALS) and Noncommissioned Officer Academy (NCOA) instructor, remembers the experience of meeting him for the first time.

“That was a real awesome experience,” Robertson said. “That was the first time I had the opportunity

to meet him and it was evident of his passion for Airmen. He’s a big presence. Some of the speakers today talked about it. He was very candid.

“He had a lot of experience, job knowledge and a ton of intellect to back up what he told you. It was very intimidating to meet him for the first time, but at the same time I tried to soak up all that knowledge and learn from it,” Robertson explained.

U.S. Air Force Senior Air-

man Kyle Smith, ALS Class 15-B student, said he hopes to emulate Binnicker’s example during his Air Force career.

“Chief was all about knowing his Airmen and caring for them,” Smith said. “I think that’s the greatest example for Airmen today to follow, caring for one another, being wingmen and being the best Airman that they can be. It is a privilege and honor to be here today and to show him the respect he deserves.”

Hutchison offered a quote from Binnicker to end his speech, followed by the retiring of the colors during the events retreat ceremony.

“A few years ago someone asked the chief how he wanted to be remembered,” Hutchison said. “After he sat there for a moment and collected his thoughts, he answered, ‘That I did my best. I hope that most people would say the same thing and that’s all you can ask of anybody.’”

USS Plunger veterans celebrate with 50-year reunion tour

Story and photo by
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Seven veterans of the long-retired Permit-class submarine USS Plunger (SSN 595) arrived March 24 at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam to celebrate their 50th reunion with a walking tour of the submarine piers and facilities.

Hailing from all corners of the nation, the submariners and their wives came together for the first reunion of its kind for the Plunger crew. The reunion crew, having served aboard USS Plunger between 1964 and 1968, relived the sights and sounds of the historic submarine base.

The tour group reminisced as they visited the enlisted barracks, the harbor waterfront and other historic buildings. The tour culminated with a tour aboard the Los Angeles-class fast-attack submarine USS Olympia (SSN 717).

"This is just amazing," said Chuck Lee, a veteran from Seattle who was stationed aboard Plunger for two years.

"I sure appreciate being here," Lee said about the opportunity to tour one of today's active submarines with his Plunger shipmates. "Some things are the same, but a lot has definitely changed."



Lt. Michael Lewis, right, of the Los Angeles-class fast attack submarine USS Olympia (SSN 717) leads a tour March 25 for Permit-class submarine USS Plunger (SSN 595) veterans and their wives at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam.

Hal Darcey, a radioman on Plunger who served on the submarine until 1967, added, "This is pretty neat. It is a chance to relive what we experienced 50 years ago. This brings back great memories."

Darcey, a native of New Jersey, organized the gathering of Plunger veterans when he spoke with a fellow crew member on

the phone. They discussed the importance of the 50th anniversary of their service aboard Plunger and that this was the year they would once again return to walk down memory lane.

"It was the most formative years of our lives, and the bonds and relationships we made during that time continued into life-

long friendships," said Darcey.

Darcey noted that in the 1960s Plunger was one of the most powerful and capable submarines in the fleet. She was among the most advanced class of nuclear attack submarines, which tested the technologically advanced SubRoc missile.

"We did all the great ad-

ventures that Sailors do, so that is why it was such an important time for us," added Darcey. "It is fun to go back and remember those stories."

During the tour aboard Olympia, the Plunger vets visited areas that included the control room, wardroom, galley and torpedo room. They also had the opportunity to meet and

chat with Olympia Sailors.

Chief Electronics Technician Derek Scammon, a Wibaux, Mont. native who led the boat tour, said he was honored and privileged to spend time with the Plunger crew.

"It was great to meet veterans from the submarine force. These are the guys we took the torch from," said Scammon.

"I was glad to walk them around the boat and show them how we do things today. And it's great for the young guys on board to meet the Plunger crew," he said.

While today's submarines may be more modern, there were many elements of submarine life that echoed to their days aboard Plunger.

"Good engines. Good engines," said veteran Gary Boertz, a San Diego native and interior communications electrician on Plunger in 1968 as he referred to one of Olympia's systems being similar to subs in the past.

The third U.S. Navy ship to bear the name, Plunger was built by the Mare Island Naval Shipyard. It was launched Dec. 9, 1961 and commissioned Nov. 21, 1962. Through its history, Plunger was awarded numerous Navy unit commendations, meritorious unit commendations and the Battle Efficiency award. Plunger was decommissioned in 1990.



U.S. Navy photo by CE1 (SCW) Michael Walden

Equipment Operator 3rd Class Mathew Nally from CBMU 303 Detachment Pearl Harbor removes old teak from the deck of Battleship Missouri Memorial.

Seabees volunteer on 'Mighty Mo'

CE2 (SCW) Lisa A. Spherhake

CBMU 303 Detachment
Pearl Harbor

Seabees from CBMU 303 volunteered March 20 to replace the teak decking on the Battleship Missouri Memorial.

Also known as the "Mighty Mo," the ship is an important piece of American history. After fighting in the Pacific during World War II, it was chosen as the location where the surrender ceremony was to take place.

Allied commanders, led by Fleet Adm. Chester Nimitz and Gen. Douglas MacArthur, received the Japanese delegation aboard, officially ending the war. Today it stands as a reminder to all Americans of the sacrifices and victories of our service men and women.

In order for this great ship to be maintained, it takes many volunteers. Replacing the teak decking when it is weathered is an important task that keeps the Missouri in prime form. Seabees from CBMU 303 participated in removing 1,100 square

feet of old teak forward on the starboard side in the ongoing teak deck renovation.

Leading the crew was Construction Electrician 1st Class (SCW) Michael Walden whose expertise was pertinent in getting the job done correctly.

"It was a great experience being a liaison working for Dave Hamilton, the USS Missouri ship's carpenter, and ensuring safety is always first while still being able to complete the task in the amount of time given with a 'can do' attitude," he said.

For Builder 2nd Class (SCW) Brandy Jackson, it was an honor to be a part of the restoration crew and learn how the ship operated during combat.

"It was inspiring to see how the antique equipment was built and be a part of helping maintain it for future generations to enjoy," she said.

The Missouri had a career spanning over five decades and three wars—World War II, the Korean War and Desert Storm. Decommissioned March 31, 1992, the ship is now a museum permanently berthed at Pearl Harbor with 180,000 visitors from around the world per year.

USS Hopper Sailor takes citizenship oath

Ensign Natalie E. Crow

USS Hopper (DDG 70)
Public Affairs

Damage Controlman 2nd Class Quang T. Nguyen from the USS Hopper (DDG 70) became a U.S. citizen during a naturalization ceremony held March 12 at the U.S. Customs and Immigration Service office in Honolulu.

Nguyen was one of 50 new U.S. citizens from 22 different countries who was sworn in during the ceremony. It was witnessed by Ensign Natalie Crow, Hopper's command citizenship coordinator, and acting Command Master Chief, Senior Chief Corey L. Oswalt.

Nguyen's sense of service stemmed from generations of military and governmental support in his family. His grandfather worked closely with the American government while his uncle was a flight surgeon in South Vietnam, fighting hand in hand with the American troops throughout the Vietnam War. He said service has always been



rooted within his character.

Born in Saigon, Vietnam, Nguyen relocated to the United States in 1993 where he resided in San Jose, Calif. along with his father and step-mother. After graduating from high school, he said his next step in life was an easy decision to make.

Since immigrating to the United States enabled him to live the American dream, it was now his time to pay back what he could in the only way he knew how. On Jan. 11, 2011, he joined the United States Navy as a damage controlman (DC).

Today, Nguyen is a high-achieving second

class petty officer who was recently recognized as Hopper's Junior Sailor of the Year 2014. Nguyen said that obtaining his American citizenship has opened up many opportunities for him.

In four months, he will be heading to Oregon to continue his service to the Navy as a recruiter. As an American citizen, he is now able to receive the proper security clearance to carry out these orders.

He also now has the opportunity to apply for a United States passport. The last time he visited Vietnam was under his father's passport as a dependent. "It has been eight years since I have seen my mother," said Nguyen following the naturalization ceremony.

"I am now finally eligible for my passport and can return to Vietnam."

"After wearing the uniform and saluting the American flag the last four years, it just makes sense now that I am a citizen. All people who serve should have this same right. It just feels normal now," Nguyen said.

USS Hopper celebrates women's history

MC2 Brian M. Wilbur

U.S. Pacific Fleet Public Affairs

U.S. Pacific Fleet (PACFLT) Master Chief Marco Ramirez and PACFLT Staff Command Master Chief Terri Carroll-Gillis spoke with crew members during their Women's History Month celebration held March 30 aboard the Arleigh Burke-class guided-missile destroyer USS Hopper (DDG 70).

The theme for this year's event was "Weaving the Stories of Women's Lives." Carroll-Gillis praised the progression the military has made and the diversity seen in today's Navy.

"Over the years we have learned to appreciate diversity, and I know we are getting better at it in the Navy," said Carroll-Gillis.

"We need diversity to be a high-functioning team. Diversity brings about a perspective that you may not normally get and one that we need to be a great fighting force. By looking at the diversity of this crew, I can see how far the Navy has come," she said.

For over a century, women have served in the Navy, steadily gaining more rights and privileges as service members. One of the last great hurdles for equal job opportunities in the Navy comes with the inclusion of women serving on submarines.

Ramirez said that women and their contributions are appreciated year-

round but is pleased to highlight their efforts during a specific month.

"Women, of course, are also a part of history for the 11 months of the year," said Ramirez.

"And I would add that women were influencing the course of history long before 1980 or 1911. But I am glad that there is, each year, a time when we pause to think about the role of women, because history is more than simply what happened and more than what women and men did to make it happen," he added.

The celebration was coordinated by the head of the multicultural committee, Chief Operations Specialist Aisha Jenkins.

"I am so glad the Sailors got a chance to hear from Master Chief Carroll," said Jenkins. "It's important for them to get the background story from a successful female Sailor and be able to ask questions."

USS Hopper was named after the late Rear Adm. Grace Hopper. During World War II, Hopper joined the Navy as a junior officer and worked mainly with computers, shaping the way they are today.

She coined the term "computer bug" after a moth flew into a computer causing a disruption. Hopper has been quoted saying that her greatest accomplishment was her 43 years of training young service members and that our greatest natural resource we have is our young people.



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Seaman Coby Miller, leading petty officer for the Battleship Missouri Memorial U.S. Navy Sea Cadets, prepares the cadets for military instruction.

**Story and photos by
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Navy Region Hawaii Public Affairs

Aboard the Battleship Missouri Memorial on March 28 the leading petty officer called, “sweepers, sweepers, man your brooms” as cadets grabbed their brooms and began sweeping the decks of the memorial, which is also known as the “Mighty Mo.”

“We are the Battleship Missouri Sea Cadets. It’s important we keep her clean,” said one cadet.

The cadets had just finished a full day of ceremonial drills, physical training, self-defense classes, basic military courses and the Coast Guard boating safely course. Before the end of the day, the cadets had one final muster and received instructions for the next drill before leaving for the day.

The U. S. Naval Sea Cadets Corps is a youth program for Americans ages 11-17. The cadets receive training on naval history and traditions, participate in community service and learn teamwork, discipline and leadership they will take with them for the rest of their lives.

For those cadets who join the military and have successfully completed necessary cadet requirements, they are eligible to enter military service as high in rank as an E-3. The Battleship Missouri Sea Cadets drill, conduct

training and attend classes aboard the Battleship Missouri Memorial.

The cadets are led by instructors who represent Navy, Coast Guard, Army and civilian personnel.

“Each drill, my goal is to work towards making sure that America’s future is in good hands by instilling in the cadets the Navy core values of honor, courage, and commitment,” said instructor Eddie Barinque, who is the recruiting and public affairs officer for the sea cadet unit.

“When our cadets make those their own values, America’s future is secure, whether the cadets choose a military career or not,” Barinque said.

The cadets said they enjoy being a part of the program and were eager to discuss why they became Sea Cadets.

“The training you receive gives you an insight into being in the Navy and I love the camaraderie,” said Seaman Coby Miller, who serves as the division leading petty officer. His sentiments were echoed by Seaman Daria Savchenko, the division’s assistant leading petty officer.

Savchenko said the people, the training and the overall experience were excellent.

“I love being a cadet,” Savchenko added.

Both cadets said they plan on joining the Navy and want to serve as naval officers.

The cadets drill every other Saturday and the next drill is scheduled for April 11.

The cadets also participate in various events including

sailing trips, parades, visits to historic landmarks and military installations.

The Sea Cadets are currently looking for female instructors and cadets to help expand the program.

(For more information, contact recruiting officer Barinque at 381-2285 or email pao@hawaiiseacadets.com.)



Instructor Eddie Barinque, the public affairs and recruiting officer for the Battleship Missouri Memorial U.S. Navy Sea Cadets, teaches cadets self-defense techniques.



Sea Cadets fall into quarters for muster and instruction before physical training.



Jerry Mershon from the United States Coast Guard Auxiliary instructs cadets on a course required to obtain a boat license. The cadets were aboard the Battleship Missouri Memorial.



Battleship Missouri Memorial U.S. Navy Sea Cadets line up in formation.

Photo Illustration

Port Royal clinches Afloat Division championship

Story and photos by
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With less than two weeks remaining in the intramural basketball season, USS Port Royal (CG 73) has taken one step closer toward repeating as Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam champions.

On March 28, Port Royal locked up the Afloat Division's regular-season title and number one seed in the upcoming playoffs by getting past USS North Carolina (SSN 777), 49-40, at JBPHH Fitness Center.

The win raised Port Royal's record to a perfect 7-0 while North Carolina lost for the fourth time against one victory.

While the final score wasn't a blowout, the game was anything but close, as Port Royal cruised to a 22-point advantage before substituting freely for the final 13 minutes of play.

"We like to get everybody some time to play," said Port Royal center Seaman Apprentice Tariq Jackson. "When we come out, we come out strong, everybody does their role and then we got the bench guys coming in."

Pushing hard from buzzer to buzzer, Port Royal got a huge hustle play from Logistics Specialist 3rd London Waldon, who stole the ball and drove in for a lay-up right at the end of the first half to give his team a 27-18 advantage at the break.

Mana Hawkins, a Navy spouse and former collegiate basketball standout, has stepped in as Port Royal's head coach after she sustained a knee injury and previous coach Senior Airman Charlton Burton departed.

She said that anyone on Port Royal has the ability to ignite a spark on the team and a lot of



Cryptologic Technician (Technical) 2nd Class Karache Mclin beats USS North Carolina (SSN 777) defense to score two points for USS Port Royal (CG 73).

it has to do with the way her players give it their all.

"I never have to worry about hustle," Hawkins said. "I will never have to yell at somebody for not running or not trying to get the ball."

The shot at the buzzer by Waldon gave the team a boost that carried it well beyond half-time.

Port Royal built up a lead of 10 points early in the second half and then really stepped on the gas to motor past North Carolina.

A trey and basket by Quartermaster 3rd Class Dylan Hartfield quickly tacked on five more points to the lead before Waldon, on a dime from Lt. Cmdr. Warren Hakes and off a steal, added four more points to take a commanding 39-20 lead.

Port Royal built up their first 20-point lead on a power move inside the paint by Cryptologic Technician (Technical) 2nd Class Karache Mclin to make it 41-20 before Seaman Michael Elzin came up with the game's clincher on a three-point bomb to give Port Royal their biggest lead of the game at 44-22 with 13:06 remaining on the clock.

While most of the Port Royal's points have come from the perimeter this season, both Jackson and Hawkins said that they aren't worried about the lack of points in the paint.

Jackson said that his role is to block out and clear the



Seaman Apprentice Tariq Jackson, center for USS Port Royal (CG 73), battles for a rebound during an intramural basketball game against USS North Carolina (SSN 777).

boards while Hawkins insists that her guys can score from the blocks if needed.

"We can go inside," she said. "It's just that if our outside players are hitting, we might as well just keep going to them. The bigs, they're trying to get in the flow of boxing out. Once we get against people that are taller than us, we're going to have to start boxing out. We can get those boards and then, that's easy points for them (post players)."

No matter what, Jackson said that nothing is going to come easy for Port Royal if they want to repeat as champions.

After winning it all last season, Jackson said that Port Royal went from the hunter to being the hunted.

"We play every game like we're hungry," Jackson said. "We got to play every game like we got a chip on our shoulders because guys are looking to take us down. We're getting on it."

NIOC wins to set up for Blue championship showdown

Story and photos by
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Navy Information Operations Command (NIOC) Hawaii fought off a strong challenge from the 690th Cyberspace Operations Squadron (690 COS), but in the end, held on to win by a score of 42-36 on March 26 in a Blue Division intramural basketball game at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam.

The win by NIOC has jettisoned the team into a winner-take-all showdown for the Blue Division title against the 647th Civil Engineer Squadron (647 CES), which has also maintained an unblemished record throughout the regular season.

In order to earn the right to square off against the 647 CES, NIOC had to overcome a tough 690 COS squad that entered the game with only one defeat and boasts the twin-tower combo of 6-foot-10-inch center Airman 1st Class Theryn Hudson and Senior Airman Demetrius Harvey.

Fortunately for NIOC, the team has its own talented corps of front-line players – especially in the presence of Sean Caddell, who is a Department of Defense civilian.

Caddell, who stands in at 6 feet 6 inches tall and is a former forward for Chaminade University (2006-07), came out on fire and tallied the first eight points for NIOC to give them an early lead.

"I knew they were a tough team, so I had to come out and be aggressive from the start," Caddell said. "They (690 COS) were going to have to score on every opportunity to beat us."

However, a basket by Harvey and two deep balls from guard Staff Sgt. Carl Sanders knotted up the score at 8-8 with 11:13 remaining before halftime.

Later, a basket by Hudson kept the 690 COS close behind at 15-14, but Caddell led another charge to gain a five-point lead at 22-17 before Harvey sank a trey at the buzzer to make it a two-point game.

Sanders and Harvey erased the lead on free throws early in the second half, but after that, the momentum quickly shifted to NIOC.

NIOC retook the lead on a strong move inside the paint by Cryptologic Technician (Collection) 1st Class Jomario Thomas, and then up by four points, NIOC doubled the lead to eight at 30-22 on back-to-back baskets by Intelligence Specialist 1st Class Brett Flores.

The 8-0 run was finally broken when forward Airman 1st Class Spencer Davies sank a jumper for the 690 COS.

The shot by Davies was the team's first basket of the second half and came with only 12:31 remaining in the game.

The 690 COS made one final run late in the game and narrowed the margin down to four at 40-36 on a rare four-point play by Harvey, but with under a minute left on the clock, the comeback was too little and too late.

"I think we just got complacent," said Sanders about falling short. "We let the other team get in our heads a little bit. For the most part, we just didn't execute like we normally would."



NIOC guard Cryptologic Technician (Networks) 3rd Class Thomson Stephens finishes off a lay-up after a breakaway.

Sanders, also pointed out that second opportunity shots by NIOC definitely contributed to the 690's second loss of the season.

"They got a lot of offensive rebounds," Sanders said. "They got a lot of second-chance shots. We got to minimize that from here on out."

Caddell, who was a member of NIOC's back-to-back intramural championship squads, said that he feels this team is very capable of making it to the championship game for the third time in four years.

Although this year's team has had to integrate several new players, Caddell said that it feels like it's all peaking at the right time.

"This year, our bench is really stepping up," he pointed out. "Last year, they couldn't score, but this year they are doing what they're supposed to be doing."



Sean Caddell, forward for NIOC, goes up for a shot against 690 COS center Airman 1st Class Theryn Hudson.



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Air Force kids create organization to give back

Headquarters Pacific
Air Forces Public Affairs

In a military community, support and encouragement can offer the foundation for success and accomplishment.

Military children are often caught in the crossfire of a lifestyle marked by instability and unpredictability.

Sydnie Rouleau, 15, and her younger brother Lance, 12, have learned this concept first hand. In an effort to give back to a community that has offered support, guidance and a home away from home, Sydnie and Lance launched an initiative to offer financial support to members of their military community. Their efforts have culminated in the formation of a non-profit organization, named the Rouleau Foundation.

Inspired by their parents, Lt. Col. Nelson Rouleau, Pacific Air Forces strategy and campaigns branch chief, and Dr. Lisa Rouleau to do something profound for the military community, Sydnie and Lance came up with four areas to focus their efforts. Sydnie laid out a plan for service.

“The foundation focuses on four strategic areas: education opportunities, military veteran advocacy, military children issues and advocacy for military families,” she said.

Lance is currently raising funds to offer scholarships that would cover school books for Air Force members enrolled in four-year academic programs, while Sydnie has invested her time in raising awareness, specifically for issues affecting military women.

When asked about her motivation for investing her time and energy in her community, Sydnie offered a quote from businessman Lindsay Fox, “If you believe you can make a difference, then you will make



Photo by Lisa Rouleau

Sydnie Rouleau of the Rouleau Foundation hosts a recent discussion group in her home, with Air Force and Navy women, to discuss their professional experiences and how some of those experiences have been shaped by gender. Rouleau hopes to use her findings to illuminate some of the issues and springboard a blog related to gender equality in the military. From left are Rouleau, Air Force Maj. Amoy Manley, Air Force Master Sgt. Melinda Bell, Air Force Capt. Erin Moubry, Air Force Maj. Erica Haas and Navy Lt. Kayla Johnson.

a difference. Believe in yourself, your family and your community and you will win.”

Sydnie highlighted her personal investment in gender equality, which led her to focus on issues affecting military women and girls. Specifically, she hopes to raise awareness and offer support to female Airmen balancing motherhood, a professional career and education.

Lance, motivated by his parents’ pur-

suit of higher education, found an interest in helping Air Force members offset some of the financial cost of higher education.

“My mom and dad always taught me education is the most important goal I can strive for,” he said. “I grew up listening to my dad and mom tell stories about how financially challenging it was for them to raise my sister and I while saving for the future and paying for their education on my father’s Senior Airman’s

salary. I knew one day I would find a way to help other families.”

Sydnie and Lance have filed the necessary paperwork establishing their non-profit, enlisted donors and support from businesses, created a webpage, and established a social media presence. For more information about Sydnie and Lance’s adventures in service, check out their foundation website at www.rouleaufoundation.org.

Easter meal April 6 at Silver Dolphin

An Easter meal will be served from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. April 6 at the Silver Dolphin Bistro, Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam.

The meal will include chicken with wild rice soup, baked chicken, ham with raisin sauce, scalloped sweet potatoes, baked potatoes, pies, cheesecake, hot rolls and an ice cream bar.

The cost of the meal is \$5.55.

The meal is open to all military, their families, Department of Defense employees and retirees.

For more information, call 473-2519 or 473-2948.

Did You Know: SAAPM 2015

Department of the Navy SAPR Office

WASHINGTON — This month’s “Did You Know?” series focuses on resources available for commands and Sailors and Marines during Sexual Assault Awareness and Prevention Month (SAAPM) 2015.

Did you know that the theme for SAAPM 2015 is, “Eliminate Sexual Assault: Know your part. Do your part?” April is an opportunity to springboard from the initiatives started this year into creating command climates of professionalism, dignity and respect for 2015 and beyond.

Sailors, Marines and commands are encouraged to organize events to increase awareness of sexual assault prevention and response efforts.

Suggested activities include:

- Hosting meet-the-SARC and victim advocate events.

- Sexual assault prevention and response info-sessions.

- Hanging ribbons on trees around bases.

- Anything that elevates awareness and the conversation.

Resources and other event ideas are available for military members and commands in the guide available on the DON SAPRO website at <http://www.secnav.navy.mil/sapro/Documents/Promising%20Practices.pdf>.

The Department of the Navy is committed to developing a culture of gender respect where sexual assault is never tolerated and ultimately eliminated, where all victims receive support and protection, and where offenders are held appropriately accountable. Every Sailor and Marine must know, understand and adhere to core values and standards of behavior to eliminate sexual assault and create a climate of dignity and respect.

“Over the past few years, peer-to-peer mentoring groups have played a key role in raising awareness within their peer

groups,” said Jill Loftus, director, Department of the Navy Sexual Assault Prevention and Response Office.

“As our most junior to our most senior leaders engage in the process of improving command climates, we will enable a culture of respect and confidence in each other that can contribute greatly in reducing sexual assaults. ‘Know your part. Do your part’ is not difficult. However, it does require a commitment at every level to be engaged in making our Navy and Marine Corps team stronger in meeting mission requirements and ensuring a safe and productive environment for all who serve,” Loftus said.

Sexual assault affects safety and readiness of all service members, destroying trust and degrading the Navy-Marine Corps Team. Each Marine and Sailor plays a critical role in preventing and responding to sexual assault. It is essential for all to know their part in stopping the crime with awareness and knowing when and where to intervene.

During SAAPM 2015, Sailors and Marines are encouraged to have the difficult conversations, to help maximize personal readiness and ultimately enhance the force. Additional information, references, resources and help is available here:

- DoD Safe Helpline at www.safehelp.line.org/understanding-sexual-assault.cfm.

- DoN SAPR at www.donsapro.navy.mil.

- Marine Corps calendar of events: <http://www.marforres.marines.mil/Portals/116/Docs/SAPR/MarchSnapshotFINAL.PDF>.

- Navy site: www.navy.mil/sapr.

- Military one Source <http://www.militaryonesource.mil>.

- National Sexual Violence Resource Center <http://www.nsvrc.org/>.

- Rape Abuse and Incest National Network (RAINN) <https://rainn.org/news-room/seven-things-you-can-do-this-april>.



Aaron Estille gets the ball past NIOC goalkeeper Cryptologic Technician (Collection) 3rd Class J.J. Byrd before booting it in to give PHNSY a 1-0 victory.

Shipyard squeaks past NIOC to remain undefeated

Story and photo by Randy Dela Cruz

Sports Editor, Ho'okele

It wasn’t the runaway win that Pearl Harbor Naval Shipyard attained two weeks ago, but one goal was good enough for PHNSY to get past Navy Information Operations Command (NIOC) Hawaii, 1-0, on March 28 in an intramural Red Division soccer matchup at Quick Field, Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam.

The contest pitted the top-two teams in the Red Division with both squads sitting at 2-0 prior to the game.

Navy Diver 2nd Class Kirk Thomas, who recorded the rare hat trick in a 9-0 victory on March 14, was held scoreless against NIOC, but breathed a sigh of relief when teammate Aaron Estille converted on a one-on-one against goalkeeper Cryptologic Technician (Collection) 3rd Class J.J. Byrd at about the midway way point of the second half.

“We had a little off day today,” Thomas admitted. “We kept our composure. It was a very physical game. It was a different style than us, so it threw us off our game. But once we started figuring how they were playing, we

started moving the ball around a little bit better and finally got a chance on goal.”

Getting chances on goal wasn’t the real problem holding back Shipyard’s usually potent attack.

Throughout the game, Shipyard continually broke midfield but seemed to stall once they pushed the ball closer to the goal.

“It was a lack of communication between ourselves,” Thomas explained. “We’d have control in the middle, but then we wouldn’t know where to distribute the ball. That’s what we were lacking.”

If Shipyard was fortunate enough to get anywhere near the goal, the team then had to face Byrd, who was having a sensational game at keeping the shots on goal from penetrating to the net.

“You don’t get a chance to think about it,” said Byrd about his performance. “If you think, you get scored on.”

Byrd, who was stopping everything within reach, finally let one slip away when he went out to challenge a ball by Estille.

Byrd’s gamble to meet Estille failed when Estille got to the 50-50 ball first, nudged it ahead of Byrd, and followed up with the game-winning shot for goal.

“I started to come out. I didn’t think I was going to meet him in time, and then he just got that touch on me,” Byrd said. “It was just a bad decision and he (Estille) made a good play.”

The shot by Estille was set up by Gas Turbine Systems (Electrical) 3rd Class Terry Gross, who maneuvered the ball to the middle of the field, before shooting a touch pass to Estille near the goal.

Thomas said that it was one of the team’s few plays that happened just as it was diagrammed.

“It was a good run on both parts,” Thomas stated. “We finally had the vision and got the right distribution.”

Whether it was by one goal or 10, Thomas said that it was still good to come away with the victory.

Although PHNSY just got back Estille and Gross on the team, Thomas said that Shipyard is far from full strength, but he hopes to have a full lineup soon.

“Terry wasn’t here last time and Aaron was here last time,” Thomas said. “We actually have a couple of players that are injured right now. It’s just an ongoing thing. Hopefully, we can all make it on those days that we need to be here.”

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Live the Great Life



MWR Marketing photo:

Beginning April 6, customers will have another dinner option Mondays through Fridays at Wright Brothers Café and Grille.

Daytime dining spot to open for dinner

Reid Tokeshi

Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam
Morale, Welfare and Recreation

Those looking for a quick, casual place to have dinner on base will soon have another option. Wright Brothers Café and Grille, located next to the Historic Hickam Officers' Club, will begin serving dinner April 6.

The counter-style eatery, located at 901 Worthington Ave. next to the channel leading to/from the harbor, had previously only opened for breakfast and lunch, closing at 1:30 p.m. Dinner will now be offered from 4 to 8 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Alexis Ybarra, director of Joint Base Catering, which operates Wright Brothers,

said the lessening of evening dining options on base prompted the move.

"We decided it would be a great opportunity to provide a reasonably priced, quick service dinner for families in our residential community and lodging patrons," Ybarra said.

Besides the extension of hours, the dinner menu will also include added pupus (appetizers) and other entrees. Wright Brothers is keeping the order-at-the-counter serving style the same.

"Chef Robert Sousa has come up with a great variety of pupus to nibble on as the sun sets for the day. We have also included a larger portion dinner entrée menu, including steaks and seafood," Ybarra said.

For more information, call 448-4608.



MWR Marketing photo

MWR's youth sports is looking for volunteer coaches to help with this summer's basketball and soccer leagues.

Youth sports summer registration to begin

Justin Hirai

Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam
Morale, Welfare and Recreation

Registration for the Joint Base Pearl Harbor Hickam Morale, Welfare and Recreation youth sports summer soccer and basketball leagues will open April 6.

Summer soccer is open to youth ages 5 through 15 years old and costs \$70 per youth. Basketball is for youths ages 9 through 15 years old and costs \$50 per youth. Seasons for both leagues will run from June through August.

Parents who plan to register their youth should have all required forms and documents up-to-date. These include the youth sports registration packet, a current physical, birth certificate, proof of age and a Parent Association of Youth Sports (PAYS) membership. These requirements need to

be completed annually.

There are two ways to register: The first is online at www.greatlifehawaii.com. The second is in person at the youth sports office located at Bloch Arena at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam. Office hours are from 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Youth sports relies heavily on volunteer coaches for all sports every year. Organizers said that if anyone is interested in helping to make a positive difference in the lives of military youth, or knows someone who is, this is a great opportunity. All coaches will be certified and have access to educational materials to help improve coaching skills.

For more information on youth sports or volunteer coaching, call 473-0789.

The youth sports registration packet, physical form, policies and link to the PAYS website can be found on greatlife-hawaii.com.

Your Weekly Fun with MWR

Ford Island Bridge Run will begin at 7 a.m. Saturday at the Ford Island Bridge next to Kamehameha Highway. Race day entries will be accepted until 6:45 a.m. with a registration fee of \$45. Pets are not allowed. The application is available for download at www.greatlifehawaii.com. FMI: 473-2494 or 473-2437.

Library Know-How will begin at 2 p.m. Saturday at the Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam Library. Patrons can learn about the library's collections at this free session. FMI: 449-8299.

2015 Creative Writing Contest submissions are due Saturday 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.greatlife-hawaii.com. There is no fee to enter the contest. FMI: 449-8299.

Late Night Cosmic Bowling Special will be held from 9 p.m. to midnight Saturday at the Hickam Bowling Center. Patrons can bowl for \$15 per lane per hour or \$25 per lane for two hours. This special is good for a party of four or more people. Shoe rental is not included. FMI: 448-9959.

Easter Egg Hunt and brunch/dinner will be offered April 5 at Sam Choy's Island Style Seafood Grille. An Easter egg hunt

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will begin at 9 a.m. for children ages infant to 10 years old. Brunch will be available from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., and dinner will be served from 5 to 9 p.m. The cost is \$32.95 for adults, \$19.95 for children ages 6 to 12 years old, and free for children ages 5 years and under. Reservations should be made. FMI: 422 3002.

Half-Price Aeration Special will run from April 8 through April 12 at Ke'alohe Par 3 Golf Course. Green fees will be half-price during aeration of the greens and turf. The course will be closed all day April 7 before the half-price aeration special begins. FMI: 448-2318.

Preschool Story Time will be held from 9 to 10 a.m. April 8 at the Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam Library. The theme of this

free program is "Stay Safe." FMI: 449-8299.

Kids' Book Club will begin at 2 p.m. April 8 at the Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam Library for youth in fourth and fifth grades. Group one (the Second Wednesday group) will discuss "The Lemonade War." FMI: 449-8299.

Learn to Spearfish Class will begin at 9 a.m. April 11 and April 12 with instructors from the MWR Outdoor Recreation-Hickam Harbor staff. On the first day, class is held at the pool. On the second day, depending on skill level, there may be two ocean dives from the boat. Mask, fins and snorkel are required. Other equipment and transportation will be provided. The cost is \$60. The sign-up deadline is April 8. FMI: 449-5215.

Community Calendar

APRIL

FORD ISLAND BRIDGE CLOSURE
SATURDAY — The Ford Island Bridge will be closed from 6:55 to 7:35 a.m. in support of the 18th annual Ford Island Bridge Run, sponsored by Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam Morale, Welfare and Recreation. The 10K race will start at 7 a.m. at the entrance to the bridge, proceed clockwise around the island and end at Richardson Field, across from Aloha Stadium. All motorists and pedestrians should plan accordingly. FMI: www.greatlifehawaii.com.

PEARL HARBOR BIKE PATH CLEANUP
SATURDAY — 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. Volunteers ages 12 and above should meet at the far end of the Best Buy parking lot in Aiea by 7:30 a.m. Volunteers should dress to get dirty. The city will also host Earth Month festivities at Neal Blaisdell Park starting at 11 a.m. FMI: Chief Master-at-Arms William Matteson at William.n.matteson@navy.mil or (209) 216-7190 or Tom Clements at 473-0662 or email tom.clements@navy.mil.

EASTER EGG-STRAVA-GANZA
SATURDAY — A free Easter Easter Egg-Strava-Ganza egg hunt will be held at Turtle Cove, Bellows Air Force Station. The event will be divided into four age groups: ages 4 and younger, ages 5 to 8, ages 9 to 12, and ages 13 and older. The first group starts at 9 a.m. There will be one golden egg winner per group. The event will include special prize eggs and giveaways. Participants should bring a basket and camera for a photo with Bellows Bunny. Easter treats, including baked goods and breakfast items, will be available for purchase. Free juice and bottled water will be offered while supplies last. The event is open to active duty military, retirees, Reservists, National Guard, current or retired Department of Defense civilian employees with an authorized ID card and their families. FMI: 259-4112 or www.bellowsaifs.com.

EASTER SUNRISE SERVICE
SUNDAY — An Easter Sunday Sunrise service will begin at 6:30 a.m. at the Battleship Missouri Memorial. This is a multi-service event. The inter-denominational service is a free event and open to anyone with base access. Guests are advised to arrive by 6 a.m. and carpooling is encouraged. Dress will be crisp aloha attire. FMI: 473-3971.

EARTH MONTH EVENTS
13-19 — The Pearl Harbor Navy Exchange (NEX), Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam and other Earth Day partners will welcome all authorized patrons to “think green” from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. April 13 to 17 and 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. April 18 and 19 at the NEX outdoor living center. The activities will include eco-friendly demonstrations, information booths, games, products, giveaways and drawings for prizes. FMI: 423-3274.

HOLOCAUST REMEMBRANCES
14, 16 — Navy Region Hawaii and Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam will host observances with the theme “Learning from the Holocaust: Choosing to Act.” The events include a presentation on “Schindler’s List” beginning at 3 p.m. April 14 at Hickam Memorial Theater. In addition, an observance featuring Dr. Peter Hoffenberg of UH-Manoa will begin at 11 a.m. April 16 at the Aloha Jewish Chapel.

SINGLE AIRMEN RESILIENCY RETREAT
17 — The second annual Single Airmen Resiliency Retreat will be held from 7 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Kualoa Ranch. The free event is for any single Airmen E-5 and below. It is hosted by the Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam Sexual Assault Prevention and Response Program. The event includes continental breakfast, lunch and transportation. Registration is limited to the first 150 Airmen on a first come, first served basis but no later than April 6. Participants need to have their supervisor’s permission to attend. FMI: <https://einvitations.afit.edu/inv/anim.cfm?i=232261&k=0062400B7D56> or <https://www.facebook.com/events/403113049868025/>

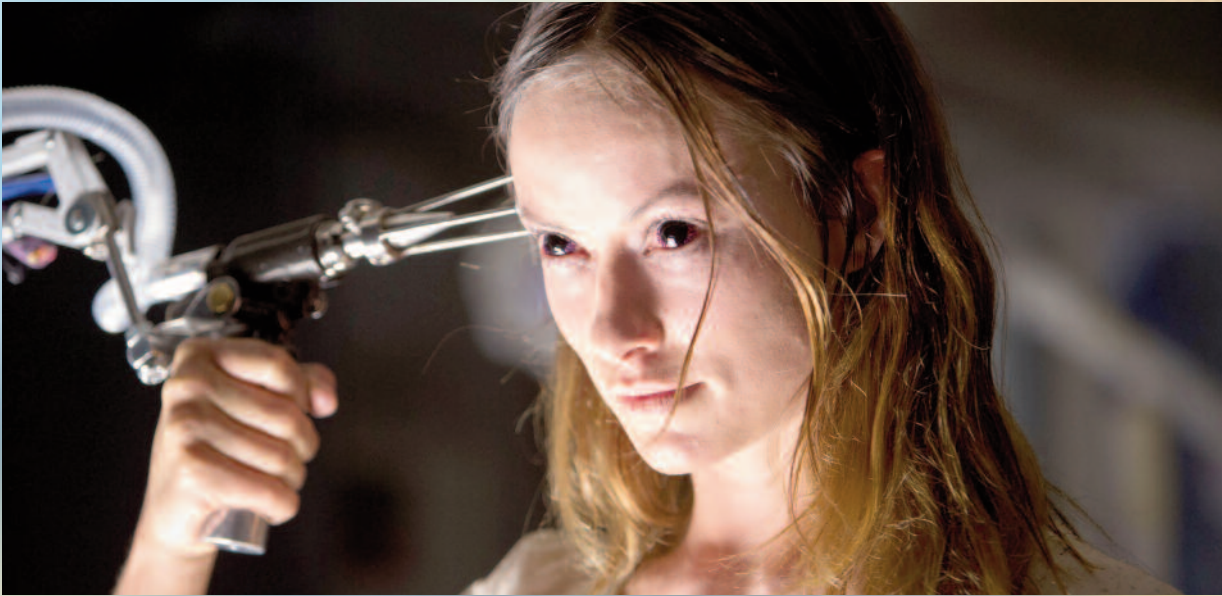
EARTH DAY AT HICKAM HARBOR
18 — A free Earth Day event will be held from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Hickam Harbor, sponsored by MWR Outdoor Recreation. The event will include music, information booths and activities for families to learn about the environment and care for natural resources. FMI: 449-5215.

MONTHLY PARENT NIGHT
21 — Parents and families of teens are invited to attend a free monthly parent night event with the theme of “stress awareness” from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. at the Hickam Teen Center. Food will be served. FMI: 448-0418.

PEARL HARBOR COLORS
23 — A Pearl Harbor Colors ceremony beginning at 7:30 a.m. at the Pearl Harbor Visitor Center will have the theme of “Energy and Environment.” The ceremony also honors veterans, enhances public engagement and demonstrates naval heritage.

OPERATION: MEGAPHONE
24-25 — An “Operation: Megaphone 2015” teen lock-in will be held from 7 p.m. April 24 to 7 a.m. April 25 at the Hickam Teen Center. The event is designed to connect military youth across all branches of service. The event will include bowling, food, a photo booth and games. The cost is \$25 or \$20 with a canned food donation. FMI: 448-0418.

SAIL WITH LIBERTY
26 — An adventure sail with Liberty will include views of Waikiki and Diamond Head. Check-in is at 11:30 a.m. in front of the Outrigger Beach Hotel. Pickups will be from Liberty Express at 10 a.m., Beeman Center at 10:30 a.m., Instant Liberty at 10:45 a.m. and Makai Recreation Center at 11 a.m. Participants should bring swim clothes, towel and camera. Snacks will be provided on the boat, and participants will return around 4 p.m. The cost is \$10. This event is open to single, active-duty military E1–E6 only. FMI: 473-2583.



THE LAZARUS EFFECT (PG-13)

A group of researchers led by Frank and Zoe have achieved the unimaginable, bringing the dead back to life. After a successful, yet unsanctioned, trial on a deceased animal, the team is ready to unveil their breakthrough. When the dean of their university learns of their experiments, their project is shut down. The team recreates the experiment, but things go wrong....

Movie Showtimes

SHARKEY THEATER
TODAY 4/3
7:00 p.m. Chappie (R)
SATURDAY 4/4
One of your favorite movies returns to Sharkey theater and the admission is free!
2:30 p.m. Big Hero 6 (free admission) (PG)
5:00 p.m. The Lazarus Effect (PG-13)
7:00 p.m. Unfinished Business (R)
SUNDAY 4/5
Free movie shown.
2:30 p.m. Penguins of Madagascar (free admission) (PG)
4:40 p.m. McFarland, USA (PG)
7:20 p.m. Kingsman: The Secret Service (R)
THURSDAY 4/9
7:00 p.m. Unfinished Business (R)

HICKAM MEMORIAL THEATER
TODAY 4/3
6:00 p.m. Focus (R)
SATURDAY 4/4
4:00 p.m. Spongebob Squarepants Movie: Sponge Out Of Water (PG)
7:00 p.m. Jupiter Ascending (PG-13)
SUNDAY 4/5
2:00 p.m. The Duff (PG-13)
THURSDAY 4/9
7:00 p.m. Kingsman: The Secret Service (R)





As a kamikaze pilot sped toward the USS Missouri during the Battle of Okinawa, the ship's baker, Harold “Buster” Campbell, captured this photograph on April 11, 1945.

Exhibit to mark 70th anniversary of kamikaze attack on USS Missouri

Story and photo by
Battleship Missouri Memorial

Seventy years after the USS Missouri came under attack from a Japanese kamikaze pilot, a special exhibit never before shown outside of Japan will be unveiled from 10 to 11 a.m. April 11 at the Battleship Missouri Memorial.

On April 11, 1945, a kamikaze pilot crashed a Japanese Zero fighter plane into the starboard side of the USS Missouri during the Battle of Okinawa. Fortunately, Missouri sustained only minor damage and none of its crew members suffered fatal injuries.

The pilot – believed to be 19-year-old Setsuo Ishino – was killed instantly. The USS Missouri’s commanding officer, Capt. William M. Callaghan, ordered the pilot be given a military burial at sea the following morning.

To help commemorate the 70th anniversary of the humanity shown by Callaghan and the Missouri’s crew, historical artifacts showing a personal side to the kamikaze pilots, known as the Japanese tokko tai (special attack forces), will be displayed at the Battleship Missouri Memorial.

The artifacts are provided courtesy of the city of Minamikyushu, Kagoshima, Japan, home to the Chi-

ran Peace Museum.

The exhibit unveiling will be preceded by a ceremony at which Mayor Kanpei Shimoide of Minamikyushu will address the significance of the 70th anniversary and the artifacts being shared for display. The ceremony will be followed by the opening of the exhibit, which will be housed one deck below the main deck of the Battleship Missouri Memorial.

The event is free and open to the public. Complimentary round-trip shuttle service for the event will be offered from the Pearl Harbor Visitor Center beginning at 9 a.m.

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

Joint base Holy Week services planned

Brandon Bosworth

Assistant Editor, Ho`okele

Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam Holy Week events have been announced. They include:

- Protestant services
- **Good Friday service**, today, 5 p.m., Pearl Harbor Memorial Chapel.
- **Easter Sunday**, April 5.
6:30 a.m., joint sunrise service, Battleship Missouri Memorial.
- 8:30 a.m., contemporary worship service, Hickam Chapel Center.
- 9 a.m., traditional Protestant service, Nelles Chapel.
- 10:45 a.m., gospel service, Nelles Chapel.

11 a.m. Protestant worship service, Pearl Harbor Memorial Chapel.

Roman Catholic services

- **Good Friday**, today
7 p.m. Good Friday Holy Communion service, Pearl Harbor Memorial Chapel.
- 7 p.m. Good Friday Holy Communion service, Hickam Chapel Center.

- **Holy Saturday/Easter Vigil**, Saturday
7 p.m. Easter Vigil Mass, Hickam Chapel Center.
- 7:30 p.m. Easter Vigil Mass, Pearl Harbor Memorial Chapel.

- **Easter Sunday**, April 5
9 a.m. Easter Sunday Mass, Pearl Harbor Memorial Chapel.
- 11 a.m., Easter Sunday Mass, Hickam Chapel Center.

April MFSC events planned

Upcoming events by the Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam Military and Family Support Center (MFSC) have been scheduled.

- A clothing swap for infant and toddlers and information fair will be held from 10 a.m. to noon April 9 at MFSC Hickam.

The New Parent Support Home Visitation Program invites patrons to its clothing swap and resource fair that will bring families together to share, learn and play.

The fair will include representation from various community programs. The clothing swap is a way to get baby clothes for free.

Families are encouraged to bring a bag of gently used children clothing for swapping and go home with the bag filled with new gently used clothes for their babies and toddlers.

This event is also designed to bring families together to strengthen their social connections and support.

For more information, call 474-1999.

- Recruitment for the Central Intelligence Agency will be held from 11 a.m. to noon April 20 at MFSC Pearl Harbor. A representative will be on hand to discuss qualification procedures and the

hiring process and answer questions. The class fills quickly, so participants should register online at www.greatlife.hawaii.com.

- An Exceptional Family Member Program (EFMP) resource fair will be held from 10 a.m. to noon April 23 at MFSC Pearl Harbor. The fair will bring together different organizations throughout Oahu that offer summer programs and activities for military families with special needs children.

The event will include participants from organizations such as Talk About Curing Autism (TACA) and Learning Disabilities of Hawaii.



My Favorite Photo...

John Burns, administrative support assistant for Navy Region Hawaii, took this photo of zebra doves that sat at his lunch table recently.

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