

SECDEF visits Sailors in Hawaii



Secretary of Defense Ash Carter speaks to Sailors aboard USS John Paul Jones (DDG 53) April 12. Carter is on a visit to the U.S. Pacific Command area of responsibility to make observations for the force of the future and the rebalance to the Pacific. (Additional photo on page A-5.)

‘Stay Safe’ event educates JBPHH keiki on sexual assault prevention

Story and photo by
Tech. Sgt. Terri Paden

15th Wing Public Affairs office

The Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam Library (JBPHH) hosted a special “stay safe” story time for JBPHH keiki April 8.

In recognition of Child Abuse Prevention Month, Month of the Military Child and Sexual Assault Awareness Prevention Month, the hour-long event featured special guest appearances from the 15th Wing Sexual Assault Response Coordinator’s (SARC) office and the Federal Fire Department.

The interactive event highlighted the importance of the “safe touch rule” and encouraged the group of 3-5 year olds to protect their bodies and report inappropriate touching.

According to Machele Terrell, 15th Wing SARC, the training was created to complement the well-known “stranger danger” message



Machele Terrell, 15th Wing Sexual Assault Response coordinator, speaks to a group of children about the proper places to touch and be touched during the “Stay Safe” event at the Hickam Library on Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam.

and meant to raise the children’s awareness to inappropriate behavior during everyday interactions,

not just in situations with strangers.

With statistics showing that only

10 percent of perpetrators of child sexual abuse are strangers to the child, Terrell said she and her staff want to be sure they are preparing children for the most realistic and common scenarios.

Chants such as, “my body belongs to me,” accompanied by a puppet demonstration of appropriate places to touch and be touched, were done to help the kids commit the concept to memory.

“This will help instill in them at a very young age things that are okay and things that are not okay,” said Tech. Sgt. Christina Payton, a 15th Wing victim advocate.

“If we start preventive training early, it may be easier for them to recognize and come forward when something bad has happened.”

Payton said the wing sexual assault prevention and response office wanted to be sure prevention and response measures were provided to the entire community and not just to military members.

“It’s important for kids to learn

at a young age how to protect themselves and be safe when it comes to their body,” said Sonja Dickinson, a parent at the stay safe event.

Dickinson said she found the environment to be age appropriate and fun and the information uncomplicated for the children to understand.

“The format wasn’t boring, and the songs and repetitive chants make it easy for the kids to remember,” she said.

The SAPR office will hold additional sexual assault prevention events for youth throughout the month of April. The Students Learning Attack Prevention Campaign will partner with security forces, police services, family advocacy and other base helping agencies to educate JBPHH youth on a variety of topics including Internet safety.

(For more information on these events, contact the 15th Wing SAPR Office at 448-3192.)

Navy participates in Merrie Monarch



U.S. Navy photo by MC2 Laurie Dexter

Sailors assigned to the Pearl Harbor-based guided-missile destroyer USS Chung-Hoon (DDG 93) participate in the Merrie Monarch Royal Parade. The 52nd annual Merrie Monarch Festival honors King David Kalakaua who is credited with restoring many Hawaiian cultural traditions during his reign. (See story and additional photos on page B-1.)



Earth Month events to be held

Lt. Corbin Dryden

Navy Region Hawaii Public Affairs

The following Earth Month events are scheduled:

The Pearl Harbor Navy Exchange will host a display from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. today at the outdoor living center. Displays will include information about Hawaiian monk seals and Navy Region Hawaii energy.

Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam Morale, Welfare and Recreation will host an event from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday at Hickam Harbor marina. Displays will include information about coconut rhinoceros beetles, Navy Region Hawaii energy and storm water.

Fleet Logistics Center will conduct an

event from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. April 22 at Pier Kilo 8. Displays will include information about storm water, coconut rhinoceros beetles, Navy Region Hawaii recycling, Navy Region Hawaii energy, Hawaiian monk seals and archaeology.

Hickam Communities will host an event from 2 to 4 p.m. April 22 at Ka Makani Community Center. Displays will include information about energy ideas and tips, storm water management and recycling.

Pacific Missile Range Facility on Kauai will host a beach cleanup from 7:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. April 22 at Majors Bay.

A ceremonial Pearl Harbor Colors event will be held from 7:30 to 8:30 a.m. April 23 at Pearl Harbor Visitor Center. Displays include information about Navy Region Hawaii energy and bio-fuels programs.

Road resurfacing near Nimitz Gate now in progress

Hawaii Department of Transportation has started resurfacing work on the Nimitz Gate inbound lanes (two right lanes). Hours for work will be from 5 p.m. to 1 a.m. Inbound lanes are projected to be completed by May 15.



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Air Force activates AFIMSC detachment in Pacific

Story and photo by
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Air Force Material Command (AFMC) activated the Air Force Installation and Mission Support Center (AFIMSC) Detachment 2 in a ceremony held April 9 at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam.

Maj. Gen. Theresa Carter, AFIMSC commander, presided over the ceremony as Col. Mickey Addison assumed command of the newly established Pacific detachment.

“I am proud the [Pacific Air Forces] detachment is the first to stand up [in the Air Force]. I feel very good that our team here has been helping lead the Air Force in this initiative at the detachment level,” Addison said.

“Our mission in the detachment is to synchronize and execute installation and mission support for Pacific commanders. I am very confident we are well positioned to execute that mission.”

PACDET combines and



U.S. Air Force Col. Mickey Addison, right, assumes command of the Air Force Installation and Mission Support (AFIMS) Center Detachment 2 from Maj. Gen. Theresa Carter, AFIMSC commander, during an activation ceremony held April 9 at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam.

oversees functions in the comptroller, civil engineer, communications, security forces, personnel and support career fields.

“I’m very proud of the teamwork and support our PACAF team provided to

the AFIMSC Provisional Staff to achieve this milestone,” said Gen. Lori Robinson, PACAF commander. PACDET marks the beginning of the AFIMSC journey for PACAF, and the Airmen

will lead the way.”

While Airmen in the above career fields won’t see a change at the base level in their chain of command, the funding and guidance flow will be impacted starting in fiscal year 2016 when

AFIMSC takes control of installation and mission support funding.

Speaking to PACDET Airmen, Carter said though many changes will take place, there will be “more constants than change.”

“You are still going to be there to solve problems, to secure resources, to take care of Airmen, to support commanders, and to provide a great installation from which we can deliver airpower and our men and women can live, work and play,” she said.

Addison agreed, stating PACDET would help to pave the way for how the 10 detachments would operate.

“We’ll have 10 detachments going in the same direction, flying in formation,” he said.

To help set the standard, Addison offered the following “guiding principles.”

“A change in leadership is not a change in mission, so we’ll continue the mission. We will establish processes and not depend on personality. We’re not going to have single points of failure,” he said. “We are going

to write the book. We have a clean slate now to write new procedures to support Pacific commanders.

“We’re going to be lean flat and responsive. We’re a small number with a big mission, and we’re going to embody that responsiveness to our customers, our teammates and our colleagues,” Addison added.

“We’re going to continue our partnerships with our joint and combined partners around the Pacific to get the mission done and support our commanders.”

Looking to the future, Carter said she hopes to see the Pacific as a “very innovative and lean organization where detachment commanders like Addison have been empowered with the authority, the responsibility and the resources to very quickly embody that ‘I’m supporting commanders’ mindset, that he’s empowered to take action, make good decisions, and support the folks who are down at the installation.”

The Pacific detachment will include 60 Airmen who were formerly part of Headquarters Pacific Air Forces.

Families and friends greet USS Louisville Sailors

Story and photo by
MC1 Steven Khor

Commander Submarine
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The Los Angeles-class fast attack submarine USS Louisville (SSN 724) returned home to families and friends gathered April 10 at the submarine piers at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, following a scheduled deployment to the western Pacific.

The submarine’s commanding officer, Cmdr. Bob Figgs, praised his crew’s productivity and professionalism throughout the deployment. “One of the greatest aspects of any deployment is watching how the crew grows and matures over the course of our time at sea,” said Figgs, who hails from Kaneohe.

“I’m immensely proud and impressed by the milestones achieved by members of the crew throughout the deployment.”

Louisville successfully completed a range of under-sea operations and training evolutions and worked with allied partners in several multinational exercises, thereby improving the combined mission readiness of U.S. and allied forces.

Figgs said the submarine and her crew fulfilled vital national security tasking, flawlessly showcasing her skill in anti-submarine warfare (ASW) and intelligence, surveillance and reconnaissance (ISR).

He added that this deployment was undoubtedly a bright spot in the

Louisville’s storied history. In six months at sea, it logged nearly 40,000 miles traveled across an immense tract of ocean spanning from Hawaii to the Arabian Sea. Along with participation in several multi-national exercises, it transited some of the western Pacific’s most heavily trafficked straits, marking the crossings of the equator and international dateline with traditional ceremonies.

Figgs noted that in such a challenging environment like deployment, he is glad to see his crew members assist one another. One such crew member is Chief Machinist’s Mate Jeff Crumrine, a 17-year submarine veteran who takes pleasure in mentoring junior Sailors.

“Many aspects of our daily life can be intimidating at first,” said Crumrine. “But nothing is more rewarding for me than teaching a Sailor how to respond to casualties or navigate the qualification process.”

In addition to gaining the experience of operating in the western Pacific, the deployment afforded Sailors the opportunity to work on personal qualifications. Three officers and 20 enlisted Sailors became submarine-qualified and are now able to wear their respective submarine warfare device, or “dolphins.” Additionally, 17 Sailors advanced in rank, 10 reenlisted, and two were selected for commissioning programs.

While on deployment, many Sailors had the opportunity to experience new cultures and foreign



Fire Control Technician 1st Class Joseph Lewis, assigned to the Los Angeles-class fast attack submarine USS Louisville (SSN 724), hugs his wife Sarah, following the return of the submarine to Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, April 10.

port calls. Fire Control Technician 3rd Class Tyler Zak of Doylestown, Pa. said his highlight of the deployment was a visit to Singapore.

“My friends and I had an awesome time exploring Clarke Quay and the famous Little India neighborhood,” said Zak. “We experienced a very different culture and ate all kinds of exotic foods.”

Lt. j.g. James McCarty of Las Vegas said his highlight was a visit to Yokosuka, Japan. “I thoroughly

enjoyed seeing Tokyo, including the temples, markets and nightlife,” said McCarty. “But the single item I will always remember is discovering just how tasty ramen from a vending machine can be.”

Upon returning home to Pearl Harbor, Louisville’s supply officer, Ensign Hobart Kistler, said the crew’s thoughts now focus on reuniting with friends and family.

“For those of us who are new to the submarine force and the Navy, com-

ing home to Hawaii is a culmination of everything that we worked toward,” said Kistler. “There is nothing like seeing friends and family and getting a hug and kiss and seeing how kids have grown up.”

Monica Cramer, wife of Lt. Dustin Cramer, the weapons officer on Louisville, said she can’t wait to have him finally home. “I’m just beyond excited. It is nice to have him back safely, and I’m also excited for all the families and

especially the children,” said Cramer. “We are looking forward to a nice long break and having time to relax.”

USS Louisville is the fourth United States ship to bear the name in honor of the city of Louisville, Ky. Its mission is to seek out and destroy enemy ships and submarines and to protect U.S. national interests. At 360-feet long and 6,900 tons, it can be armed with sophisticated MK48 torpedoes and Tomahawk cruise missiles.

Commentary

A safe, secure neighborhood is everyone's concern

Capt. Stan Keeve

Commander, Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam

Earlier this week I received a letter from concerned citizens living in base housing neighborhoods. As this issue of the Ho'okele goes to press, we're making arrangements to meet to discuss concerns, understand points of view, and share ideas and information.

I am very grateful to all of you who took the time to express your feelings about safety and security and timely notification in housing areas. Your willingness to speak out means you are committed to working together.

Over the past two weeks, we had two incidents. One involved a young person who reported being allegedly accosted by a stranger. The other was a full-on investigation by the Air Force Office of Special Investigations into alleged possession of a



Capt. Stan Keeve

hazardous material in a residence.

We take every security report seriously, and each is handled according to specific individual circumstances.

In the first incident last week, we quickly determined through multiple security agencies that there was no evidence to support the allegation and no need for a general alarm. Although we did respond to the event in time, we could have provided that detail

more quickly via social media and in response to concerns raised by residents. Lesson learned.

In the second event, we provided ongoing information to residents, including at the scene of the investigation.

Here are some of the questions we ask before putting out a general advisory when there is suspicious activity in our neighborhoods:

- Is there an immediate danger to people?
- What kind of response do we initiate?
- When should we release information so it doesn't impact the security department's efforts?
- How can we achieve a balance — not causing unnecessary fear while still respecting and honoring the public's right to know?

- What needs to be done to not compromise an investigation?

It should be noted that, unfortunately, some reports to Joint Base Security, although they are well meaning, do end up as false alarms. That being said, we assume all are real unless evidence proves otherwise. Furthermore, we cannot reveal specific security responses or techniques because it could tip our hands to those who would do us harm.

While there will be times we can't give out information immediately, please rest assured that we will always err on the side of caution when a general

On with community safety VEST: Vigilance, Engagement, Speed, Together

Navy Region Hawaii Public Affairs

The VEST program at Joint Base promotes heightened awareness and partnership.

Vigilance: The single best thing everyone can do, say local leaders and community residents, is to be vigilant—parents watching children, residents watching neighborhoods, everyone looking out for each other. Security patrols have been stepped up to maintain vigilance, and they are ready to respond immediately.

Engagement: If housing residents see suspicious activity in the neighborhood, they should call 911, according to base security. When witnesses step forward, it helps an investigation. Security can't be everywhere at once, so it is very important that residents are willing to engage and support.

Speed: An immediate response is needed in a crisis, emergency or suspected criminal activity. Call 911 immediately in those situations. Studies show that the best way to get emergency information out to a community quickly is through social media. Other media—TV, radio, Giant voice and newspapers—can

be used, depending on the incident, but social media is instantaneous and can be shared widely.

Together: While there are a few people interested only in complaining, there are many more who step forward to work together to prevent incidents and respond immediately when they occur.

In response to a statement about a previous alleged child abduction attempt, Christine Hawkins posted this to Facebook: "There is a simple thing that we all can do to help make all of the children in housing safer. Sit outside or even just on your front porch and watch your kids play, no matter what their age. If perpetrators see that there are a bunch of parents present throughout our neighborhoods, they will be less inclined to try something stupid."

Billy Lowe posted this to Facebook, "Remember this is the aloha state. Ohana has always been #1, always, so remember that one incident that happens rarely does not constitute an epidemic. Just be kind—to others. Mahalos. Common sense and communication always prevails."

warning to the community is truly warranted.

We've got your back! Protecting you and your family is a sacred responsibility for my team and me.

Because there is always room for improvement, I'm especially pleased to hear directly from residents. My security team and I want your suggestions, and we want your participation.

Several years ago when JBPHH dealt with what seemed to be a credible threat of attempted child abduction, the base came up with a program to promote heightened awareness and partnership: VEST – Vigilance, Engagement, Speed, Together.

It means reaching out to **vigilant** people willing to **engage** by calling 911 im-

mediately (**speed**) when they see something suspicious and all of us working **together**.

I'd like to revisit this program in our base community and keep the lines of communication open. I think we all understand how tension and fear can grow in the absence of information. Let's continue to work together!

Diverse Views



How do you cope when stuck in traffic?



2nd Lt. Ashlee Ellis
647th Civil Engineers Squadron

"I remind myself that I'm no more important than anyone else stuck in traffic and we all want the same thing — to get where we are headed. Patience!"

ET2 Kevin Shields
USS O'Kane (DDG 77)

"I think about life and do a self-evaluation of my time in the Navy."



Senior Airman Shaun Clark
392nd Intelligence Squadron

"Think about the fact that everyone else is stuck in traffic, too. I'm not the only one that is having a bad day in traffic."

IT2 Dsean Handy
NIOC Hawaii

"I just accept it. I'm a New Yorker, so I'm used to bad traffic."



Senior Airman Irene Michaelis
324th Intelligence Squadron

"Because I know that I am going to be stuck in traffic for 30 minutes to an hour, I always ensure I have podcasts downloaded to my phone to listen to. My favorites are TED Talks and Freakonomics. You have all of this free time, so why not use it to learn something or be inspired by others."

Lt. Amanda Deno
COMSESRON 31

"Usually with music or by brainstorming for what I have to do at home or at work the next day. It helps to pass time while I am stuck in traffic. Plus I lived in the Hampton Roads area for five years, this is nothing."



Master Sgt. Joseph Royer
96th Air Refueling Squadron

"I relish in the fact that traffic for me means my five-minute commute is now going to be a seven-minute commute. Living on base has its perks."

LSC Joel Williams
DLA Troop Support Pacific

"With music and the beautiful scenery of Hawaii, which puts me in a relaxing mood. No use in getting upset about the traffic."



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Doolittle led surprise raid on military targets



U.S. Air Force photo

On April 18, 1942, Airmen of the U.S. Army Air Forces, led by Lt. Col. James H. (Jimmy) Doolittle, carried the battle of the Pacific to Japan with a surprising and daring raid on military targets at Tokyo, Yokohama, Yokosuka, Nagoya and Kobe. This attack against these major cities was the result of coordination between the Army Air Forces and the U.S. Navy, which carried the 16 American B-25 medium bombers aboard the carrier USS Hornet to within takeoff distance of the Japanese islands. In this photo, a pair of escorts follow the USS Hornet to protect its cargo of B-25 bombers. The raid took place 73 years ago this week.

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Navy Marine Corps Relief Society honors volunteers

Brandon Bosworth

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Navy Marine Corps Relief Society (NMCRS) held its 19th annual volunteer award ceremony April 15 at the Hale Koa Hotel to recognize commands and individuals for their contributions to the charity.

The event coincided with National Volunteer Week. Barb Sheffer, the director of volunteer services for the NMCRS, was the special guest.

“This ceremony allows us to honor and recognize our 100 plus volunteers,” said Paul Belanger, director of the NMCRS Pearl Harbor office.

Rear Adm. Rick Williams, commander of Navy Region Hawaii and Naval Surface Group Middle Pacific and honorary chair of the NMCRS Pearl Harbor office, spoke at the event and addressed the volunteers.

“You are the reason we are here today, and it is your dedication and

accomplishments that we want to recognize,” he said. “It is not only what you do, but how you do it, that improves our quality of life that means increased quality of service that makes us more ready to deploy. The ‘how’ relates to the relationships that you created.”

In 2014, 126 NMCRS Pearl Harbor and Kaneohe volunteers contributed 19,196 hours of service. Their work included helping 142 clients go home on emergency leave last year as well as providing more than 1,000 quick assist loans to 878 clients who needed assistance with basic living expenses such as food, rent and utilities.

NMCRS helped 179 Sailors, Marines and retirees with family emergencies and provided financial assistance to repair 66 vehicles.

The Navy Marine Corps Relief Society is currently holding its annual fund drive, which has been extended until April 17.

“We’re really looking forward to enthusiastic donations, so we can



U.S. Navy photo by Lt. Paul Fylstra

Barb Sheffer, director of volunteer support, addresses the audience at the Navy Marine Corps Relief Society (NMCRS) Volunteer of the Year luncheon.

wrap up this year’s fund drive nicely,” said Belanger.

Even though the fund drive is of-

ficially scheduled to end next Friday, NMCRS accepts donations all year long. For Sailors and Marines

interested in having allotments taken out of their paychecks to go to NMCRS, the deadline for 12-month allotments is in May. However, allotments for shorter time periods are available throughout the year. To set up allotments, service members can contact their command’s fund drive coordinator.

The goal of the Navy Marine Corps Relief Society is to provide, in partnership with the Navy and Marine Corps, financial, educational and assistance to members of the naval services of the United States, eligible family members, and survivors when in need.

Since it was founded in 1904, the society has provided more than \$1.1 billion in interest-free loans and grants to more than four million active duty and retired Sailors, Marines and their families. It is sponsored by the Department of the Navy and operates nearly 250 offices ashore and afloat at Navy and Marine Corps bases throughout the world.

NEX Earth Day Expo educates young minds about environment

Story and photo by Brandon Bosworth

Assistant Editor, Ho`okele

As part of its annual Earth Day Expo, the outdoor living center at the Pearl Harbor Navy Exchange (NEX) offered a variety of educational presentations for children visiting from Navy Hale Keiki School throughout the week.

“This year we decided to reach out to the young ones so they can learn about the environment and Earth Day,” said Stephanie Lau, NEX customer relations manager. “We wanted to give them a chance to do some hands-on learning.”

The event included presentations on conserving energy, preserving the ocean, composting, gardening, recycling and Hawaiian monk seals. The children also learned about the upcoming ban on plastic shopping bags, which



takes effect this July 1.

Volunteers from ‘Ai Manuahi Farms demonstrated how to pound taro and offered samples of the Native Hawaiian staple pa’i ai. Representatives from the Navy Region Hawaii (CNRH) Environmental Outreach Program and Naval Facilities Engineering Command (NAVFAC) Hawaii were among those on hand to serve as educators.

“I think it was great being involved with the schools for this year’s Earth Day Expo,” said Patty Coleman, CNRH environmental outreach coordinator. “It gives our staff the opportunity to teach young minds.”

Chelsea Goto, energy intern from Naval Facilities Engineering Command Hawaii, talks to children about energy conservation at the Pearl Harbor NEX Earth Day Expo held April 14. (Additional photos on page A-5.)

Sacrifices of military child recognized during April

Amaani Lyle

DoD News, Defense Media Activity

WASHINGTON (AFNS) — To highlight the year-round contributions, courage and patriotism of the military community’s youngest members, the Defense Department (DoD) observes April as the Month of the Military Child, said a Pentagon official.

Established by then-Defense Secretary Caspar Weinberger in 1986, the month recognizes some 1.9 million U.S. military children ranging in age from infants to 18 years old, who have one or both parents serving in the armed forces, said Barbara Thompson, the director of DOD’s office of family readiness policy.

“We want to highlight their sacrifices (and) support of the military member in their families, so it behooves us to take time from the busy calendar of our events and recognize military children,” she said.

Permanent change of stations, deployments and training activities, among other facets of military life, can present unique challenges to children who must constantly adjust to distance, un-



Image courtesy of U.S. Air Force

April is the Month of the Military Child.

familiarity and uncertain schedules, Thompson explained.

“That can be a real sacrifice because each parent is a very important part of that child’s makeup,” she said. “So we want to make sure that when they move or change schools, all of those transition times are supported with resources, programs and services.”

DOD offers a variety of programs to help military children overcome these challenges, Thompson said.

Available programs offer assistance

For example, the child development program offers child care up to age 12. Similarly, youth development programs offer older children opportunities for recreation and character, social and emotional development.

Thompson reported that parents, too, have resources to help best guide and nurture their children of all ages.

The New Parents Support Program helps parents during preg-

nancy and childbirth, and children up to 3 years of age, to reach their full potential through home visitations and parent support groups, she said.

Military OneSource is another resource available 24/7, 365 days a year, to support parents to learn more about parenting skills as well as to find support for themselves, Thompson added. It also offers telephonic, face-to-face, online and video nonmedical and financial counseling, which she described as “strengthening pillars” for military households separated from extended family or settling into a new environment.

“On the installations, we have military family support centers where a multitude of services for transitions and life skills are offered to make sure our families can be resilient and strengthen them in their efforts to be the parents they want to be,” she said.

Family support has evolved over the last 40 years to become the family readiness system, which is a collaborative network of agencies, programs, services and professionals who promote the readiness and quality of life of military families both on installations and in the community, Thompson said.

“There is no ‘wrong’ door,” she

said. “So regardless of where you’re seeking support, whether it’s with your pediatrician or with your chaplain, he or she will also know the resources to support you in your efforts to navigate the military life course.”

A visual tribute

Across the services, Thompson said, parades, fairs, art and poetry contests will abound as installations develop engaging and amusing activities to solidify the bonds among families and communities.

“We want to make sure that children’s voices are heard during the Month of the Military Child,” she said. “It’s a fun time to be with their families (and) to take part in the various activities that the services developed to recognize military children.”

Community outreach initiatives include partnerships with the Department of Agriculture and the National Institute of Food and Agriculture’s 4-H youth group to promote “Purple Up!” on April 15, Thompson said. Students, school sports team members, teachers and community leaders will wear purple as a visual tribute to military children.

“It is hard to be a military child, and they’re doing it super well,” Thompson said.

Pearl Harbor-Hickam Highlights



Volunteers from 'Ai Manuahi Farms demonstrate how to pound taro at the Pearl Harbor NEX Earth Day Expo held April 14.

U.S. Navy photo by Brandon Bosworth

Patty Coleman, Navy Region Hawaii environmental outreach coordinator, teaches children at the NEX about Oahu's upcoming plastic bag ban.

U.S. Navy photo by Brandon Bosworth



Friends and families cheer the return of the Los Angeles-class attack submarine USS Louisville (SSN 724) April 10 at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam following a six-month scheduled deployment to the western Pacific region.

U.S. Navy photo by MC1 Stephen Khor

Secretary of Defense Ash Carter has lunch with junior Sailors aboard USS John Paul Jones (DDG 53) April 12. Carter is on a visit to the U.S. Pacific Command area of responsibility to make observations for the force of the future and the rebalance to the Pacific.

DoD photo by Petty Officer 2nd Class Sean Hurt



Special operations forces, assigned to Naval Special Warfare Unit One (NSWU-1), conduct visit, board, search and seizure (VBSS) training March 25 with the Arleigh Burke-class guided-missile destroyer USS Michael Murphy (DDG 112) along with an MH-60S Seahawk, assigned to Helicopter Sea Combat Squadron (HSC) 25, during Multi-Sail 2015. Multi-Sail is an annual Destroyer Squadron 15 exercise designed to assess combat systems, improve teamwork and increase warfighting capabilities in the U.S. 7th Fleet area of responsibility.

U.S. Navy photo by MC2 Daniel M. Young



Commentary

Be someone’s hero—‘Eliminate Sexual Assault: Know Your Part, Do Your Part’

Vice Adm. Matthew L. Nathan

Navy Surgeon General and Chief, U.S. Navy Bureau of Medicine and Surgery

April marks Sexual Assault Awareness and Prevention Month and I take this issue very seriously. That means I have a zero tolerance policy when it comes to sexual assault, and I expect the same from everyone — Sailor or civilian — throughout the entire Navy Medicine enterprise.

Increasing awareness and preventing sexual assault is a priority all year round, but as April begins, I also want to emphasize the important role Navy Medicine plays in preventing these crimes and the care we provide when these incidents occur that can tarnish our Navy, a



Vice Adm. Matthew L. Nathan

career, and lives.

In order to eliminate sexual assault from our service, every Sailor must know, understand and adhere to standards of behavior. When we join the Navy, we join a professional organization and

pledge to uphold the core values of honor, courage and commitment. I’m counting on you to live by those tenets.

Recognize your role in sexual assault prevention and know when, where and how to intervene. Be an intrusive leader. Is it awkward at times to step in and “stop the fun” when it goes too far? Yes, it can be, but do it! Be someone’s hero. Be that Sailor who has the courage and pride to intrude, to protect someone from another or perhaps themselves. Your actions could change the trajectory of someone’s life from misery to success.

I am distraught any time I hear of a sexual assault within our ranks. It is inconceivable to me that our shipmates would assault one another or anyone else. These are the same com-

rades who entrust their lives to one another at sea, on the battlefield and in the workplace. Sexual assault destroys trust, it erodes morale among shipmates, and it degrades our mission readiness and operational effectiveness. The bottom line is sexual assault is a crime and will not be tolerated.

This year’s theme for Sexual Assault Awareness and Prevention Month is “Eliminate Sexual Assault: Know Your Part. Do Your Part.”

Sexual assault prevention requires each of us to actively participate and stay engaged in the lives of our shipmates and colleagues. You are leaders at every level. If you see a shipmate who is harassing someone or being harassed, exert your leadership, demonstrate the Navy’s

core values and take action — in other words, do your part. We must take care of one another because the safety, dignity and well-being of our Sailors and Marines is a responsibility we all share.

Navy Medicine directly supports sexual assault awareness and prevention programs, not only through our training and education efforts, but also by ensuring the availability of care for those who have been victimized.

We have proficient, confident and caring sexual assault forensic examination (SAFE) providers ready to perform 24 hours a day, seven days a week to meet the immediate and long-term medical needs of sexual assault victims.

SAFE providers — including sexual assault nurse examiners, physi-

cians, physician assistants, advanced practice nurse practitioners and independent duty corpsmen — are trained and available to ensure timely and appropriate medical care for sexual assault victims in all military platforms served by Navy Medicine. We currently have more than 875 SAFE-trained providers serving aboard ships, alongside Marines, and in our military treatment facilities.

I expect everyone at every level, regardless of your rank, role or position, in Navy Medicine to be engaged. Together, by knowing our part and doing our part, we can eliminate sexual assault from our Navy.

Thank you for your service and the work you do every day. It is my honor to serve as your surgeon general.

Mock trial demonstrates consequences of sexual assault

Story and photo by Tech. Sgt. Terri Paden

15th Wing Public Affairs

Court was in full swing as first term Airman center students attempted to decide the verdict of a simulated sexual assault case during a mock trial April 7 at the 15th Wing Judge Advocate (JA) office.

The mock trial featured real facts from a previous trial re-enacted with a script by sexual assault prevention and response office volunteers. The hour-long educational demonstration documented the finding portion of the trial that the victim and accused perpetrator endure in court.

“We do this to show new Airmen the legal aspects of a sexual assault to help make them aware of the process and legal consequences they may face,” said Capt. Christopher Simmons, 15th WG JA chief of assistance.

Simmons said the mock trial scenario was chosen because it



The 15th Wing Sexual Assault Prevention and Response office partnered with the 15th Wing Judge Advocate office to host a mock sexual assault trial held April 7 in the courtroom on Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam.

represented the most frequently tried cases involving alcohol.

“This was both an educational and prevent measure,” Simmons said of the event, which was open to the base community.

“It shows them the process from both points of view and, hopefully, helps make them

aware of the issues that could crop up if bad decisions are made and shows them the impact the judicial process can have on both the victim and the accused,” Simmons explained.

According to Simmons, the mock trial is also intended to help connect the Airmen in the audi-

ence to the importance of bystander intervention and address issues of drinking and consent.

“Usually you’re told about the legal process during sexual assault training but you never get to see it, so I was interested to see that it plays out as any other legal proceeding. It’s an actual

trial,” said Airman 1st Class Jordan Zylstra-Doyle, a first-term Airman assigned to the 324th Intelligence Squadron.

Zylstra-Doyle said he also appreciated the interactive training because it led to audience questions and discussions that may not have been raised in any other setting.

“This definitely has shown that it’s important, even if two people know each other very well, to intervene if they are drinking and bad decisions could be made,” he said.

“If you intervene early, you can prevent things from getting out of hand and becoming a bad situation like this.”

Machelle Terrell, 15th Wing sexual assault response coordinator, advises that consent is about mutual respect, even when drinking is involved.

“No one wins in this situation, not the unit, either individual or the Air Force,” she said. “All of us play an important part in prevention by being active bystanders.”

MCPON launches eSailor initiative at Recruit Training Command

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GREAT LAKES (NNS) — The Navy’s top enlisted Sailor, Master Chief Petty Officer of the Navy (MCPON) Mike D. Stevens, was on hand to distribute the first electronic tablets (e-tablets) to the Navy’s newest recruits at Recruit Training Command (RTC), April 7.

The launch of the eSailor initiative is a pre-pilot, beta testing to two divisions of 70 recruits to help determine how well the device integrates into the training environment at RTC.

The e-tablet will contain RTC curriculum, including training videos, texts and access to professional development websites.

“As we exploit wireless, mobile technology through the eSailor initiative, I am certain there will be challenges and we will learn lessons along the way, but we cannot let challenges of security, accessibility and cost hold us back,” said Stevens.

“We must embrace these challenges and work through them in order to remain relevant. I do not believe we have an option ‘not to’ embrace mobile technology if we are going to be relevant in our ability to function in the 21st century and beyond. We must do this and it must start now.”



U.S. Navy photo by MC1 Martin L. Carey

Master Chief Petty Officer of the Navy (MCPON) Mike Stevens hands recruits the first issuance of mobile devices during the launch of eSailor at Recruit Training Command. eSailor is an initiative aimed at providing all Sailors with wireless, mobile technology to conduct training, communicate, and eventually access medical records and take advancement exams.

The goal of the e-tablet is to increase the quality of work and quality of life of both recruits and recruit division commanders (RDCs). The e-tablets will use technology already used in elementary through high schools across the nation and incorporate the RTC curriculum, creating a seamless educational transition from civilian to Sailor.

In 2014, Stevens proposed the eSailor initiative to Naval Service Training Command (NSTC), which

oversees RTC. Since then, the NSTC-RTC team has worked to develop protocol for the use, care and programming of the tablets.

“Today is the first step in establishing an effective mobile technology program at RTC,” said Rear Adm. Richard A. Brown, commander, NSTC. “RTC and NSTC have partnered together to review training requirements, infrastructure demands, and technological capabilities to realize MCPON Stevens’ vision.”

The pre-pilot will consist

of a six-month study, serving as a rolling start to obtain qualitative data in a cost-effective manner. When a division graduates, the tablets will be collected and redistributed to collect three cycles of data, about 450 recruits in total.

“We are continually looking for ways to improve training at RTC,” said Capt. Doug Pfeifle, commanding officer, RTC.

“As the Navy’s only boot camp, we have an opportunity to impact every Sailor going to the fleet. We are an

increasingly technological Navy and our boot camp must not only reflect but precede the needs of the Navy. As the fleet continually advances in technology, our recruits and staff must embrace this shift as well. Implementing the eSailor initiative will help recruits interface with technology from day one.”

Recruits will be instructed on the proper use, regulations and care of their tablets. At the end of each day, tablets will be collected and placed within charging stations where they will be secured until the following day when they will be redistributed.

“I think this is going to help our training because in today’s age everyone is so used to having technology right at their hands that we’ll be more accustomed to study on a tablet because we’re used to it,” said Seaman Recruit Karlie Brehm.

Currently, recruits receive more than 100 hours of classroom and applied training. Much of this curriculum will be included on the tablet for recruits to access and study. For training purposes, the e-tablet for the pre-pilot will include Navy-owned RTC curriculum, a digital version of the Bluejacket’s Manual, and various other training courses.

The tablets will also be used to increase the quality of life of recruits as this technology will facilitate

communication with family and friends during time normally allotted to them for letter writing.

“There is no better place to launch eSailor than where we launch every enlisted Sailor in the United States Navy, Recruit Training Command, here in Great Lakes,” said Stevens.

“Our new Sailors and the professional staff of RTC will leverage this technology for training, while at the same time helping the Navy determine how to proceed into the future, for all Sailors—officer and enlisted.”

RTC is primarily responsible for conducting the initial Navy orientation and training of new recruits. The command is commonly referred to as “boot camp” or “recruit training.” Boot camp is approximately eight weeks, and all 39,000 enlistees into the United States Navy begin their careers at the command each year.

Training includes physical fitness, seamanship, firearms familiarization, firefighting and shipboard damage control, lessons in Navy heritage and core values, teamwork and discipline.

RTC is overseen by Rear Adm. Richard A. Brown, commander, NSTC, Naval Station Great Lakes. NSTC oversees 98 percent of initial officer and enlisted accessions training for the Navy.

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Homefront Hero celebration to be held April 29

A Homefront Hero celebration will be held from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. April 29 at Military and Family Support Center Hickam.

In celebration of the Month of the Military Child, the support and sacrifice of military children will be recognized.

The children’s Homefront Hero Medal is given to the children of deployed service members at an annual event hosted by MFSC. The medal is intended to honor the

child’s service and support on the “home front” during the separation period.

Service members who are frequently TDY (90 days or more between April 2014 to April 2015) are also eligible to submit their children for the award. Single members may submit or request medals for their nephews/nieces or sisters/brothers.

For more information, call Jeremy Simon at 474-0156/0105 or email Jeremy.s.simon.ctr@navy.mil.

Life & Leisure



Competitors in the Merrie Monarch Festival perform a traditional hula.

Sailors honor Hawaii, hula heritage

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Sailors and Navy representatives based in Hawaii participated in the 52nd annual Merrie Monarch Royal Parade in Hilo on the Big Island of Hawaii April 11.

Capt. Mark Manfredi, chief of staff for Navy Region Hawaii; Cmdr. Tom Ogden, executive officer of the guided-missile destroyer USS Chung-Hoon (DDG 93); and Sailors from the ship represented the Navy as they participated in the parade.

The parade is one of many events that took place during the week-long cultural festival known as the Merrie Monarch Festival.

The festival honors King David Kalakaua, who was called the “Merrie Monarch” for his patronage of the arts and is credited with restoring many Hawaiian cultural traditions during his reign, including the hula.

“Beyond the hula, history and heritage, what makes the Merrie Monarch Festival so impressive is just the general feeling of aloha,” said Manfredi. “It’s

everywhere. The spirit of friendship and the sincere welcome our Navy received from the people of Hilo is truly heartwarming.”

The core of the week’s events was the hula competition, which took place at Edith Kanaka’ole Tennis Stadium.

The event served as a unique opportunity for the Sailors to learn more about Hawaiian culture and interact with the local community during the celebration.

Sailors assigned to the Pacific Fleet Band marched and performed during the Merrie Monarch Royal Parade.

“It was great to be invited,” said Musician 2nd Class Deanna Brizgys of the Pacific Fleet Band. “I always appreciate getting to experience and be a part of something that’s so culturally significant to Hawaii.”

Following the parade, Sailors participated in a luncheon hosted by the Hilo Council Navy League.



Capt. Mark Manfredi, chief of staff for Navy Region Hawaii, and Michelle Manfredi participate in the Merrie Monarch Royal Parade.



Photo Illustration: Many groups participate in the 2015 Merrie Monarch Festival.

Little Stroller Warriors reach milestone event

Story and photos by
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Taking a cue from their moms, little ones as young as 2 years old celebrated with their families after finishing off 13 weeks of dedication that saw the tykes run the equivalent of a marathon.

Held as part of Stroller Warriors, a worldwide organization that has been featured in "Runner's World" magazine, the mini-mile program is designed to encourage keiki to develop a love for physical fitness and, judging by the turnout, the program is doing more than well.

To celebrate the accomplishment, each of the 22 participating kids, from ages 2 through 13, and their families met at Quick Field, Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam on April 11 to run a victory lap, enjoy a game of egg relay, and receive a medal and certificate for completing 26.2 miles over the course of 13 weeks.

"This is our first time doing it," said Jessica Argo, who along with Payge Brandt are the group's lead coordinators. "It's awesome just to see the kids following in our footsteps. Some of them are so young that 26 miles over the course of three months is a huge accomplishment."

The event was so popular, Argo and Brandt needed and got some well-deserved assistance from 15-year-old Will Chace, who is a freshman at Damien Memorial High School.

Chace said that he needed to volunteer for something as part of his school curriculum and decided that the mini-mile program was the perfect fit.

Not only did he lend a helping hand, he also said that it was quite a learning experience as well.

"We basically did 13 weeks where I just kind of helped the kids," Chace said. "This was an option for community service and they (Warriors) needed a miles coordinator. It feel great. I got to learn how to meet younger kids."

When the 13 weeks were over, it was time to celebrate.

Surrounded by balloons and a party atmosphere, the children, some with their parents in tow, made one final victory lap around Quick Field.

Unlike your typical road race, everyone was a winner as each runner got a chance to break the ribbon at the finish line.



Kids in the mini-miles program dash away from the starting line.

Then to add to the festivities, the kids played a run round of egg relay before graduating on to receive their certificates and medals for a job well done.

"I almost started crying," said Brandt after the final medal was given. "It's just huge. I mean, they are so little and a lot of adults haven't accomplished something like this. So for a 2-year-old, a 5-year-old, a 10-year-old to accomplish this, it's very motivational."

Brandt went on to say that while the mini-miles program was done specially for the kids, she was also glad to say that it really is a family event.

After watching their children dedicate themselves to log in at least two miles per week, Brandt said that some parents also decided to get more involved with



From left, Jessica Argo and Payge Brandt hand Will Chace a plaque in appreciation of help with the mini-miles program.

their own wellness.

"One mom said that this really motivated her to get out and start running because her kid wanted to do mini miles," Brandt stated. "All in all, it's for the family."

Up next, Stroller Warriors have May 16 in sight for their Bridge to 10K run in

addition to their regular meetings at JBPHH every Tuesday at 9 a.m. and at Marine Corps Base Hawaii on Thursday at the same time.

For more information, visit Stroller Warriors @ Pearl Harbor on Facebook or email at strollerwarriorspearlharbor@gmail.com.



Payge Brandt, one of the coordinators for Stroller Warriors, helps her 2-year-old daughter Kinzie break the tape at the completion of her victory run.



A youth jumps up for the finish line after completing his victory lap.

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Air Mobility Squadron send 647th CES to first defeat

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On April 9, the final day of the regular season, the 735th Air Mobility Squadron (735 AMS) did something that no team was able to do: beat the 647th Civil Engineer Squadron (647 CES) Bulls.

One week before the playoffs, the 735 AMS solidified their grip on fourth place by defeating the Bulls, 46-42, in a Blue Division intramural basketball game at Hickam Fitness Center, Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam.

The 735 AMS enters the playoffs, which will take place on April 18, 19 and 20, with an overall record of 9-2 while the 647 CES takes a 10-1 mark and Blue Division's No. 1 seed into the postseason.

"That was the result of two halves played well," said AMS post player Tech. Sgt. Marco Knight. "This was a victory, but more than that, it showed that we can run."

Previously, the AMS came out strong against two other powerhouse teams but faded in the second half.

This time, the team not only got out to an 8-0 start against the Bulls but also sustained momentum throughout the game to hold on to the win.

Although the Bulls did tie the game at 8-8 on a lay-up by Staff Sgt. Brian Sanders and went on to take the lead at 10-9, the 735 AMS responded big time by going on a 10-0 run to take a 19-10 advantage.

After falling behind, Tech. Sgt. Jared Flores splashed down a three-pointer plus a basket before Knight knocked down his first shot of the game and Sgt. Jason Huestis completed the run with trey.

The 10 consecutive points paved the way for the 735 AMS to take a 22-15 lead into halftime.

In the second half, the 735 AMS stayed in control for the first five minutes of play, but then things began to get a little tight when the Bulls fought hard to get back into the game.



Tech. Sgt. Marco Knight goes up for a jumper in the lane for two of his 10 points.

Down by eight points for most of the early minutes in the second half, the Bulls found themselves trailing by only four when Sanders sank two free throws to make it 29-25.

The 735 went back up by nine points at 34-25 on a basket by Knight and a trey by Staff Sgt. Jason Lockhart, but back came the Bulls.

A basket by Sanders cut the lead back down to four at 34-29 and then with only 3:03 on the clock, Sanders connected with teammate Staff Sgt. Antwun Cotton on a fast-break lay-up to bring the Bulls to within a point at 37-36.

Back the other way, with the AMS needing a basket, Flores looked down to the right block where Knight was battling for position.

Flores drove baseline and got the ball to Knight, who made the catch and went up to nail a turnaround jumper for a 39-36 lead with 2:15 remaining on the clock.

"I just wanted it," Knight said about his clutch shot. "That's my move, the post move down with a little bit of fade off the backboard. I wanted it, we needed it and it happened."

After the shot by Knight, Huestis added a free throw on a technical foul to make it a four-point game at 40-36, which the 735 maintained until the end.

"We flat out just got outthustled today," said Bulls head coach Tech. Sgt. Antonio Robinson after the loss. "We weren't moving the ball. It was one shot down, nobody rebounding and everybody trying to run back."

Robinson also admitted that the absence of post-player Staff Sgt. Labronze Paden did hurt the team but added that the loss wouldn't do anything to affect the Bulls chances in the playoffs.

"We got confidence and we got a chip on our shoulder," Robinson said. "We'd rather take the loss now than in the playoffs."

For the 735 AMS, the team is flying high after ending the season with a win over one of the top squads on JBPHH.

While Knight stated that there are still things to work out before the postseason, he feels that the time is now.

"I don't think you can say you're completely together, but I think we're definitely ready for the playoffs," he said.

Brooms come out as HIANG sweep doubleheader

Story and photo by
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Softball season is just getting started, but you couldn't tell that from the way the Hawaii Air National Guard (HIANG) kicked off the 2015 intramural season.

On April 13, playing in the wide-open spaces of Ward Field, the HIANG broke out the sticks early and often to sweep a doubleheader and open the new season with a bang.

In game one, the HIANG got four inside-the-park homers to take a 12-5 decision against Afloat Training Group Middle Pacific (ATG MidPac) and then topped off the nightcap with an 18-3 mercy-rule victory over Fleet Area Control and Surveillance Facility (FACSFAC).

"We just came out of our air guard season," said power-hitting shortstop Staff Sgt. Kal Lopes. "Everything we're doing right now is prep for our HIANG team to go to Missouri for the national tournament. Everybody is just trying to get reps before that."

Lopes, who figures to be one of the top bashers on base, quickly got things started in the first game by following a pair of singles from Staff Sgt. Donovan Chikazawa and Master Sgt. Lance Takasawa with a line shot

that got past the outfield and rolled to the left-field fence for a three-run dinger.

Then after a one-two-three inning by pitcher Chief Master Sgt. Vince Ramos, the HIANG took an 8-0 lead after an RBI single by Tech. Sgt. John Fukumoto and a three-run, inside-the-park blast to right field by Takasawa.

ATG finally got on the scoreboard on an RBI single by Chief Operations Specialist Alex Garcia in the bottom of the second and then cut the lead down to five on a two-run, inside-the-park job off the bat of Chief Information Systems Technician Matt Butler in the bottom of the third.

However, no sooner did the ATG started to do some damage, the HIANG bats came back live.

The HIANG got a run back on a sacrifice fly from Chikazawa to drive in Fukumoto, who led off the top of the fourth with a triple.

Then with one out and one man on in the top of the fifth, Staff Sgt. Eugene Winchester picked up the HIANG's third inside-the-park homer to drive in two runs.

One inning later, Lopes closed out the books for good, when he launched a towering moon shot over the heads of the outfielders – allowing Lopes to jog into home plate for his second HR of the game.

"It felt good," said Lopes when asked how the ball felt coming off his bat. "I'm just try-

ing to see if I can get good pitches. It's all pitch selection."

In the nightcap, FACSFAC jumped on Ramos in the top of the first inning to take a 3-0 advantage.

The HIANG nipped away at the lead with two runs in the bottom of the first inning and then exploded for six in the second and eight in the third before getting the mercy-rule win with two runs in the bottom of the fourth.

Lopes said that while the competition is always tough, he is feeling pretty good about the HIANG's chances to challenge for the title once again.

Two years ago, the HIANG won it all and many of the players that competed on that team are members of this year's squad.

"We always try to prepare ourselves to be as best as we can," Lopes said. "It's just a matter of fighting our schedules because some guys work night shift."

While it's always good to win, Lopes said



Master Sgt. Lance Takasawa touches home plate ahead of Staff Sgt. Kal Lopes, who followed his teammate to complete an inside-the-park, three-run homer.

that the thing that makes playing for HIANG so great is that they always have fun and this season won't be any different.

"It's just awesome," he said. "We don't talk about the other teams, we just talk about our own team. It's all in good fun, but when it's time to turn it on, I think we can turn it on."

Blood drive schedule announced

Tripler Army Medical Center Blood Donor Center has updated its schedule of upcoming blood drives.

- April 22, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., Hickam Exchange, Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam.
- April 27 and 28, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., 3rd Marine Regiment, Marine Corps Base Hawaii.
- May 4, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., oceanside lobby entrance, Tripler Army Medical Center.
- May 6, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., main exchange, Schofield Barracks.

For more information, call 433-6699 or 433-6148 or email michelle.lele@amedd.army.mil.

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Closed captioning and audio description available at Sharkey Theater

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Morale, Welfare and Recreation

Operators of Sharkey Theater are introducing new features designed to help hearing and vision-impaired customers enjoy their movie experience.



Millie Gomes, theater program director, demonstrates how the closed caption-viewing device is used in a movie.

Mike Parks, motion picture projectionist, helped set up the system at Sharkey Theater and said these personal devices are available upon customer request.

For the hearing-impaired, a closed-captioning viewing system device is equipped with a small rectangular screen that attaches to the cup holders in the theater seats. Customers can adjust the screen to

their height preference, and the screen is dim so it is not intrusive to other moviegoers. Customers have the convenience of choosing to sit anywhere in the theater, as the device is not mounted to a particular seat.

For the visually impaired, a small, handheld audio description device with a headset is provided that provides two options to view a movie — dialog or descriptive dialog.

The descriptive dialog is a visual narrative of what's being shown on the big screen. For example, it would narrate the events that are happening, such as "The van started and left the street."

The dialog version narrates exactly what is being said on the movie screen. This would work best for those who are also hard of hearing.

Each handheld device has an adjustable volume on the side to turn up or down for customers' preference.

Both devices will be available in late April, said Millie Gomes, theater program



A handheld audio description device for the visually impaired.

director for Sharkey Theater. They have a total of 35 closed-captioning devices and 40 handheld headsets available. The devices will be charged and set up for the movie, and theater staff will be available to help if patrons need assistance with the device.

"I've only had one customer ask whether or not Sharkey Theater had these available. Unfortunately, at that time we weren't set up for it," Gomes said. "Now, I'm happy to say that we can provide the services to the hearing and vision-impaired. I hope I get to see the family back here now that we've set it up."



Live the Great Life



MWR Marketing photo

The tide touch pool will be one of the available attractions for kids and adults at Hickam Harbor's Earth Day celebration.



MWR Marketing photo

ITT's Chinatown Food and Historic Tour includes visits to shops and restaurants.

Patrons can celebrate Earth Day at Hickam Harbor

Justin Hirai

Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam
Morale, Welfare and Recreation

The third annual Earth Day celebration at Hickam Harbor will begin today and will continue from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday.

A scavenger hunt and camping at the harbor take place this afternoon, with required pre-registration with the Hickam Harbor offices. All scavenger hunt spaces are filled. However, for those who would like to go down to watch or cheer

teams on, the event begins at 4:30 p.m.

Patrons who will be camping at the harbor are allowed to start setup at 4 p.m. today and need to break down at 9 a.m. April 18. Patrons can call Hickam Harbor at 449-5215 by 4 p.m. today to see if campsites are still available.

Tonight's festivities at the harbor will end with a movie on the beach, set to start at 7 p.m. The harbor staff will select a film suitable for all ages and s'mores will be available to snack on while supplies last. Event organizers encourage patrons to bring blankets to sit

on and drinks and snacks as they watch the movie.

On Saturday, patrons are invited to bring their families to the harbor for a day of learning and games. There will be free activities including informational booths, a tide touch pool, a monster-coloring mural and music. New events this year include a rain gutter regatta, pirate sailing tours and a water gun station. Food will be available for purchase from the Sam Choy's food booth.

For more information on the event, call Hickam Harbor at 449-5215 or visit www.greatlifehawaii.com.

New program offers deals to military patrons

Reid Tokeshi

Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam
Morale, Welfare and Recreation

Morale, Welfare and Recreation at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam recently introduced discounted prices on activities, attractions and restaurants with the launch of the Great Life Hawaii (GLH) Deals program.

"The Great Life Hawaii Deals Program offers our authorized patrons a special price on activities every week. It is delivered through our hotlist every Wednesday. Our customers can enjoy discounts of up to 50 percent on activities, but they are available only for a short 30-day window," said Jeffrey Harris, marketing director.

Harris said the program started as a vision to entice customers to try activities they may not have thought about doing before with big discounts.

This week's hotlist features the first deal, a discount on the monthly Chinatown Food

& Historic Tour offered by MWR Information, Tickets & Travel (ITT). Future possible deals will include offers from base restaurants, golf courses and Hickam Arts & Crafts classes, Harris said.

Customers can opt in to the GLH hotlist email to receive the newest deal each week. They can go to www.greatlifehawaii.com, click on the envelope icon, and type in their information and choose weekly hot list.

Each new deal that comes up will be available for purchase for four weeks. Depending on the offer, some limitations may apply, such as the amount of deals available for purchase and the expiration date for redemption.

Harris said that because MWR at JBPHH encompasses a wide range of activities, the GLH Deals program should appeal particularly to those new to the base and those looking for new adventures.

"The customers will get fantastic savings on some exciting new activities and might enjoy trying something they haven't tried before," Harris said.

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Free Golf Clinic will begin at 9:15 a.m. Saturday at Barbers Point Golf Course. FMI: 682-1911.

2015 Creative Writing Contest Awards Party will begin at 1 p.m. Saturday at the Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam Library. Winners will be announced in the short story and poetry divisions for each age category: children ages 6-10 years old; young adults ages 11-18 years old; adults ages 19 years and older. Refreshments will be served. 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.

Half-Price Aeration Special will run from April 21 through April 26 at Barbers Point Golf Course. Green fees will be half-price during aeration of the greens and turf. The course will be closed all day April 20 before the half-price aeration special begins. FMI: 682-1911.

Monthly Parent Night: Stress Awareness will be held from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. April 21 at the Hickam Teen Center. Families of teens ages 13 to 18 years old are invited to this free monthly event. Food will be served. New families are always welcome. FMI: 448-0418.

MWR Newcomers Luncheon will be held from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. April 22 at Tradewinds Club ballroom. There will be a free buffet lunch, MWR information booths, sponsor tables, prizes and giveaways and activities for the kids. FMI: www.greatlife.hawaii.com.

National Library Week: Miniature Library Contest entry deadline is April 22 at the Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam Library. Kids and teens can create a library diorama (a 3-D miniature model) in a shoebox using any type of materials. All entries will be displayed in the library and voted on by library staff. There is no fee to enter the contest. FMI: 449-8299.

Mongolian BBQ will be offered from 5:30 to 8 p.m. April 23 on the lanai of the Historic Hickam Officers' Club. A variety of meats, veg-

etables and sauces will be available. Rice, noodles, soup, beverages and fortune cookies are included. FMI: 448-4608.

Dive-In Movie will be shown from 6 to 9 p.m. April 24 at Hickam Pool 2. Patrons can bring their own floats and watch a free family-friendly movie. FMI: 260-9736.

Chill & Grill Plus 9-Ball Tourney will be held from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. April 24 at Brews & Cues. Patrons can eat free appetizers and play in a pool tournament. There is no charge to participate. FMI: 473-1743.

"Operation: Megaphone 2015" Teen Lock-In will be held from 7 p.m. April 24 to 7 a.m. April 25 at the Hickam Teens Center for youth ages 13 to 18 years old. Military youth across all branches of service will be connecting around the world. There will be bowling, food, a photo booth and games. The cost is \$25 or \$20 with a canned food donation. FMI: 448-0418.

Spearfishing Excursion will begin at 9 a.m. April 25 at the MWR Outdoor Recreation-Hickam Harbor of-

fice. Participants need to have taken MWR's "Learn to Spearfish" course, as the skills needed for this activity can be moderate to difficult. The cost is \$20. The sign-up deadline is April 22. FMI: 449-5215.

Waimano Pools Hike will begin at 9 a.m. April 25. MWR Outdoor Adventure Center staff will take participants on a trail through a strawberry guava forest. This is a moderate to strenuous hike. The cost is \$15. The sign-up deadline is April 22. FMI: 473-1198.

Bottom Fishing excursion will depart at 8:30 a.m. April 26 from the MWR Outdoor Recreation-Hickam Harbor office. This trip is suitable for both experts and beginners and includes gear, bait, guides and boat. The cost is \$30. The sign-up deadline is April 23. FMI: 449-5215.

Stand-up Paddleboarding at Haleiwa excursion will begin at 8:30 a.m. April 26. MWR Outdoor Adventure Center staff will take participants to paddleboard along Anahulu Stream in Haleiwa and to the beach if conditions are right.

Transportation and gear will be provided. The cost is \$30. The sign-up deadline is April 23. FMI: 473-1198.

Spring Craft Fair Vendor applications will be accepted now through April 20 for mail-in civilian vendor registrations and through May 1 for walk-in and military-affiliated vendors. The 40th annual Spring Craft Fair will be held from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. May 2 at the Hickam Arts & Crafts Center. All items sold need to be handmade by participants. The cost is \$75 for a 15-foot-by-15-foot space, or \$105 for two to share a space. FMI: 448-9907.

Bowled Over by Books reading program for youth in kindergarten through 12th grade is ongoing through May 16 at the Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam Library. Children receive a bookmark with 10 empty spaces on the back. Each week that they check out materials, library staff will place a sticker on the bookmark that entitles them to a free game of bowling at the Hickam or Naval Station Bowling Centers. FMI: 449-8299.

Community Calendar

APRIL

NMCRS FUND DRIVE EXTENSION NOW — This year's Navy-Marine Corps Relief Society (NMCRS) fund drive has been extended until April 24. The effort supports fellow Sailors and Marines in need with a donation such as cash, check, allotment or credit card (done solely online). FMI: email Michael.t.bird@navy.mil.

EARTH MONTH AT NEX TODAY, SATURDAY, SUNDAY — 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. today and 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday and Sunday 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.

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.

FLEET LOGISTICS CENTER EARTH DAY EVENT 22 — Fleet Logistics Center will host an Earth Day event from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Pier Kilo 8. Displays will include information about storm water, coconut rhinoceros beetles, Navy Region Hawaii recycling, Navy Region Hawaii energy, Hawaiian monk seals and archaeology.

HICKAM COMMUNITIES EARTH DAY EVENT 22 — Hickam Communities will host an Earth Day event from 2 to 4 p.m. at Ka Makani Community Center. Displays will include information about energy ideas and tips, storm water management and recycling.

PEARL HARBOR COLORS 23 — A ceremonial Pearl Harbor Colors event will be held from 7:30 to 8:30 a.m. at Pearl Harbor Visitor Center. Displays will include information about Navy Region Hawaii energy and bio-fuels programs.

EFMP INFORMATION FAIR 23 — An Exceptional Family Member Program (EFMP) information fair from 10 a.m. to noon at MFSC Pearl Harbor will host several organizations throughout Oahu who offer summer programs for families with special needs children. The event will include participants from organizations such as Talk About Curing Autism and Learning Disabilities of Hawaii. FMI: www.greatlifehawaii.com.

STARTING YOUR OWN BUSINESS 23 — A seminar on starting your own business will be held from 1 to 2 p.m. at MFSC Pearl Harbor. The seminar will be sponsored by the Small Business Administration and the Business Action Center. FMI: www.greatlifehawaii.com.

SAVINGS AND INVESTMENT WORKSHOP 24 — A savings and investment basics workshop will be held from 1 to 3 p.m. at MFSC Pearl Harbor. This workshop is designed to teach the basic skills and techniques of managing and budgeting money, how to shop for investments, the difference between stocks, bonds, Roth and traditional IRAs, CDs and money market accounts. FMI: www.greatlifehawaii.com.

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.

HIKE WITH LIBERTY 26 — A free six-mile hike to Mt. Ka’ala, the highest point on Oahu, will be offered to advanced hikers only. Participants should bring water, wear hiking shoes and pack snacks to eat at the top. They can also bring a camera and money for lunch afterwards. The hikers will return around 4 p.m. The event is open to single, active-duty military E1-E6 only. Pickups will be from Liberty Express at 8:30 a.m., Beeman Center at 9 a.m., Instant Liberty at 9:15 a.m. and Makai Recreation Center at 9:30 a.m. FMI: 473-2583.

LIBERTY'S PING PONG TOURNAMENT 27 — Sailors and Airmen can play in a one-on-one ping pong tournament at Beeman Center. The free event will begin at 6 p.m. and is open to single, active-duty military E1-E6 only. FMI: 473-2583.

HOMEFRONT HERO 29 — A Homefront Hero celebration will be held from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. at MFSC Hickam. In celebration of the Month of the Military Child, the support and sacrifice of military children will be recognized. The children's Homefront Hero Medal is given to the children of deployed service members at an annual event hosted by MFSC. The medal is intended to honor the child's service and support on the “home front” during the separation period. Service members who are frequently TDY (90 days or more between April 2014 to April 2015) are also eligible to submit their children for the award. Single members may submit or request medals for their nephews/nieces or sisters/brothers. FMI: Jeremy Simon at 474-0156/0105 or email Jeremy.s.simon.ctr@navy.mil.



CHAPPIE (R)

In the near future, crime is patrolled by an oppressive mechanized police force. But now, the people are fighting back. When one police droid, Chappie, is stolen and given new programming, he becomes the first robot with the ability to think and feel for himself.

Movie Showtimes

SHARKEY THEATER
TODAY 4/17
7:00 p.m. The Second Best Exotic Marigold Hotel (PG)
SATURDAY 4/18
2:30 p.m. Cinderella (PG)
5:00 p.m. The Second Best Exotic Marigold Hotel (PG)
7:30 p.m. The Divergent Series: Insurgent (3-D) (PG-13)
SUNDAY 4/19
2:30 p.m. Cinderella (PG)
4:50 p.m. The Lazarus Effect (PG-13)
6:40 p.m. Get Hard (R)
THURSDAY 4/23
7:00 p.m. Chappie (R)

HICKAM MEMORIAL THEATER
TODAY 4/17
6:00 p.m. Cinderella (PG)
SATURDAY 4/18
4:00 p.m. Cinderella (PG)
7:00 p.m. Unfinished Business (R)
SUNDAY 4/19
2:00 p.m. Cinderella (PG)
THURSDAY 4/23
7:00 p.m. Kingsman: The Secret Service (R)



My Favorite Photo...

Air Force Staff Sgt. Carl D. Sanders, unit deployment manager for 690th Cyberspace Operations Squadron (COS/CYT), took this photo of a farm in Waimanalo.

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

New book offers WWII naval insight

Carla M. McCarthy

Naval War College Press Public Affairs

A new U.S. Naval War College (NWC) book offers students, historians, and interested readers, fresh perspectives of several key World War II naval operations.

Announced by the NWC Press on April 3, “Major Fleet-versus-Fleet Operations in the Pacific War, 1941-1945” explores the battles of Coral Sea, Midway-Aleutians and the Philippine Sea.

Written by NWC professor Milan Vego, the book provides an operational-art perspective to stimulate interest in the study of the theory and practice of major naval operations through case studies.

Studying naval warfare history is an integral part of the NWC educational curriculum.

The chapter on the 1942 Battle of Midway is required reading for this trimester’s Joint Maritime Operations course offered by the Joint Military Operations (JMO) Department.

While many students arrive at NWC well versed and experienced with tactical knowledge and expertise, the JMO course expands their intellectual aperture and examines higher levels of war, in this case, the operational level of war.

For more news from Naval War College, visit www.navy.mil/local/nwc/.

National Park Week celebration to include series of events

National Park Service

World War II Valor in the Pacific National Monument will host a number of events that are free and open to the public during National Park Week, April 18-25, at the Pearl Harbor Visitor Center. No RSVP is required but some events will be limited by the capacity of theaters and boats.

This year marks the 99th birthday of the National Park Service and the kickoff of the National Park Service centennial concluding in 2016. This week marks the beginning of a series of events and festivities, including the 74th and 75th Pearl Harbor Day commemorations, 100th birthday of the USS Arizona and the 100th birthday of the National Park Service.

The events include:

- Junior Ranger Day events will be held April 18. Tickets can be requested for either an 11 a.m. or 3 p.m. program and a Junior Ranger scavenger hunt. Participants should gather at the theater at 10:50 a.m. or 2:50 p.m. for a 25-minute documentary followed by a boat ride to the memorial with a park educational team escort. Following the visit to the memorial, the newest Junior Rangers will be sworn in. The limited tickets for the event are available exclusively at the ticket and information window at the Pearl Harbor Visitor Center. They will be handed out on a first

come, first served basis and the maximum capacity per program is 150 people.

- The Disney movie “Planes 2: Fire and Rescue” will be April 18 from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. on the lawn. The park bag policy will be in effect but guests can bring dinner and blankets in clear plastic bags. Beach chairs are welcome, but umbrellas and alcohol are not. The park will close as scheduled at 5 p.m. but re-open at 5:30 p.m. for the movie.

- A Living History Day event will be held April 19 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Guests can meet Pearl Harbor survivors and dance with the Hawaii Jitterbugs to music provided by Glenn Miller Orchestra CDs and other music of the 1940s. The International Plastic Modelers Society Battleship Row Chapter will also be on site to display examples of their work.

- April 20 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., park guests can learn about the Pacific Island Network Parks, not only in Hawaii but across the Pacific Ocean.

- April 21 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., guests can learn about the different ways they can volunteer and make a difference in the park.

- April 23, from 7 to 8:30 a.m. a Pearl Harbor Colors event will celebrate Earth Day and what the Navy and National Park Service are doing to “go green.” The event will include music by military bands at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam and a dive tank staffed

with Mobile Diving and Salvage Unit divers.

- A special “Living Arizona Live Dive” event April 23 will be held from 3:30 to 5 p.m. Rare glimpses of the USS Arizona as it rests today will be shown. The event can be viewed live in the Pearl Harbor Visitor Center and online via Adobe Connect. For information on how to register via Adobe Connect, visit https://pearlharbor-education.adobeconnect.com/live-dive/event/event_info.html or <http://www.adobe.com/products/adobeconnect.html>.

- April 24 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., guests can learn about the newest national park, Honouliuli. The event will include representatives of the Japanese Cultural Center of Hawaii to share and answer questions about Honouliuli.

- April 24 from 3:30 to 5 p.m., a special film showing of “The Untold Story” will be held in the Pearl Harbor Visitor Center theater. The film is about the families affected by martial law, Executive Order 9066 and life at Honouliuli Internment Camp.

- April 25 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., a career day will be held where guests can meet with the rangers of the World War II Valor in the Pacific National Monument and learn about what they do for the National Park Service.

For more information, visit <http://www.nps.gov/valr/planyourvisit/calendar.html>.