

Sustaining fun: Earth Day 2015

(Right) Shari Gullledge, Navy Hale Keiki School director, helped distribute the certificates of appreciation to the active duty personnel for their long-standing partnership and support to the school throughout the years. (See story on page A-2.)

Photo courtesy of Naval Supply Fleet Logistics Center Pearl Harbor



Hickam Communities observed Earth Day April 22 with displays, information and a ‘trashion’ show. (See story on page A-2.)

Photo courtesy of Hickam Communities

(Below left) Ella Diciolla, age 3, joins in Hickam Communities Earth Day activities April 22.

Photo courtesy of Hickam Communities

(Below) U.S. Pacific Fleet Band performs during the Pearl Harbor Colors ceremony April 23 at the Pearl Harbor Visitor Center. The ceremony focused on the Navy’s efforts to contribute to a more sustainable environment.

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



Kahealani Hamakua, left, program specialist with Alii Like, shows students how to prepare paiai during Earth Day 2015 activities hosted by the Pacific Missile Range Facility on Kauai.
U.S. Navy photo by Stefan Alford



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Pearl Harbor Colors celebrates Earth Day and National Park Week

**Story and photo by
Tech. Sgt. Aaron Oelrich**

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Navy Region Hawaii celebrated Earth Day and National Park Week during Pearl Harbor Colors, an honors and heritage ceremony held April 23 at the World War II Valor in the Pacific National Monument. The ceremony focused on the Navy's efforts to contribute to a more sustainable environment.

Lt. Cmdr. Rob Franklin, operations officer for commander, Naval Surface Group Middle Pacific, spoke about this month's ceremony theme.

"In alignment with the Department of the Navy's 2015 Earth Day theme, 'A Sustainable Future Begins With You,' our Sailors ashore and afloat are acting



The Joint Base Honors and Ceremonies Guard present the colors while the U.S. Pacific Fleet Band performs the national anthem during the Pearl Harbor Colors ceremony April 23 at the Pearl Harbor Visitor Center.

in innovative ways, taking ownership of efforts to conserve resources, shift to renewable energy, minimize hazardous waste, and recycle," said Franklin.

Franklin spoke to the crowd of military service members, National Park

Personnel and visitors about the Navy's energy goals.

"One of the five goals is to demonstrate and then deploy a 'Great Green Fleet,' which will include ships and aircraft using alternative sources of energy and utilizing multiple energy conser-

vation measures as part of their regular, scheduled deployments through the calendar year in 2016," said Franklin.

"The 'Great Green Fleet' represents the new normal, where our Navy values energy as a strategic resource,

maximizing energy efficiencies and cultivating multiple sources of alternative energy," he said.

Additionally, the ceremony honored the National Park Service and celebrated National Park Week. Paul DePrey, the superintendent of the WWII Valor in the Pacific National Monument, described the celebration.

"National Park Week is a presidentially-proclaimed celebration of our national heritage. It helps people recognize the importance of national parks in their lives. Almost every national park has a celebration, event or commemoration during National Park Week," said DePrey.

This year's National Park Week is the kickoff of the Centennial Initiative 2016 of the National Park Service.

According to DePrey, the

initiative was undertaken to prepare national parks for another century of conservation, preservation, education and enjoyment.

"This is the beginning of a new century of the National Park Service caring for these treasures we call our national parks," said DePrey. "So our challenge to you is to get out there, find your park, and take part in many of the amazing opportunities to be found."

Sponsored by Navy Region Hawaii in coordination with the National Park Service, Pearl Harbor Colors, held once a month, is an opportunity for local residents and international visitors to witness a U.S. military ceremony, featuring the U.S. Pacific Fleet Band, the Joint Base Honors and Ceremonies Guard and an official observance of "morning colors."

Naval Supply Fleet Logistics Center hosts Earth Day fair

Patricia Matthews

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Logistics Center Pearl
Harbor*

Naval Supply Systems Command Fleet Logistics Center Pearl Harbor (NAVSUP FLC PH) hosted its 6th annual Earth Day Fair as part of its commitment to care for the environment and its natural resources.

This year's Earth Day theme was, "A Sustainable Future Begins with You."

The Department of Defense and other agencies that participated in this event shared the commitment to educate, advocate and inform the community about the available earth-friendly initiatives and programs in place to protect the environment and precious resources.

Representatives displayed exhibits from organizations and programs such as the Pearl Harbor Navy Exchange (NEX), Naval Facilities Engineering Command Cultural Resources, Navy Energy Team, alternative fuel vehicles (i.e., hydrogen powered bus from Hawaii Center for Advanced Transportation Technologies), Navy Recycling Center, Navy Region Housing En-

ergy Team, City & County of Honolulu and others.

Ashley Gapele from the NEX encouraged shoppers to "think eco-friendly before anything else" and noted the many energy smart options of items such as light bulbs, product packaging made of recycled materials, energy smart appliances, etc., available at the NEX.

She also reminded customers to bring in their own

reusable bags to benefit from the five cents off savings per bag while helping to reduce waste.

In addition to hosting the Earth Day Fair, personnel from NAVSUP Fleet Logistics Center coordinated an educational event at the Navy Hale Keiki Elementary School.

Shari Gullledge, Navy Hale Keiki School director, helped distribute the certi-

ficates of appreciation and gave thanks to the active duty personnel for their long-standing partnership and support to the school throughout the years.

Sailors later visited the classrooms to read books to the students about conservation, recycling, reducing water use, minimizing waste and other ways they can help protect the Earth's resources by "going green."

Hickam Communities observes Earth Day with 'trashion' show

**Story and photo by
Hickam Communities**

Each year Hickam Communities celebrates Earth Day in a different way. This year's theme was fashion—trashion fashion that is. Residents were challenged to design a costume for a fashion show using materials that would normally be tossed in the trash, and everyone was surprised to find out just how many residents take recycling seriously.

"My husband and I are avid recyclers and since I love Project Runway, I was so excited when I saw this program and had to make something," said Erin Diciolla, a Hickam Communities resident who participated in Hickam



Hickam Communities Earth Day "trashion" show participants model their shoe designs.

Communities Earth Day celebration held April 22.

From trash bags to bottle caps, residents modeled their designs with pride. Three very excited students worked on their dress designs for several days. "We wanted to do it for fun and we love crafts," said 12-year old Kaleea Korunka. "Now we want to make way more crafts with junk!"

In addition to the trashion show, Naval Facilities Engineering Command Hawaii Energy, Storm Water Management, Recycling and Exchange provided education, displays and information to attendees in an effort to promote renewable energy, waste reduction, and sustainable communities.

In addition, Hickam Communities re-launched its SYNERGY program to help create awareness among its residents about their role in helping the Department of Defense meet its conservation goals. SYNERGY – Saving Our Nation's Energy, Conserving Our Resources – seeks to generate awareness of the impacts of energy use and consumption of natural resources and share information on how we can reduce consumption and conserve in our daily lives. Families are encouraged to learn about conservation and make a difference at home, at work and even in their community.

(For more information, visit www.hickamcommunities.com/go/SYNERGY.)

Hawaii ships, shore lead in 'LED-ing' for energy security

Lt. Corbin Dryden

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As Earth Month continues, the Navy in Hawaii conducted the second installment of Earth Day themed interview segments April 16 to highlight energy conservation at shore installations and at sea.

Kate Ramirez of Naval Facilities Engineering Command, Hawaii (NAVFAC) and Lt. Cmdr. Robert Franklin III, operations officer for Naval Surface Group Middle Pacific, appeared on the local FOX affiliate KHON2's morning show to discuss energy conservation initiatives, both ashore and at sea.

Light emitting diodes (LED) lights are making their way onto ships and are already in use ashore in an effort to reduce energy consumption, protect the environment and save money.

Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam (JBPHH) is home to the first LED-equipped U.S. Navy ship, the guided-missile destroyer USS Chaffee (DDG 90), according to Franklin.

"Just like in our homes or workplaces we're interested — in the Navy — in saving energy any way we can on our ships, whether we're at sea operating or whether we are plugged into our piers at Pearl Harbor," said Franklin, who demonstrated the difference in energy use between old

incandescent bulbs and new LEDs.

"We know we can save about \$50,000 per year, per ship with this. Our ability to keep our ships and aircraft on station and on mission is directly tied to how much energy we use, so we take it very seriously," he said.

LEDs save not only money but also time and the environment.

"It's a great benefit for our Sailors and the environment as well. Our Sailors spend less time changing out light bulbs. And for the environment, these LED lights don't contain any hazardous material so they're cleaner and they're safer for the environment," Franklin said.

The move toward LED

lighting on ships began at Pearl Harbor, with installation aboard Chaffee in 2011. Other Pearl Harbor-based DDGs have either received the installation or will within the year.

"We're extremely proud of two of our own ships in Hawaii, the Chaffee and the Preble (DDG 88), for leading the charge. They are the first two ships in the Navy to fully convert each of their lights — that's over 4,000 per ship — to LED," said Franklin.

Navy leaders recently announced LED lights will be the standard for all new ship construction. LED technology is also considered a bright idea ashore and key to sustainability.

Joint Base Pearl Harbor-

Hickam uses LED lights on one of its most visible holiday displays, the Freedom Tower at Hickam.

For the past 45 years, the 171-foot high, 76-year old water tower, dubbed the "Freedom Tower," has been illuminated at night during the holiday season, and 2014 marked the first year LED lights were used.

"We upgraded from a 25-watt incandescent ... to a 5-watt LED," Ramirez said.

"We have over 7,000 light bulbs on the Freedom Tower, and that's about an 80 percent drop in the system wattage. We figure that saved us about \$660 just over the four-week holiday season," Ramirez added.

A working power meter was brought into the

KHON2 studio to compare the power consumed by both incandescent and LED light bulbs. As soon as the meter was switched over to the LED bulb, Ramirez pointed out the difference.

"That black disc slows down quite a bit, showing you the LED is using significantly less energy," she said.

Various energy security demonstrations are being held throughout the month at the Pearl Harbor Navy Exchange and other locations, including at the Pearl Harbor Colors ceremony April 23 at the Pearl Harbor Visitor Center.

Earth Day is April 22. Several events were held at various Navy locations in Hawaii throughout the week of April 20-24.

Commentary

Navy emphasizes ‘Sustainable Future Begins with You’

Ray Mabus

Secretary of the Navy

The Department of the Navy's (DON) FY14-16 Transformation Plan highlights “presence” as what the Navy and Marine Corps are all about.

Undersea, on the sea, in the air, and on the ground, our Navy and Marine Corps team, uniform and civilian, represents our nation around the world.

Your actions each and every day contribute to our ability to maintain presence by embracing a sustainable future for our top priorities — people, platform, power and partnerships. This Earth Day we recognize and celebrate DON's sustainability efforts with the 2015 Earth Day theme, “A Sustainable Future Begins with You.”

Earth Day events first took place on April



Ray Mabus

22, 1970, when concerned citizens joined together to raise public awareness of the effects of chemicals and industrial processes on our air and water supplies.

The first Earth Day helped inspire a shift in consciousness about the importance of protecting our planet's resources.

Over the last 45 years,

Earth Day has grown into a major worldwide event that inspires sustainable resource use.

Just as the citizens in 1970 were concerned for the future of the environment, today we plan a sustainable future for the DON to accomplish its mission in a resource constrained world. So we make an extra effort on and around April 22, to contribute to a better, sustainable environment, for our Sailors, Marines and civilians.

Achieving a sustainable future requires thoughtful stewardship of resources and the environment. DON remains focused on sustaining forward presence around the globe 24 hours per day, seven days per week, ready to respond to emerging threats, lend assistance during natural disasters and other humanitarian crises, and

protect global commerce.

Smart energy use makes us better warfighters through extending our range, reducing our refueling requirements, and increasing the energy security of our installations, all while benefiting the environment. Common sense protection of the environment maintains trust with the public and the regulatory community while helping to ensure that unintended impacts to wildlife and habitat do not degrade our ability to conduct training and testing or to operate our ships, aircraft, facilities and tactical equipment.

Environmental stewardship and energy efficiency is part of our DON culture. This is evident by the numerous Sailors, Marines, and civilians who participate in Earth Day events and the environmental stewardship being implemented in all

reasonable facets of our processes.

Our ship watchstanders scan the waters for marine life and Marines conserve desert turtles' habitat in warfare training areas.

We battle the invasive coconut rhinoceros beetles in Hawaii and construct tunnels to support the endangered salmonids' migration in Washington.

We replace incandescent light bulbs with LEDs on our ships and at installations to shed better light and use less energy.

DON personnel ashore and afloat are innovative and take ownership of efforts to conserve water, divert solid waste, minimize hazardous waste, and recycle. These are just a few examples of what you and your shipmates do every day to sustain our national security.

I encourage each of you

to take action to protect and preserve. As you have done on previous Earth Days, participate in a recycling program, or a beach or neighborhood cleanup.

Maintain and enhance your efforts to reduce waste and use energy wisely. Whatever action you take, remember that local efforts like yours help us to ensure we have the resources we need to continue our global mission into the future.

Information and resources for developing and executing Earth Day events is available at <http://greenfleet.dodlive.mil/environment/earth-day/>.

As always, I am proud to see the tremendous effort put forth by all members of the department as you demonstrate our strong commitment to protecting the United States of America and our planet.

Diverse Views



What does “going green” mean to you?



Master Sgt. Dennis Leskovec
HQ PACAF

“Going green means that we as an organization are looking for a more efficient way of handling our energy.

Through the budget and personnel cuts happening in the USAF, we must find ways to save funding. Going Green is not only friendly on the environment, but this may also save an Airman's career through budget limitations.”

GM2 Arielle Roman
First Lt. Division

“Going green means finding and utilizing alternative fuels in society to become more efficient for the environment.”



Capt. Kayla Beach
8th Intelligence Squadron

“When I think of going green, I think of making decisions that are more conscious of the environment. In the past, a lot of people weren't concerned with the earth, and the going green movement is basically a unified effort to be more environmentally friendly. To me, this means taking the extra time to recycle and buy eco-friendly products.”

ET2 Jayden Dang
USS Port Royal (CG 73)

“Protecting the environment by recycling. We in Hawaii need to become more environmentally aware and should follow waste separation guidelines used in many states to help reduce excess waste.”



Tech. Sgt. Jan Aragon
792 Intelligence Support Squadron

“Going green for me is a total change of mindset. It's a change in how we will do business in the future; how we as stewards of the environment will try to lessen our negative impact on it. I really want to believe it means that, so my kids and their kids have something for their future.”

MM1 Lance Hempel
Pearl Harbor Naval Shipyard

“Helping to protect the environment.”



CTN2 Jmese White
NIOC HAWAII

“Going green is a good thing for our environment because it helps to protect the planet by properly recycling items. We have one planet. It is important that we take care of it.”

Provided by Lt. Damall Martin
and David D. Underwood Jr.

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NCIS focuses on sexual assault awareness, prevention

NCIS Crime Reduction Program

The NCIS Crime Reduction Program (CRP) has been focusing its efforts on the prevention of sexual assaults. The CRP is an awareness and ed-



ucation program which unites law enforcement and community service organizations with a shared goal of educating Sailors, Marines and Department of the Navy civilians about common threats to their safety.

With the increasing focus on sexual assault prevention, NCIS wants to remind you that no means no and

to intervene if you are a bystander and foresee a situation where someone is about to fall victim to sexual assault.

For more information during Sexual Assault Prevention Month, contact your local NCIS office at 474.1218. Text tip info to 1-877-579-3648. Text “NCIS” plus your tip info to CRIMES (274637)/DOD SAFELINE: 1.877.955.5247.

DMV office at Pearl Harbor to close April 30

The City & County of Honolulu's Satellite Vehicle Registration Office located at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam will close on April 30 until further notice. Please visit one of the other nine Satellite City Hall locations on Oahu: <http://www1.honolulu.gov/csd/satellite/>.

USS Sigsbee hit by kamikaze attack



Official U.S. Navy photo

This is a photo taken from the USS Miami (CL 89) of the USS Sigsbee (DD 502). In April 1945, Sigsbee was struck by a kamikaze attack, resulting in 23 casualties to the crew and nearly destroying the ship. Rear Adm. Gordon Pariea Chung-Hoon commanded Sigsbee, which operated in the Pacific during World War II. Despite the damage, Chung-Hoon kept firing and led damage control efforts, allowing the ship to make it back to port. The attack took place 70 years ago this month.



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Celebrate Earth Day

PMRF, partners offer Earth Day activities for students

Pacific Missile Range Facility Public Affairs

PACIFIC MISSILE RANGE FACILITY – More than 250 students from two local schools participated in a variety of environmental awareness activities held April 22 at Pacific Missile Range Facility (PMRF), Barking Sands, Kauai in celebration of Earth Day.

Students from Ke Kula Niihau o Kekaha, a Hawaiian language charter school in Kekaha, and Waimea Canyon Middle School joined PMRF Sailors in a beach cleanup as well as rotating through a dozen educational stations set up by various government agencies and non-profit partner organizations.

“This Earth Day event promotes awareness of resources, conservation, pono behavior and teaches students how to care for their health and the health of the environment,” said event planner Jean Souza, National Oceanic Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) Kauai programs coordinator and Hawaiian Islands



U.S. Navy photo by Stefan Alford

Janis Kimata, Barking Sands Fire Department trainer at PMRF, talks about fire safety and water rescue operations to local middle school students during Earth Day 2015 activities sponsored by the base.

Humpback Whale National Marine Sanctuary (HIHWNMS) volunteer coordinator.

“At PMRF, where there have been a number of notable environmental initiatives and where natural and cultural resources abound, this is an ideal setting for learning in an outdoor, shoreline setting,” she explained.

The nearby DLNR-managed (Department of Land

and Natural Resources) waterbird wetlands sanctuary was also one of the stops where students were able to observe endangered birds in a natural habitat under the guidance of Division of Forestry and Wildlife specialists.

All of the students rotated through the education stations set up at Major’s Bay recreation area and participated in one of four field activities:

beach cleanup, work at the Kawaiie Waterbird Sanctuary, seabird education at the base’s protected wedgetail shearwater colony, and learning about the seasonal changes affecting sand deposits on Kauai beaches and particularly at Majors Bay with earth scientist and sedimentary geologist, Dr. Chuck Blay.

In addition to Navy natural resources biologists and environmental specialists,

NOAA, HIHWNMS and DLNR, other organizations supporting the event with representatives providing hands-on learning included the Kauai Invasive Species Committee, Coalition for a Tobacco-Free Hawaii, Papa-hanaumokuakea Marine National Monument, Kokee Resource Conservation Program and the Alu Like Native Hawaiian awareness organization.

The education stations featured programs and activities on pono fishing, bar-bless fishhooks, opihi studies, fishing regulations, impact of marine debris on wildlife, stop smoking, ahupuaa and moku education, weather and climate change, boats, native forests and plants, invasive species, and careers related to these fields.

“This is a great opportunity to provide our keiki with a better understanding of the cultural and natural resources where they live,” said Roland Sagum, PMRF Earth Day 2015 organizer and the base’s community planning and liaison officer.

“We are the host in being

able to offer the settings and facilities in which learning can take place. The field activities focus on some of the environmental initiatives that PMRF has in place. However, we would not be able to provide such a wide scope of educational programs to our westside youth without the amazing support and partnership of the many community organizations involved,” Sagum said.

County of Kauai Mayor Bernard Carvalho Jr. made an appearance to tour the stations and talk to the students about the importance of caring for the island’s cultural and natural resources— emphasizing that environmental stewardship is everybody’s kuleana and starts with them.

Capt. Bruce Hay, PMRF commanding officer, remarked in his welcome to the students —“Today we observe Earth Day, but really, every day should be Earth Day.”

Lunch off the grill for the students and volunteers was donated by Sailors from PMRF’s Military Support Organization.

Flight of Pacific Golden Plover: Tiny long distance aviators departing

Story and photo by Becky Hommon

Navy Region Hawaii Environmental Counsel

Yes, it’s spring. Oahu’s Pacific Golden Plovers have donned their flight suits, loaded up with fat, and will soon wing more than 2,500 miles nonstop across the ocean to the Pribilof Islands in the Bering Sea.

This time of year, the

breeding male members of the population change from a drab brown to a black vest with a white swoosh. Their backs become dappled golden. The change of coloring signals they are ready to head to their favorite Artic nesting areas. Soon their tiny brains will tell them to gather up with others and head north.

Over the last few weeks, their body weight, measured in grams, has nearly doubled to get them across

the ocean for their non-stop flight.

Now protected by the Migratory Bird Treaty Act, the population of Pacific Golden Plovers increased after hunting of them halted.

“Today, all migratory birds’ populations are facing challenges as a result of habitat loss due to human development and climate change, especially in the Pacific islands. Free-roaming cats also pose a threat

to these particular migratory birds given their habit of foraging on residential lawns,” said Dr. Cory Campora, natural resources program manager for Navy Region Hawaii at Naval Facilities Engineering Command Hawaii.

Campora also noted that he fears for their safety from traffic as the birds tend to poke for bugs alongside roadways.

Soon they will head off to their rural nesting areas.

Watch for the return of these long distance navigational experts in mid-August. Their distinctive sunset call will tell us that summer’s end approaches. We wish these ocean-going aviators safe flying, fair winds, or as is said in Hawaiian, “a hui hou” — until we meet again.

A breeding male Pacific Golden Plover shows off his spring flight suit before departing Oahu for Alaska. These migratory birds will soon head off across the ocean to their summer nesting ground.



Pearl Harbor-Hickam Highlights



Yeoman Seaman Jonathan Swager commits flowers to the sea for each crew member of USS Sigsbee who lost their life during the attack on April 14, 1945.

U.S. Navy photo by FC3 Kimberly Fair

(Right) Aviation Boatswain's Mate (Handling) Katrina Vong, assigned to the Nimitz-class aircraft carrier USS George Washington (CVN 73), gives thumbs-up after checking her gas mask during a chlorobenzylidene malononitrile or CS gas exposure training at the Surface Warfare Officers School Engineering Learning Site Pearl Harbor. As part of the training, Sailors removed their masks in a gas-filled confidence chamber to practice proper sealing and purging of the gas masks after exposure as well as to gain confidence and experience in proper operation of equipment.

U.S. Navy photo by MC2 Diana Quinlan



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Hull Maintenance Technician 1st Class Tak Wai Chan, assigned to the guided-missile destroyer USS O'Kane (DDG 77), secures a back pressure regulating valve during the foam generation systems operations and maintenance training and labs held April 21 at the Surface Warfare Officers School, Engineering Learning Site Pearl Harbor.

(Right) Culinary Specialist 1st Class Jannie Bueso displays a sign promoting Sexual Assault Awareness month April 16 at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam. The Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam Sexual Assault Prevention team displayed their signs at the base's main gate during morning rush hour to raise awareness about sexual assault prevention.

U.S. Navy photo by MC2 Jeff Troutman



(Left) Republic of Korea sailors and Sailors from the Arleigh Burke-class guided-missile destroyer USS Preble (DDG 88) render honors April 21 at the United Nations Memorial Cemetery during an observance ceremony in Busan, Republic of Korea.

U.S. Navy photo courtesy of the Republic of Korea Navy



Republic of Korea Navy welcomes crew of the Arleigh Burke-class guided-missile destroyer USS Preble (DDG 88) April 15 as the ship arrives in Donghae.

U.S. Navy photo by MCSN Alonzo M. Archer



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(Above) Gunner's Mate 2nd class Raymond Oliveros fires a .50-caliber machine gun April 14 from the Arleigh Burke-class guided-missile destroyer USS Preble (DDG 88).

Pearl Harbor plants pinwheels for child abuse prevention

**Story and photo by
MC3 Gabrielle Joyner**

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Teachers and students from Pearl Harbor Elementary School and Radford High School gathered at the Moanalua Navy Services Center building on April 20 to participate in a Pinwheels for Prevention event.

It was hosted by Military and Family Support Center (MFSC) in an effort to raise awareness for National Child Abuse Prevention Awareness Month.

Participants watched awareness performances by the high school students. They planted blue and silver pinwheels on the lawn of the center to symbolize child abuse and neglect prevention.

“The pinwheel is a national symbol for Child Abuse Prevention Month. When the sun shines on the pinwheel, it symbolizes hope for a bright future for the children and when the wind blows on it, it spreads the message for the future of each child, providing a good, safe environment for them,” said Kristy Chong, family advocacy program (FAP) prevention and education specialist at MFSC Pearl Harbor.

Pinwheels for Prevention provides an opportunity for individuals and organizations alike to take action by learning more



Pearl Harbor Elementary School students plant pinwheels during a Pinwheels for Prevention event April 20 in front of the Military, and Family Support Center (MFSC) Pearl Harbor.

about prevention, supporting child, family friendly policies and volunteer opportunities at local, state and national levels.

Troy Freitas, peer education teacher at Radford High School, explained that the school goes to the various elementary schools around Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam once a year to talk about bullying and respect. He said there was great value in partnering with FAP to support the Pinwheels for Prevention event.

“We are happy to be a part of this collaboration and I think it was a successful day,” said Freitas. “We are focused on teaching the kids something very simple. What we want them to come away with is they should love themselves, as well as others, and that they should be treated with love.”

FAP works to prevent abuse by offering educational programs to put a stop to domestic abuse before it starts and works to ensure the safety of victims, as well as to help military families overcome the effects of violence and change destructive behavior patterns.

“I believe it’s important for everyone to know that each person can make a difference in a child’s life,” said Chong. “Each adult has the opportunity to give a child a voice, and we should do whatever we can help prevent incidents of child abuse and neglect, such as helping out a parent in need. It starts with the little things and the little things go a long way.”

Hickam Redemption Center is open for business

**Story and photo by
Brandon Bosworth**

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After being closed for more than a year, the Hickam Redemption Center at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam reopened earlier this year. Service members, their families and civilians with base access can bring bottles and cans to the center and receive vouchers that can be redeemed at the main Pearl Harbor Navy Exchange aloha desk in the rotunda.

The Hickam Redemption Center processes about a ton of recyclables a month and is an integral part of the military’s efforts to be green and embrace environmental stewardship.

“The most important reason for the Navy’s recycling

program in Hawaii is to lower trash disposal costs by reducing the amount of materials taken to our island landfills,” said Naval Facilities Engineering Command Hawaii’s Richard Villa, assistant program manager for the Navy Region Hawaii Recycling Program. “Not everything we recycle is of great value; however, we live on an island, and any contribution we can make to reduce our



need to send materials to the landfill is significant.”

The Hickam Redemption Center is located at Kuntz Avenue, building 1715, right inside Kuntz Gate in the third warehouse. It is open noon to 6 p.m. Tuesday through Friday and 9 a. m. to 3 p.m. Saturday.

Henry Patu, recycling redemption associate, assists an Airman at the Hickam Redemption Center.

Holocaust Remembrance Day service held at Aloha Jewish Chapel

Brandon Bosworth

Assistant Editor, Ho‘okele

A Holocaust Remembrance Day service was held April 16 at the Aloha Jewish Chapel, Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam.

The internationally recognized date for Holocaust Remembrance Day corresponds to the 27th day of Nisan on the Hebrew calendar. It also marks the anniversary of the Warsaw Ghetto Uprising.

The ceremony included readings of testimony from Sigmund Strochlitz, a survivor of Bergen-Belsen concentration camp, as well as from the official report of Lt. Col. R.I.G. Taylor, the commanding officer of the 63rd AntiTank Regiment, who participated in the camp’s liberation in 1945.

The purpose of Holocaust Remembrance Day is not only to remember those who were murdered, but also to



Daniel A. Bender, Reform Jewish educator, shows service members and civilian observers a “Holocaust Torah,” thought to be made during WWII, during a recognition ceremony to commemorate Holocaust Remembrance Day April 16 at the Aloha Jewish Chapel.

celebrate the resilience and vitality of the Jewish people.

“We are still here,” said Daniel Bender, lay leader at the chapel. “And you are here with us. We are a vi-

brant community. We are alive and looking forward to the future.”

Six candles were lit, with each candle representing one millions Jews killed by the Nazi regime

during the Holocaust.

The service concluded with the singing of the funeral prayer “El male rachamim” and a recitation of the Mourner’s Kaddish. Rear Adm. Rick

Williams, commander of Navy Region Hawaii and Naval Surface Group Middle Pacific, offered some closing thoughts.

“Your very presence honors the memory of the vic-

tims, acknowledges the strength and courage of those who intervened, and serves as a call to defend and protect those that may not have the means to do so for themselves,” he said.

“This observance has provided all of us with the opportunity to reflect upon this cataclysmic event. The Holocaust—the systematic, bureaucratic, state-sponsored persecution and murder of six million Jews by the Nazi regime and its collaborators—should forever remain a stain on the fabric of our existence,” Williams said.

In thanking the event’s attendees, Williams said, “The theme for this year’s observance, provided to us by the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum, is ‘Learning from the Holocaust: Choosing to Act.’ By making the conscious decision to be a part of this observance, you have chosen to act.”

DoD announces decision to disinter unaccounted-for service members

Department of Defense

The Department of Defense (DoD) announced April 14 that the remains of up to 388 unaccounted-for Sailors and Marines, associated with the USS Oklahoma, will be exhumed later this year.

Upon disinterment, the remains will be transferred to the Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency (DPAA) laboratory in Hawaii for examination. Analysis of all available evidence indicates that most USS Oklahoma crew members can be identified upon disinterment.

Deputy Secretary of Defense Bob Work approved the disinterment of unknowns associated with the USS Oklahoma and also established a broader DoD policy.

“The secretary of defense and I will work tirelessly to ensure your loved one’s remains will be recovered, identified and returned to you as expeditiously as possible, and we will do so with dignity, respect and care,” said Work.

“While not all families will re-

ceive an individual identification, we will strive to provide resolution to as many families as possible,” he said.

“Most of the families are very humble and are just glad this is being done,” said Ray Emory, a Pearl Harbor survivor and advocate for a greater accounting of those who lost their lives on the Oklahoma.

The disinterment policy applies to all unidentified remains from the National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific (Punchbowl) and other permanent American military cemeteries. However, this policy does not extend to those Sailor and Marines lost at sea or to remains entombed in U.S. Navy vessels serving as national memorials.

The threshold criteria includes research, family reference samples to compare DNA, obtaining medical and dental records of the missing service members, and having the scientific ability and capacity to identify the remains in a timely manner.

To disinter cases of commingled remains, the department must estimate the ability to identify at least 60 percent of the individuals associated with a group. A likelihood of at least 50 percent identification must be attained for individual unknowns.

“The Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency is prepared to begin this solemn undertaking in concert with ongoing worldwide recovery missions. Personally, I am most privileged to be part of this honorable mission, and I very much appreciate the efforts of many people who saw this revised disinterment policy come to fruition,” said Rear Adm. Mike Franken, DPAA acting director.

On Dec. 7, 1941, the USS Oklahoma sank when it was hit by torpedoes, during the Japanese attacks on Pearl Harbor. A total of 429 Sailors and Marines were killed. In the years immediately following the attacks, 35 crew members were positively identified and buried.

From June 1942 to May 1944,

during salvage operations, the remaining service members’ remains were removed from the ship and initially interred as unknowns, in Nuuanu and Halawa cemeteries in Hawaii.

In 1947, all remains in those cemeteries were disinterred for attempted identification. Twenty-seven unknowns from the USS Oklahoma were proposed for identification based on dental comparisons, but all proposed identifications were disapproved.

By 1950, all unidentified remains associated with the ship were re-interred as unknowns at the National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific, commonly known as the Punchbowl.

In 2003, the DoD laboratory in Hawaii disinterred one casket containing USS Oklahoma remains based on historical evidence provided by Emory. The evidence helped establish the identification of five servicemen. However, the casket contained the remains of up to 100 men who have not yet been identified.

Reflecting on the efforts to provide a fuller accounting of those who perished aboard the USS Oklahoma, Emory said, “I’ve had good times and bad times going through this. Now I’m just happy that someone is finally doing something.”

Analysis of remains will begin immediately after their arrival into the DPAA laboratory and will utilize current forensic tools and techniques, including DNA testing. Service members who are identified will be returned to their families for burial with full military honors.

Navy and Marine Corps casualty offices have already begun notifying the next-of-kin.

(For additional information on the Defense Department’s mission to account for Americans who went missing while serving our country, visit the DPAA website at www.dpaa.mil or call 703-699-1420.)

(Brandon Bosworth, assistant editor for Ho‘okele, contributed to this story.)

Military kids get surprise of lifetime at their school

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Celebrating the Month of the Military Child just got better for second grader Ian Bager and his little sister Aberdeen (4 years old) when their mother surprised them at their school upon returning home from almost six months in Iraq.

During morning flag time on April 15, which was Purple Up day celebrating the military child, the Navy Hale Keiki School (NHKS) planned special activities recognizing military students. Aberdeen (Abbie) held the flag, and Ian was at the microphone discussing what it means to him to be a military child.

Then Shari Gullede, school director, stepped up surrounded by the students to announce, “We have a very special mom this morning who has returned from deployment.”

It was then that Lt. Col Jennifer Bager strolled across the campus through the sea of purple to her shocked children who hugged her and held onto her. “Mommy?” said Abbie as she kept looking up at Bager and then grabbing her around the neck repeatedly. It was a moment that numerous military



Army Lt. Col. Jennifer Bager surprised her son, Ian, and daughter, Abbie, at Navy Hale Keiki School on April 15 after returning from deployment to Iraq.

families have faced, yet the emotional impact witnessing such a reunion was overwhelming for many in attendance.

“This is a wonderful family that deserves every specialness,” said Monique Radizuner, Ian’s teacher. “I kept looking at Ian all morning just thinking, I hugged your momma this morning, and soon you will, too.”

Jennifer’s husband, Retired Army Lt. Col. Scott Bager, commented, “It’s been a new way to adjust to living with mom so far away. I thank NHKS for the continued support they give to so many families.”

She is the Tripler Army Medical Center chief of otolaryngology (ears, nose and throat) and was deployed to the 67th Forward Surgical Team in Erbil, Northern Iraq.

“It was actually quite beautiful there,” said Jennifer. “We set up medical units on the runways at the airport and served the American and Allied forces,” she said.

“We were worried about her over there,” said her husband, who retired from the Army in October 2011. “It was the first time for her to be away from the family, and I was starting a new job. It was very different being the one left behind,” he shared.

The United States has more

than 1.9 military children, according to the Dodlive.mil website. “Over the years, our school has learned the special needs of these unique families. We also celebrate the resiliency, the strength, the pride and the talent of each military child,” said Gullede.

Despite postwar drawdowns, the United States has military personnel deployed in about 150 countries covering 75 percent of the world’s nations, according to Vetfriends.com. The transition from Operation Enduring Freedom to Resolute Support commenced in January 2015. More than 10,000 troops have remained in Afghanistan and more will deploy to Iraq, Europe and the Pacific.

As long as the U.S. has troops overseas, there will be children waiting for parents to come home. Jennifer said that communication with her children was sometimes the hardest part.

“We were able to Skype, but I could not send any packages home.”

The reunited Bager family held hands all together to lead the Purple Up parade for Navy Hale Keiki School. When asked how they will spend their first day together again, Ian had a plan. “I want to eat ice cream and watch my new movies.”

Late Navy SEAL Michael Murphy honored in Ireland

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KINSALE, Ireland — The Irish Veterans Association held a dedication ceremony to commemorate the first Irish Veterans Post in honor of fallen American Lt. (SEAL) Michael Murphy in the chapter’s headquarters April 18.

The Irish Veterans Association was started as a way to unite all who identify themselves as Irish

and who are military veterans, or who are interested in their shared history.

“Our mission is to tell the stories of the Irish and those of Irish heritage who have served in other forces over the years,” said James Sikora, executive director of the Irish Veterans Association.

“We are trying to join all the dots and speak to all Irish and those of Irish heritage globally ... to create a network of people who identify as being Irish and as being veterans.”

Sikora, who grew up in

Ireland but served eight years in the U.S. Army infantry — having deployed to the middle east, Europe, Latin America, former Yugoslavia and Iraq — explained that the Irish Veterans chose to name the first post after Lt. (SEAL) Michael Murphy because of his Irish heritage and his actions in Afghanistan in June 2005.

Murphy’s story has become well known due to the book “Lone Survivor,” and the subsequent movie of the same name, as told by the single surviving SEAL from Operation Red

Wings, Marcus Luttrell.

“Michael’s story is remarkable and we hope that through research and by connecting Irish veterans around the world that we will be able to document the remarkable unknown stories of Irish veterans,” Sikora said. “These stories are important for the Irish people and Irish veterans from other countries to know.”

The association is hoping to have several more Irish veterans posts throughout Ireland, as well as other countries, as a place where veterans of

Irish decent can share the common bond of both heritage and military service.

U.S. Ambassador Kevin O’Malley, representatives from the U.S. Naval Special Warfare community, and Sailors from the guided-missile destroyer USS Michael Murphy (DDG 112) were in attendance at the ceremony in the White House Hotel where the Irish Veterans Post 001 dedicated a plaque to the memory of Lt. (SEAL) Michael Murphy.

“It’s incredible to have a member of the U.S. Navy

SEALs and Sailors from the USS Michael Murphy here in Kinsale for this ceremony,” said Sikora. “Their presence and that of Michael’s parents, Dan and Maureen, and brother John, made the event unbelievably special.”

Murphy was posthumously awarded the Medal of Honor in October 2007 for his actions in the mountains of Afghanistan in June 2005. USS Michael Murphy (DDG 112), homeported at Pearl Harbor, was commissioned in New York City on Oct. 6, 2012.

Chung-Hoon Sailors honor ship’s namesake and USS Sigsbee

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The Sailors of USS Chung-Hoon (DDG 93) gathered April 14 for a formal ceremony that was held in honor of the men who fought and gave their lives for their country in 1945 aboard USS Sigsbee.

The ceremony was complete with a color guard, benediction, three-volley salute, and honorary bells for those killed in the attack. The crew assembled on the flight deck to hear remarks by Cmdr. Ryan Collins, commanding officer of Chung-Hoon.

“Sigsbee was dealt a blow that could have been mortal on that fateful day, but clearly it was not. Why? What was it that kept her afloat that day? I would offer that it was the same thing that helped America recover after the attack on Pearl Harbor. It was courage—strength in the face of adversity, the ability and willingness to confront fear, courage,” said Collins.

“As we forge the next link in our naval heritage, we

take time to remember what Adm. Chung-Hoon and his crew did on that day,” Collins said.

According to the Navy Cross citation of Rear Adm. Gordon Paiea Chung-Hoon, “Although his ship suffered major damage when struck by an enemy plane and all power was lost, Cmdr. Chung-Hoon coolly carried out defensive maneuvers and directed his anti-aircraft batteries in delivering prolonged and effective fire against the continued heavy enemy air attack.”

Rear Adm. Chung-Hoon, the namesake of USS Chung-Hoon (DDG 93), commanded the USS Sigsbee (DD 502) which operated in the World War II Pacific theatre. Under the command of then Cmdr. Chung-Hoon, Sigsbee participated in numerous naval battles, shooting down at least 20 enemy aircraft while screening a carrier strike force off the coast of Japan.

In April 1945, Sigsbee was struck by a kamikaze attack, resulting in 23 casualties to the crew and nearly destroying the ship. Despite the damage, Chung-Hoon kept his anti-aircraft batteries



U.S. Navy photo by FC3 Kimberly Fair

USS Chung-Hoon Sailors observe a moment of silence to remember those who left their lives in the attack of USS Sigsbee on April 14, 1945.

ies firing while simultaneously conducting the damage control efforts that allowed Sigsbee to make it back to port under its own power. For these heroics efforts, Chung-Hoon was awarded both the Silver

Star and Navy Cross.

“It was really moving and a great reminder that the mission onboard Chung-Hoon is bigger than each of us,” said Fire Controlman 3rd Class Tiffany Jensen.

“Ceremonies like this

help to keep us motivated and give everyone a chance to remember the Sailors who sacrificed so much to give us the freedoms we enjoy today,” said Cmdr. Tom Ogden, Chung-Hoon’s executive officer.

The ceremony marked the 70th anniversary of the attack on USS Sigsbee.

USS Chung-Hoon continues through the basic training phase in preparation for a western Pacific deployment later in 2015.

Seabees from CBMU 303 complete upgrade project at Puuloa rifle range

Construction Electrician 2nd Class (SCW) Lisa A. Sperhake

Construction Battalion Maintenance Unit 303 Detachment Pearl Harbor

Seabees from Construction Battalion Maintenance Unit 303 (CBMU 303) Detachment Pearl Harbor completed upgrades to the Puuloa rifle range on April 9.

To modernize training practices, the United States Marine Corps is utilizing the moving target system (MIT). This allows for practice at shooting moving targets instead of the traditional stationary ones.

The Seabees from CBMU 303 Detachment Pearl Harbor were tasked with improving the range to prepare for the MIT system to be installed. The plan was to

construct a 200-foot concrete trench as well as a new electrical distribution system.

Builder 2nd Class (SCW) William Corrigan led the crew and oversaw all operations for the duration of the project at the construction site.

“It was a challenging yet rewarding experience leading a crew for the first time. For the majority of the crew, it was a great learning opportunity, constructing the vertical concrete walls, as it is not something that’s normally done within our project scope,” he said.

While most of the crew has had years of project experience, this was the first construction project for a few younger Seabees. Builder Constructionmen (BUCR) Alejandra Chavez arrived at CBMU 303 in January 2015 from builder “A” school and was immediately

able to get started.

“I didn’t really know what to expect, but the rest of the crew was very helpful, and it was great to work in my builder rate and learn how a Seabee project works,” she said.

Situated in Ewa Beach along the Pacific Ocean, the Puuloa rifle range was acquired by the Navy in 1916 and was turned into a small arms range and training facility. In 1970, it officially became a Marine Corps base. As the Vietnam War picked up, it was realized that more intense training was necessary and incorporated sniper training which is still done today.

U.S. Navy photo by SW2 (SCW) William Stimson

Seabees from CBMU 303 Detachment Pearl Harbor place concrete for the back wall at the Puuloa rifle range.



Life & Leisure

POUND TOWN

COMPLETES PERFECT SEASON

★ WITH TITLE VICTORY! ★

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Kentucky University fell short in the NCAA basketball finals, but here at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, the 647th Security Forces Squadron Pound Town put the exclamation mark on a perfect season by beating Pearl Harbor Naval Shipyard (PHNSY), 58-53, on April 20 to win the 2015 intramural basketball championship in the season finale at JBPHH Fitness Center.

After winning the Red Division flag with a perfect 11-0 record, Pound Town reeled off four straight in the three-day championship tournament to end the season undefeated at 15-0.

Pound Town entered the tournament with the division's No. 1 seed while Shipyard, which finished their regular season at 7-3, made it to the big dance as the No. 4 seed out of the Red.



Airman 1st Class Derric Ross and teammate Tech. Sgt. Dion Moore play tough defense against Shipyard forward Bao Jun Lei.



Tech. Sgt. Chris Jackson stretches out for a lay-up.



Senior Airman Gabriel Martino passes off inside the paint.

"This is great because it took us four years to get here," said Pound Town forward Tech. Sgt. Dion Moore. "I'm happy that we finally won this championship. We can take this trophy back to our squadron, feel good about this year's championship and try to do it again next year."

Moore, along with fellow post-player Senior Airman

Adrian McNeal, played a key role in the team's title win - especially in the second half.

After scoring four points in the first half on a trey and free throw, Moore gave his team some much needed breathing room when he quickly doubled his point output with back-to-back baskets to open the second half.

"I wanted to pick up the speed and give our guys a little more confidence," said Moore who scored a total of 13 points. "And then I wanted to put the ball into the hands of guys I know can make plays. We played as a unit and came away with the win."

Outside of a few minutes in the first half, when Pound Town went on an 11-0 run, the game was tight from whistle to whistle.

Pound Town actually trailed at 11-10, but a swisher from downtown for three from point guard 1st Class Marvin Martin ignited the 11-0 run and led to a 21-11 lead.

Shipyard fought back before halftime and managed to cut the lead down to seven at 24-17.

After Moore's two buckets to start the second half gave Pound Town their biggest lead of the game at 28-17, Shipyard, behind some hot shooting from the perimeter, cut the lead down to four at 30-26.

During the stretch, Shipyard got back-to-back treys from guard Gas Turbine System Technician (Mechanical) 1st Class Edilberto Chato and another from Department of Defense civilian Bao Jun Lei.

Instead of succumbing to the pressure, Pound Town re-gathered the troops and took another 11-point lead after Airman 1st Class Derric Ross finished off a fast break with 9:52 on the clock.

From that point on, the team held at least an eight-point lead until the end when Lei nailed a trey at the buzzer for the final score.

"We gave up too many turnovers," said Lei, who was the game's high scorer with 25 points.



Senior Airman Adrian McNeal battles for a rebound.



Pound Town forward Tech. Sgt. Dion Moore looks for a shot on the baseline.

Photo Illustration

PACFLT Band, Honoka'a High School students strengthen bond

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The Pacific Fleet (PACFLT) Band hosted an educational jazz clinic April 16 for the Honoka'a High School Jazz Band at the PACFLT Band Hall at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam.

The students' visit came as a result of PACFLT Band's recruiting tour in November 2014, which aimed to bridge the gap between military and civilians by providing community outreach through musical entertainment and educational clinics.

"In November, our popular music group went on a recruiting tour and performed at Honoka'a High School and, as a result of that, they brought their whole band to work with us while they were here in Oahu on their spring tour," said Chief Musician Ian Charleton, PACFLT Band Jazz Ensemble unit leader.

"And it's a privilege to be able to share some of our knowledge and education with the students and maybe also inspire them a little bit," he said.

According to Charleton, the opportunity for young musicians to sit down with seasoned musicians is important in developing and improving their



Lt. Patrick Sweeten, Pacific Fleet bandmaster, speaks to students. He emphasizes the link between music and STEM – Science, Technology, Engineering and Math.

musical ability.

"A lot of times high school musicians may be very enthusiastic, but their talent is a little raw," said Charleton. "But because we have been in their

shoes, we can share a little of our experiences to help them progress a little faster. There are certain instrument specific things you can learn only if you get to study with a professional trumpet or saxophone player, and we try to give them those teaching points to guide them along their learning process."

For Musician 1st Class Brandon Barbee, assigned to the PACFLT Band Jazz Ensemble, guidance from a high school music teacher helped keep him on track and committed to his musical craft, something he hoped to instill in the students from



Chief Musician Ian Charleton, Pacific Fleet Band Jazz Ensemble unit leader, talks with students from the Honoka'a High School Jazz Band.



Musician 1st Class Brandon Barbee, assigned to the Pacific Fleet Band, has a discussion with students from the Honoka'a High School Jazz Band.



Musician 2nd Class Greg Hoff, assigned to the Pacific Fleet Band, performs alongside students from the Honoka'a High School Jazz Band during a music clinic at the Pacific Fleet Band Hall at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam.

Honoka'a High School.

"I had a music teacher in high school and if it wasn't for him, I actually wouldn't even be playing the trumpet," said Barbee.

"When I got to high school I was like, 'I'm just not going to do this anymore,' and my teacher just kept saying, 'keep playing, just keep playing.' And it kept me in the game. So, it's cool to see a young saxophone or trumpet player and try and light that fire for them," Barbee said.

According to Gary Washburn, music director at Honoka'a High School, the visit also was aimed at showing high school students the opportunity for education through the military.

"I felt it was not only a good way to create a hands-on learning experience for the students but also put in the student's mind that the military is a way to get education and play music," said Washburn.

Following the PACFLT Band's performance, the students participated in a music clinic provided by the band to help further their education and training.

"It was pretty awesome," said Kamea Phenicie, a student at

Honoka'a High School.

"When they started playing for us, we were all like, 'wow, they are so good,' and we started feeling a little nervous about us playing for them. But when we played, they helped us and gave us pointers, and by the end we weren't nervous anymore. We just started to have fun and realized this is great," Phenicie said.

Overall, Washburn hoped the visit would show his students what is possible through hard work and determination.

"What I hope the students take away from the experience is the potential for personal growth and what is possible through that effort," said Washburn. "I'm wanting them to try and discover their own potential, and if it happens to be through music then that's great."

The PACFLT band is based at Pearl Harbor and is dedicated to providing top quality music and entertainment in support of the U.S. Navy's retention and recruiting programs and for internal and external public relations.

(For more information about the band, visit <http://www.cpf.navy.mil/cpfband/>.)



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Wahine Koa scores huge upset to win championship

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The game was supposed to be just a formality to crown the Lady Paniolos as the 2015 Hawaii's Finest Flag Football (HF3) women's flag football champions.

Instead, out of the blue, a team from the past proved that it wasn't ready to give up its title just yet.

Last Saturday, April 18, at Mililani Mauka Community Park, the Wahine Koa, which entered the playoffs as the No. 3 seed, stepped up and put all of their struggles behind them to send the Lady Paniolos to their first defeat and win the HF3 women's flag championship by a score of 12-0.

The league is owned and operated by Mike Todd, a military veteran and current Department of Defense civilian at Joint Intelligence Operation Center, and intermixes civilian with armed forces personnel in the only local flag football league that has a men's division as well as one for the ladies.

"It's feels awesome," said Wahine Koa first-year head coach Gas Turbine System (Mechanical) 2nd Class John Lennon, Pearl Harbor Naval Shipyard. "I came in the game worried because we lost about six players, but the girls wanted it bad."

Last season, the two teams were to meet in the championship game, but the Lady Paniolos were blocked from the showdown due to having an ineligible player during the regular season.

Wahine Koa went to win the title, but their accomplishment was in question because of the Paniolos suspension.

This time around, the Wahine Koa removed all doubt by playing one of their best games in years.

Defense was the key to the Wahine Koa's victory as the team held the potent Lady P's offense, which entered the game with a staggering 321 points over the course of 10 games, to only a single first down for the entire first half.

Winning the battle of field position early, the Wahine Koa made it to the red zone two times before finally punching it in just before the half to take a 6-0 lead.

The scoring drive started at the Lady P's 34-yard line and after quarterback Aubrey Kiemnec completed a pass to Shardae Ingano at the one-yard line, Kiemnec nosed the ball over the goal line on a sneak for the touchdown.

After halftime, the Lady P's got the ball and quickly picked up two first downs to place the ball at the Wahine Koa 12.

However, two bad snaps over quarterback Kate Robinson's head stalled the drive and handed the ball back to the Wahine Koa near midfield.

On first and goal from the Lady P's 19, Kiemnec found Ingano at the 10 before throwing the ball over the top and into the hands of Staff Sgt. April Kelley for the team's second touchdown of the game and a 12-0 lead.

From that point on, the game was put



Wahine Koa quarterback Aubrey Kiemnec raises up the football in triumph after leading her team to the HF3 championship.

off by Master-At-Arms 2nd Class Siva Savaiinaea, Navy Information Operations Command (NIOC) Hawaii, who jumped up from her nose tackle position before putting the squeeze on the clutch interception.

"I wasn't looking for anything. It was just coverage," Savaiinaea said. "We just had to cover that middle because they like to run slants and they're really good. It was all reaction."

The Lady P's would get one more crack on offense, but as it happened on their last set of downs, the drive and game was ended for good on another steal from Savaiinaea, her second of the game.

Savaiinaea, who was one of the team's original players back when it was named

Wahine Koa receiver Staff Sgt. April Kelley gets past Lady Paniolos defensive back Xascha Diaz before hauling in a pass for a touchdown.

the Navy Sharks, has won more than a few titles with the team but said this one is the sweetest and her last.

"I PCS in a month," he acknowledged. "I don't want to leave. These girls are my family. It's a good feeling."

After one year as an assistant and one year as head coach, Lennon also admitted that he would not be back next season.

While he enjoyed becoming only the second person to ever coach Wahine Koa, he said that he has accomplished all that he set out to do.

"My goal was to become a head coach and win a championship," he said.

DPAA leads from wire to wire to beat 15 MXG

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In a battle of two softball powerhouses, Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency (DPAA) got their bats going early to grab a 4-0 lead and then did just enough to stay ahead and defeat 15th Maintenance Group (15 MXG), 9-5, on April 21, in a White Division game at Millican Field, Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam.

DPAA has now started the new season with back-to-back wins, while the 15 MXG saw their record fall to 1-1.

"It's always important and a confidence booster to get out and get an early lead," said Department of Defense (DoD) civilian Ben Fransen. "It's just that everybody hit pretty good."

Fransen, who bats cleanup for DPAA, was among the team's hitters who came up with a big knock in the first inning, but it was Staff Sgt. Erik Cardenas that got things rolling.

Batting leadoff, Cardenas smashed a shot over the left-field fence and into the parking lot for a 1-0 lead.

A walk to Sgt. 1st Class Dharwin Delarna put a man on base and Gunnery Sgt. Bo Dewitt spanked a double to put two men in scoring position for Fransen.

The big power hitter stepped up to the plate and then muscled a drive through left-center field, allowing Fransen to scamper all the way to third for a two RBI hit and a 3-0 lead.

Fransen scored the team's fourth run on a single by Sgt. 1st Class Joe Vann.

In the top of the second, DPAA scored their fifth run of the game off of a bases-loaded sacrifice fly by Delarna.

While the 5-0 lead seemed to be a comfortable cushion, the 15 MXG reminded everyone that no lead is insurmountable in slow-pitch softball.

Cardenas, who sailed through the 15 MXG's lineup in the first inning, ran into a bit of trouble in the bot-



Master Sgt. Tyson Andrews waits to put the tag on Sgt. 1st Class Dharwin Delarna, who was trying to stretch a single into a double.

tom of the second inning, when a single, walk and error loaded the bases.

After getting the second out without allowing any runs, Cardenas was on the verge of getting through the inning unscathed, but instead, 1st Lt. James Johnson stroked a single to drive in two runs for the MXG.

With two runners left in scoring position, Staff Sgt. Transton Frederick cut the deficit down to one on a two-run single that made it 5-4.

The DPAA got one run back in the top of the third, but in the bottom half of the inning, the 15 MXG quickly pulled to within a run once again, when team captain Master Sgt. Tyson Andrews ripped a dinger deep into the night and over the left-field fence to make it 6-5.

Although momentum seemed to be swaying toward the direction of the 15 MXG, DPAA answered

the call and it was Cardenas who came up with another big hit.

Already pitching a solid game and sitting on one home run, Cardenas, with one runner on base, hit a shot to the gap that drove in a run.

A bad throw to home got away from the catcher and Cardenas scored without a play to make it 8-5 in favor of DPAA.

The team got an insurance run in the top of the fifth before Cardenas finished off the complete-game win with back-to-back goose eggs.

Johnson, who started the 15 MXG's only rally in the second inning, said that the team just couldn't seem to put things together, but he promises that the team will be back.

"As the season starts going, we'll start meshing better and you'll see more big hits," he stated. "Compared to last year, we got a lot of the same guys, so I wouldn't be surprised to see a season like last year. It's just going to take time to get warmed up."

While the 15 MXG already has most of its players on-board, Fransen said that DPAA is still waiting for players to get back from deployment.

Still, even when they do come back, Fransen pointed out that others would be leaving, so the team's success this season is totally dependent on who is left on the field when the postseason rolls around.

"That's always our biggest challenge," Fransen admitted. "We got a lot of talented players on the team, so we always try to go for it. But, you know, we got to get guys here every week and only time will tell if we do that or not."



Staff Sgt. Erik Cardenas keeps his eyes on the ball before taking it deep over the left-field fence for a leadoff home run.



Live the Great Life



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Dive-in movie nights will be held monthly at Hickam Pool 2, typically running April through August.

Dive-in movie tonight

Helen Ko Zukeran

Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam Morale, Welfare and Recreation

The first dive-in movie of the summer premieres this month, kicking off from 6 to 9 p.m. tonight at Hickam Pool 2 with 'The LEGO Movie' playing on the big screen. Admission is free, and kids are allowed to bring their floats and toys into the pool during the event.

"The patrons really enjoy this event, both parents and kids. Many of

them bring a picnic dinner and eat before and during the movie," said Mari Kosaki from JBPHH aquatics.

Free popcorn will also be given away during the movie for everyone to enjoy. Kosaki offered a tip for those attending: bring extra dry towels and a sweatshirt or blanket since it cools down at night. Parents are welcome to bring the kids early so they can enjoy the pool while it is still light out.

The pool will close temporarily at 5 p.m. to set up

for the movie and reopen at 6 p.m. Once the movie begins, the deep end is closed off and everyone needs to stay in the shallow end of the pool.

Those who miss this month's dive-in movie will have other chances to participate. The aquatics department is making this a monthly event for the summer, continuing until August. The next movie night is from 6 to 9 p.m. May 15. The movie will be "Big Hero 6."

(For more information, visit greatlifehawaii.com or call 260-9736.)



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Patrons can treat mothers to a meal with a view at Sam Choy's for brunch or dinner.

Patrons can treat mom with a brunch or dinner May 10

Reid Tokeshi

Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam Morale, Welfare & Recreation

Joint Base Catering's Mother's Day brunch buffet will return on May 10.

Mom can take a break, relax and dine on brunch favorites. Live music will entertain the crowd during the event.

Three seating times are available. Dining on the lanai overlooking the channel is at 10 a.m. and 1 p.m. Those that prefer the air-conditioned comfort of the dining room can opt for the 11 a.m. seating time.

Prices are \$34.95 for adults, \$17.50 for children 7 to 12 years and \$11.75 for chil-

dren 4 to 6 years. Reservations will be accepted beginning Monday. For more information, call 448-4608.

Those preferring beachside dining can opt for Sam Choy's Island Style Seafood Grille at Hickam Harbor. Two options will be available: a champagne brunch from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. or a dinner buffet from 5 to 9 p.m. The open times means families have more flexibility in choosing when to dine. The dinner option gives mom the choice of celebrating later in the day. The price for either buffet is \$34.95 for adults and the cost for children 6 to 12 years is \$19.95.

Reservations are highly recommended and can be made by calling 422-3002 or visiting the restaurant website, www.samchoysseafoodgrille.com.

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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.

Spring Group Swim Lessons Registration period opens April 27 for classes being held Mondays through

Thursdays from May 4 to 14. There are a variety of classes for preschool ages and for ages 5 to 16 years old. Group lessons are held at Hickam Pool 2, and the cost is \$60 per session. Registration is conducted online through www.greatlifehawaii.com. FMI: 260 9736.

Mongolian BBQ will be offered from 5:30 to 8 p.m. April 30 on the lanai of the Historic Hickam Officers' Club.

A variety of meats, vegetables and sauces will be available. Rice, noodles, soup, beverages and fortune cookies are included. FMI: 448-4608.

Spring Craft Fair Vendor registration period closes 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 must 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.

Kayaking Chinaman's Hat excursion will begin at 9 a.m. May 2. Participants can kayak to Chinaman's Hat with MWR Outdoor Adventure Center staff and can swim or snorkel around this small island. This trip can some-

times be moderate in the level of difficulty. The cost is \$30. The sign-up deadline is April 30. FMI: 473-1198.

Learn to Stand-up Paddleboard classes will begin at 9:15 a.m. and at 10:30 a.m. May 2 at Hickam Harbor. This introductory class will cover the basics of stand-up paddling in a stress-free environment. The cost is \$25 for each session. The sign-up deadline is April 30. FMI: 449-5215.

Community Calendar

APRIL

NMCRS FUND DRIVE EXTENSION

TODAY — This year's Navy-Marine Corps Relief Society (NMCRS) fund drive has been extended until today. The effort supports fellow Sailors and Marines in need through donations such as cash, check, allotment or credit card (done solely online). FMI: email Michael.t.bird@navy.mil.

NATIONAL PARK WEEK EVENTS

TODAY, SATURDAY — 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.

- Today, 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.
- Today, 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.
- Saturday, 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. FMI: <http://www.nps.gov/valr/playourvisit/calendar.htm>.

OPERATION: MEGAPHONE

TODAY, SATURDAY— An “Operation: Megaphone 2015” teen lock-in will be held from 7 p.m. today to 7 a.m. Saturday 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.

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's names 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.

MAY

CREDO MARRIAGE ENRICHMENT

1, 15 — Chaplain Religious Enrichment Development Operation (CREDO) upcoming events for marriage enrichment workshops are as follows: 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. May 1 at the Officers' Club Kaneohe Bay at Marine Corps Base Hawaii; and 6 to 9

p.m. May 15 at Sam Choy's Seafood Grill on the Hickam side of Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam. There is a 10 couple limit for the events. Participants need to register by calling or emailing CREDO. Upon receiving registration information, CREDO will reply with a confirmation email. In addition, CREDO asks for an E-7 or above command endorsement acknowledging registration for these events as appointed of place of duty. FMI: 473-1434 or credohawaii@navy.mil.

ANNUAL HICKAM SPRING CRAFT FAIR

2 — The 40th annual Hickam Spring Craft Fair will be held from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on the lawn at the Hickam Arts & Crafts Center. This event features more than 120 booths of original handmade arts and crafts, live entertainment, pony rides and a dog show, food vendor booths, and make-n-takes. Admission is free for shoppers. FMI: 448-9907.

CAREER CHOICES

6 — A class on discovering the best career will be held from 9 to 11 a.m. at Military and Family Support Center Pearl Harbor. Patrons can register online. FMI: www.greatlifehawaii.com.

MOTHER'S DAY TEA

7 — A Mother's Day Tea event will be held from 10 a.m. to noon at the Hickam Military and Family Support Center lanai. The event is open to active duty mothers and families enrolled in the New Parent Support Program. This is a gathering to celebrate the challenges and successes of motherhood. There will be activities such as lei making and refreshments of tea and sandwiches will be served. FMI: 474-1999 or 474-0135.

HEALTH AND FITNESS FAIR

8 — A health and fitness fair will be held from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam Fitness Center. The event is a showcase for the military and civilian community, including giveaways. Activities will include a truck pull/bench press contest, martial arts demonstration, hula demonstration, Zumba demonstration and free five-minute chair massages. FMI: 471-2019/2020 or www.greatlifehawaii.com.

MANAGING MONEY AND CREDIT

8 — A class on managing money and credit will be held from 10 to 11:30 a.m. at Military and Family Support Center Pearl Harbor. Participants can register online. FMI: www.greatlifehawaii.com.

SUPER GARAGE SALE

9 — The JBPHH Morale, Welfare and Recreation Super Garage Sale will be held from 8 a.m. to noon at Richardson Field. The event is open to the public and admission is free. Parking will be available at Rainbow Bay Marina and overflow parking will be at Aloha Stadium for a minimal cost. FMI: www.greatlifehawaii.com.

BOOT CAMP FOR NEW DADS

9 — A Boot Camp For New Dads will be held from 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at Halsey Terrace Community Center. This dads-only workshop will cover things like holding a baby, feeding and diaper changing. Participants can register online. FMI: www.greatlifehawaii.com.



AVENGERS: AGE OF ULTRON (3-D) (PG-13)

When Tony Stark tries to jumpstart a dormant peacekeeping program, things go awry and Earth's Mightiest Heroes, including Iron Man, Captain America, Thor, The Incredible Hulk, Black Widow and Hawkeye, are put to the ultimate test as the fate of the planet hangs in the balance.

Movie Showtimes

SHARKEY THEATER

TODAY 4/24
7:00 p.m. The Divergent Series: Insurgent (PG-13)

SATURDAY 4/25
2:30 p.m. Home (PG)

6:00 p.m. Avengers: Age of Ultron (3-D) (PG-13)
Free Sneak Preview!
Free to the first 400 authorized patrons, doors will open at 4:30 p.m. Assigned seated tickets will be distributed at the ticket booth at 4:30 pm. Active military card holders can receive up to four tickets, Military family members, retirees and DoD card holders will receive two tickets.

SUNDAY 4/26
2:30 p.m. Home (3-D) (PG)
4:40 p.m. Cinderella (PG)
7:00 p.m. Run All Night (R)

THURSDAY 4/30
7:00 p.m. Get Hard (R)

HICKAM MEMORIAL THEATER

TODAY 4/24
6:00 p.m. Cinderella (PG)

SATURDAY 4/25
Studio appreciation advance screening – free admission
Tickets available at Hickam food Court/ Baskin Robbins. Call 422-4425 for more details. Doors open at 4 p.m.
6:00 p.m. Walking With The Enemy (PG-13)

SUNDAY 4/26
2:00 p.m. Cinderella (PG)

THURSDAY 4/30
7:00 p.m. The Second Best Exotic Marigold Hotel PG)



My Favorite Photo...

April is Earth Month, a time to reflect on nature’s majestic beauty. Air Force Staff Sgt. Carl D. Sanders, unit deployment manager for 690th Cyberspace Operations Squadron (COS/CYT), took this scenic photo recently of Hanauma Bay on Oahu.

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

Blood drive schedule announced

- 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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Naval Health Clinic Hawaii holds first motorcycle safety ride

Susan Schultz

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Safety takes practice and experience, and that is what Sailors from Naval Health Clinic Hawaii gained during the command’s first motorcycle safety ride on April 10.

Seventeen motorcyclists took to the road for a safety ride around the island of Oahu. In formation with cruisers in front followed by sports bikes, riders started at the Naval Health Clinic Hawaii headquarters building and headed east with the first stop at Sandy Beach Park, then Hauula Beach Park and Haleiwa Shopping Center before returning to the command.

Prior to the ride, the three road captains, Senior Chief Hospital Corpsman Timora Mitchell, Hospital Corpsman 1st Class Adrian Adamson and Hospital Corpsman 2nd Class Casey Steele, were responsible for conducting a pre-ride motorcycle inspection for all riders in accordance with the Motorcycle Safety Foundation T-CLOCS guidance: Tires, controls, lights,

oil, chassis and stands.

A pre-ride brief to discuss motorcycle safety was held by Steele, assistant motorcycle safety representative, Naval Health Clinic Hawaii. “The ride is to promote motorcycle safety and awareness, from safely sharing the road with other vehicles to wearing a DOT-compliant helmet and other protective gear. The ride also fosters camaraderie and esprit de corps among the riders,” Steele said.

Lynn Makabe, interim safety manager, Naval Health Clinic Hawaii, offered additional benefits of the safety ride.

“The safety ride is an opportunity for riders to participate in a group ride, learn group riding skills and hand signals, and, most importantly, to improve upon their skills through observation and critique,” Makabe said.

Capt. Andrew Findley, commanding officer, Naval Health Clinic Hawaii, fully supports proactive safety initiatives such as the motorcycle safety ride as a way to prevent or reduce mishaps or accidents.

(For more information on motorcycle safety, visit <http://www.safetycenter.navy.mil/>.)