

JBPHH ready to rock to celebrate Fourth of July

Joint Base Morale, Welfare and Recreation

Joint Base Morale, Welfare and Recreation will host a Fourth of July celebration from 3 to 9 p.m. Saturday at Ward Field, Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam.

A variety of festivities and entertainment are planned, including one of the largest fireworks shows on the island to end the night.

Presented by Navy Entertainment, headliners Dishwalla, and O.A.R. (Of a Revolution), will take the stage prior to the fireworks. In

addition, Aaron Colton, a street bike stunt rider, will perform a free exhibition and hold an autograph session.

- Below is a schedule of events:
- 3 p.m., gates open.
 - 4:30 p.m., performance and autograph session by Aaron Colton, street bike stunt rider.
 - 5 p.m., Dishwalla performs.
 - 6:30 p.m., lines for free activities close.
 - 6:45 p.m., performance and autograph session by Aaron Colton.
 - 7:30 p.m., O.A.R. performs.
 - 9 p.m., fireworks display.

The event will also include free activities such as a petting zoo, Xpress Train and airbrush tattoos.

Xtreme Fun rides and inflatables, food and beverages will be available for purchase. A variety of food vendors from around the island will participate.

Patrons can enter for a chance to win prizes from sponsor row, including the grand prize of a Las Vegas getaway for two, with airfare, meals and five nights hotel accommodations. Special restrictions and guidelines will apply.

The July 4 car show and shine

will also showcase a variety of vehicles, from domestic to import. Entry categories will include classic, import, truck and club vehicles.

Available parking areas within walking distance to the event will be designated by signage.

Besides the activities at Ward Field, camping at Hickam Harbor and a movie on the beach will be held from today through Saturday at MWR Outdoor Recreation-Hickam Harbor.

The movie (to be determined) will begin at 7:30 p.m. tonight.

Camping registration is at the Hickam Harbor Marina and is not required to watch the movie.

Camp setup starts at 4 p.m., and camp breakdown is at 9 a.m. on the next day.

The cost for the site is \$30. There is no charge for the movie.

For more information on the events at Hickam Harbor, call 449-5215.

For more information on all MWR activities, visit www.greatlife.hawaii.com.

(Editor's note: see additional information on page B-4.)

MCPON engages Sailors and families in Hawaii

MC3 Gabrielle Joyner

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Master Chief Petty Officer of the Navy (MCPON) Mike Stevens visited Oahu, Hawaii, meeting Sailors, their families and leadership throughout the island during a two-day visit June 30-July 1.

The visit is part of MCPON's fleet engagement.

Stevens held all hands calls at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, where he split Sailors into two groups. One call was for



Master Chief Petty Officer of the Navy (MCPON) Mike Stevens speaks with a Sailor during an all-hands call at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam.

the junior enlisted E-5 and below, and the second was for the senior enlisted E-6 and above. The focus of the all hands calls was to identify issues impacting today's Navy.

"Coming here, talking with you, and listening to your thoughts, concerns and recommendations are very important to me," said Stevens. "It allows me to gauge the morale of our force, while addressing any concerns you may have."

Stevens started each session with an interactive exercise to gauge how Sailors viewed the overall fleet's morale. The audi-

ence closed their eyes so as to not be influenced by the people around them and voted on whether they thought the Navy's morale was poor, good, good high, excellent or outstanding. The feedback from the junior enlisted and their senior enlisted leadership was similar, with more variation from the good to very good categories.

After the exercise, Stevens opened the floor for questions from the audience. Sailors brought up various issues including exchange and commissary rumors, fitness

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JBPHH, HPD partner up during active shooter exercise

Story and photo by Senior Airman Christopher Stoltz

Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam Public Affairs

The Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam (JBPHH) security department partnered with the Honolulu Police Department during an active shooter training exercise held July 1 at the Personnel Support Detachment building at Moanalua Shopping Center.

The exercise tested the JBPHH Security department and HPD's emergency-response time and capabilities during an active-shooter scenario. This event in particular was different because it was held in a military building situated in a civilian location, which al-

lowed both military and civilian police forces to work together to assess and respond to a threat.

Senior Airman Justin Williams, 647th Security Forces patrolman, was one of the military defenders to participate in the exercise and one of the first responders on scene. He said although he has participated in exercises many times before, he learns something new each time.

"Repetition builds muscle memory," he said. "It may seem like we do a lot of these types of exercises, but having this experience is critical."

"Knowing what you're doing, in addition to discovering what you can improve on, can end up saving lives in the future if something as unfortunate as this happens. I hope it never does, but I



want to be sure I am ready and capable of doing something if it does," he said.

Capt. Jun Park from Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam Security department, oversaw the active-shooter exercise and said having these capabilities requires diligence and dedication, along with patience and the willingness to adapt and change one's game plan.

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A member of the Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam security department secures the area while a suspect is apprehended during an active-shooter exercise, held July 1. (Inset) A participant portraying an 'active-shooter' walks through the Personnel Support Detachment building during an exercise held July 1. (Additional photo on page A-5.)



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70 Years of Peace commemoration to be held at Pearl Harbor on Aug. 15

Nagaoka fireworks to be launched off Ford Island

Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam Public Affairs

The U.S. Navy in Hawaii will join the cities of Honolulu and Nagaoka, Japan in commemorating the 70th anniversary of the end of World War II in the Pacific on Aug. 15 on historic Ford Island at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam. Fireworks will

be launched off the west side of Ford Island.

The public is invited to the events, beginning at 4 p.m. and culminating in Pearl Harbor's first-ever display of Nagaoka's famous fireworks at 8 p.m. to honor the memory of the war's victims and to celebrate 70 years of peace and friendship.

The event is free and open to the public. Activities kick off with food available for purchase, cultural and educational dis-

plays, and entertainment. The official commemorative program starts at 7 p.m. with guest speakers, a youth peace summit declaration, performances by Nagaoka children's choir and HEARTS Hawaii choir, and a special performance of the hit song "Jupiter" by the Japanese singer-songwriter Ayaka Hirahara.

At 8 p.m. the skies above Pearl Harbor and surrounding areas will light up with a gorgeous display of Nagaoka's special fireworks to honor war victims, pursue everlasting peace and friendship, and pave the way for future generations. Music for the fireworks will simulcast live on radio station Hawaiian 105.1 KINE.

The public will be allowed access to Ford Island, with parking available on a first-come, first-served basis. Please plan accordingly for traffic due to the limited lanes on the Ford Island

bridge. Other parking and transportation options will be posted on the website when available at www.cnic.navy.mil/70yearsofpeace.

Strict security measures will be in place. No large bags, large purses, outside food or beverages, coolers, or tents will be permitted. Visit the website for a complete list of restricted and authorized items. All carry-in items are subject to search.

Command changes for Navy Region Hawaii and MIDPAC

Story and photo by
MC2 Jeffrey Troutman

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A Navy Region Hawaii and Naval Surface Group Middle Pacific (MIDPAC) change of command ceremony was held June 26 at Kilo Pier at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam (JBPHH).

Rear Adm. John Fuller relieved Rear Adm. Rick Williams as commander of Navy Region Hawaii and Naval Surface Group Middle Pacific.

"It's truly been a wonderful experience for myself and my family during our time here in Hawaii," said Williams.

"I couldn't have asked for a command or a better group of people to work with, and I know Rear Adm. Fuller will enjoy the wonderful challenges and opportunities



U.S. Navy photo by MC2 Jeff Troutman

Rear Adm. John Fuller speaks during a change of command ceremony at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, June 26. Fuller relieved Rear Adm. Richard Williams Jr. as commander of Navy Region Hawaii and Naval Surface Group Middle Pacific.

that await him here at Pearl Harbor."

Commander, Navy Region Hawaii has leadership oversight of JBPHH on Oahu

and Pacific Missile Range Facility on Kauai. Commander, Naval Surface Group Middle Pacific has leadership oversight of the 11 sur-

face ships homeported in Hawaii.

Vice Adm. Kenneth Floyd, commander of U.S. 3rd Fleet, was keynote speaker

at the ceremony and praised Williams for the accomplishments he achieved in his two years as commander.

"Rear Adm. Williams ensured that every surface group here was ready for whatever awaited them over the horizon, and I know he'll continue to strive for his commitment to excellence at his next command just as he's done for the last 30 years of his career," said Floyd.

"On behalf of the men and women of the Surface Group MIDPAC, Navy Region Hawaii, U.S. 3rd Fleet and the U.S. Navy as a whole, we thank you for your leadership here, and we're proud of both you and the accomplishments you achieved during your time here," Floyd said.

Vice Adm. Dixon Smith, commander of Navy Installations Command, also participated in the ceremony. Commander, Navy Installations Command (CNIC) is re-

sponsible for worldwide shore installation support for what the U.S. Navy under the Chief of Naval Operations (CNO). Smith was the Navy Region Hawaii/MIDPAC commander from 2008 to 2011.

Williams has served here since July 2013. He leaves Hawaii to become commander of Carrier Strike Group 15 in San Diego.

Fuller comes to Hawaii after serving as deputy, littoral combat ships, N96, office of the Chief of Naval Operations.

"Rear Adm. Williams has built a great team here at the command in Pearl Harbor, and he's fostered a wonderful turnover to ensure my success in the years ahead," said Fuller. "I look forward to your continued success, and I know that under your leadership, our Pacific forces will always be ready to support and defend this great country of ours."

Shooter exercise hones readiness

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"Practice makes perfect, and enemy tactics are ever-changing," he said. "We need to be as close to perfect as we can get."

Park also said the military and civilian team dynamic presents new educational opportunities for the JBPHH Security department.

"It's important to get everyone involved," said Park. "Holding these exercises on off-base locations adds a dynamic to our training which will help us respond effectively. Testing our capabilities and learning how we function when partnering with other agencies helps us evolve as a team."

"We're very fortunate to have the opportunity to partner up with HPD," Park added. "It gives us the chance to learn from each other and discover possible weaknesses in how we operate. This will allow both of our forces to become stronger and better at defending our most valuable asset—our people."

Hickam Redemption Center closed effective July 1

Hickam Redemption Center (HI-5 bottle/can collections) managed by Navy Region Hawaii's recycling program has been immediately shut down as of July 1 until further notice. This is due to new state regulations for HI-5 operations.

Discussions between the Navy and the state are underway, but the out-

come could take a few weeks. In the meantime, personnel who were using the Hickam Redemption Center should look for an alternate redemption location if they need to reduce their bottle/can collections.

Note: All outstanding vouchers will be honored and can be redeemed at the main Navy Exchange Aloha Center.

MCPON discusses diversity in Navy

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standards and financial concerns. One Sailor expressed his concern about the proposed cut to basic allowance for housing to dual military households, an issue that affects many Sailors and their families.

"I have been involved in this discussion for quite some time," said Stevens.

"Tomorrow, I'll be talking with staff members from the Senate, and I will continue to convey exactly what your concerns are. Senior leadership is committed to help get this right for our Sailors and their families," he said.

Stevens also talked about the importance of diversity when a Sailor brought up women's integration into the subma-

rine force, stating that he was glad for the change and when women are excluded from the field, it is a disservice to the U.S. Navy.

"We are the greatest Navy in the world, no doubt about it, and what I believe makes our Navy so great is our diversity, just like our nation," said Stevens.

According to Cryptologic Technician (Technical) 3rd Class Alyssa Kauffman, the MCPON was good at opening the Sailors up for conversation and made them feel comfortable.

"I feel like the all-hands call went well," said Kauffman. "People had a lot of issues to address and they all had meaning, so I felt like it was a productive conversation."

Master Chief Machinist's Mate Jay Cherland

commented on the integration of first class petty officers with the chief's mess for the senior enlisted session.

"We're incorporating the first classes as future leaders, so it's important for them to see what we do," said Cherland. "I'm glad the MCPON is here in Hawaii and glad we get to talk to him and get some of his points."

While in Hawaii, Stevens also met with Adm. Scott Swift, commander of the U.S. Pacific Fleet, to discuss matters that affect the Navy's Pacific region.

Stevens and his wife Theresa, ombudsman at large, also met with approximately 60 spouses from the local ombudsman team to discuss issues ranging from child development centers to spouse support programs.

NEPMU-6 holds change of charge ceremony

Capt. Raymond D. Stiff passes through the sideboys during a change of charge ceremony held June 24 at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam. During the ceremony, Capt. Mark Sweengin relieved Capt. Stiff as the new officer in charge of Navy Environmental and Preventive Medicine Unit Six.

U.S. Navy photo by MC2 Gabrielle Joyner



Commentary

It's an honor to lead Navy Region Hawaii/MIDPAC ohana

Rear Adm. John Fuller

Commander, Navy Region Hawaii and Naval Surface Group Middle Pacific

It is indeed a great honor to be here in Hawaii, and I am very thankful to join and lead the team at Navy Region Hawaii and Naval Surface Group, Middle Pacific.

Last week's change of command ceremony was inspiring and humbling. My wife, Mary, and I were im-

pressed with the turnout and show of support for our military.

I am honored to publicly thank [U.S.] 3rd Fleet Commander Vice Adm. "Pink" Floyd and Navy Installations Commander Vice Adm. Dixon Smith for presiding at the change of command. Mary and I also thank Rear Adm. Rick Williams and Suzy Williams for their very warm welcome and for their superior work here.

Among my first orders of



Rear Adm. John V. Fuller

business will be learning and listening. I'm looking forward to meeting as many of you as possible in the near future and hearing your ideas for building even stronger relationships in the surrounding community.

In fact, as I mentioned at last Friday's ceremony, one of the first Hawaiian words I learned is *ohana*. I see great value in the concept of treating everyone as part

of an ohana—part of the family.

Our mission is to defend our extended ohana in the United States and do our part to promote the sense of cooperation with our family of allies and friends in the Pacific.

Our region and surface group are committed to delivering a fleet that is ready to fight our nation's wars and win. The critical imperative for meeting that commitment must be taking care of both our service members and their family's needs. We face tough challenges and must embrace innovation in order to achieve our goals.

In my previous assignment, I served as deputy for littoral combat ships, surface warfare division. There I saw firsthand how new ways of thinking and fresh perspectives can help us achieve great things, whether in building the fu-

ture sea services or strengthening alliances and partnerships.

We will do just that next month when the [Navy] Region and MIDPAC team helps the Joint Base host the 70th anniversary of the end of World War II: "70 Years of Peace." And next year all of us will be part of Commander, U.S. 3rd Fleet's relationship-building when the Rim of the Pacific exercise returns to Hawaii.

Those are just two examples of the milestones and exciting work ahead. There will be plenty of opportunities for us to work together and achieve common goals.

When I say it's a great honor to be in Hawaii, I want to explain the context.

With a region view, I reflect on the veterans who served before us with a sense of awe. And I think of the Pearl Harbor, Barking Sands and Hickam legacies

and the importance of this region's installations, tenant commands and historic partners and what they represent.

From the waterfront, I also understand the strategic role our MIDPAC surface ships play in providing forward presence as they support U.S. Pacific Fleet's rebalance to Indo-Asia-Pacific.

The Navy Region Hawaii/MIDPAC responsibilities are uppermost in my mind as we enter the Fourth of July weekend to celebrate the freedom and liberties we Americans cherish. We have a mission that is vital to our nation's security.

Here is my mission critical request to each one of you. Please—do your part to be safe this weekend. Help watch over your shipmates, families and friends.

Let's keep the ohana safe and ready!

Diverse Views



How do you plan to deal with Oahu's new plastic bag ban?



Senior Master Sgt. Angela McGill
692nd Intelligence Surveillance and Reconnaissance Group

"I think it's great that the NEX is supporting Oahu's attempt to reduce waste on the island. As ambassadors to our host island, I think it's the best way to go."

Staff Sgt. Everett Cooper
15th Comptroller Squadron



"I think I will have to leave my own bag in my car."



LS2 Jeremiah Edwards
NAVSUP Fleet Logistics Center

"It's kind of a pain. It's not as convenient. I wish they would go back."

Senior Master Sgt. Lisa Deal
15th Medical Operations Squadron



"Biodegradable bags are a must today. Our landfills are too full, and the items that should be recyclable are not disintegrating. Oahu needed to do something."



ET1 Andrew Powers
Intermediate Maintenance Facility

"Plastic bags actually have a smaller environmental impact, long term, than the paper bags. So, I think it's kind of a silly move. However, if we work on banning both paper and plastic and focus on people just bringing their own bags, that would probably resolve both issues."

Senior Master Sgt. Edgard Castillo
HQ PACAF



"Bring your own reusable bag. It's a good idea for a place like Hawaii. It minimizes trash."



MM2 Jacob Brock
USS Louisville (SSN-724)

"I think it's a great idea — save the Earth a little bit at a time. You buy one toothbrush and some toothpaste — you don't really need a plastic bag for something like that. Just put it in your pocket. It's pretty easy."

Senior Master Sgt. Jeffrey Pakele
154th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron



"It's a good idea, being on an island with minimal landfills. It would require keeping extra bags in each car just in case."



Staff Sgt. Romeo Filrang
Recruiting Sub-Station, Honolulu

"Whatever decisions they make, I just go with it. It doesn't really bother me either way. It's for the beauty of Hawaii."

Lt. Cmdr. Matthew Malinowski
Pearl Harbor Naval Shipyard



"That's fine, (but) we wind up using a lot of plastic bags anyway. I don't know if it will save that much."

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and David D. Underwood Jr.

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'Hiring Our Heroes' job fair, Hawaii transition summits to be held next week

The Hawaii Service Member Transition Summits, including a "Hiring Our Heroes" job fair, will be held next week at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam and Schofield Barracks.

Events at both locations will culminate in a Hiring Our Heroes job fair for transitioning service members, veterans and military spouses.

The first summit will take place on July 7 and 8 at Schofield Barracks.

Employer-focused interactive forums and panel discussions will be held at 1 p.m. July 7 at the Schofield Barracks Nehelani Conference and Banquet Center, 1249 Kolekole Ave. A net-

working reception will follow at 3:30 p.m.

Job seeker-focused events will include employment panels and workshops at 9 a.m. and a hiring fair at 1 p.m. on July 8 at the Schofield Barracks' Martinez Physical Fitness Center, building 488.

The second summit will be held July 8 and 9 at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam.

Employer-focused interactive forums and panel discussions will be held at 5 p.m. July 8 at Club Pearl, JBPHH. A networking reception will follow at 6:30 p.m. July 8.

Job seeker-focused employment panels and work-

shops will be held from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. July 9 at the Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam Fitness Center, followed by a hiring fair at 1 p.m. in the fitness center.

"Due to the expected parking congestion on July 9 during the Hiring Our Heroes Transition Summit we kindly ask all Joint Base Fitness Center patrons to use the other gym facilities on Pearl Harbor, Hickam and Makalapa," said Rich Carlson of the Military and Family Support Center.

These consecutive summits — primarily focused on supporting service members and military families preparing to exit the military — are a collaborative

effort to connect members of the military community to meaningful employment opportunities before they transition out of the armed forces.

The U.S. Chamber of Commerce Foundation, along with lead sponsor Microsoft, will join the U.S. Army, Air Force, Marine Corps, and Navy; the U.S. Departments of Labor and Veterans Affairs; the U.S. Small Business Administration, and hundreds of transitioning service members and spouses for the Hawaii Service Member Transition Summits.

Free registration is available online at www.hiringourheroes.org.

B-17s fly over Hickam in 1941



U.S. Army Air Corps file photo

The first flight of the Boeing B-17 Flying Fortress took place in the state of Washington on July 28, 1935. Shown here are Boeing B-17Ds from the 5th Bombardment Group flying over the main gate at Hickam Field during the summer of 1941. Twenty-one B-17C/Ds had been flown out to Hawaii during May to reinforce the defenses of the islands.



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Operation Warmheart gives \$1,500 to commissary customers

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The First Sergeant’s Council supported Operation Warmheart, June 27, by handing out \$1,500 in commissary gift cards to Hickam Commissary customers.

First sergeants from around the base handed out \$25 and \$50 commissary gift cards to military service members E-6 and below and their family members. The gift card giveaway was a way for Operation Warmheart to give back to the Joint Base community and let people know that Operation Warmheart is a year-round campaign.

“It seems like most people associate Operation Warmheart with the holidays and asking for donations instead of giv-



Tomia Harp receives a commissary gift card from Master Sgt. Marcel Colombo, 324th intelligence Squadron first sergeant, June 27, at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam.

ing back,” said Master Sgt. Jacob Davidson, 747th Communications

Squadron’s first sergeant and Operation Warmheart council president.

“We don’t want people to think Operation Warmheart is only asking for

donations. We want people to know that Operation Warmheart is helping out the community as well,” he said.

Davidson said shoppers looked surprised as the first sergeants stopped them to hand out the gift cards.

“I thought they were doing a fundraiser when I saw the Operation Warmheart banner,” said Tech. Sgt. Adrienne Watson from Pacific Air Force Command Air, Space and Logistics Operations. “I was very surprised when they gave me the gift card. It is a blessing for us and it will really help us out.”

According to Davidson, the gift card giveaway was open to all E-6 and below shopping at the commissary, regardless of branch of service.

“I was shocked and grateful when he handed

me a gift card. It means less money out of my pocket and that it is very helpful,” said Tomia Harp, mother of four and wife of Army Sgt. Nathaniel Harp, 249th Engineer Battalion Schofield Barracks.

Davidson said that Operation Warmheart is a support organization for Airmen during times of need. Operation Warmheart provides no interest loans as well as support to the community during the holidays and year-round. Last year Operation Warmheart gave \$30,000 to families in need and have plans to do so again this year.

“Operation Warmheart is literally here just to help the community,” said Davidson. “I want people to think of Operation Warmheart as a throughout the year organization not just the holidays.”

USS Chafee Sailors experience Brisbane, Australia culture

USS Chafee (DDG 90) Public Affairs

BRISBANE, Australia— The Arleigh Burke-class, guided-missile destroyer USS Chafee (DDG 90) homeported at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, visited Brisbane for a port visit June 19-24 and prepared for exercise Talisman Sabre 2015.

“It was very exciting to visit our friends in Brisbane,” said Cmdr. Shea Thompson, Chafee’s commanding officer.

“This port visit, as well as exercise Talisman Sabre, provides our Sailors a chance to strengthen the bonds between the U.S. and Australia. We just completed a long training phase and are ready to show off our hard-earned skills,” he said.

Chafee Sailors experienced the rich culture of the area with various tours of local historic locations and regional attractions provided by the ship’s morale, welfare and recreation



U.S. Navy photo

The USS Chafee (DDG 90) visited Brisbane, for a port visit and prepared for exercise Talisman Sabre 2015.

(MWR) association.

“MWR Australia offered ATV rides, scuba diving and fishing trips as well as tickets to the Dream World Fun Park,” said Ensign Ben Baehren, Chafee’s MWR officer. “Sailors had many great options to choose from.”

Other than tours, many Sailors spent time with their families and friends who came to visit them in Brisbane.

“It was exciting to see my family,” said Lt. Nicholas Hughes, whose wife Jennifer is from the Australian state of Victoria.” Visiting Australia always feels like a homecoming. I’ve enjoyed exploring Brisbane and the famous Gold Coast.”

Chafee is on deployment with the George Washington Strike Group in the U.S. 7th Fleet area of responsibility, supporting security and stability in the Indo-Asia-Pacific region, and will participate in the biennial military training exercise Talisman Sabre 2015 in Australia, July 4-19.

Pearl Harbor-Hickam Highlights



U.S. Sen. (Hawaii) Mazie Hirono receives a briefing during a visit of the modernized Red Hill Bulk Fuel Storage Facility, a national strategic asset.

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



U.S. Sen. Mazie Hirono receives a briefing from Lt. Cmdr. Andrew Lovgren, fuel director and actions officer, Navy Supply Fleet Logistics Center, June 30, during a site visit of Red Hill Bulk Fuel Storage Facility.



U.S. Sen. Mazie Hirono (center) and Rear Adm. John Fuller, commander of Navy Region Hawaii and Naval Surface Group Middle Pacific (right), visits Red Hill Bulk Fuel Storage Facility.

Officers from the Honolulu Police Department (HPD) arrive on-scene and clear the area during an active-shooter exercise held July 1. The exercise, which took place at the Personnel Support Detachment building, tested the JBPHH security department and HPD's capabilities during an active shooter scenario.

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



Musician 3rd Class Christopher Garten dances with children at the Arawa Primary School, June 30, during Pacific Partnership 2015. The hospital ship USNS Mercy (T-AH 19) is in Papua, New Guinea for its second mission port of PP15.

U.S. Navy photo by MC3 Mayra A. Conde

(Right) A MH-60R Seahawk helicopter conducts flight training operations June 23 over the island of Molokai.

U.S. Navy photo by MC3 Amber Porter



USS Jacksonville makes port visit in Australia during deployment

Ensign
Nicholas Lucania

USS Jacksonville
(SSN 699) Public Affairs

STIRLING, Australia (NNS)—The Los Angeles-class fast-attack submarine USS Jacksonville (SSN 699) arrived in Stirling, Australia, June 25 for a port visit as a part of its western Pacific deployment.

The Jacksonville crew is interacting with the Royal Australian Navy and is immersed in the local culture through community service projects and planned activities.

“I am really looking forward to spending time in Australia,” said Logistics Specialist 2nd Class Kevin Beck. “I have never been south of the equator before. I can’t wait to visit the surrounding cities, catch a game of footy, and see a kangaroo.”

Since departing Sepangar, Malaysia, Jacksonville has been hard at work, rapidly responding to a variety of tasking and continuing the professional development of each Sailor aboard. More than one dozen Jacksonville Sailors have earned their



The Los Angeles-class attack submarine USS Jacksonville (SSN 699) is moored in Stirling, Australia June 25. Jacksonville is in Australia as a part of its deployment.

U.S. Navy photo

dolphins since departing Pearl Harbor.

“The crew continued to push hard during the second leg of deployment and Jacksonville experienced nothing short of success,” said Master Chief Electronics Technician Kevin Rollert, the chief of the boat aboard Jacksonville. “We are fortunate to be visiting another outstanding port call. This is a great opportunity for the crew to relax and enjoy the sights.”

Throughout their 2015 western Pacific deployment, Jacksonville’s crew of 144 Sailors will conduct a variety of missions. Jacksonville will participate in several joint exercises focused on enhancing international maritime operations.

Jacksonville was commissioned May 16, 1981 and is homeported in Pearl Harbor. The ship measures more than 360 feet long, displaces 6,900 tons and is one of the most capable submarines in the world. Jacksonville supports a wide range of missions, including anti-submarine warfare, anti-surface ship warfare and naval special warfare.

Wahiawa Public Library hosts military working dog demonstration

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WAHIAWA, Hawaii—Service members, families and Oahu residents gathered at the Wahiawa Public Library for a military working dog demonstration June 18, presented by Airmen assigned to Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam (JBPHH).

The demonstration was part of a series of events being held for the library’s summer reading program. This year’s theme focuses on heroes.

“We’re looking at all different kinds of people and groups of people doing heroic things in a range of circumstances,” said Matt Brown, acting branch manager for Wahiawa Public Library. “Last night, we had police officers come in, and next week we’re having a special event where we have a storyteller coming in to talk about traditional Hawaiian heroes. And this evening we’re very lucky to have our working dog team come up from Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam,” he said.

Air Force Staff Sgt. Nicholas White and Senior Airman Cody Becker, assigned to JBPHH, kicked off the event by introducing those in attendance to Ggregor, a military working dog (MWD).

During their presentation, they briefed the crowd about the life of a MWD, what MWDs are capable of as well as how they train them and, most of all, safety around MWDs. The Airmen then put on a visual demonstration where they showed the crowd how Ggregor would take down an offender.

“I feel like us coming out and



getting involved with the community is very important, especially for our job,” said Becker.

“The working dog program is about security and law enforcement, but it’s also about developing a tie with the community, helping the community understand what we do and what our capabilities are,” Becker said.

Sylvia Cheng, a longtime patron of the Wahiawa Public Library and attendee at the event, said that she found the military working dog presentation to be informative.

“[The MWD presentation] was educational, and it was nice to see the military coming out to the community and share what they go through, as well as the animals,” said Cheng. “I know the kids enjoyed just seeing a working dog, too, and what it takes to train them.”

Brown echoed Cheng’s sentiments and expressed how much military involvement means to those in the community.

“Being here on Oahu in the library system, not only do we, on staff, feel very strongly about our relationship with our military friends and neighbors, but so, too, do our patrons,” said Brown. “Many of them, in fact, come from military families or have a military background. So anytime we have a chance to do something co-operatively or in conjunction with the folks in the military, we look forward to that,” he said.

The summer reading program encourages readers of all ages to participate from May 31 through July 18. The 2015 theme for children is, “Every Hero Has a Story,” and, “Unmask!,” for teens. The theme for adults is, “Escape the Ordinary.”

(Left) U.S. Air Force Senior Airman Cody Becker and Staff Sgt. Nicholas White, both assigned to Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, host a demonstration with Ggregor, a military working dog, for community members during a Wahiawa Public Library summer reading event.

(Below) U.S. Air Force Staff Sgt. Nicholas White, assigned to Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, performs a demonstration with Ggregor, a military working dog, for community members during a Wahiawa Public Library summer reading event.



Brown explained why it so important for the community to utilize the resources and programs, such as the summer reading program, offered at the public library.

“We hope that our people are well informed so they can make good decisions and they can voice well thought out ideas, and we think of the library as essential to

that,” said Brown.

“But if people aren’t literate, if they aren’t continuously taking on board new information and considering it, then that’s a less than ideal situation. And I don’t see any place in the community that really brings all of these elements together except for the public library,” he said.



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The July Fourth weekend can be one of the biggest highlights of the summer. It is a special time all Americans can gather together to recognize our country's rich history and freedom. For many families here in Hawaii, celebrating this long holiday may include a backyard barbecue or even a visit to their favorite beach. Whatever your pleasure, please remember the following safety suggestions as you embark on this special weekend.

Swimming safety

According to USA.gov, water sports and swimming are both linked to numerous deaths and injuries each year. In fact, many statistics show that most young children who drown in pools have been out of sight for less than five minutes.

- Never leave a child unattended in a pool or spa and always watch your child when he or she is in or near water.
- Teach children basic water safety tips.
- Keep children away from pool drains, pipes and other openings to avoid entrapments.
- Have a telephone close by when you or your family is using a pool or spa.
- If a child is missing, look for him or her in the pool or spa first.
- Share safety instructions with family, friends and neighbors.

Beach safety

Hawaii has some of the most beautiful beaches in the world. However, if you are a novice swimmer, they can also be among the most dangerous. Redcross.org lists the following tips when visiting the beach:

- Keep alert for local weather conditions.
- Check to see if any warning signs or flags are posted.

- Swim sober and always swim with a buddy.
- Have young children and inexperienced swimmers wear a Coast Guard-approved life jacket.
- Protect the neck—don't dive headfirst. Walk carefully into open waters.
- Keep a close eye and constant attention on children and adults while at the beach. Wave action can cause someone to lose his or her footing, even in shallow water.
- Watch out for aquatic life. Water plants and animals may be dangerous. Avoid patches of plants and leave animals alone.

Rip currents

Other things to be careful of when visiting the beach are powerful rip currents and narrow and fast moving water channels. According to Redcross.org, rip currents are responsible for deaths on our nation's beaches every year and for most of the rescues performed by lifeguards. Always be aware of the danger of rip currents and remember the following:

- Stay at least 100 feet away from piers and jetties. Permanent rip currents often exist near these structures.
- If someone is caught in a rip current, swim parallel to the shore until out of the current. Once free, they should turn and swim toward shore.
- If they can't swim to the shore, they should float or tread water until free of the rip current and then head toward shore.

Grilling safety

Every year people in this country are injured while using backyard charcoal or gas grills. Redcross.org suggests the following steps to ensure a safe backyard barbecue:

- Always supervise a barbecue grill when in use.
- Never grill indoors—not in your house, camper, tent, or any enclosed area.
- Make sure everyone, including the pets,

stays away from the grill.

- Keep the grill out in the open, away from the house, the deck, tree branches or anything that could catch fire.
- Use the long-handled tools especially made for cooking on the grill to keep the chef safe.
- Never add charcoal starter fluid when coals have already been ignited.
- Always follow the manufacturer's instructions when using grills.

Alcohol safety

Whether it's a special holiday or event, many service members and civilians enjoy a drink regardless of the season. But personnel are reminded to drink responsibly.

According to the American Society of Addiction and Medicine, four or more standard drinks for a woman and five or more for a man is considered binge drinking. Binge drinking is responsible for many unintentional injuries such as trips and falls, car crashes and accidental drowning.

Below are suggested tips for drinking responsibly:

- Designate a sober driver.
- Don't drink on an empty stomach. Eat foods high in protein and fat, such as cheese or nuts.
- Set a limit and stick to it.
- Avoid chugging and drinking games.
- Know when you've had enough.
- Alternate alcoholic beverages with water, and be sure to drink plenty of water to keep your body hydrated.
- Never drink when you're hungry, angry, lonely, or tired.
- Pace yourself. Drink slower and eat in between alcohol drinks. It takes the body 60-90 minutes to fully feel the effects of alcohol on a full stomach.
- Know the symptoms of alcohol poisoning.
- Never leave your drinks unattended or accept an open beverage from anyone.



Photo Illustration

Port Royal outlasts tough MidPac to win in three sets

**Story and photo by
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When it comes to intramural sports at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam (JBPHH), USS Port Royal (CG 73) has made quite a name for themselves among competitors from shore and ships.

On June 25, the team embarked on another campaign, although in somewhat unfamiliar territory, and did what it does best: win.

Although it took three sets to do it, Port Royal opened up the Blue Division intramural volleyball season by defeating Middle Pacific (MidPac) "First to 25" by scores of 25-24, 21-25 and 15-9 at JBPHH Fitness Center.

"This is the first game of the season, and we haven't had a team in couple of years," said Port Royal hitter Culinary Specialist Seaman James Luebbe. "So we're just trying to get out here and figure some stuff out."

Even with MidPac taking the court with only five players—one shy of a full squad — Port Royal still needed some

time to adjust and found themselves in danger of losing the first set.

Down by a score of 23-20, Port Royal came back and pulled to within a point on a sideout by Seaman Apprentice Tariq Jackson.

Jackson then proceeded to put the game away on back-to-back aces and place Port Royal ahead at one set to none.

Back to full strength with six players on the court, First to 25 was able to hold a small advantage throughout the entire second set before outscoring Port Royal five to one to take a 25-21 victory and even the match at one apiece.

In the second set, the game was tied four times with the last deadlock coming at 20-20.

Then in the third and final set, both teams continued to battle before Port Royal broke a 9-9 tie on a kill by Luebbe.

Two more kills by Jackson set the stage for game ball, and Luebbe put it away for good on an ace and a 15-9 win.

"I think we're lucky to

have a lot of athletes like Jackson," Luebbe said. "He can just go around and pick up different sports. I don't know if he's even played (volleyball) before."

Luebbe, along with Jackson, seemed to form a formidable duo as the tandem accounted for the majority of the team's points.

Luebbe pointed out that he feels Port Royal will be even better in the future, when more players are scheduled to hop aboard the team.

"We had a lot of people missing today," he admitted. "If they were here, we'd definitely be really competitive then."

Likewise, the same can be said of MidPac, which put up a great battle despite starting off with one player short of a full team.

Although MidPac came back to tie the match at one set apiece, Information Systems Technician 2nd Class Michael Bird said that the lack of players eventually took its toll on the squad, which played without any substitutions.

"That hinders you a lot,"

Bird said about the missing players on his team. "But our team did a really good job of coming back in the second round. We just fell a little short in the third."

Despite losing to Port Royal, Bird said that he is encouraged by the way the team fought back to push the game to three sets.

"I'm excited," Bird admitted. "Hopefully, we'll do better for the rest of the season."

While Port Royal's volleyball team has a high standard to follow after watching the success of their other intramural squads, Luebbe said that everything would work out in this sport as well if the players just remember to enjoy the game.

"We're just having fun," he said. "Maybe there is a little pressure because we want the bragging rights, but really, there's not that much pressure."

Hitter Culinary Specialist Seaman James Luebbe goes up for a block against Chief Warrant Officer 2 Aaron May.



Navy Lodge Hawaii wins Carlson award for top performer, new record setter

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Navy Region Hawaii Public Affairs

Navy Exchange Service Command (NEXCOM) presented Navy Lodge Hawaii with its third Edward E. Carlson Award, large category, June 23.

The Carlson Award is presented each year to the Navy Lodge that demonstrates superior performance in operations, guest service and associate satisfaction.

Last year, Navy Lodge Hawaii was a top performer in each category and set a new record for occupancy rate at 99.7 percent.

"You ... had a room occupancy heads and tails over everyone



Capt. Stanley Keeve Jr., commander of JBPHH, speaks during an award ceremony June 23 on Ford Island. The 2014 Carlson Award was presented to the Navy Lodge that demonstrates superior performance during the year for operations, guest service and associate/guest satisfaction.

else in the Navy Lodge program, 100 percent for months. And you did it on an island, of all places. Think about it—one guy misses his plane and you could have a vacancy—not you guys," said Michael Bockelman, NEXCOM vice president and director of Navy Lodge Programs.

Capt. Stanley Keeve Jr., commander of Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam (JBPHH), accepted the award on behalf of the lodge.

"If you look at all of the Navy Lodges that exist out there, guess what: You guys are the best. That's pretty good, quite frankly," Keeve said.

"This is a gorgeous place to be. I know that it doesn't get there by itself. It takes folks like you who make that happen."

The award takes its name from a person who made things happen. Edward E. Carlson started as a hotel page at the Benjamin Franklin in Hotel Seattle and worked to become chairman and CEO of what became Westin Hotels and United Airlines.

According to Bockelman, Carlson's contribution as a member of the Secretary of the Navy's Exchange/Commissary Advisory Board led to the establishment of the Navy Lodge in 1969.

After giving the history of the award, Bockelman said, "In reality, it's about what happens today. It's your passion for guest service, it's your passion for Navy families, it's your passion for what you do every day that really makes you the best."

Wahine Koa sweep doubleheader to stay undefeated

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Since the very beginning back in 2011, when the team competed under the name of Navy Sharks, the Wahine Koa have set the standard when it comes to women's flag football on Oahu.

What started under the leadership and organizational skills of then-Hospital Corpsman 3rd Class Eustacia Joseph, as a means to accommodate military-affiliated women interested in playing flag football, has now evolved into a league that mixes both civilians and military personnel.

While the makeup of each team and organization of the league has changed over the past four years, the Wahine Koa has continued their legacy of dominance among fellow lady gridiron competitors.

After winning the Hawaii's Finest Flag Football (HF3) women's flag championship last season, the team is off to another stellar start by maintaining a perfect record, with the last two coming back-to-back in a doubleheader on June 27 at Manana Community

Park in Pearl City.

Although the Wahine Koa has lost much of their connection to Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam through enlistment and change of station, the team's competitive edge is alive and well with Aiga Moni and Khaos being counted upon its latest victims.

Wahine Koa opened the morning round of games with a 14-6 win over Aiga Moni and then immediately turned around to dispatch Khaos by a score of 6-0.

First-year head coach Marine Staff Sgt. Marques Nelson said that coming into this season he was well aware of the successful past of the Wahine Koa and is determined to keep it going.

"The main thing is me not coming here and trying to change everything," said Nelson, who stepped in for Gas Turbine System (Mechanical) 2nd Class John Lennon. "We just improve on what we already have. I made some adjustments as far as what positions people are playing and putting them in places to be successful."

Being in the right place at the right time seemed to be the theme to both of the team's recent wins but was

especially evident in the shutout victory over Khaos.

Two times, Khaos penetrated deep into the Wahine Koa territory only to be rebuffed by interceptions, which did much to preserve the victory.

Army Reservist Staff Sgt. Merlinda Suka, who pilfered a pass at the Wahine Koa seven-yard line, recorded the first pick.

The stoppage came after Wahine Koa took the opening drive of the second half and marched 32 yards on eight plays to take a 6-0 lead.

During the drive, Wahine Koa converted two clutch fourth-down plays with the final one going for a scoring toss of nine yards from quarterback Aubrey Kiemnec to receiver Sabrina Gonzalez, who is a military spouse.

"Basically, we just try to stay calm," Gonzalez said about her clutch reception. "We just followed the play, listened to coach and QB and everything worked out."

After the touchdown, Khaos seemed to respond right away by picking 23 yards on the first play from scrimmage to put the ball down at the Wahine Koa seven.

However, like the last scoring threat, the Wahine

Koa defense came up with another huge turnover when Michaela Torres snagged a pass while tiptoeing the back end of the end zone.

Torres was one of the original Sharks back when she was a hospital corpsman third class in the Navy.

"We did a great job of making adjustments," Nelson pointed out. "The main thing is that we

had a couple of defensive captains to control our defense."

Gonzalez, who is playing in her second season with Wahine Koa, said that she believes that this year's team had a good chance of making a repeat for the title.

Nelson said he agrees with Gonzalez and noted even though it's early in the season, the team is running on all cylinders.



Dee Hawkins noses the ball forward after making a reception for Wahine Koa. Hawkins is the wife of Lt. j.g. Gennaro Hawkins, USS Bonhomme Richard (LHD 6).

"As a team, we're playing great together," Nelson stated. "The main thing

is not to get too emotional on the calls and just persevere."

Hawaii Air National Guard wins Joint Base softball pennant

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For the second time in three years, Hawaii Air National Guard (HIANG) capped off the Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam intramural softball season by winning the championship with a decisive 17-10 victory over the 647th Security Forces Squadron (647 SFS) Pound Town on June 28 at Millican Field.

The HIANG, which defeated Pound Town two years ago to win their first ever Joint Base softball title, broke out the bats early this time around and kept it coming to dethrone the defending champs, which also have two Joint Base titles to their name.

"It's always been a team effort," described pitcher Chief Master Sgt. Vince Ramos, who played in his final game for HIANG after retiring from a military career that spanned 42 years.

"Guys make sure they are pepped and ready to play. That's what always helped us out. Even though the bats might have been flat, they pump up each other. That's what keeps us going."

Playing against their dreaded rival Pound Town, HIANG came out on fire in their first turn at-bat and quickly got on the scoreboard with three straight singles, the third by Staff Sgt. Eugene Winchester, to tally the first run of the game.

The team also got RBI singles from Capt. B.J. Kealaiki and Ramos and scored two more on sacrifice flies to take a 5-0 lead in the first inning.

After a quiet second inning, Pound Town showed why they made it all the way to the championship game in four of the five years by bouncing all the way back with a rally in the third.

Picking up one run on an infield error, Pound Town got run-scoring singles from Master-at-Arms 3rd Class Cameron Bowman and Master-at-Arms 2nd Class Den-



Tech. Sgt. John Arakaki of Hawaii Air National Guard beats the throw to second base and safely stretches a single into a double.

nis Lewis to make it 5-3.

Then with two runners on base, Staff Sgt. Jordan Locke crushed a ball over the left-field fence and into the parking lot to give Pound Town a 6-5 advantage.

While the Locke blast clearly put momentum on the side of Pound Town, HIANG was determined to make a happy ending for Ramos.

With one man on second and no outs in the bottom of

the third, Tech. Sgt. Paki Victorino sent HIANG back out in front on a long drive out of the park for a 7-6 lead.

Kealaiki followed with a double and was driven in on a single by Capt. Skip Saito, who was later chased home on a base hit by Staff Sgt. Donovan Chikazawa to make it 8-6.

Finally, Master Sgt. Lance Takasawa picked up the team's fourth RBI of the inning to take a 9-6

lead going into the fourth.

Ramos got the job done on the mound by tossing a scoreless fourth, which allowed the HIANG bats to go back to work in the bottom of the frame.

In the fourth, HIANG extended their lead to 13-6, with Victorino, Senior Airman Chris Zollinger and Chikazawa contributing RBI singles to the rally.

Although Pound Town picked up three runs in the

top of the fifth, the team could do nothing to cool off the HIANG bats, which added a run in the fifth and three runs in the seventh to seal the game and trophy.

Tech. Sgt. Mark Kerr, who was a member of all four of the Pound Town's championship-game appearances, said that while he thought the team had a great comeback there was no stopping HIANG this time around.

Kerr, who is retiring from the Air Force this year, said that even though the season didn't end as he would have wanted, it's still been a great ride all these years.

"The four years that I've been here, we've had three or four years in the base championship, so you can't beat that," he said. "The older guys are losing, but you've got the younger guys coming in. If these guys can stay together for three or four years, they'll be there again."

Meanwhile, for Ramos and Linda, his wife of 43 years, the final chapter as members of the HIANG softball team couldn't have been scripted any better.

Ramos thanked his wife for being there for him at every game and seeing her weep tears of joy after winning the title made the moment even more special.

"She's been here all these years," Ramos said. "In softball, bowling, basketball, all the different sports that I used to play, she just comes out. She'll be watching and supporting me in the senior leagues now."

Hickam Communities residents selected for 2015 scholarship awards

Hickam Communities

Three Hickam Communities residents have been selected as recipients of the 2015 WinningEdge Scholarship sponsored by WinnCompanies, the company providing property management services at Hickam Communities.

Ethan Whitecotton, Robert Wood and Sara Rushing were among 43 national winners of \$1,000 scholarships awarded annually.

Whitecotton and Wood both are graduates of Radford High School. Whitecotton will attend

the Rochester Institute of Technology where he will pursue a degree in computer technology, and Wood will major in communications at Sarah Lawrence College.

Rushing currently is a student at Radford High School, but also is taking college-level courses at Leeward Community College and the University of Hawaii at West Oahu.

"We appreciate the generous scholarship opportunities WinnCompanies has provided to our residents over the past several years," said Jim Switzer, project director at Hickam

Communities. "Our recipients have demonstrated a lot of hard work and commitment to furthering their education and we wish them much success as they continue their journeys."

Created in 2012, the scholarship program provides financial assistance to residents who are high school and GED graduates and who are pursuing studies at a post-secondary educational institution. Recipients are chosen based on academic performance, character and proficiency in their chosen field of study.

Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam hosts Ramadan Iftar event at chapel

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Muslims around the globe are currently celebrating the holy month of Ramadan, a time of prayer as well as fasting from sunrise to sunset. The daily fast ends with Iftar, a religious observance where Muslims eat their evening meal.

In an effort to foster understanding between Muslims and non-Muslims, an Iftar event was held June 25 at Hickam Chapel Center, Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam. It featured presentations about Islam as well as a question-and-answer session. Imam Ismail Els Sheikh of the Muslim Association of Hawaii issued a call to prayer and recited from the Quran.

One of the Five Pillars of Islam, Ramadan takes place during the ninth month of the Islamic calendar and marks the month in which the Quran was revealed to Mohammed.

Master of Arms 1st Class (SW/AW) Khayree Nuriddin, JBPHH, and Gunner Sgt. Jimi Khamisi, Hawaii Air Group 24, Marine Corps Base Hawaii, organized the event. Both are practicing Muslims and spoke to the audience about their faith.

"Islam is a religion of peace, not violence," said Nuriddin. "The word 'Islam' actually means 'peace through submission to God.' A Muslim is 'one who submits to God.'"

Khamisi talked about fasting, and how it means more than just going without food and drink.

"If you are still doing things that are harmful, you're not fasting," he said. "You're just going hungry."

Despite the difficulties of being an active duty Marine while maintaining his Ramadan fast, Khamisi believes it is well worth it.

"Without this Pillar of Islam, I would be where I am today," he said. "It's a blessing to have the month of Ramadan."

Imam Els Sheikh further explained why fasting is so important.

"We need to fast to make our hearts ready to receive the guidance of the Quran," he said. "Ramadan is about thanking Allah for the gift of the Quran."

As an observant Muslim, U.S. Air Force Capt. Asim Khan, U.S. Pacific Air Forces South Asia country director, welcomed the chance to attend Iftar at JBPHH.

"It's good to be around people with similar interests and beliefs," he said, adding that the event helped "foster an environment of friendship and understanding" between Muslims and those of other faiths.

Non-Muslims had a variety of reasons for attending the Iftar.

Todd Offutt was stationed in Bahrain while serving in the U.S. Coast Guard. He and his family are familiar with Islamic culture and traditions.

"We used to go to events like this over there," he said.



Imam Ismail Els Sheikh of the Muslim Association of Hawaii leads prayers at an Iftar event held June 25 at Hickam Chapel Center, Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam.

Builder 1st Class Jeremy Harman, JBPHH, used to work with Nuriddin, who invited him to Iftar.

"Being a Christian, I think it's quite interesting seeing how the Quran is similar and incorporates elements of the Bible," he

said. "Watching Muslims pray, I wish we could all be that dedicated."

The June 25 Iftar at JBPHH ended with a buffet dinner for all those in attendance. "It went really well," said Nuriddin. "God willing, we'll be able to do it again."

MWR July 4 events to include fireworks, concerts

Gaea Armour

JBPHH Morale, Welfare and Recreation

Thousands of patrons are expected to gather and celebrate the nation’s 239th birthday Saturday at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam.

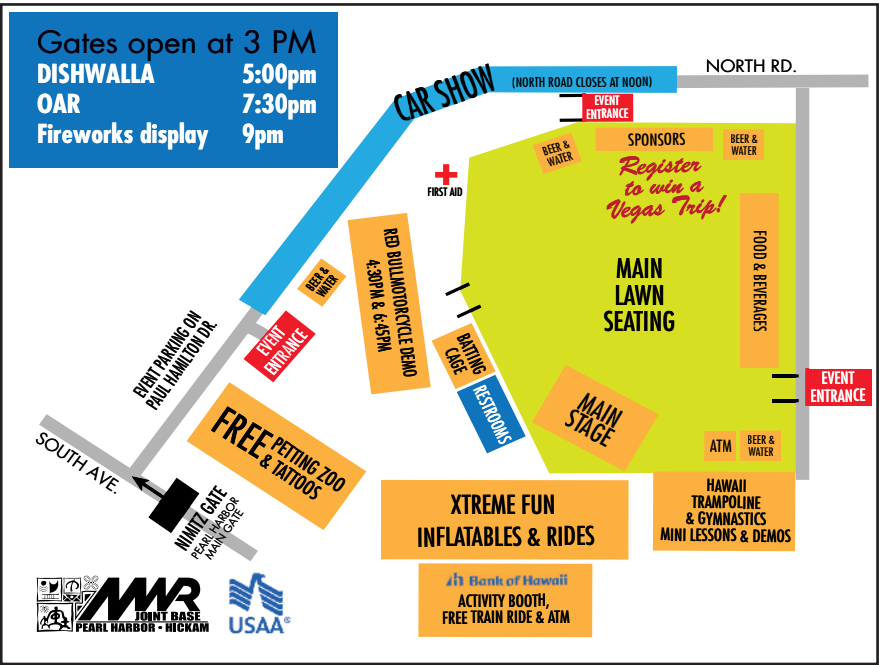
Joint Base Morale, Welfare and Recreation will host the Fourth of July celebration from 3 to 9 p.m. at Ward Field.

A variety of festivities and entertainment are planned, including one of the largest fireworks show on the island, to end the night.

Presented by Navy Entertainment, headliners Dishwalla, an alternative rock band from Santa Barbara, Calif., and O.A.R. (Of a Revolution), will take the stage prior to the fireworks. In addition, Aaron Colton, a street bike stunt rider, will perform a free exhibition and hold an autograph session.

Below is a schedule of events:

- 3 p.m., gates open.
- 4:30 p.m. performance and autograph session by Aaron Colton, street bike stunt rider.



- 5 p.m., Dishwalla performs.
 - 6:30 p.m. lines for free activities close.
 - 6:45 p.m., performance and autograph session by Aaron Colton, street bike stunt rider.
 - 7:30 p.m., O.A.R. performs.
 - 9 p.m., fireworks display.
- The event will also include

free activities such as a petting zoo, Xpress Train and airbrush tattoos.

Xtreme Fun rides and inflatables, food and beverages will be available for purchase. A variety of food vendors from around the island will participate. Patrons can enter for a chance to win prizes from sponsor row, including the grand prize of a Las Vegas getaway for two,

with airfare, meals and five nights hotel accommodations. Special restrictions and guidelines will apply to this trip.

The July 4 car show and shine will also showcase a variety of vehicles, from domestic to import. Entry categories will include classic, import, truck and club vehicles.

Available parking areas

within walking distance to the event will be designated by signage.

Organizers advise, for the safety and security of all patrons and to expedite entry into the event, that it is important to follow the guidelines listed below:

The following items are not permitted:

- Audio and video recording devices and cameras, including tablets and computers, computer and camera bags.
- Purses larger than a clutch bag (see below for dimensions in permitted items).
- Food and beverages, water bottles, coolers and thermoses.
- All bags including backpacks, briefcases, fanny packs and cinch bags.
- Seat cushions, wagons, umbrellas or luggage of any kind.
- Weapons and blades.
- Pets and animals with the exception of a service animal.
- Tents, sun shades and any chairs taller than 32 inches high.

Permitted items include:

- Cell phones.
- Strollers for infants and/or children in attendance and a diaper bag with diapers, infant bottles with formula; infant and toddler food.
- Hand-carried: Ponchos, hats, sunscreen, jackets, blankets, folding chairs not to exceed 32 inches in height (please leave the bag that you carry your chair in, outside of the event).
- Clutch purse or clutch bag with or without a handle or strap, 5 inches height by 7 inches wide by 1 inch deep.
- Items can be carried in a clear, disposable Ziploc type bag, no larger than quart size (7 inches by 8 inches).

The JBPHH Fourth of July celebration is open to Department of Defense ID cardholders and their sponsored guests.

All items are subject to search. The gate will have a 100 percent ID check. Guests should allow time for security checks at event entrances.

The schedule of events is subject to change without notice.

(For more information, visit www.greatlifehawaii.com.)

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Camping at Hickam Harbor and Movie on the Beach will be held from today through Saturday at MWR Outdoor Recreation-Hickam Harbor. The movie (to be determined) will begin at 7:30 p.m. July 3. Camping registration is at the Hickam Harbor Marina and is not required to watch the movie. Camp setup starts at 4 p.m., and camp breakdown is at 9 a.m. on the next day. The cost for the site is \$30. There is no charge for the movie. FMI: 449-5215.

\$1.50 Mondays will be held from 5 to 9 p.m. July 6 at the bowling center on the Pearl Harbor side of Joint Base. Bowling games, shoe rental and hot dogs are \$1.50 each. FMI: 473-2574.

Preschool Story Time will

begin at 9 a.m. July 8 at the Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam Library. "Clap, Tap and Drum" will be the theme for the story time. FMI: 449-8299.

One-Fifty Wild Wednesdays will be held from 4 to 9 p.m. July 8 at the bowling center on the Hickam side of Joint Base. Bowling games, shoe rental and hot dogs are \$1.50 each for patrons with military CAC cards. FMI: 448-9959.

Free Golf Clinic will begin at noon July 9 at Navy-Marine Golf Course. Golf pros will offer some tips to help golfers improve skills. FMI: 471-0142.

Mongolian barbecue will be offered from 5:30 to 8 p.m. July 9 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

"Happy Birthday, USA" Teen Lock-in will be held from 7 p.m. July 10 to 7 a.m. July 11 at the Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam Teen Center. There will be gaming stations, a movie station, a photo booth, pool tables, ping pong, bowling and food. This event is open to ages 13-18 years old. The cost is \$25, or \$20 with a Food Bank donation. FMI: 448-0418.

Women's Surf Lessons will begin at 9 a.m. July 11 at MWR Outdoor Recreation-Hickam Harbor. Participants must be able to swim

without a lifejacket. The cost is \$30. The sign-up deadline is July 9. FMI: 449-5215.

Kayak Fishing will begin at 7 a.m. July 11 at MWR Outdoor Recreation-Hickam Harbor. Participants will be taken to different locations around the island and be able to learn the basics of kayak fishing. The trip includes kayak, fishing gear, bait, transportation and guides. The cost is \$37. The sign-up deadline is July 9. FMI: 449-5215.

Learn to Surf at White Plains Beach shuttle service will depart at 8 a.m. July 11 from MWR Outdoor Adventure Center-Fleet Store. The class starts with the basics and includes standing, paddling, wave etiquette and gear

selection. Participants must be able to swim with-out a lifejacket. The cost is \$40. The sign-up deadline is July 9. FMI: 473-1198.

Learn to Stand-Up Paddleboard at Hickam Harbor classes will begin at 9:15 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. July 12 at Hickam Harbor. The cost is \$25 for each session. The sign-up deadline is July 10. FMI: 449-5215.

STORY IDEAS?

Contact the Ho'okele editor for guidelines and story/photo submission requirements

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Upcoming blood drives

- July 7, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., 1st Battalion, 3rd Marine Regiment, Marine Corps Base Hawaii.

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

Community Calendar

JULY

PICNIC ON THE PIER

SATURDAY — The Battleship Missouri Memorial will celebrate Independence Day with its Picnic on the Pier. The public is invited to the event at Pier Foxtrot-5 on Ford Island. It will begin at 6 p.m. and wrap up following a fire-works show over Pearl Harbor, which begins at 9 p.m. Pre-sale tickets are \$10 for adults and \$5 for children ages 4-12 and can be purchased online at www.ussmissouri.org/picnic. Tickets are also available at the door at \$15 for adults and \$10 for children. Complimentary round-trip shuttle service will be available from the Pearl Harbor Visitor Center to those without base access. FMI: 1-877-644-4896.

BATMAN AND STORM TROOPERS

SATURDAY — Batman, Gotham’s villains and Star Wars Storm Troopers characters will be in attendance from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Pearl Harbor Navy Exchange for a meet and greet event with fans. The Storm Troopers will be on the first floor, while Batman and the Gotham vil-lains will be on the second floor. FMI: 423-3287 or email Stephanie.lau@nexweb.org.

LIBERTY BARBECUE

6 — A free barbecue dinner will be held from 5 to 7 p.m. at the Instant Liberty Center for single, active-duty military from E-1 to E-6 only. The event will include bacon burgers, hot dogs, beverages and snacks. FMI: 473-2583.

O’MALLEY BOULEVARD CONSTRUCTION

6 TO 30 — From 1:30 to 8 p.m. daily, construction will be ongoing on the left-hand outbound lane (nearest the guard post) on O’Malley Boulevard, with traffic controls on O’Malley Boulevard. Traffic will be directed away from the guard post. All personnel should plan accordingly and be cautious.

STRESS MANAGEMENT

9, 11 — A stress management class will be held from 8 to 11 a.m. June 9 at Military and Family Support Center (MFSC) Pearl Harbor and from 8 to 11 a.m. June 11 at MFSC Wahiawa. This class is designed to help partici-pants learn how stress affects personal and professional lives, how stress can be decreased, and how the stress

cycle can be interrupted. FMI: www.greatlife.hawaii.com or 474-1999.

TEEN LOCK-IN

10, 11 — A lock-in event will be held from 7 p.m. July 10 to 7 a.m. July 11 at the Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam Teen Center for ages 13 to 18 years old. The cost is \$25 or \$20 with a food bank donation. FMI: 448-0418.

AFCEA LUNCHEON

14 — An AFCEA Hawaii (Armed Forces Communications and Electronics Association) luncheon will be held at Fort Shafter Hale Ikena Club. The guest speaker is Larry Osborn, president of Pacific Associates Inc. Check-in is at 11 a.m. and the buffet is at 11:30 a.m. The cost is \$14 for members who register by 4 p.m. on the Friday before the event and \$17 for all non-members who register by 4 p.m. on the Friday before the event. Walk-ins are welcome on a space-available basis at a cost of \$20. FMI: www.afcea-hawaii.org or 386-7424.

PEARL HARBOR COLORS

16 — The Pearl Harbor Colors ceremony from 7:30 to 8:30 a.m. at the Pearl Harbor Visitor Center will have the theme “Navy Youth Outreach programs.” It will recognize military programs such as the U.S. Sea Cadets, JROTC and Drug Education for Youth, demonstrating the Navy’s commitment to youth programs.

SAPR TRAINING

21, 22, 28 — Base-wide Sexual Assault Prevention and Response (SAPR) training will be conducted at the Hickam Memorial Theater at 9 a.m. and 2 p.m. July 21, July 22 and 28 at 2 p.m. All military personnel attached to Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam are required to attend one of the four training sessions.

AMELIA EARHART BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION

24 — Pacific Aviation Museum Pearl Harbor will celebrate famous aviatrix Amelia Earhart’s 118th birthday with a “Happy Birthday, Amelia!” party from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., offer-ing free admission to visitors dressed in period aviation costumes. Free admission will also apply to accompanying family members. The event will include an all ages “Amelia look-alike” costume contest with judging at 1 p.m. FMI: www.pacificaviationmuseum.org or 441-1000.



SAN ANDREAS (PG-13)

In the aftermath of a massive earthquake in California, a rescue-chopper pilot makes a dangerous journey across the state in order to rescue his daughter.

Movie Showtimes

SHARKEY THEATER

TODAY 7/03

5:30 PM Pitch Perfect 2 (PG-13)
7:50 PM Spy (R)

SATURDAY 7/04

2:30 PM Tomorrowland (PG)
5:10 PM Aloha (PG-13)
7:30 PM Entourage (R)

SUNDAY 7/05

2:30 PM Pitch Perfect 2 (PG-13)
4:50 PM Spy (R)
7:10 PM San Andreas (3-D) (PG-13)

THURSDAY 7/09

7:00 PM Entourage (R)

HICKAM MEMORIAL THEATER

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Forest City employees give facelift to Radford

Story and photo by
Karen Eubanks

Forest City Hawaii

Admiral Arthur W. Radford High School received a facelift June 24 when more than 115 Forest City employees spent the day volunteering there as part of the company's annual community day.

Forest City employees power washed buildings, removed gum from sidewalks, installed an air conditioner, moved furniture, and repainted walls, curbs, railings, benches and basketball backboards.

Each year during Forest City's annual community day, Forest City donates the time and energy of their employees from their offices across the country as a way to give back to their local communities.

This year Forest City Hawaii selected Radford High School as a volunteer opportunity since this public school is less than one mile from Pearl Harbor, and a large proportion of its students have a parent in active-duty military service

"Nothing is more important to parents than their children, so we were happy to assist a public school that includes so many military families," said Susan Ridgeway, director of operations for Forest City Hawaii.

"I know these families make great sacrifices in support of our military and hope that beautifying their school will help make

life a bit brighter for their children."

Since 2004, Forest City has donated thousands of employee work-hours each year during the company's annual community day. Although Forest City promotes employee volunteerism throughout the year, this is an opportunity for the company and employees to come together to complete major volunteer projects.

Last year, Forest City Hawaii's community day was spent volunteering at the Battleship Missouri Memorial, the Pacific Aviation Museum, and at various World War II monuments around historic Ford Island.

Previous projects have included volunteering at the National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific (Punchbowl), wildlife areas, and other public schools. Forest City Hawaii manages 6,884 homes for Navy and Marine Corps housing in communities on Oahu and Kauai.

Radford High School was named after former chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, Adm. Arthur W. Radford, who was stationed in Hawaii while serving in the U.S. Navy.

Admiral Arthur W. Radford High School was established in 1957 and now has annual enrollments of more than 1,300 students in grades 9-12. A number of these students live in one of the Pearl Harbor-Hickam military communities managed by Forest City.



Volunteers from Forest City Residential Management repaint the fencing around Radford High School's outdoor basketball courts as part of Forest City's annual community day.

NEXCOM helps MWR

The Navy Exchange Service Command (NEXCOM) released its fiscal year 2014 audited financial report, which showed a \$46.6 million contribution to Navy Morale, Welfare and Recreation (MWR).

"NEXCOM's mission is to provide our customers with quality goods and services at a savings and to support Navy quality of life programs," said retired Rear Adm. Robert J. Bianchi, chief executive officer, NEXCOM.

"Each year, we contribute 70 percent of our profits to MWR to accomplish that mission. For 2014, we gave Navy MWR \$46.6 million from our sales. Shopping at the NEX not only saves our customers money, it also contributes to their quality of life," he said.

Navy MWR uses the

dividends from the NEX in a variety of ways. Installations receive part of the funds for specific installation level MWR efforts. The remaining funds are used for MWR capital projects to improve facilities.

"Our MWR effort relies on the dividend we get from NEXCOM to continue to offer a quality recreation experience for Sailors and their families. These funds are very important in helping us to upgrade facilities and equipment, as well as support the diverse recreation needs of the military community that we serve," said Lorraine Seidel, recreation program manager for Navy Installations Command.

NEXCOM operates on the retail fiscal year calendar, which in 2014 was Feb. 1, 2014 to Jan. 31, 2015.

