

Japanese sailors pay respects

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Approximately 40 Japanese soldiers and sailors gathered Aug. 4 aboard the historic USS Arizona Memorial at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam for a wreath-laying ceremony. They are assigned to Japan Ground Self-Defense Force and Japan Maritime Self-Defense Force (JMSDF) helicopter destroyer JS Hyuga (DDH 181), destroyer JS Ashigara (DDG 178) and amphibious tank landing ship JS Kunisaki (LST 4003).

The wreath-laying ceremony paid respects to those who lost their lives during the Dec. 7, 1941 attack on Pearl Harbor.

Lt. Cmdr. Creighton Ho, foreign ship liaison officer assigned to Navy Region Hawaii, described the visit: “With covers removed, heads bowed in silence, and bugles rendering honors, the [Japanese] sailors and soldiers stood at attention in their full dress uniforms while Japanese Rear Adm. Hiroshi Oka, commander, Mine Warfare Forces, JMSDF, placed a wreath in front of the displayed names of the Sailors who dedicated their lives to their country, which symbolized the utmost respect and honor given by the Japanese.”

After the ceremony, the Japanese service members toured

the memorial, routinely stopping to read the informational display stands located throughout the memorial.

Following the visit to the USS Arizona Memorial, the JMSDF service members conducted wreath-laying ceremonies at the National Cemetery of the Pacific at Punchbowl and Makiki Cemetery, as well as visited the Ehime-Maru Memorial.

“This, along with other ceremonies scheduled to be performed today at Punchbowl and the Makiki Cemetery, is significant in strengthening relations between Japan and the U.S., where we are one family, sharing the same waters,” Ho said.

According to Japanese Lt. Michio Hayakama, assigned to JS Kunisaki, visiting the memorial sites around the island plays an important role in building a better friendship and partnership with the U.S.

“It works out to improve communication and learn the background to what the other one is thinking, and that helps to understand each other better,” said Hayakama.

“Seventy years ago, what led us to war was a misunderstanding of each other, but now we think about each other and that helps us to have peace, which will naturally be passed down to the next generation,” Hayakama said.

For Japanese Ensign Takeya Tsunokawa, assigned to JS Ku-



U.S. Navy photo by Seaman Michael Ray

Senior military leaders from the Japan Ground Self-Defense Force and Japan Maritime Self-Defense Force render honors during a wreath-laying ceremony at the USS Arizona Memorial during a scheduled port visit at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam. The ceremony paid respects to those who lost their lives during the attack on Pearl Harbor, Dec. 7, 1941.

nisaki, the opportunity to visit the memorial sites, like the Arizona Memorial, helps keep the history and the future of Japan in perspective.

“You don’t think about this normally every day,” said Tsunokawa. “We do a lot of joint exercises and we have a really good relationship, but these moments, like today, you don’t really think about.”

“We are the next generation and it’s kind of hard, but you can’t just let it go. You have to learn the history. You learn a lot from the past

which helps you think about the future and where you’re headed. So whenever we have a chance like this, we participate and try and show respect and reflect,” Tsunokawa said.

Following the scheduled port visit to Pearl Harbor, the JMSDF ships are slated to arrive in San Diego and participate in the multi-lateral exercise Dawn Blitz 2015. Dawn Blitz is a scenario-driven exercise led by U.S. 3rd Fleet and I Marine Expeditionary Force that will test participants in the plan-

ning and execution of amphibious operations through a series of live training events.

Overall, Creighton said events such as these help strengthen U.S.-Japan relations as it reinforces communication and cohesion between the two.

“The importance of maintaining U.S.-Japan relations reaches throughout the Pacific and the rest of the world as our missions become one to defend freedom across multiple warfare areas,” said Creighton.

USS John Paul Jones participates in missile defense test

Missile Defense Agency

The Missile Defense Agency (MDA), U.S. Pacific Command, and U.S. Navy Sailors aboard the USS John Paul Jones (DDG 53), homeported at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, successfully conducted a series of four flight test events exercising the Aegis ballistic missile defense (BMD) element of the nation’s ballistic missile defense system (BMDS).

The flight test, designated multi-mission warfare (MMW) events 1 through 4, demonstrated successful intercepts of short-range ballistic missile and cruise missile targets by the USS John Paul Jones, configured with Aegis Baseline 9.C1 (BMD 5.0 capability upgrade) and using standard missile (SM)-6 Dual I and SM-2 Block IV missiles.

All flight test events were conducted at the Pacific Missile Range Facility (PMRF), Kauai, Hawaii.



U.S. Navy photo by MC1 Nardel Gervacio

The guided-missile destroyer USS John Paul Jones (DDG 53) departs Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, July 27, to participate in missile defense tests with Pacific Missile Range Facility, Kauai.

“This important test campaign not only demonstrated an additional terminal defense layer of the BMDS, it also proved the robustness of the multi-use SM-6 missile on-board a Navy destroyer, further reinforcing the dynamic capability of the Aegis Baseline 9 weapon system,” said Vice Adm. James D. Syring, MDA director.

Event 1

On July 28, at approximately 10:30 p.m. Hawaii Standard Time (July 29, 4:30 a.m. Eastern Daylight Time), a short-range ballistic missile (SRBM) target was launched from PMRF in a northwesterly trajectory. John Paul Jones, positioned west of Hawaii, detected, tracked and launched a SM-6 Dual I

missile, resulting in a successful target intercept.

Event 2

On July 29, at approximately 8:15 p.m. Hawaii Standard Time (July 30, 2:15 a.m. Eastern Daylight Time), a short-range ballistic missile (SRBM) target was launched from PMRF in a northwesterly trajectory. John Paul Jones detected, tracked and

launched a SM-2 Block IV missile, resulting in a successful target intercept.

Event 3

On July 31, at approximately 2:30 p.m. Hawaii Standard Time, (8:30 p.m. Eastern Daylight Time) an AQM-37C cruise missile target was air-launched to replicate an air-warfare threat. John Paul Jones detected, tracked and successfully engaged the target using an SM-6 Dual I missile.

Event 4

On Aug. 1, at approximately 3:45 p.m. Hawaii Standard Time, (9:45 p.m. Eastern Standard Time), a BQM-74E cruise missile target was launched from PMRF. The USS John Paul Jones detected, tracked and successfully engaged the target using an SM-6 Dual I missile. The SM-6’s proximity-fuze warhead was programmed not to detonate after reaching the lethal distance from the target, thus providing the ability to recover and reuse

the BQM-74E target.

Facts

•MMW Event 1 was the first live fire event of the SM-6 Dual I missile.

•MMW Events 1 and 2 were the 30th and 31st successful ballistic missile defense intercepts in 37 flight test attempts for the Aegis BMD program since flight testing began in 2002.

•The MDA will use test results to improve and enhance the ballistic missile defense system (BMDS).

•Aegis BMD is the naval component of the BMDS. The MDA and the U.S. Navy cooperatively manage the Aegis BMD program.

•Operational elements of the BMDS are currently deployed, protecting the nation, our allies, and friends against ballistic missile attack.

•The BMDS continues to undergo development and testing to provide a robust layered defense against ballistic missiles of all ranges in all phases of flight.

70 Years of Peace commemoration to be held here 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 at 4 p.m. with food available for purchase, cultural and educational displays, 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 display of Nagaoka’s special fireworks to honor war victims, pursue everlasting peace and friendship, and pave the way for future genera-



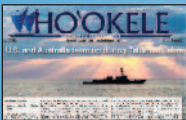
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tions. Music for the fireworks will simulcast live on radio station Hawaiian 105.1 KINE.

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.

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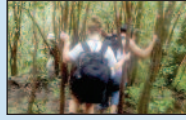
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15th Maintenance Group is under new leadership

Story and photo by
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15th Wing Public Affairs

The 15th Maintenance Group (15th MXG) said farewell to Col. David Pastore during a change of command ceremony held July 28 in hangar 19 at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam.

Pastore assumed command of the 15th MXG in July 2013. He was presented the Legion of Merit for his outstanding service and accomplishments during the July 28 ceremony.

Just before relinquishing command to Col. Robert Copes, Pastore thanked his special guests, 15th Wing leadership, 15th MXG leadership, his fellow group commanders, Friends of Hickam visitors and his family.

"To the men and women of the maintenance group, I know I have been demanding. I have asked you for much and, over the course of the last few years, you have given it," said Pastore. "You are incredi-



U.S. Air Force Photo by Tech Sgt. Aaron Oelrich
Col. Randy Huiss, 15th Wing commander, takes the guidon from Col. David Pastore, former 15th Maintenance Group commander, July 28 during the change of command ceremony at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam.

ble leaders, and I am very proud of the organization we have grown into."

Pastore said to Copes, "The Airmen of the 15th MXG are incredible, and if you take care of them they will take care of you."

Copes comes to the 15th MXG after being a student at the Dwight D. Eisenhower School for National Security and Resource Strategy, National Defense University, Ft. McNair, Washington, D.C.

Col. Randy Huiss, 15th Wing commander, presided over the ceremony and acknowledged Copes as one of the top rated squadron commanders while he expressed his confidence in Copes' ability to lead the 15th MXG.

After thanking the 15th Wing leadership and members of the local community for the "warm reception," Copes addressed the Airmen of the 15th MXG.

"To the men and women of the 154th and 15th Maintenances Groups, I look forward to working with you over the next few years

and continuing the outstanding partnership that has been developed," said Copes.

"Our interdependences on one another has helped drive a successful track record in both of our wings, and I know that if we work hard and as we mature that our relationship will only get stronger in the years to come," he said.

As the 15 MXG commander, Copes will lead and provide operational direction to an integrated force of 500 active duty, Hawaii Air National Guard, civilian and contractor members supporting C-17, F-22 and C-37 and C-40 special assigned airlift mission aircraft to meet global airlift, global strike and theater security mission requirements.

Additionally, his group supports 6,500 joint and allied aircraft transiting through Hickam each year.

"Our primary goal is to ensure that we put safe and reliable aircraft in the air," said Copes. "We will accomplish that by being professional Airmen driven by the Air Force core values."

Command Chief Master Sergeant of 11th Air Force visits 15th Wing



U.S. Air Force photo by 2nd Lt. Kaitlin Daddona
Chief Master Sgt. Gay Veale, command chief master sergeant of the 11th Air Force, receives a lesson from Senior Airman Shawn Hewitt about the proper way to detonate a bomb at the William N. Newman Explosive Ordnance Disposal facility July 29 at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam.



U.S. Air Force photo by 2nd Lt. Kaitlin Daddona
Chief Master Sgt. Gay Veale, command chief master sergeant of the 11th Air Force (right), Talks with Airmen from the 15th Aircraft Maintenance Unit, July 27, at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam. During the visit, Veale meet with junior enlisted, noncommissioned officers and senior noncommissioned officers as well as wing, group and squadron leadership to discuss the unique joint base structure here.

Ho'okele to begin newspaper survey Aug. 14

Ho'okele Staff

Ho'okele readers will have an opportunity to participate in a survey and also have a chance to win some great prizes.

The eight questions on the survey will provide some helpful feedback to the staff of Ho'okele and give us some ideas to help improve the newspaper. We would like to hear from you. What is your favorite section of the newspaper? What is your least favorite section? What do you think we could do better?

We appreciate your taking the time to participate in the survey and give us some valu-

able feedback. Visit www.hookelenews.com to complete the survey. Only one survey should be completed per person.

Prizes have been provided by our publisher, the Honolulu Star Advertiser, and by the Pearl Harbor Navy Exchange. These include a \$200 NEX gift card offered by our publisher and a gift basket filled with goodies from the Pearl Harbor NEX.

The survey will begin Aug. 14 and continue through Sept. 4.

So please take a few minutes to answer the survey. We would love to hear from you. Mahalo nui loa!



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Commentary

Red Hill Fuel Facility is national strategic asset

Rear Adm. John Fuller

Commander, Navy Region Hawaii and Naval Surface Group Middle Pacific

Red Hill Bulk Fuel Storage Facility is a safe, reliable and modernized facility; the Navy is absolutely committed to keeping our drinking water safe.

All of our families drink water from the same aquifers. We test water regularly, and it continues to meet or exceed federal and state drinking water quality standards.

Recently, the Environmental Protection Agency and State Department of Health held a public com-



Rear Adm. John V. Fuller

ment period to hear from citizens. During that time, out of respect for the process, the Navy refrained from speaking publicly. Now that the comment period is over, we

are grateful for the opportunity to discuss the issues.

The Red Hill fuel facility is a national strategic asset, still essential for providing the fuel necessary to defend our nation, safeguard our national interests and support humanitarian missions overseas. When your military operates overseas, our forward presence ensures open sea lanes and the free flow of commerce to Hawaii, the mainland and beyond.

Although the facility was built 70 years ago, we have routinely upgraded it and it has state-of-the-art communication and inventory management systems. Each of the 20 fuel tanks was constructed with steel plates, backed by 2.5 to four feet of reinforced concrete and another six to eight inches of gunite, all surrounded by Red Hill's basalt rock.

Since 2006, the Navy and Defense Logistics Agency invested more than \$145 million to modernize Red

Hill and for environmental testing, and we plan to invest another \$70 million in upgrades. This does not include any additional work that would be required by regulators through the Administrative Order on Consent.

Because of its location, Red Hill is a unique facility protected from both physical and cyber-attack. Inside the facility we use state-of-the-art machinery, and we employ dozens of cameras for around-the-clock surveillance and security.

We test groundwater at several locations, conduct routine drinking supply compliance sampling, and submit test results to regulatory agencies for review and evaluation. We are committed to putting in more groundwater monitoring wells, as necessary, in coordination with DOH and EPA.

The January 2014 leak in tank 5 was found to be the result of faulty work by our

contractor. Since then we have put in place new guidelines, processes and procedures, and we increased our oversight for contractor workmanship. Bottom line: We have instituted rigorous new safeguards to prevent a future fuel loss.

Tank 5 remains empty, and all tanks are passing industry standard tightness testing.

The Navy is continuing to work closely with EPA, DOH and community stakeholders. Since 2014 we have welcomed increased inspections at Red Hill, including oversight tours and familiarization visits with community leaders and elected officials.

I thank the community for your understanding and patience. We take responsibility for any environmental impacts the Red Hill fuel facility may have caused, and we are committed to keeping the community informed – with the facts.

Your Navy is working

diligently toward a future with no reliance on fossil fuels – supporting the use of more renewables and moving forward to sustainable and reliable alternative energy sources.

Until that day, we are committed to energy security and the safe use of fossil fuels. Until we can move completely to a greener alternative, we must maintain Red Hill as part of our national defense strategy.

Our Navy is fully committed to environmental stewardship. And our non-negotiable priority remains keeping our drinking water safe.

(For more information about Red Hill Bulk Fuel Storage Facility, visit <http://www.cnic.navy.mil/regions/cnrh/om/environmental/red-hill-tank.html>.

For more information about the Department of the Navy's approach to energy, environment and climate change visit <http://greenfleet.dodlive.mil/>.)

Diverse Views



What do you do to conserve water at your home or work?



Ralph Custudio
Morale, Welfare and Recreation
Pearl Harbor

"While I'm taking a shower at home, I turn off the water when I'm applying soap, shampoo and conditioner. I just use the water to soak and rinse myself.

At work our facility uses automatic stop faucets. Press a button and it will dispense water for five seconds, and then turn off so you don't forget to turn it off."

Col. David (Bull) Kirkendall
613th Air Operations Center



"We limit our usage by being conservation conscious. Short showers, limiting use of water consuming appliances, and limiting the times we wash our vehicles. Also, we ensure there aren't any leaking faucets or running toilets. You'd be amazed how much water we lose to seemingly small things."



Aviation Ordnanceman 3rd Class
Adriana Parr
Helicopter Maritime Strike Squadron 37

"While brushing my teeth, instead of letting the water continuously run, I turn it off until I'm done."

Senior Airman Maresa Miessler
65th Airlift Squadron



"I only use what is necessary and make sure to turn the faucet off when I'm not actively using the water."



Operations Specialist Jasmine Bencid
Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam

"I just turn it off when I'm not using it."

Staff Sgt. Mavis Jones
HQ PACAF



"Water conservation is definitely important. I usually focus on conserving when it comes to washing dishes, brushing my teeth, or washing my clothes by not leaving the water running, or doing laundry once a week."



Master Sgt. Scott Pacheco
15th Medical Group

"We regularly try to conserve water by limiting the amount of time my family take showers and just general smart use."

Provided by MC1 Nardel Gervacio and David D. Underwood Jr.

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U.S. Navy photo by MC1 Nardel Gervacio

Lt. Cmdr. Andrew Lovgren, fuels director, NAVSUP Fleet Logistics Center Pearl Harbor, explains the monitoring systems at the Pearl Harbor Red Fuel Facility to Hawaii State House Reps. Gregg Takayama and Linda Ichiyama during a site visit, which also included members of the Hawaii Military Affairs Committee, state legislators and local business leaders. A modernized facility, each of Red Hill's 20 cylinder tanks is 250 feet tall and 100 feet in diameter and can hold up to 12.5 million gallons of fuel.

First female line officer takes oath



U.S. Naval History and Heritage Command photograph

Mildred H. McAfee takes the oath of office on Aug. 3, 1942 at the Navy Department to become the first female line officer. She is commissioned a lieutenant commander in the Naval Reserve and simultaneously undertakes the duties of being the first director of the newly established WAVES (Women Accepted for Volunteer Emergency Service). Administering the oath is Secretary of the Navy Frank Knox. Looking on are Adm. Ernest J. King, chief of naval operations and commander in chief U.S. Fleet (left), and Rear Adm. Randall Jacobs, chief of naval personnel (right).

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USNS Mercy completes PP15 mission in Roxas City, Philippines

MC3 Mayra A. Conde

Pacific Partnership Public Affairs

ROXAS CITY, Philippines—The hospital ship USNS Mercy (T-AH 19) departed Roxas City, Philippines, Aug. 2 after completing a 16-day mission stop for Pacific Partnership 2015.

During the first stop of the Philippines mission, U.S., partner nations, and host nation service members and non-governmental organizations conducted subject matter expert exchanges, humanitarian assistance and disaster relief symposiums, engineering projects, veterinary events and provided direct medical care in the Capiz Province.

“Being compassionate and helpful is natural to human beings,” said Victor A. Tanco Sr., governor of the province of Capiz, during a reception held aboard Mercy.

“So despite diversities and differences, there is always a place in our hearts for others and especially to those who have less in life. Maybe our differences are God’s way of reminding us not to be selfish and instead to share our countless blessings with others. I’m referring to Pacific Partnership 2015 serving as a true example of excellence in humanitarian service,” Tanco said.

The mission in Roxas City saw an increase in the number of partner nations involved in the mission with Japan, Korea and Malaysia joining the U.S., Australia, New Zealand and the Philippines.

“For our dentists, this was probably one of the ports with the best partnering in terms of having the most number of partner dentists that [our personnel] worked with,” said



U.S. Navy photo by MC1 Trevor Andersen
An MH-60S Seahawk helicopter from Helicopter Sea Combat Squadron (HSC) 21 lands on the hospital ship USNS Mercy (T-AH 19) July 21 for refueling.

Cmdr. Marion Henry, Mercy’s director of surgical services

“They brought partners on board to the dental clinic here on Mercy, and taking care of patients together working side-by-side there was a high level of partnership and exchange,” Henry said.

Henry said the same side-by-side interaction also occurred during surgical procedures and nursing services provided to patients.

“Similarly in the operating rooms, we had not just Philippine surgeons, but we had a large number of surgeons from our other partner nations. We had Japanese and Koreans

working with us, so that almost every surgical procedure had a multinational surgical team there,” said Henry. “Additionally, the Filipino nurses who came on board to be our translators and to work with us in all areas were extremely helpful and very involved. They had a high level of nursing skill and medical knowledge, so they were a delight to work with.”

Engineers from the U.S. Navy, U.S. Air Force, the Armed Forces of the Philippines and the Japan Self Defense Force built a school building from the ground up. In addition, engineers from the Navy, Air Force and Armed Forces of

the Philippines built a health center and refurbished three school buildings that were damaged during Typhoon Yolanda in 2013.

“Your sincerest endeavors reflect that we do not have to be in office to render assistance to others,” Tanco said.

“Rather, we only have to be emphatic and show our love and compassion through utmost dedication and earnest commitment in service. Your humanitarian assistance, which primarily reached the less fortunate Capizenos, made a difference in their perception of life because of your commitment to uplift the lives of others. You

motivated us to hope, to dream, and to realize the beauty of sharing and loving as well as it inspired us to have a positive outlook on life. As this mission draws to a close, the provincial government of Capiz would deeply like to thank you for being a partner in this mission to uplift the people of Capiz,” he said.

Mercy will continue to its next mission stop in Subic Bay, Philippines and then proceed to Vietnam.

Pacific Partnership is the largest annual multilateral humanitarian assistance and disaster relief preparedness mission conducted in the Indo-Asia-Pacific region. While

training for crisis conditions, Pacific Partnership missions to date have provided medical care to approximately 270,000 patients and veterinary services to more than 38,000 animals. Additionally, PP15 has provided critical infrastructure development to host nations through the completion of more than 180 engineering projects.

Non-governmental organizations participating are Project Hope, Operation Smile, Latter Day Saints Charities, University of California San Diego, University of Virginia, University of Hawaii, Project Handclasp and World Vets.

Johnson takes reins as DESRON 31 changes command



U.S. Navy photo by MC2 Laurie Dexter

Capt. Christopher J. Bushnell, commander, Destroyer Squadron (DESRON) 31, left, speaks during a change of command ceremony Aug. 4 at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam. During the ceremony, Capt. Charles A. Johnson relieved Bushnell as commander of DESRON 31



U.S. Navy photo by MC2 Laurie Dexter

Capt. Charles Johnson, left, reports to Rear Adm. John V. Fuller, commander of U.S. Navy Region Hawaii, Naval Surface Group, Middle Pacific, during the Destroyer Squadron (DESRON) 31 change of command ceremony at Joint Base.

Pearl Harbor-Hickam*Highlights*



(Left) Lt. Col. Jason L. Musser (center), assumes command of the 15th Aerospace Medicine Squadron, July 30, at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam. Col. Christopher T. Paige (left), commander, 15th Medical Group, officiates at the ceremony as Lt. Col. Robert B. Woolley (right) relinquishes command.

U.S. Air Force photo by David D. Underwood, Jr.

(Below) Members of the 15th Wing attend the 15th Maintenance Group change of command ceremony July 28 at JBPHH. Col. Randy Huiss, 15th Wing commander, presided over the ceremony as Col. Robert Copes assumed command of the 15th MXG from Col. David Pastore.

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



(Left) A training combat delivery system is dropped out of a C-17 Globemaster III over Kahuku Training Area as part of Warrior Day, a day dedicated to demonstrate the cooperation and capabilities of total force integration at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, July 31.

U.S. Air Force photo by 2nd Lt. Kaiflin Daddona

(Right) The guided-missile destroyer USS Chung-Hoon (DDG 93), front, and the guided-missile cruiser USS Mobile Bay (CG 53) take part in a show of force demonstration Aug. 4. The ships are part of the John C. Stennis Carrier Strike Group and are participating in a composite training unit exercise, the final step before being certified for deployment.

U.S. Navy photo by MC3 Andre T. Richard



Hickam completes Warrior Day training to demonstrate cooperation

Story and photos by
Tech. Sgt. Aaron Oelrich

15th Wing Public Affairs

Air Force active duty and Air National Guard Airmen joined forces July 31 in a Warrior Day at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam to demonstrate the cooperation and capabilities of total force integration.

The day featured the participation of 15th Wing C-17 Globemasters III and F-22 Raptors of the 199th Fight Squadron, as well as KC-10 Extenders from Travis Air Force Base, and tested the ability for the aircraft and personnel to work together to complete a mission.

“Warrior Day is a chance for all the members and different aircraft to get together and integrate,” said Capt. Justin Taylor, the 535th Airlift Squadron (AS) number three aircraft lead in the five ships of C-17s.

“It gives us the opportunity to fly together to execute a common mission on a scenario that our 15th Wing put together for us,” Taylor said.

The Warrior Day training schedule began with a pre-mission brief, which brought together all the participants of the training, covered all projected scenarios, and provided an overview of the day’s events.

Training simulations included combat maneuvers in a hostile environment, air drops and refueling operations. It also included an engine-running crew change of three of the C-17s.

“I thought it turned out fantastic,” said Maj. John Reed, a C-17 pilot and assistant director of operations at the 535th AS. “That was the most air drop sorties we’ve ever flown in one day at Hickam.”

However, Warrior Day wasn’t just a training opportunity for the flying squadron. The day also gave maintenance Airmen a chance to showcase their capabilities in a realistic training scenario.

The 15th Wing and 154th Aircraft Maintenance squadrons generated the five C-17 aircraft and the four F-22 used during the Warrior Day training.

“There is a lot of preparation put into each aircraft for something like Warrior Day,” said Tech. Sgt. Ryan Barlowe, 15th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron expeditor. “It is more than just the Airmen launching that morning. It takes about 24 hours of preparation to get the aircraft ready to fly.”

Warrior Day concluded as the last aircraft was inspected by the Airmen of the maintenance squadrons.

“I think Warrior Day is beneficial,” Barlowe said. “It shows our capabilities to generate aircraft, and it is cool to watch five jets take off at the same time and know that you played a part in that. I know my Airmen feel the same way.”

(Top) Aircrew from the 535th Airlift Squadron conduct a pre-mission briefing on Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam July 31.

(Right) A C-17 Globemaster III from the 535th Airlift Squadron flies over the north shore of the island of Oahu, July 31. Air Force active duty and Air National Guard Airmen joined forces in a Warrior Day to demonstrate the cooperation and capabilities of total force integration. Training simulations included combat maneuvers in a hostile environment, air drops, and refueling operations. It also included an engine- running crew change of three of the C-17s.



Pearl Harbor Visitor Center to offer alternate fireworks viewing area

National Park Service

The National Park Service will open the Pearl Harbor Visitor Center grounds on the night of Aug. 15 to provide an alternate location for the public

to view the world-class Nagaoka fireworks display planned to commemorate the 70th anniversary of the end of World War II in the Pacific.

The fireworks display will be launched from Ford

Island and is the culmination of “70 Years of Peace” events planned by the U.S. Navy, City of Nagaoka (Japan), and the City and County of Honolulu. The events are intended to remember those who lost

their lives in World War II and to extend a hand of friendship and peace.

On Aug. 15, the Pearl Harbor Visitor Center will close temporarily at 5 p.m. and will re-open at 5:30 p.m. The fireworks will

begin at 8 pm.

Music for the fireworks will be broadcast live on radio station 105.1 KINE. The Pearl Harbor Visitor Center will close to the public after the fireworks show ends at approximately 8:30 p.m.

This event is free and open to the public.

Strict security measures prohibit purses, handbags, fanny packs, backpacks, camera bags, diaper bags, luggage and/or other items that offer concealment. Visitors may bring cameras, cell phones and wallets and are encouraged to pack lightly.

Picnic dinners are welcome. Guest should plan to pack meals in clear plastic bags. Blankets and chairs are welcome, but umbrellas and alcohol are not.

(For more information, visit the event website at [www.cnic.navy.mil/ 70years ofpeace](http://www.cnic.navy.mil/70years ofpeace) or National Park Service at [www.nps.gov/ valr](http://www.nps.gov/valr).)

PACAF commander engages Kadena Airmen, families

Airman 1st Class
John Linzmeier

18th Wing Public Affairs

KADENA AIR BASE, Japan—The Pacific Air Forces commander, Gen. Lori Robinson, visited Kadena Air Base, Aug. 2 through 4, to spend time with the men and women who make up Team Kadena and to better understand the base's capabilities, quality of life and mission readiness.

This was Robinson's first visit to the 18th Wing since she took command in October 2014. She toured various facilities around the base to get a firsthand look at how Airmen here lay the foundation of stability in the Indo-Asia-Pacific region on a day-to-day basis.

"With the U.S.'s strategic focus on the Pacific, it's paramount Airmen continue to operate effectively with all their core values—integrity, service before self, and excellence in all we do," Robinson said.

During her tour, the general was able to witness those values placed into action as Kadena Airmen reacted to a mission-focused exercise, simulating a deployment for more than 200 Airmen and demonstrating the base's combat-ready capabilities.

The visit also entailed an



U.S. Air Force Gen. Lori J. Robinson, Pacific Air Forces commander, speaks to 18th Wing leaders and their spouses after a coin presentation Aug. 3 at the Kadena Officer's Club on Kadena Air Base, Japan.

all-call at the Rocker NCO Club where Robinson addressed various topics and answered questions in regard to mission readiness. She emphasized readiness begins within one's per-

sonal life and delivered her expectations.

"I expect you to be physically, mentally and emotionally fit, not just today but every day," she said.

"Take care of your fam-

ily, too. I also expect you to be ready to fight tonight. If everything at home isn't squared away, then you're not ready to fight tonight."

She also explained a strong aspect of her leader-

ship philosophy was to not be afraid to provide realistic feedback when it is needed.

"We all like to hear good news," Robinson said. "We all like to pat someone on

the back and say 'you're totally awesome and that may not always be true. If we are able to give honest, focused feedback, we'll make sure that the force we have will continue to be the best Air Force in the world.'"

Robinson highlighted the fact that Kadena's strategic location is the perfect place to foster partnerships, power projection and presence throughout this side of the globe.

As the commander of PACAF, Robinson is responsible for air operations across the Pacific and commands more than 45,000 personnel. With such a large presence being held in hosting nations, she made it clear each Airman is expected to be a reputable guest.

"Here we are in someone else's country, and we're representing the United States of America," she said.

"No matter what rank, no matter what we're doing, everyone knows we U.S. citizens, and everybody's so proud of you. But we always have to remember that with whatever we do and with what we say, we are ambassadors," Robinson said.

After Robinson departs Kadena, she will continue her tour throughout the command before returning to Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, Hawaii.

U.S. Air Force photo by Naoto Anazawa

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Life & Leisure



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Young 'pilot for a day' visits JBPHH

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When 9-year-old Eddie Paul Bearb learned that he would be granted one wish, he didn't have to think twice about what it would be.

Since as long as he and his parents can remember, Bearb has wanted to be a pilot in the United States Air Force, and on July 30, he took his first true steps to achieving that dream.

As part of Pilot For A Day, a program created to provide children with serious or chronic conditions the opportunity to experience life as an honorary pilot, Eddie Paul was able to take a break from the daily challenges he faces to spend the day being welcomed into the 535th Airlift Squadron at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam.

After being introduced to the squadron with his own flight suit and wings, Bearb watched his dreams unfold before his eyes as he prepared a C-17 for take-off, operated an explosive ordnance disposal robot, saw the world through night vision goggles, and completed a C-17 simulation mission.

"From step one, he was an amazing, outgoing, smart and intelligent 9-year-old," said Capt. John Clason, the 535th Airlift Squadron Pilot For A Day president. "His eyes were wide open the entire time he was here. He brightened the room and the day when he walked in."

For a military history enthusiast, a day hanging around some of the Air Force's most capable aircraft and personnel was a day well spent. Bearb said he also enjoys math and science.

Members of the squadron, who seemed to enjoy seeing a fresh, younger face around the flight line, greeted Bearb with handshakes throughout the day.

He even had the chance to tour the Hawaii Air National Guard's 154th Wing—home of the F-22 Raptors, the aircraft Bearb wishes to fly after he commissions out of the Air Force Academy someday.

Visiting Hawaii all the way from a small town in Louisiana, Bearb said he enjoys the F-22s because they're "stealthy."

Clason, who also played the role of Bearb's sponsor and tour guide, noted that the day largely became about personalizing the Air Force second core

value of Service Before Self for his squadron and that everyone was on board when it came to making the day special for Bearb and his family.

"He gets to come in and be a part of the squadron and feel that sense of unity and that sense of togetherness with us, and we're here to provide that for him, so it's a win/win on both sides," Clason said. "We all get to feel great about the day, and it's for the best cause that you can think of."

Dreams Come True, a nonprofit organization dedicated to granting dreams for children with life-threatening illnesses, promised Bearb any wish he'd like, and he dreamed big.

Despite his diagnosis of acute lymphoblastic leukemia, Bearb continues to work towards the acceptance requirements needed to attend the Air Force Academy.

"It was my wish to visit Pearl Harbor and see the planes here, and it's been a lot of fun so far," said Bearb. "Me and my mom and my dad flew all the way from Louisiana. I was nervous to visit here at first, but now I'm really excited. My favorite part of the day was flying in the F-22 simulator machine."

"I hope he makes it to the Air Force Academy," Clason said. "I'll write him a recommendation letter."

The Airmen of the 15th Wing said they are proud to offer the Pilot For A Day program and see the day as a privilege to be able to offer kids like Bearb a chance to experience life as a pilot.

"I was blown away," said Clason. "And I'll be honest. You have to hold back tears sometimes, because you know this might be his only opportunity to do something this great. You never know what the future holds, and we wish Eddie Paul and his family the best."

"Those of us who run the Pilot For a Day program know how important visits like this are to these kids," said Clason. "As soon as I met Eddie Paul, I could see what a smart and amazing young man he was and how big his heart was. He lit up every room he walked into today, and it's such a great honor for us to welcome him as a member of our squadron."

"With special visitors like Eddie Paul, we get to show that we're America's military," said Clason. "Our message to all young people, who are struggling with life-threatening illnesses, is to never give up and to never lose sight of what you wish to do in life. Eddie Paul is a perfect example of that."

U.S. Air Force photo by 2nd Lt. Kaitlin Daddona
Eddie Paul Bearb, a 9-year-old battling acute lymphoblastic leukemia, learns more about survival, evasion, resistance and escape from SERE Specialist Tech. Sgt. Jeffrey Ray at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, Hawaii.



Bearb, Pilot For A Day, runs through his pre-flight checklist with Capt. Patrick Dixon in the cockpit of a C-17.



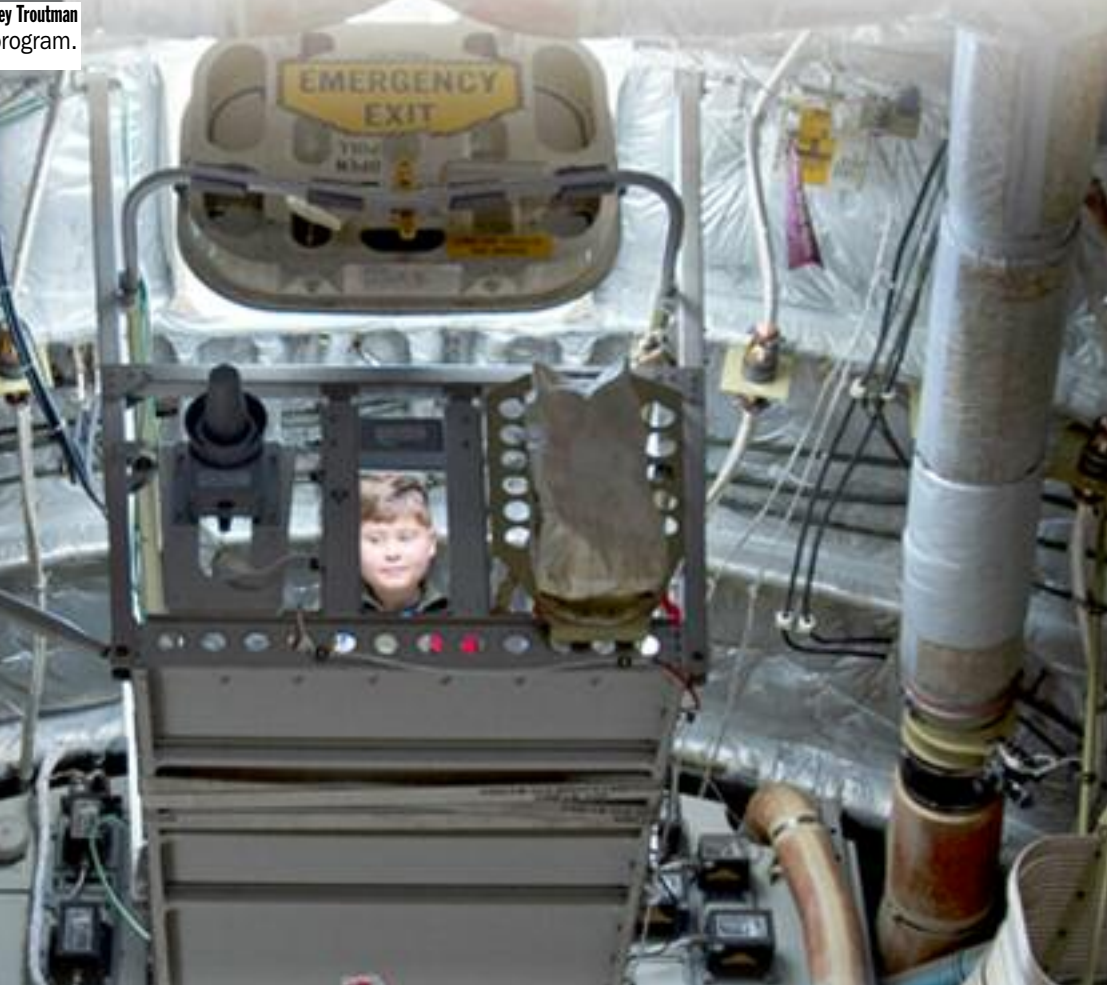
U.S. Air Force photo by 2nd Lt. Kaitlin Daddona
Bearb looks to the sky for high-flying aircraft with Maj. Jason Birdsall of the 535th Airlift Squadron after a static tour of the C-17 Globemaster III.



U.S. Navy photo by MC2 Jeffrey Troutman
Bearb visits JBPHH as part of the United States Air Force's Pilot For A Day program.



U.S. Navy photo by MC2 Jeffrey Troutman
Eddie Paul Bearb, center, his mother Peggy and his father Eddie Sr., take a photo with pilots from the Air Force 15th Wing squadron.



U.S. Air Force photo by 2nd Lt. Kaitlin Daddona
Bearb, Pilot For A Day, tours a C-17 as part of his first day as a member of the 535th Airlift Squadron.

Revamped HIANG continues to dominate Blue Division

Story and photo by
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When two teams from the opposite end of the standings meet, you'd expect that the higher-ranked squad would dominate and add another win to their total.

While there has been a lot of upsets in the past seasons of intramural volleyball at Joint Base, the Hawaii Air National Guard (HIANG) has built a history of locking down a win whenever it was favored to do so.

Against HI 5-0, the HIANG got early control of sets one and two and then easily closed out their fifth win of the season with no losses while setting the HI 5-0's record down to a season-low 1-6.

"It all starts with the pass," said Navy Lt. Chuck Wood about the easy 25-8, 25-12 win. "Fortunately, we have guys that can jump around. As long as he (the setter) is putting the ball where we can reach it, that's all we've got to do."

On a night when the HIANG was hailing down kills for points, the team jumped all over the struggling HI 5-0 to built up an 8-3 lead and kept it going after a side-out by Staff Sgt. Alan-Michael Warner handed the ball over to star hitter Tech. Sgt. Stephen Lorenzo.

During a spirited rally,

Lorenzo had a kill and a serve to up the team's advantage to 14-3.

Later, a side-out by Lorenzo made it 20-7, with the HIANG finally putting the HI 5-0 away with a 5-1 run.

In running up their fifth win of the season, Wood said that gaining a fast upper hand right out of the gate is an important reason why HIANG is undefeated.

"Especially with rally scoring now, it's so much harder to get a true point," he said. "Getting those two, three, four points, whatever that run can be, is detrimental because it might be where it's a side-out every single time. If you get that three-point spread right at the beginning, you just keep it and follow through it the rest of the game."

Without missing a beat, HI-ANG opened up the second set on fire and immediately took a 4-0 lead.

Back-to-back kills by Lorenzo made it 11-3, but the HIANG hitter was just getting started.

After a side-out by Lorenzo made it 13-7, the outside hitter took over at service and became a one-man wreaking crew.

While spiking the ball from behind the backline, Lorenzo forced three hitting errors by HI 5-0 to go along with three aces to give HIANG a commanding 19-7 lead.

The game ended when Tech. Sgt. David Lopes, who also contributed heavily to the HIANG's win, knocked down

the final two points.

Despite the loss, HI 5-0 got strong performances from several players, which included hitter Capt. Eddie Clements.

Clements said that although HI 5-0 gave it their all, the HI-ANG had just too much firepower to overcome.

"They are a really good team," Clements admitted. "They (HI-ANG) were hitting on all fundamentals at every level."

Still despite having to come from behind throughout the entire game, Clements said that no matter what, the HI 5-0 wasn't about to quit.

"We just don't get down on ourselves," Clements stated. "We boost each other's spirit and don't ever start to point fingers."

Wood, who is playing in his first season with the HIANG, said that although he may be new on the team, everyone on the squad has made the transition for him very easy.

The key to getting everyone to play at his or her best, Wood said, is to just keep everything simple.

"If we can pass the ball, set the ball, put the ball over the net, (we'll) let the other team make mistakes," he said. "That keeps it easier. Don't make it too hard."

Hawaii Air National Guard (HIANG) hitter Tech. Sgt. Stephen Lorenzo (right) delivers a kill against HI 5-0.



Pearl City Peninsula overcomes big obstacle to win

Story and photo by
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Whenever two undefeated teams square off, you know that someone is going to walk off the court with their first loss of the season.

With so much at stake, perhaps the team that stood to lose the most was Pearl City Peninsula, which entered their showdown with Headquarters Pacific Air Forces (HQ PACAF) in a tie for first place in the Blue Division with Hawaii Air National Guard (HIANG) sitting at 5-0, while HQ PACAF came ready to battle with a 2-0 mark.

After PCP ran away with the first set, the team dug in and held off HQ PACAF in the second set to win 25-14 and 25-23 on July 30 at Hickam Fitness Center, Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam.

"Every set that we play is a whole new game," said Chief Navy Diver Daniel Muhlbach about the comeback by HQ PACAF. "We look at it like we need to go back to our fundamentals. Go back to what we've practiced and do the same thing over and over. There's no change depending on what set it is or what game it is, it always is going to be the same outcome for us."

In the first set, no adjustments were necessary for PCP, as the team jumped out to a 10-2 lead that was aided by the HQ PACAF's inability to come up with a consistent error free attack.

HQ PACAF did manage to pick up their game toward the end, but another hitter error by the team put set one away for good in favor of PCP.

If set one was a laughter for PCP, then set two represented a near complete turnaround for HQ PACAF, which kept the entire second set close.

A hitting error by PCP near the midway point tied the second set at 15-15 and marked the fifth time that the



Navy Diver 2nd Class Wesley Lantz goes up for a block.

game was even.

HQ PACAF forced two more hitting errors to take a 16-14 lead, but PCP began to awake from their slumber and after a side-out, retied the game at 17-17 on a kill by Navy Diver 2nd Class Wesley Lantz.

Then clinging to a one-point lead, Muhlbach punched down a side-out for a two-point lead, which may have turned out to be the biggest point of the game.

"We've been running drills three days a week just trying to run circumstances to prepare for these situations," Muhlbach admitted. "With the good lead-

ership that we have, the guys are just dedicated to learning these drills. So when we get down to these real close moments, it's just natural for us to start stepping up our game and making these points."

Although a two-point lead may not seem like very much, in the hands of a well-seasoned team such as PCP, being up at the end by two points is a huge advantage.

Needing only four points for the win, PCP got two kills from Logistics Specialist 2nd Class Greg Shedlock en route to the final score and fifth victory in a row.

HQ PACAF head coach Malu Sagiao, a Department of Defense civilian, said that in the end it was the team's overall inexperience that finally did them in.

While he pointed out that a few adjustments to the lineup in the second set almost evened up the match, a lack of experience under pressure situations did much to unravel HQ PACAF's comeback attempt.

"As you play more, that's the only way to get better in this sport," Sagiao said. "Playing more is essential to the sport. Volleyball is a sport that you have to think volleyball.

You've got to be able to control the ball. If you can do that, by getting a good pass, a good set and a good hit, then you're controlling the game."

Muhlbach said that the HIANG is probably as good as any team on Joint Base right now. He said that he feels PCP is closing the gap pretty fast.

A solid win over a quality team like HQ PACAF is proof, said Muhlbach, that the race is going to go down to the wire.

"We're getting better as the season continues," Muhlbach said. "Best of luck to them (HI-ANG), but we're coming."

Summer's last Picnic on the Pier planned for Aug. 21

Battleship Missouri Memorial Association

The Battleship Missouri Memorial is welcoming the community to its last Picnic on the Pier event of the summer, from 5:30 to 8 p.m. Aug. 21.

The public is invited to relax and watch the sunset in the midst of Pearl Harbor on the 1,000-foot Pier Foxtrot-5 on Ford Island. It is the home to the Battleship Missouri Memorial.

Guests can bring their own picnic gear, food and drinks (plastic and aluminum containers only) for an evening of entertainment, including live music by Jason Laeha.

Raffle prizes and children's activities

along with limited tours of the "Mighty Mo" will be available. Food and beverages will be available for purchase. No glass, grills, tables, umbrellas or tents will be permitted.

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 to those without base access from the Pearl Harbor Visitor Center.

(For information or reservations, call toll-free 1-877-644-4896 or visit [USS Missouri.org](http://USSMissouri.org).)



Photo courtesy of the Battleship Missouri Memorial Facebook

Guests attend a previous Picnic on the Pier event.

Shipyard Challenger takes revenge over ATG MIDPAC

Story and photos by
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After Afloat Training Group Middle Pacific (ATG MIDPAC) had little trouble dispatching Shipyard's "B" team the Raptors, 2-0, in a Summer Soccer League game on July 25, the team found out what it's like going up against Shipyard's no. 1 ranked squad.

Entering Oct. 1 as one of three undefeated teams, ATG MIDPAC got their first taste of the agony of defeat after falling to the defending summer and intramural league champs, Shipyard Challenger, by a score of 2-0 at Earhart Field, Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam.

The win has kept Shipyard in a virtual tie for first place with the 15th Maintenance Group (15 MXG), who also hold a 4-0 record.

"We definitely don't want to lose," said Nolan Miranda, a Department of Defense civilian, about the team's ability to pull out wins in tight ball games. "We want to get that ball. We want to score. Winning is always better than a tie game."

Like two boxers feeling each other out, both teams looked a bit tight in the early going of the game.

Challenger fell behind on kicks-on-goal attempts but still managed to emerge with two of the best chances at goals in the first half.

Joe Grogan, Department of Defense civilian, got a breakaway at the top of the box but failed to convert.

Grogan received an opportunity to redeem himself when he was awarded with a penalty kick, but again, his shot missed the mark and sent both teams into halftime tied at 0-0.

"I couldn't seem to find it today," Grogan said. "But we got a lot of firepower up front, so it helps out—especially on days like this."

While Challenger managed to get only three shots on goal in the first half, the second half turned out to be

the complete opposite.

After shutting down ATG MIDPAC on offense, Challenger picked up the pace and got five shots on goal early in the first half before Miranda got on the tail end of a shot by Grogan and booted it in for the first score of the game.

"I passed it on top to Joe, who normally finishes it himself," Miranda recalled. "I was just trying to follow up on the back side. He ended up taking the shot, which I put in off of a deflection."

Once Challenger got on the scoreboard, it didn't take long before the team did it again.

This time, Abby Tapawan was the person on the spot as she stepped into a clearing on the right wing before taking her time and delivering a perfect shot to the net to complete the scoring.

"I think we focused a little more on offense," Miranda said. "And then, I seen that they dropped their guys back. They did that for most of the second (half)."

Grogan said that getting that first goal in made all the difference in the world.

Once Miranda put Challenger up by a goal, Grogan said that he could feel the team relax and play the way they like to play.

"We had a bit of a slow start, but once we got that one in, we settled into our own pace," Grogan explained. "Before that we were kind of pushing, which isn't what we like to do. We like to hold onto the ball, move it around and kind of build our attack."

Grogan said that since many of the team's DoD civilians, including himself, weren't allowed to play in the intramural season, he thinks that the team is working through some rust.

As the players become reacquainted with one another, Grogan believes that the team will be just as good as last summer's championship squad.

"It's been awhile, so we're just trying to get to know one another again," Grogan admitted. "We'll get better as the season goes on."



A player uses his head to push the ball forward.



Abby Tapawan boots in the second goal of the game.



Joe Grogan heads toward the goal on a fast break.

Seven things to know about Navy PFA changes

Chief of Naval Personnel Public Affairs

The goal of these key changes, which begin Jan. 1, 2016, is to achieve a healthier, fitter force over the short and long term with more Sailors taking the PRT resulting in fewer failures and better mission readiness.

- An updated physical activity risk factor questionnaire is designed to better assess the health of a Sailor.

- Body composition assessment (BCA) has changed, allowing a Sailor three opportunities based on body type and age to pass the BCA.

The Sailor will be able to use the current height and weight measurements, single-site abdominal circumference measurement, or meet the Department of Defense (DoD) maximum allowable fat limit.

- A Sailor will be separated for failing

two physical fitness assessments (PFAs) in three years.

- Effective immediately upon commanding officer approval, a Sailor, who has not yet been separated due to multiple PFA failures, has a transition period between now and Dec. 1 to stay in, providing they pass a mock or official physical readiness test (PRT.)

- COs will conduct PFA spot checks. Failure may result in command fitness enhancement program (FEP) enrollment and diet/nutritional counseling as resources to help ensure Sailors stay or get in shape.

- A fitness award will be issued to those Sailors who score outstanding for three consecutive PFA cycles.

- Health and fitness initiatives will be published between now and January 2016.

Check NAVADMIN 178/15 for more details at <http://ow.ly/QxISG>.

AF launches MyVector, mentorship resources

Tech. Sgt. Torri Hendrix

Secretary of the Air Force Public Affairs Command Information

WASHINGTON (AFNS) —The Air Force recently launched an improved and re-branded Career Path Tool, called MyVector, which encourages mentorship between Airmen at all levels. The first step in the success of MyVector is for Airmen to volunteer to be mentors and share their experience and expertise with other Airmen.

"Mentoring and networking are two of the most important things for leaders to embrace," said Secretary of the Air Force Deborah Lee James. "Mentoring represents an investment—one where we may not know the impact until many years later."

The reconfigured online platform supporting mentoring has a modern look and feel. These new configurations support not only the traditional by-name request method of requesting a mentor, but also provide a mentor-matching ca-

pability based on weighted characteristics identified by the Airman searching for a mentor.

MyVector has a real-time mentoring plan, discussion forums, a bullet tracker to document accomplishments, and the ability to dialogue online with your mentor. A resource page is also available to assist both parties with mentoring questions and relationships.

"Air Force mentoring fosters a culture of inclusion for all Airmen while maximizing their strengths and is aligned with the culture of the Air Force for mission accomplishment," said Dr. Patricia McGill, the doctrine, institutional competencies and mentoring chief. "MyVector captures Airmen experiences within and across Air Force specialty codes and occupational series. Mentors will be able to provide feedback on their mentees' career progression."

(For more information and to register for an online profile, visit <https://afvec.langley.af.mil/myvector>.)

Volunteers needed for 70th anniversary event

Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam Public Affairs

Active duty military personnel from all services are needed to volunteer for events commemorating the 70th anniversary of the End of World War II in the Pacific to be held Aug. 14 and 15 at Ford Island, Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam.

The "70 Years of Peace" commemorative events are hosted by sister cities, Honolulu and Nagaoka, Japan, along with the U. S. Navy.

The commemoration begins on Aug. 14 with a private evening memorial service and floral tribute open to invited guests. On Aug. 15, Ford Island will open to the public with festivities beginning at 4 p.m. and culminating in the Nagaoka fireworks display at 8 p.m.

Volunteer tasks include the following: site preparations, setup, and teardown

(Aug. 11-15); parking and traffic control (Aug. 14-15); trash pickup (Aug. 15); floral tribute assistance and ushers (Aug. 14), and floating lantern assistance (Aug. 14).

Civilians and military family members (age 16 and over) with base access are also welcome to volunteer. Call 471-3521 or contact Lt. Cmdr. Alex Torres, alex.n.torres@navy.mil or Chief Charles Tweedy, charles.v.tweedy@navy.mil to volunteer.

Volunteering provides an opportunity to contribute to this historic and significant event that honors the memory of war victims and celebrates 70 years of continuing peace and friendship.

(For more information on 70 Years of Peace commemorative events, visit the website www.cnic.navy.mil/70yearsofpeace, or call the Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam Public Affairs Office at 473-1173 or 473-2926.)

MWR's guided hike provides safer way to explore island

Reid Tokeshi

Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam Morale, Welfare and Recreation

Hawaii's scenic hiking trails draw curious adventurers, but sometimes hiking can lead to accidents and other problems. Unfamiliarity with the trail, underestimating the difficulty or lack of respect for the land features can result in accidents, injuries or getting lost.

Joint Base Morale, Welfare and Recreation's Outdoor Adventure Center (OAC) has been taking patrons on guided hiking tours for years. OAC guides scout every trail before the tour is offered to their customers, and are trained before being allowed to act as guides. It is this training and preparation that allows OAC to take hikers on trails across the island.

One example is the upcoming Waimano Pools hiking tour on Aug. 16. Signups are being accepted for the Waimano Pools hike until Aug. 13.

Just a short drive from the base, this hike is considered moderate to strenuous, due in large part to the return trip. Unlike many other hikes on the island, this one descends into the valley.

"This trail, while popular, is not considered easy. The distance from start to finish is not lengthy. However, the terrain can be troublesome," said OAC's Bianca Balthus.

Balthus noted that the hill that



MWR Marketing Photos

A pool and waterfall, weather permitting, is the reward for hikers who make it down the ridge on the Waimano Pools hike.

hikers descend to the pools, then need to go back up on the return trip, is nicknamed "Cardiac Hill" for the challenge it presents, especially in wet and muddy conditions.

However, according to Balthus, this shouldn't deter people who are in decent shape from signing up for the tour.

"Its popularity is due in large part to the pools but also to the natural beauty of this forested area," said Balthus. The OAC guides adjust the pace to match

the abilities of their customers.

While OAC normally has guided hikes every month, the hike on Aug. 16 is the last one scheduled for the next two months, as the department evaluates more trails and ensures their guides' training is up-to-date. MWR will resume scheduling hikes later in the year.

(For more information, patrons can call 473-1198 or visit the OAC at the Navy Exchange Fleet Store.)

Safer hiking tips

Naval Safety Center

Here are hiking safety tips from the Naval Safety Center website.

- Plan ahead, and plan carefully.
- Study maps, guidebooks and other references so that you know about the roads, trails and streams in the area.
- Check the weather forecast before you leave.
- Don't hike alone. For long trips, take along at least two friends.
- Make sure you're in shape for the demands of your hike.
- Leave a written plan of your route, schedule and campsite with a responsible friend. Follow your plan, and let them know when you return.
- Wear a good pair of hiking shoes or boots.

• Bring an extra layer of clothing, and avoid cotton if you might get wet.

• Carry a compass and a topographic map of the area.

• Know how to use the gear you plan to carry. If you bring a water filter, tent, stove or GPS unit, practice using them before you leave.

• Carry a flashlight or headlamp with extra batteries.

(For more information, visit the website <http://www.public.navy.mil/comnavsafecen/pages/media/safetips.aspx>).



MWR Marketing photo

Runners and walkers participate in a previous run. This year's Hickam Half Marathon is Aug. 22.

Early registration for Hickam half marathon to end next week

Helen Ko

Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam Morale, Welfare and Recreation

Those who want to participate in the annual Hickam half marathon at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam have until Tuesday for early registration.

This year's race will be held Aug. 22, starting and ending at Hickam track, for a total of 13.1 miles. It is open to all military-affiliated personnel and their guests. It is the longest MWR run of the year and has been held for the past nine years.

The cost of entry for the half-marathon is \$30 if registering by Aug.

11 and includes an event T-shirt. The cost for those who register from Aug. 11-19 is \$25 with no T-shirt. Patrons can also register on race day for \$40 with no T-shirt. Patrons can download the form at greatlife-hawaii.com or visit the Hickam Fitness Center to register.

Last year the run had a total of more than 430 runners. Dawn Pierce, Hickam Fitness Center manager, hopes that they can surpass the amount this year. The racecourse is flat and fast, which makes this run suitable for runners, walkers and even pets.

(For more information, call Pierce or Staff Sgt. Adrienne McDonald at 448-2214.)

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40th annual Fall Craft Fair Registration begins today at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam Arts & Crafts Center. The fair is scheduled for Nov. 14. All items sold at the craft fairs need to be handmade by vendors. Vendors need to bring items or photos of items for screening when registering at the sales store. The cost is \$75 for a 15-feet-by-15-feet space, or \$105 for two to share a space. FMI: 448-9907.

Free Golf Clinic will begin at 1 p.m. Saturday at Mamala Bay Golf Course. Golf pros will be available to offer tips to help golfers improve skills. FMI: 449-2304.

Splash Bash Teen Social will be held from 4 to 8 p.m. Saturday at the Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam Teen Center for patrons ages 13 to 18 years old. Participants can bring a bathing suit, towel and a dry change of

clothes. The cost is \$5. FMI: 448-0418.

Sunday is Family Day will be held from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Aug. 9 at the bowling center on the Pearl Harbor side of Joint Base. This includes one hour bowling for a family of up to five people, a cheese pizza, a pitcher of soda and shoe rental. The cost is \$30. FMI: 473-2574.

Preschool Story Time will begin at 9 a.m. Aug. 12 at the Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam Library. The theme will be "nursery rhymes. This is a free event. FMI: 449-8299.

Mongolian Barbeque will be offered from 5:30 to 8 p.m. Aug. 13 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. All

ranks are welcome. FMI: 448-4608.

\$2 Thursdays will begin at 7 p.m. Aug. 13 at Sharkey Theater. Participants can get a small drink, small popcorn or a hot dog for \$2 each during a movie presentation. Patrons can visit www.greatlifehawaii.com for movie schedule. FMI: 473-0726.

Free Golf Clinic will begin at noon Aug. 13 at Navy-Marine Golf Course. Golf pros will be available to offer tips to help golfers improve their skills. FMI: 471-0142.

Fall Junior Team Tennis Registration period for youth ages 7 to 18 years old closes Aug. 14. The season runs from August through November. A United States Tennis Association team fee may be required. The fee is \$40. Registration is available at www.greatlifehawaii.com. FMI: 473-0789.

Admissions Day Free Matinee will begin at 1:30 p.m. Aug. 14 at Sharkey Theater. Patrons are invited to watch a movie at no charge in celebration of 56 years of statehood. The movie will be announced at a later date on www.greatlifehawaii.com. FMI: 473-0726.

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

Learn to Spearfish will begin at 9 a.m. Aug. 15 and 16 at MWR Outdoor Recreation-Hickam Harbor. All participants will need a mask, fins and snorkel. Other equipment and transportation are provided. The cost is \$60. The sign-up deadline is Aug. 13. FMI: 449-5215.

Nagaoka Fireworks Spectacular will be held from 4 to 8:30 p.m. Aug. 15 at Ford Island. A commemorative ceremony will be

held at 7 p.m. to mark the 70th anniversary of the end of the Pacific War, followed by a fireworks display at 8 p.m. Ford Island will be open to the public with limited parking on a first-come, first-served basis. Backpacks, large bags/totes, coolers and tents are not allowed at the event. Food and beverages will be available for purchase. No outside food or drinks are allowed. No official endorsement is intended by Department of Defense. This is a free event. For a list of restrictions and authorized items, visit www.cnic.navy.mil/70yearsofpeace.

GOT SPORTS

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



Community Calendar

AUGUST

AUPAKA GATE NEW HOURS

NOW — The Joint Base Security Department has implemented new hours of operation for the Aupaka Gate on the Hickam side of the Joint Base. The following hours of operation will be implemented for the 2015-16 school year: Monday through Friday from 7:15 to 8 a.m.; Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday from 1:50 to 3 p.m.; and Wednesday from 1 to 2 p.m. FMI: Master Sgt. John Mascolo at 449-1002.

AED PROGRAM

NOW — Agencies that participate in the Navy Region Hawaii Automated External Defibrillator (AED) American Heart Associaton Heartsaver CPR AED can contact the Navy Health Clinic CPR training center for availability of seats in ongoing scheduled classes. FMI: HM2 Darjon Thomasbey at 473-1880, ext. 9-2310.

NEX PREPAY GAS SYSTEM

NOW — All Navy Exchange (NEX) gas locations are now utilizing a prepay system for all cash and check payments. Dispensers will not be activated until an authorized patron has their cash or check payment completely processed, according to the NEX. Credit card and Military Star Card payments are still accepted at the pump in normal fashion.

BOOT CAMP FOR NEW DADS

SATURDAY — A boot camp for new dads class will be held from 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at Halsey Terrace Community Center. Topics to be discussed include holding a baby, feeding the baby and changing diapers. Experienced fathers will serve as coaches for the new dads. FMI: 474-1999 or visit www.greatlifehawaii.com.

AFCEA LUNCHEON

11 — Armed Forces Communications and Electronics Association (AFCEA) Hawaii will hold a luncheon at Fort Shafter Hale Ikena Club. Check in is at 11 a.m. and the buffet begins at 11:30 a.m. The guest speaker will be Jerry Giles, director of All Partners Access Network. The cost is \$14 for pre-registered

members, \$17 for pre-registered non-members and \$20 for walk-ins. Pre-registration closes at 4 p.m. on the Friday before the event. FMI: www.afcea-hawaii.org or call 386-7424.

70 YEARS OF PEACE AND NAGAOKA FIREWORKS

15 — The U.S. Navy in Hawaii will join the cities of Honolulu and Nagaoka, Japan in commemorating the 70th anniversary end of World War II in the Pacific at a commemoration on Ford Island, 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. FMI: www.cnmc.navy.mil/70yearsofpeace.

AMERICAN GIRL EVENT AT NEX

15 — An American Girl event will be held at the Pearl Harbor Navy Exchange (NEX) mall second floor. Although 10 a.m. and 11:30 a.m. sessions are full, a third session has been added at 1 p.m. American Girl will present a special event called “Setting sight on success with Grace.” Patrons can sign their children up at the NEX aloha center through Saturday to reserve their seat for the Aug. 15 event, which includes games and crafts. FMI: 423-3287 or email Stephanie.lau@nexweb.org.

BIGGEST LITTLE AIRSHOW

15, 16 — The Biggest Little Airshow in Hawaii will be held from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Pacific Aviation Museum Pearl Harbor. The event will include more than 100 remote control airplanes and helicopters performing stunts and acrobatics. The event will also include entertainment booths, exhibits and games. FMI: 441-1013 or 445-9069.

PEARL HARBOR COLORS

20 — The Pearl Harbor Colors ceremony will be held from 7:30 to 8:30 a.m. at the Pearl Harbor Visitor Center. It will have the theme “End of World War II,” recognizing the strong friendship, freedom and democracy forged in the seven decades since the end of the War in the Pacific.



MAN FROM U.N.C.L.E. (PG-13)

At the height of the Cold War, a mysterious criminal organization plans to use nuclear weapons and technology to upset the fragile balance of power between the United States and Soviet Union. CIA agent Napoleon Solo (Henry Cavill) and KGB agent Ilya Kuryakin (Armie Hammer) are forced to put aside their hostilities and work together to stop the evildoers in their tracks.

Movie Showtimes

SHARKEY THEATER

TODAY 8/7
7:00 PM Terminator: Genisys (3-D) (PG-13)

SATURDAY 8/8
3:00 PM Sneak Preview: Man from U.N.C.L.E. (PG-13)
6:10 PM Self/Less (PG 13)

SUNDAY 8/9
2:30 PM Inside Out (PG)
4:40 PM Terminator: Genisys (PG-13)
7:10 PM The Gallows (R)

THURSDAY 8/13
7:00 PM Self/Less (PG 13)

HICKAM MEMORIAL THEATER

TODAY 8/7
6:00 PM Inside Out (PG)

SATURDAY 8/8
4:00 PM Sneak Preview: Man from U.N.C.L.E. (PG-13)

SUNDAY 8/9
2:00 PM Inside Out (3D) (PG)

THURSDAY 8/13
7:00 PM Terminator: Genisys (3-D) (PG-13)



Upcoming blood drives

- Aug. 10 and 11, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., Blood Donor Center, Tripler Army Medical Center.
 - Aug. 18, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., Pollock Theatre, Camp Smith.
 - Aug. 19, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., Naval Submarine Support Command, 822 Clark St., Suite 400, Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam.
 - Aug. 24, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., Club 14, U.S. Coast Guard Sector Honolulu, Sand Island.
 - Aug. 25, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., NEX, Tripler Army Medical Center.
 - Aug. 31, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., Makalapa Clinic, Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam.
- (For more information, call 433-6699 or 433-6148 or email michelle.lele@amedd.army.mil.)

Marriage enrichment retreat planned

CREDO Hawaii (Chaplain’s Religious Enrichment Development Operation) has announced its marriage enrichment retreat (MER) on Aug. 21 to 23. The retreat will be held in Waikiki at a location to be announced. The MER is a weekend for married couples to reconnect, enhance their intimacy and love, and to learn relationship skills that will enrich their life together. The retreat is free to all active duty personnel, activated Reservists and family members. Meals and lodging are included. A long-term schedule for retreats occurring over the next 12 months will be provided once all dates have been verified. Participants may register 90 days in advance for upcoming retreats. (For more information or register participants may call 473-1434 or email at credohawaii@navy.mil.)

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