

Pearl Harbor Day honors fallen heroes M. C. LANE

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More than 3,000 guests and approximately 50 Pearl Harbor survivors attended the 74th Anniversary Pearl Harbor Day Commemoration, held Dec. 7 at Kilo Pier at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam.

The U.S. Navy and the National Park Service co-hosted the event to honor the sacrifices made by those who fought and lost their lives during the attack on Pearl Harbor 74 years ago.

Adm. Harry Harris, commander of U.S. Pacific Command, gave the featured address.

"Today and for every tomorrow, we owe a debt to the men and women who gave their full measure of devotion on Dec. 7 and throughout World War II," Harris said.

"As we commemorate this day, let us re-dedicate ourselves to delivering to future generations the same gift of security and peace that was purchased for us by those who sacrificed so much in defense of our freedom seven decades ago,' Harris said.

Pulitzer Prize-winning historian Dr. David Kennedy delivered the keynote speech. "The fact that the bloody conflict began (for America) 74 years ago today may eventually go down in history as one of the most tragic episodes in a long, sorry history of violent human contestations," Kennedy said.

The commemoration also included a Hawaiian blessing, a military wreath presentation conducted by representatives from

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During the test, a target representing a medium-range ballistic missile was air-launched Operational-02 Event from a U.S. Air Force C-17 aircraft over the broad ocean area southwest of Hawaii. An AN/ TPY-2 radar in Forward Based Mode, located at PMRF, detected the target and relayed tar-

the Command, Control, and Communication (C2BMC) system. The Aegis Weapon System at the Aegis Ashore site received track data from C2BMC and used its component AN/SPY-1 radar to acquire, track, and develop a fire control solution to engage the target. The Aegis Weapon System then launched the SM-3 Block IB Threat Upgrade guided missile from its Vertical Launch System. The SM-3's kinetic warhead acquired the target reentry vehicle, diverted into its path, and destroyed the target using the kinetic force of a direct impact.

The primary pur-pose of the test, des-ignated Flight Test 1a, was to assess the op-erational effectiveness of the Aegis Ashore capability as part of a larger BMDS architecture. Aegis Ashore uses a nearly

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15th Wing hosts Dec. 7 Remembrance

Story and photo by Tech. Sgt. Aaron Öelrich

15th Wing Public Affairs

The 15th Wing hosted the 74th Remembrance Ceremony at 7:55 a.m. Dec. 7 in commemoration of the attack on Hickam Field in 1941.

Survivors and their family members attended the ceremony, which honored the men and women who lost their lives on Hickam Field during the two waves of attacks launched by the Imperial Japanese Navy on

Dec. 7, 1941.

"I am both honored and humbled to speak to you on this historic day, the most important day in Hickam Field's history," said Col. Randy Huiss, 15th Wing commander, while addressing the crowd.

"On 7 December 1941, the lives of everyone stationed at Hickam Field changed forever. Stories of [heroism], duty and sacrifice during this attack bring us back to a time when the ground shook with enemy bombs," he said.

Retired Air Force Col.

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Andrew Kowalski was a first sergeant at the time of the attack. He was awakened by loud explosions and immediately reported for duty at the wing headquarters, where his job was to answer the phone and maintain the official list of Hickam casualties. A few months later, he was recommended for officer training school. Kowalski celebrated his 101st birthday this past August.

Sylvia Phillips, the widow of Maj. Claude Phillips, a Silver Star recipient, attended the ceremony in

On Dec. 7, then Tech Sgt. Phillips operated a damaged B-17's machine gun, shooting down a Japanese aircraft.

Matthew Trovinger, grandson of the late Staff Sgt. Clayton Wedel, was also in attendance. On Dec. 7, 1941, his grandfather was assigned to the 23rd Materiel Squadron which suffered numerous casualties. During a Hickam Historical Tour, Trovinger received confirmation that his grandfather was assigned to Hickam Field the

honor of her late husband. See 15TH WING page A-9



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December 11, 2015 Ho'okele A-2 unset tribute honors Sailors lost aboard USS Utah

Story and photo by MC3 Gabrielle Joyner

Navy Public Affairs Support Element Detachment Hawaii

Pearl Harbor survivors, World War II veterans and guests gathered at the USS Utah Memorial for a sunset tribute held Dec. 6 at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam.

Navy Region Hawaii hosted the event, commemorating the 74th anniversary of those who bravely served on the Florida-class battleship and honored the 58 crew members still entombed aboard the sunken vessel.

Those in attendance included retired Chief Petty Officer Gil Meyer, who is a Pearl Harbor survivor and was one of the crew members serving aboard USS Utah on the fateful morning of Dec. 7, 1941

Retired Navy Master Chief Yeoman James Taylor, Pearl Harbor survivors' liaison, recounted Meyer's story of that day.

"After the ship was hit by torpedoes, rolled over and sank, Gil Meyer slid off the bottom of the ship and swam ashore, dodging bullets from strafing aircraft," said Taylor.

"Soon after the attack, he was assigned to the lightcruiser USS Detroit and remained on the ship throughout the war. Gil savs it was a hair-raising experience to be on board one of the first ships to enter Tokyo Bay," Taylor said

After the tribute, the guests stood in reverence for the sounding of Taps, followed by the presentation of the wreaths by the Pearl Harbor survivors and special guests.

Rainey McKenna from the National Park Service said she felt the event was intimate



Pearl Harbor survivors speak with guests at the USS Utah Memorial sunset tribute Dec. 6 on Ford Island. Several events took place during the 74th anniversary of Pearl Harbor Day to pay tribute to the nation's military while enlightening Americans about veterans and service.

and moving and felt honored to have a conversation with one of the Pearl Harbor survivors, Delton "Wally" Walling.

'He is a wonderful human, very warm, very inviting, and I was able to hear some of his stories about his time and where he was when this happened," said McKenna.

"They [stories] gave me in- Utah," she said.

sight into an experience that I don't have a lot of familiarity with and many of these stories are new to me, so it was a chance to really hear what the day was like and what it meant to him. It was a wonderful thing to be here with our [Pearl Harbor] survivors, to share this moment at the USS

McKenna also mentioned the tribute was one of the events shared on Dec. 7 on a live stream program.

We are on an island and there are only so many who can join us here on this special day, but there is so much interest, and we've had people inquiring about this and planning on joining the live feed

from all over the world," said McKenna.

"This is something that touched many people. It was part of a greater story, and there's this interest that still persists in what happened here that day, and I think it's something that we can share with thousands, if not millions, of people," she said.

Blackened Canteen ceremony honors spirits of fallen

Story and photo by Staff Sgt. **Chris Hubenthal**

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World War II veterans from the United States and Japan joined in a silent prayer and poured bourbon whiskey into the hallowed waters of Pearl Harbor during a blackened canteen ceremony in observation of Pearl Harbor Day, Dec. 6.

The annual commemoration provided a moment for attendees to observe the continued



Park Service at the USS Arizona Memorial.

Jack Detour, U.S. Air Force retired colonel and World War II veteran, poured an offering to the fallen alongside Japanese veterans and said he believes that Sugano's efforts in continuing these ceremonies is a great way to respect those who lost their lives in World War II.

"I think it's fantastic," Detour said. "I think that what the gentlemen has done to keep this going is great because one of the main things that they did is they took

peace and reconciliation that the two nations share and to remember those who lost their lives during the Dec. 7, 1941 attack on Pearl Harbor and World War II.

The canteen used to pour the whiskey was recovered from a B-29 bomber that was destroyed after colliding with another B-29 bourbon whiskey as an bomber over Shizuoka, Japan in 1945.

American and Japanese veterans pour bourbon whiskey into the hallowed waters of Pearl Harbor as a way to observe and celebrate the continued peace and reconciliation between the two nations during a Blackened Canteen ceremony as part of the Pearl Harbor Day 74th Commemoration Anniversary Dec. 6, at the USS Arizona Memorial.

Arizona Memorial chief nez said. historian, explained the significance of pouring offering of peace.

"The whiskey is really Daniel Martinez, USS the water of life," Marti- that's in Shizuoka and

"For the Japanese, the highest honor is to pour whiskey, American whiskey, as a part of home. To pour it on the stone

here at the USS Arifalls into the water, it's a way of extending the hand of friendship, for-giveness and peace," he explained.

For the last 20 years, zona Memorial, as it Dr. Hiroya Sugano, director general of the Zero Fighter Admirers Club, has been conducting this act of reconciliation with the National Harbor.

care of burying our 23 B-29 pilots that crashed in Japan.

"After the war now we have a very close relation with Japan and a friendly relation with them and it's great. Anything I can do to further that relationship with Japan I'll be happy to do," Detour said. The ceremony was co-

hosted by the National Park Service and Pacific Aviation Museum Pearl



If you could ask a Pearl Harbor survivor one question, what would it be?



Tech. Sgt. Orlando Crespo 647th Civil Engineers Squadron

Over the many years after the war, have you been able to look past the actions of the Japanese government?"

Staff Sgt. Lee Ancona USMC Recruiting Hawaii

"I would ask them, what have you done to help you cope with the loss of your brothers and sisters?"





Staff Sgt. Emmanuel Escobar 735th Air Mobility Squadron

"What was going through your mind when the attack first started?"

YN2 Christopher Floranz Pearl Harbor

"I would ask them if they feel that their name and legacy have been cemented in history.





Maj. Dorinda Mazza 15th Comptroller Squadron

What words of wisdom can you give to those currently serving in the armed forces?"

AWR2 Dillan Nicolette JBPHH 1st LT

"I would ask a Pearl Harbor survivor how the Navy and the world compares to the Navy and world in the 1940s."





Col. Curt Wilken PACAF

"Where were you when the attack started, and when did you realize something was wrong?

National Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day, 2015

President **Barack Obama**

Nearly seven and a half decades ago, as dawn broke over the island of Oahu, bombs broke through the sky as Japanese forces launched an unprovoked attack on our nation-absorbing America into a conflict that would change the course of human dignity and freedom.

More than 2,400 precious lives and much of our Pacific Fleet were lost, yet the ensuing unification of our people proved mightier than the attack that aimed to weaken us.

On National Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day, we pay tribute to the men, women and children-military and civilian—who lost their lives on Dec. 7, 1941, honor all *Commentary*



President Barack Obama

who served in the wake of that infamous day and recognize the sacrifices today's service members make to carry forward the inextinguishable torch of liberty for generations to come.

Reacting to the surprise attack, patriots from every corner of our country answered the call to serve

common cause. Sixteen million Americans left behind everything they knew and everyone they loved to fight for freedom far from home and liberate a continent from the grip of tyranny.

Courageous individuals from all walks of life crossed oceans and stormed beaches, uplifting a generation and paving the way for our fiercest adversaries to become some of our closest allies. In the example of those who came forth in the months and years following the attack on Pearl Harbor, we see an enduring truth: that no challenge is too great when we stand as one people committed to the ideals which the stars

and stripes symbolize.

Seventy-four years af-

and banded together in Harbor, we endure as a nation dedicated to affirming the inherent dignity of every personeven in the face of unspeakable violence. As President Franklin D. Roosevelt said the day after the attack, "The American people in their righteous might will win through to absolute victory."

On this day, let us honor the memory of all who gave their lives so that President Roosevelt's words could be realized. and let us resolve to uphold the legacy of our country, for which generations of brave men and women have fought and sacrificed.

The Congress, by Public Law 103-308, as amended, has designated Dec. 7 of each year as "National Pearl Harbor ter the attack on Pearl Remembrance Day."

A 'Pathway to Reconciliation' thank you

Rear Adm. John Fuller

Commander, Navy Region Hawaii and Naval Surface Group Middle Pacific

On Monday, Dec. 7, 2015, more than 3,000 people came aboard the Joint Base to join in the National Pearl Harbor Remembrance Ceremony.

This year marks seven decades of peace-the end of the Second World War and the continuation along the "Pathway to Reconciliation" (this year's remembrance theme).

We conducted Monday's ceremony at Kilo Pier overlooking USS Arizona Memorial and Battleship Missouri Memorial.

From where I sat, the morning sun made the memorials appear to glow as USS Preble and its crew performed a pass-inreview, rendering honors to Pearl Harbor victims and survivors.

Hundreds of people -military and civilian -made the ceremony a successful and touching tribute to our veterans.

Thank you.

I am hesitant to call out individuals by name because there are so many who deserve our gratitude. So to avoid the inevitable risk of leaving someone out, I'll give 'shout outs' to organizations with the understanding that their great team players did great, great work.

Big thanks go to the National Park Service professionals. They not only co-hosted Monday's event at Kilo Pier but also sponsored many other ceremonies and events starting more than a week ago.

I thank our other uniformed services teammates-part of the extended ohana and joint effort. I thank our Japanese guests who demonstrated warmth and grace. And I thank the many wreath donors and other sponsors and partners.

Of course, I am exceptionally proud of the region and Joint Base team -military and civilian -who coordinated all the details with various stakeholders. Well done!



Rear Adm. John Fuller

This year Fox Sports showed us how much the nation appreciates our military service members. The Fox NFL Sunday show broadcasted live from Mighty Mo and aired features that focused on our Pearl Harbor attack survivors and our service members here today. Fox Sports also provided live coverage of two NCAA games from Bloch Area: Oklahoma vs. Villanova and Navy vs. Oregon.

Over the past week, Major League baseball players, USA Women's World Soccer team members and NCAA athletes came to pay their respects at the monuments. They met wounded warriors, toured ships and spent time with military families.

Thank you. Because of the positive national media coverage

and extensive use of social media, we achieved greater awareness and recognition of our veterans - especially the Greatest Generation.

Many of the young athletes who visited with us are the same age as the veterans who served in Pearl Harbor 74 years ago.

Most of the Pearl Harbor survivors were in their late teens or early '20s when their world was turned upside down. They went on to fight and win in the Pacific War.

To these veterans we owe the biggest thanks of all

Thank you for preserving our freedom and for taking us on the pathway to reconciliation and peace.

We are forever in your debt.

Oklahoma capsizes at Pearl Harbor after attack



ET1 Jonathan Velazquezrivera PHNSY and IMF

"I would ask, what was going through your mind when the attack happened?'



Provided by Lt. Paul Fylstra and David D. Underwood Jr.

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Official U.S. Navy photo

This photo shows a view of the capsized U.S. Navy battleship USS Oklahoma (BB-37) at Pearl Harbor. USS Maryland (BB-46) is visible at right. The attack on Pearl Harbor by Imperial Japan occurred just before 8 a.m. Dec. 7, 1941. Within minutes, the Oklahoma sustained damage from multiple torpedoes and capsized. Hundreds of Oklahoma service members were buried as unknowns in the National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific (Punchbowl). This year, the Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency disinterred the service members in an effort to identify them and return the fallen to their families.

State tobacco laws to change Jan. 1, including smoking ban for those under 21

Brandon Bosworth

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The new year will bring major changes to Hawaii's laws relating to tobacco and nicotine.

Effective Jan. 1, 2016 the

rettes.

In addition, as of Jan. 1 Hawaii will become the first anyone under the age of 21. state ban on smoking in Senate Bill 1030 prohibits

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selling these products to those under the age of 21.

state to ban smoking for 21 convicted of breaking the law will be fined \$10

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U.S. Air Force photo by Staff Sgt. Christopher Hubenthal Sailors assigned to the USS Preble (DDG-88), render their respect Dec. 7 during a moment of silence as part of the 74th National Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day Commemoration.

Members of the JBPHH color guard stand at attention during ceremony honoring service members killed aboard the bat



Retired Master Chief Yeoman Jim Taylor, Pearl Harbor survivor liaison, delivers remarks during the USS Utah Memorial sunset tribute at Ford Island, Joint Base Pearl Harbor the 74th anniversary of Pearl Harbor Day to pay tribute to the nation's military while enlightening Americans about veterans and service.



'Pathway to Reconciliation'





U.S. Navy photo by MC2 Tamara Vaughn the USS Oklahoma (BB 37) Memorial remembrance tleship Oklahoma on Dec. 7, 1941.

U.S. Navy photo by MC2 Tamara Vaughn

(Above) Peter B. Dupre', center, a World War II Veteran, plays Taps on his harmonica during a floral tribute aboard the USS Arizona Memorial. The floral tribute was part of a Pearl Harbor Survivor/ World War II Family and Friends Harbor Tour that took place at JBPHH.

U.S. Navy photo by MC1 Meranda Keller

(Below) Japanese Buddhist monks pray during an interfaith prayer service aboard the USS Arizona Memorial, Dec. 7.

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> U.S. Air Force photo by Staff Sgt. Christopher Hubenthal (Right) The Blackened Canteen ceremony is a way for Americans and Japanese veterans and observers to extend a hand of continued friendship, peace and reconciliation by pouring bourbon whiskey as an offering to the fallen in the hallowed waters of Pearl Harbor.

Photo courtesy of The Greatest Generations Foundation (Right) Pearl Harbor survivors traveling with the Greatest Generations Foundation visited Hickam Elementary School on Dec. 3.



U.S. Navy photo by MC2 Jeff Troutman (Below) Rear Adm. John Fuller, commander Navy Region Hawaii and Naval Surface Group Middle Pacific, speaks with Pearl Harbor survivor Ed Schuler during a wreath dedication ceremony aboard the USS Arizona Memorial, Dec. 7 in remembrance of the 74th anniversary of the Pearl Harbor attacks.

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U.S. Navy photo by MC2 Jeff Troutman (Above) Pearl Harbor survivors enter the USS Arizona Memorial for a wreath dedication ceremony in remembrance of the 74th anniversary of the Pearl Harbor attacks, Dec. 7.



U.S. Air Force photo by Tech. Sgt. Aaron Oelrich (Above) Durward Swanson looks for his former commander on the Dec. 7 Memorial Plaque after participating in the 74th Remembrance Ceremony hosted by the 15th Wing at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, Dec. 7.

U.S. Navy photo by MC2 Jeff Troutman

(Right) John Langdell, the son of retired Navy Lt. Cmdr. Joseph Langdell, speaks at his father's interment ceremony aboard the USS Arizona Memorial. Joseph Langdell, the last surviving officer stationed aboard the USS Arizona during the Pearl Harbor attacks, died at the age of 100 in February of this year. Langdell was one of the final surviving witnesses to the Pearl Harbor attacks before his death, and wished to be interred with his fellow shipmates on the USS Arizona.



(Below) Gilbert Meyer, a Pearl Harbor survivor, speaks with service members at the USS Utah Memorial sunset tribute on Ford Island. Several events took place leading up to the 74th anniversary of Pearl Harbor Day to pay tribute to the nation's military while enlightening Americans about veterans and service.

U.S. Navy photo by MC1 Meranda Keller



survivor, accepts a ceremonial wreath to present to the entombed crew of the USS Utah during a sunset tribute at the USS Utah Memorial on Ford Island, Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam.

U.S. Navy photo by MC2 Gabrielle Joyner



Remember Pearl Harbor

Karen S. Spangler

Managing Editor

Seventy-four years have passed since the devastating attack on Pearl Harbor on Dec. 7, 1941, but for many of those who attended Monday's commemoration ceremony, the recollections were as clear as though it were yesterday.

That "day of infamy" held vivid memories for some of the guests in attendance —themselves survivors of the Pearl Harbor attack. It was an especially meaningful time for them—as they gathered from all parts of the country to remember former friends and shipmates who made the ultimate sacrifice.

As the ceremony unfolded, it brought reflections of a day 74 years earlier-when the U.S. Navy received its worst defeat in history. The roar of aircraft engines, machine gun fire, explosions, gut-wrenching screams of agony and the cries from the Navy's proudest ships, crippled and devastated by the enemy attack, shattered the silence of that long ago Sunday morning.

For those who attended this year's ceremony, there were many similarities from commemorations in previous years.

dress uniforms manned the rails and rendered honors as the USS Preble passed by the Arizona Memorial. Speakers offered eloquent words about the Dec. 7, 1941 attack and the legacy of the "Greatest Generation."

Wreath presenters from all branches of the armed forces, dignitaries and representatives from numerous organizations came forward to pay their respects to the lost warriors of Dec. 7.

But this year, as in recent years, one thing was noticeably different: the declining numbers of Pearl Harbor survivors who were in attendance at the commemoration. There weren't as many of those bright green and white aloha shirts and jaunty Pearl Harbor survivor caps in the audience.

The few remaining heroes of another generation are well into their golden years, typically now in their mid-to-late '90s and for many of them, the long trip to Hawaii is no longer possible. But those who can make the trip are diligent about returning to Pearl Harbor to pay respects to their former shipmates.

It's their time for a personal tribute to those who were lost—fathers, sons, brothers, friends.

From the harbor waters Sailors in sharp white surrounding the USS Ari-

zona, oil continues to seep from the remains of the once mighty battleship. It mingles with the floral blossoms that visitors leave behind as they pay homage to the memory of the Arizona. It is a constant reminder of the legacy that is Pearl Harbor, an ever-present memory of the day that tragedy struck Pearl Harbor, the U.S. Navy and the nation.

The Pearl Harbor survivors have carried the poignant memories of the catastrophic event at Pearl Harbor for more than 70 years. As they humbly express their gratitude that their lives were spared, they shed tears of sadness for the loss of their shipmates

And for many of these heroes of another generation, their last tribute takes place at Pearl Harbor-as they return to their duty stations and their final resting place with former shipmates.

It is important that we always remember their courage, their commitment and their sacrifices. We can only be stronger and more united as a nation by remembering the tragedies and sacrifices of the past and honoring those who gave so much to make our lives better and America stronger.

We must never forget Pearl Harbor.





Sara Dillon, the vice commander's wife; U.S. Air Force Maj. Gen. Mark C. Dillon, Pacific Air Forces vice commander; retired U.S. Air Force Col. Andrew Kowalski and former U.S. Army Air Forces Tech. Sgt. Durward Swanson, Hickam Field attack survivors, watch as "Old Glory" is unveiled, Dec. 7 at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam.

New case is unveiled for Hickam's 'Old Glory' chief of the Army Air Forces. It was later Story and photo by Tech. Sgt. Amanda Dick

Headquarters Pacific Air Forces

Headquarters Pacific Air Forces unveiled the new case to house "Old Glory" during a ceremony Dec. 7 at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam.

Presided over by Maj. Gen. Mark C. Dillon, PACAF vice commander, the ceremony highlighted the history of the American flag that flew at Hickam Field, dubbed the Hickam flag, during the attacks on Pearl Harbor and Hickam on Dec. 7, 1941, as well as honored two Hickam survivors, former U.S. Army Air Forces Tech. Sgt. Durward Swanson and U.S. Air Force retired Col. Andrew Kowalski.

"It is a distinct honor to have these ironmen with us," Dillon said. "Yes, we can never forget what they did, but because of Tech. Sgt. Swanson's actions that fateful day, that same garrison flag is also here. Tech. Sgt. Swanson, we thank you for doing your duty that night and retiring our torn and tattered 'Old Glory."

Swanson, along with Sgt. Albert Lloyd, took the flag down at the end of the day following the attacks.

"We were just doing our checks," Swanson recalled in a previous article.

We had security guards posted around the entire field. Then, it [was] night time, and I said to Lloyd, 'The flag is still flying. We've got to take that down.' We took the flag down and folded it the best we could as shattered as it was," Lloyd remembered.

Soon after the attacks, "Old Glory' was sent to Washington, D.C. under the safekeeping of Gen. Henry "Hap" Arnold,

displayed during war bond drives as a reminder of the events at Pearl Harbor and Hickam throughout the course of World War II.

The flag was also prominently displayed on the battleship USS Missouri in Tokyo Bay during the signing of the surrender documents that ended the war. The Hickam flag eventually returned back to HQ PACAF in 1980.

According to Steve Diamond, HQ PA-CAF command historian, the brand new case was created in accordance with modern conservation standards since the former case provided inadequate protection, as it was not sealed properly, letting in humidity and bugs, and had poor lighting.

"We now have non-harming LED lighting and better glass to protect [the flag] from UV rays," Diamond said.

"Overall, this is the type of case you would find in the Bishop Museum and the Air Force Museum."

"[The flag] is the most unique and symbolic artifact that's a witness to what happened Dec. 7, 1941," he continued.

"Nothing like it exists anywhere. It was here at the start of America's participation [in WWII], and what's very symbolic, it was also present at the end of the war," he said. As for Swanson, he said he was happy to see the flag again.

"It thrills my heart," he said. "[The case] is very nice. As long as the flag is up, that's what matters to me."

Due to damage the flag received on its 'proper" display side, the only way to preserve and display it was to attach the protective backing onto the "proper" display side, causing it to be displayed in reverse.

Hickam Elementary hosts 'Greatest Generation'

Story and photos by Staff Sgt. **Christopher Stoltz**

15th Wing Public Affairs

On a normal school day, students from Hickam Elementary receive history lessons from their teachers. However, on Dec. 3, they had a chance to speak to individuals who are actually in their history books; as members of the "Greatest Gener-ation" visited and spent their day at the school.

The visit marks the second time the Pearl Harbor survivors have visited Hickam Elementary and given students the opportunity to learn more about the attack on Pearl Harbor from individuals who were there in person.

"Our students were able to experience living history by interacting with these remarkable men," said Alisa Estrella Bender, Hickam Elementary School principal.

"Their personal stories and shared experiences gave our students greater awareness to honor, sacrifice and patriotic duty," Bender said.

One of the students who was fortunate



Members of the Pearl Harbor Survivor's Association wait for choral performances to begin during their visit to Hickam Elementary, Dec. 3, at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam.

the survivors was fifth who is currently in the bringing tears to many grader Chloe Malone, who said having the opportunity to speak to the survivors is something she will always remember.

"Listening to the survivors allowed us to learn more about the event from their perspective," said Malone. "I would who ranged from kinlike to thank them for dergarten to sixth grade, enough to speak with their service and anyone filled the concert hall,

military as well.'

After hearing stories about the attack on Pearl Harbor and fielding various questions from the students, the Pearl Harbor survivors enjoyed a school lunch and even attended a formal concert.

Songs from students,

people in the room. After the songs ended, survivors gave thanks to the children for their performances. Although the room was loud seconds earlier, one could hear a pin drop as the survivors gave thanks and made their way back to the shuttle which brought them to Hickam Elementary.

Quoting former President John F. Kennedy, Bender said, "As we express our gratitude, we must never forget that the highest appreciation is not to utter words, but to live by them."

"For us, we were reminded to live our gratitude for what these men, as well as other veterans, have done for our nation," said Bender

Although the 'Greatest Generation' will be very busy with next year's 75th remembrance, they said they would make time and come back to Hickam Elementary.

"We would be honored to have them back next year," said Bender. "It touched our hearts when they said they wanted to come back to Hickam Elementary School again."

PH survivor takes final voyage back to Pearl Harbor

Story and photos by MC3 Katarzyna Kobiljak

Navy Public Affairs Support Element Detachment Hawaii

Family, friends and military service members gathered to pay tribute to the retired Chief Boatswain's Mate Donald Show in an ash-scattering ceremony held Dec. 7 at the USS Utah Memorial on Ford Island, Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam.

"My dad would have loved this ceremony," said Jeannette Siciliani, daughter of the late Show, who served aboard USS Phoenix during the Pearl Harbor attacks Dec. 7, 1941.

"He loved his Navy. He always said that ocean was his wife. This is what he wanted, and I am blessed to be here to honor his wish," said Siciliani.

The ash-scattering ceremony was one of several events during the 74th anniversary of Pearl Harbor Day to pay tribute to the nation's military while enlightening Americans about veterans and service.



'It was Don's wish to make a final voyage back to Pearl Harbor after his death, so he could be reunited with his shipmates, his brothers, lost that fateful day in 1941," said Pearl Harbor survivors' liaison retired Navy Master Chief Yeoman James Taylor during his speech.

Taylor, the master of ceremony, talked about Show and his life before he introduced Show's family members.

"The ceremony was beautiful, and it really exceeded my expectations," said Zach Show, son of Donald Show. "We are

so happy and so honored and base ceremonial guard honored thankful for what everyone did for us.'

Musician 2nd Class Rick Baty played Taps, and the

Show with a rifle salute. Both of Show's children received an American flag, a gesture that made them tearful.

After the ceremony ended, Show's children and friends dropped purple flowers into the water.

"I saw them [flowers] drift

toward where USS Phoenix was located, and I felt like it was a sign from my dad saying that is right where he wanted to be," said Siciliani.

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each military service, a rifle salute performed by the U.S. Marine Corps, musical performances from the Pacific Fleet Band, and a vintage plane fly-by conducted by the Pacific Warbirds.

The USS Preble (DDG 88) also rendered honors while performing a pass-in-review during the ceremony.

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day Japan attacked.

After a morning of remembrance, Huiss ended his speech with a challenge.

"As you leave this ceremony and go about the business of your lives, please take a moment to remember the stories of that fateful day," he said.

'Seek out our history, listen to those who have seen and done incredible things for our nation, because the stories link us to the past. They are how we remember and how we learn the lessons written by the sacrifices of those who came before us," Huiss said.

AEGIS

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identical configuration of the Vertical Launch System, fire control system, and SPY-1 radar currently in use aboard Aegis BMD cruisers and destroyers deployed at sea around the world.

"Today's test demonstrated that the same Aegis Ballistic Missile Defense capability that has been fielded at sea and operational for years, will soon be operational ashore as part of the European Phased Adaptive Approach (EPAA) Phase 2 capability in Romania. I am very proud of the tremendous effort by the entire government/industry team in executing this vitally important mission for our Nation and our allies," said Vice Adm. James D. Syring, MDA director.

The MDA and the U.S. Navy cooperatively manage the Aegis BMD program.

For more information about all elements of the BMDS, visit www. mda.mil.

Bringing home remaining USS Oklahoma fallen Staff Sgt. Chris Hubenthal dignified transfer during the Defense Media Activity ceremony.

Hawaii News Bureau

Accounting Agency (DPAA)

worked alongside caretakers of

the National Memorial Cem-

etery of the Pacific (NMCP) to

disinter the last of the 388 un-

known service members associ-

tacked Pearl Harbor, destroy-

ing nearly 20 naval vessels, 200

aircraft and killing more than

2,000 U.S. service members.

Among the destruction was

the USS Oklahoma that was

struck by torpedoes with a crew

of more than 400 still aboard.

Nearly 74 years later, the pos-

sibility of giving a name to the

388 unidentified heroes of the

historical battleship is closer to

becoming a reality, thanks to

helped exhume the final four

caskets, and honor guard members of the DPAA performed a

Caretakers from the NMCP

the joint efforts.

On Dec. 7, 1941, Japan at-

ated with the USS Oklahoma.

"We've been working for multiple years with the Defense NATIONAL MEMORIAL POW/MIA Accounting Agency," said James Horton, director of CEMETERY OF THE PA-CIFIC, Hawaii - Personnel the NMCP. "A decision was made, partly from the Defense POW/MIA

from push from the families to get some final resolve, and we got special permission to do those disinterments for the agency as opposed to having them contract them out," he said

Horton said that supporting events like the dignified transfer is more than just a part of the job for staff members at the NMCP.

"It is part of what we feel is a personal responsibility for us to take care of our fellow veterans," Horton said.

"For our guys to be able to be a part of that, to be able to help get that process going and to do it with the passion and caring that we do, it makes it that much more personal for us as well."

U.S. Army Sgt. 1st Class John Maze, DPAA mortuary affairs specialist and team sergeant, served as the team leader for the honor guard detail that rendered honors for the unknown heroes of the USS Oklahoma.

"Everybody knows that it's a high visibility event and we prepare for it," Maze said. "It is just an honor to serve in that position and bring our service members home and get them back to their families.

At the end of the ceremony, the last four caskets were transported to the DPAA and, although the final unknown service members have been disinterred, the process now shifts to identifying the fallen.

Ray Emory, a Pearl Harbor survivor who lives in Hawaii and is a former Navy chief, carried out painstaking research on the USS Oklahoma unknowns and was a strong advocate for their identification and accounting. Emory was serving on the USS Honolulu at the time of the Dec. 7, 1941 attack on Pearl Harbor.

Dr. Debra Zinni, DPAA forensic anthropologist, explained how she and her colleagues work to identify the heroes of the USS Oklahoma.

"The remains associated to the USS Oklahoma will be accessioned in the laboratory here in Hawaii where we will cut for DNA for some of the remains," Zinni said.

The dental analysis will be conducted here in our laboratory here in Hawaii. The post cranial remains will be sent to our laboratory in Offutt, where additional skeletal testing and DNA testing will also be conducted," she said.

Zinni said that the whole process wouldn't be possible without the family members of the fallen.

"The disinterment for the remains associated with the USS Oklahoma would not have been able to be accomplished without the family members' support," Zinni said. "The families needed to provide a family reference sample, and their overwhelming support really is what drives that process."

DPAA estimates that 80 percent of the remains associated with the USS Oklahoma will be identified within five years and, as the next chapter in bringing closure to the families of the fallen begins, DPAA continues to work toward finding and identifying other heroes across the world.

"This mission is important because service members-past, present and future-need to know that if they need to make the ultimate sacrifice they will not be forgotten," Zinni said.

"This agency will use all of its resources to investigate, locate and recover their remains and provide those answers to the nation and their family members. There is a saying that 'some gave all and all gave some' and that was many years ago, and the way that we can honor their sacrifice and their service is to provide those answers to the families and repatriate their remains," she said.

The task of identifying the USS Oklahoma unknowns was a multi-faceted process involving several agencies and joint service teams, including the NMCP, Navy Service Casualty Officers and the Armed Forces DNA Identification Laboratory.

Pearl Harbor survivors render honors during a ceremony at the USS Oklahoma (BB 37)

Survivors honor USS Oklahoma's fallen

U.S. Navy photo by MC1 Rebecca Wolfbrandt Memorial on Ford Island.



Fox Sports joins Dec. 7 remembrance festivities

Story and photos by Randy Dela Cruz

Sports Editor, Ho'okele

After being thrust into World War II on Dec. 7, 1941, the Pacific became a hotbed for the U.S. military and their allies in a combined effort to preserve freedom.

Along with the perilous duty, sports provided a welcome relief, as professional and top amateur athletes from around the country joined the rank and file in the Pacific to fight for one common cause, including Ted Williams, Joe Louis, Jackie Robinson, Joe Dimaggio, Yogi Berra and Bobby Jones, among others.

As survivors, family members, dignitaries from around the world and military members from all branches joined the yearly pilgrimage to Pearl Harbor in remembrance of Dec. 7, sports returned as part of the tradition with a special broadcast of NFL football, baseball clinics and a collegiate basketball tournament featuring the Naval Academy and three top-25 teams in the nation all presented by Fox Sports.

In a whirlwind of activities to honor military men, women and family members, Fox Sport kicked things off on Saturday morning with a baseball clinic and talk that was hosted by sportscaster Harold Reynolds, a two-time MLB all-star with the Seattle Mariners. It featured former New York Mets Benny Agbayani and current players Shane Victorino, Jeremy Guthrie and Mitch Harris, who pitches for the St. Louis Cardinals and is a graduate of the Naval Academy (2004-08). "I graduated in 2008 and signed with the Cardinals and ended five years active in Norfolk," Harris recalled. "It's great because I've been on both sides. To be a naval officer and then come back here, it's great. It's always fun to give back and hopefully, if they learn a little something, a little inspiration, that's all we're hoping for." Agbayani, who grew up in Aiea in a home overlooking Pearl Harbor, said that although he lived just outside the gates of Joint Base, the place has a way of giving you goose bumps

whenever you visit its hallowed ground.

"It a great honor because these men and women are fighting for our lives," he said. "For me, I'm like, I'm going to do this. They are away from their families, so it's almost like how it was when I was playing.

For

them, it's protecting the United States of America. It's something that they pledged to do when they joined, and you know, it's something that I really appreciate them doing for us."

In overlooking the packed attendance at Ward Field, Agbayani said that he wasn't so surprised at the size of the crowd and also commented that it was good to see both young and older fans at the clinic.

"Baseball is America's pastime," Agbayani said. "Just coming here and seeing the kids smiling, you can see that they want to live that dream also. I dreamed about it as a little kid and I made it a reality. You never know, one of them might become a Major League Baseball player."

While Fox Sports may have kicked off their three-day visit

Top left, U.S. Naval Academy Parents Club of Hawaii greets U.S. Naval Academy's Navy men's basketball team, Dec. 4, at Honolulu International Airport for a Pac-12 matchup against Oregon.

with America's pastime, it followed up with two other sports that are becoming or might be just as popular.

On Sunday, the Fox football broadcasting team, with the likes of Howie Long, Terry Bradshaw and Michael Strahan took center stage by hosting their NFL Sunday coverage from the Battleship Missouri Memorial.

Then on Monday, Dec. 7, fans from around the world were treated to back-to-back NCAA Div. I basketball games featuring the nation's No. 7 team Oklahoma versus No. 9 Villanova in a showdown of top-10 squads.

In the nightcap, Naval Academy took on No. 25 Oregon.

The televised doubleheader, which was played at Bloch Arena, had Oklahoma beating Villanova, 78-55, while Oregon defeated Navy, 67-47. Left, Naval Academy guard Shawn Anderson goes up a for lay-up.

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"... coming here and seeing the kids smiling, you can see that they want to live that dream also ... You never know, one of them might become a Major League Baseball player."

> — Benny Agbayani Former New York Mets player



At left, Major League Baseball player Shane Victorino gives batting tips to a child. Above right, St. Louis Cardinals pitcher Mitch Harris talks about proper pitching mechanics at the Fox Sports-hosted baseball clinic.



Fox NFL Sunday live at Pearl Harbor



Above, Terry Bradshaw engages with Pearl Harbor survivors during Fox NFL Sunday Live Special at the Battleship Missouri Memorial at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, Dec. 6. Using sports as a backdrop, Fox Sports paid tribute to the nation's military while enlightening Americans about Pearl Harbor Day during the 74th anniversary. At left, Fox NFL Sunday Live hosts and service members re-enact a football play during the special. Below, the hosts of Fox NFL Sunday in front of the Battleship Missouri Memorial at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam.

U.S. Navy photos by MC2 Brian M. Wilbur



Aloha shown to Fox Sports

Hula dancers participate on Dec. 5 in a ceremonial performance during the "Fox Sports Welcome Reception," at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam. Using sports as a backdrop, Fox Sports paid tribute to the nation's military while enlightening Americans about Pearl Harbor Day during the 74th anniversary.



U.S. Navy photo by MC1 Meranda Keller

647th Force Support Squadron repeats as football champs

Story and photos by Randy Dela Cruz

Sports Editor, Hoʻokele

The 647th Force Support Squadron (647 FSS) may have just tightened their grip on the claim to be the most dominating flag football team in Joint Base history after they beat a talented 647th **Civil Engineer Squadron** (647 CES) Bulls, 19-7, to capture their second consecutive intramural flag football championship on Dec. 7 at Millican Field, Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam.

In the team's two-year reign, the 647 FSS won 14 games without a loss en route to their first title and then ran the table one more time this year to arguably become the best team to ever hold up the championship trophy on back to pass on every JBPHH.

Two years ago, Commander, United States Pacific Fleet (COMPAC-FLT) became the first team on base to win back-to-back titles after Air Force squads, 613th Air and Space Operation Center (613 AOC) and the 561st Network Operation Squadron (561 NOS) Det.1, won the first two Joint Base flag football championships.

To date, the Air Force now holds a 4-2 edge in the battle for bragging rights for Joint Base's highest flag football award.

"We won 27 in a row," said 647 FSS defensive captain Staff Sgt. John Ribbins, who pointed out that the only blemish on the team's record was a double forfeit that disqualified both teams for unsportsmanlike conduct. "We never gave up more than 13 points in any game. I mean, you can't describe words for it, he said."

While the 647 FSS entered the game as the favorite to win it all, the team got an early wake-up call as the Bulls drew first blood to take the first lead.

After the Bulls defense came up with a stop in the red zone on the Force Support Squadron's first possession of the game, quarterback Staff Sgt. Chris Miranda got the CES offense off to a good start on a pass to Sgt.

down for a 7-0 advantage. After being stopped in the red zone on their first drive, the 647 FSS, behind quarterback Tech. Sgt. Jason Price, completed a pass and rushed once to set the ball down at the 28.

Price then connected with Senior Airman Darren Palmer for a 17-yard pick up to the Bulls 25 and then went back to the middle, where he found a wide-open Ribbins for a touchdown.

The 647 FSS evened the score at 7-7 on the converted PAT and that's where it stood through halftime

Starting with the ball in the second half, Price said he did not want a repeat of the first half, where the team got derailed twice in the red zone.

Instead of dropping down, Price reversed his strategy by sticking to a ground game.

Four of the first five plays were kept on the ground where Price used his legs to dash for 30 yards.

A pass on third down to Ribbins put the ball on the Bulls 19, and four plays later, Price completed a clutch fourthdown pass into the end zone to Airman 1st Class Isaac Cleveland for a 13-7 lead.

On the FSS's next possession, set up by an interception from Palmer, Price all but put the nails in the coffin when he ended a three-play, 50-yard drive to pay dirt with a short eight-yard strike to Cleveland for his second touchdown catch of the game and a 19-7 lead.

"This feels good," Price said about winning the team's second title in a row. "We got a couple of guys that came back, we got new guys and they came in real focused. What kept us focused was the fact that this would probably be our last time playing together. We took every game seriously, but when playoff time came, we just stepped it up a notch."

As the players took one last look around Millican Field, no one seemed to be in too much of a hurry to leave the grounds.

Ribbins, who said he is one of the few that would



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- Tech. Sgt. Jason Price 647 FSS quarterback

Labronze Paden, who then extended a lateral to that the players just want Senior Airman Ty Robinson to complete an eightyard gain.

On the next play from his own 26, Miranda rolled out of the pocket to his left and zipped a laser into the hands of Robinson, who made the catch and then turned it upfield for a 54-yard, catch-andrun into the end zone and a 6-0 lead.

The Bulls converted their point after touch-

be back next season, said to live every moment of the journey, which started almost six months ago.

"It was hard, but the main thing we did was that we started in July," Ribbins admitted. "Our main thing was to work on what we got to do and stay humble. We had the same core (of players). Unfortunately, most of us are leaving, so this is probably our last run together.'



Top, quarterback Tech. Sgt. Jason Price reaches back to deliver a bomb into the end zone. Above, teammates and family members of the 647th FSS celebrate with the championship trophy.

Midshipmen basketball team visits USS Michael Murphy

At right, Lt. Benjamin Olivas, training officer aboard USS Michael Murphy, speaks to the U.S. Naval Academy men's basketball team during a tour of the ship. The Navy midshipmen faced Oregon in a Pac-12 matchup Dec. 7 that aired on Fox Sports 1.



Photos by MC2 Jeff Troutman

Major League players interact with military members







Above, clockwise from top, Major League Baseball player Benny Agbayani teaches batting stances to military members and their families during MLB Players Clinic at Ward Field at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam. Major League Baseball player Jeremy Guthrie talks to military service members and their families. Major League Baseball player Shane Victorino autographs a book for a military service family member. Fox Sports paid tribute to the nation's military while enlightening Americans about Pearl Harbor Day during the 74th anniversary.





At right, Major League Baseball player Harold Reynolds autographs baseballs for military families.

DECEMBER

TOWER LIGHTING CELEBRATION

TODAY — The free 46th annual Tower Lighting Celebration will be held at the Freedom Tower mall. Entertainment will be provided by the Air Force Band of the Pacific. Festivities will include bounce houses, holiday crafts, interactive trampoline and gymnastics demonstrations and photos with Santa. Dinner plates and snacks will be available for purchase. Event shuttle service will be provided round-trip from the Hickam BX Garden Shop, starting at 4:15 p.m. until the event finish. The event is open to all military-affiliated personnel and their sponsored guests, but pets are not authorized at the event. FMI: www.greatlifehawaii.com.

EXCHANGE EVENTS WITH SANTA

SATURDAY — Kids can tell Santa their Christmas wishes at the Hickam Exchange Bxtra beginning at 11 a.m. FMI: 423-1304. In addition, breakfast with Santa Claus will be held from 8 to 9 a.m. at the Pearl Harbor Navy Exchange food court lanai, second floor. The cost of the event is \$12 per child for a meal of pancakes and bacon, a goody bag, a picture with Santa, glitter tattoos, holiday activities, craft making, door prizes and balloon twisting. The cost of the event is \$8 per adult for pancakes and bacon, with coffee or tea and door prizes. Participants should arrive by 7:45 a.m. because doors will close promptly at 8 a.m. FMI: 423-3287 or Stephanie.Lau@nexweb.org.

CHRISTMAS CONCERT

SATURDAY — InspirationStudios, known for their inspirational music with ukulele and other instruments, will perform at noon at the Hickam BX. FMI: 423-7885.

HOLIDAY CONCERT

SATURDAY — A free, open-to-the-public holiday concert by the U.S. Pacific Fleet Band will begin at 5 p.m. at the Hale Koa Hotel. The outdoor concert will take place under the large banyan tree in the courtyard of the hotel, located at 2055 Kalia Road in Waikiki. No tickets are required, as seating is open. Casual/holiday attire is encouraged. FMI: U.S. Pacific Fleet Band Operations at 474-3693 or ops.pacfltband@navy.mil.

HOLIDAY FESTIVAL OF LIGHTS

14-18 — Pearl Harbor Holiday Festival of Lights Tours will be held from Dec. 14 to 18. White boats will leave from Merry Point landing from Dec. 14 to 15 beginning 30 minutes after sunset until 8 p.m. Tours will also leave from the Pearl Harbor Visitor Center on Dec. 17 and 18 at the same times. Judging by Navy Region Hawaii will be held at 6:30 p.m. Dec. 16. For more information see page B-6.

TEEN CENTER PARENT NIGHT

15 — Teens ages 13 to 18 years old and their families can attend a free parent night at the Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam Teen Center from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. The event will include food and activities. FMI: 448-0418.

PEEWEE SOCCER REGISTRATION

18 — Registration for the 2016 Peewee Soccer season closes Dec. 18. This youth sports and fitness activity is for ages 3 to 5. The cost is \$35. The season runs from Jan. 9 to April 2. Registration is done online. FMI: www.greatlifehawaii.com or call 473-0789.

FREE SNEAK PREVIEW

19 — A free sneak preview of the movie "Point Break" in 3D (rated PG-13) will be shown at 7 p.m. at Sharkey Theater. The movie is free for the first 400 authorized patrons. The ticket booth and doors will open at 5:30 p.m. Active-duty military may receive up to four tickets. Retired military, their family members and Department of Defense card holders may receive up to two tickets. FMI: 473-0726.

NORTH SHORE BIKE RIDE

19 — A North Shore bike ride will begin at 8:30 a.m. and end at 2:30 p.m. The cost is \$20 including a bicycle (or \$15 without). Participants need to sign up by Dec. 16. This trip is about seven miles round-trip on level terrain. The ride is offered through the Joint Base Morale, Welfare and Recreation Outdoor Adventure Center at the Fleet Store. FMI: 473-1198.

HOLIDAY MEAL AT SILVER DOLPHIN

25 — A Christmas holiday will be served from 2 to 4 p.m. at the Silver Dolphin Bistro. The meal will include oven-roasted turkey, baked spiral ham and other holiday foods. The price of the meal is \$9.05 and is open to all active duty military, Department of Defense employees, retirees, and their family members with a valid ID card. FMI: 473-2948.

BREAKFAST FOR SINGLE SAILORS/AIRMEN

25 — Single Sailors and Airmen can have a free breakfast, including waffles, bacon, eggs and homemade cinnamon rolls. The breakfast will be served at three locations at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam: Gabrunas Hall Recreation Room, building 1300 series near Arizona Hall and The Gathering Place (Hickam dorms). Single Sailors and Airmen can attend anytime between 9 and 11:30 a.m. FMI: Paul Cassidy at 282-9068.



SPECTRE

A cryptic message from Bond's past sends him on a trail to uncover a sinister organization. While M battles political forces to keep the secret service alive, Bond peels back the layers of deceit to reveal the terrible truth behind SPECTRE.

SHARKEY THEATER

TODAY 12-11 7:00 PM The 33 (PG-13)

SATURDAY 12-12 3:00 PM Daddy's Home (PG) (Free sneek preview) 5:20 PM The Peanuts Movie (3-D) (G) 7:30 PM Our Brand Is Crisis (R)

SUNDAY 12-13 2:30 PM The Peanuts Movie (G) 4:40 PM SPECTRE (PG-13) 7:30 PM Burnt (R)

THURSDAY 12-17 7:00 PM SPECTRE (PG-13)

HICKAM MEMORIAL THEATER

TODAY 12-11 6:00 PM The Peanuts Movie (G)

SATURDAY 12-12 2:00 PM The Peanuts Movie (G) 6:00 PM The Peanuts Movie (G)

SUNDAY 12-13 2:00 PM The Peanuts Movie (G) 6:00 PM Steve Jobs (R)

THURSDAY 12-17 7:00 PM The Last Witch Hunter (PG-13)

Pearl Harbor to celebrate Festival of Lights Dec. 14-18

Navy Region Hawaii Public Affairs

The annual Pearl Harbor Holiday Festival of Lights featuring ship and submarine lighting will be on display through Dec. 25.

Free harbor white boat tours for military and Department of Defense ID card holders will be held from 6 to 8 p.m. Dec. 14 and 15 and 7:15 to 9 p.m. Dec. 16 departing from Merry Point Landing.

Free white boat tours for the public will be held from 6 to 8 p.m. Dec. 17 and 18, departing from the Pearl Harbor Visitor Center.

The tours are offered by the National Park Service. Seats are limited and tickets will be distributed on a first come, first served basis beginning at 5:30 p.m. on the day of the tour at the visitor center.

No backpacks, fanny packs, luggage, diaper bags, camera bags, purses, large camera/ tripods or other items which provide concealment are allowed in the visitor center or aboard the boats.

Do not leave your valuables in your car. Cameras and videos are allowed aboard for photos of the decorated ships. However, photographing security activities such as the patrol boats and shore or water security personnel is prohibited. A light jacket or sweater is recommended.

The annual ship/submarine holiday lighting competition will be judged the evening of Dec. 16 by a barge tour of the harbor. Judges tentatively will include representatives from Submarine Force U.S. Pacific Fleet, Pearl Harbor Naval Shipyard and Navy Region Hawaii.

The top three and honorable mentions will be selected for both ships and submarines. A special admiral's choice award will be presented to one ship or submarine of Navy Region Hawaii and Naval Surface Group Middle Pacific's choice. All ships and submarines are encouraged to show their festive spirit and provide the best holiday lighting and hospitality they can muster.

U.S. Women's Soccer Team visits JBPHH



U.S. Women's National Soccer Team athletes read the list of fallen military members aboard the USS Arizona Memorial in Pearl Harbor.



U.S. Women's National Soccer Team athletes visited the Makalapa Clinic at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam to thank Wounded Warriors for their service.



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Fox NFL Sunday thanks Wounded Warriors



U.S. Navy photo by MC1 Meranda Keller

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ken cords or loose bulb

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more than three strands

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maximum of 50 bulbs for

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Terry Bradshaw signs a football for Aircrewman (Mechanical) 1st Class Jason Gibson while visiting Makalapa Clinic at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam to thank wounded warriors for their service. Using sports as a backdrop, Fox Sports paid tribute to the nation's military while enlightening Americans about Pearl Harbor Day during the 74th anniversary.

FFD Hawaii holiday fire safety tips

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Don't let Christmas ever heat up too much, with fire that is. Did you know that Christmas trees alone result in 13 million dollars annually in property damage? More importantly, these fires present a real risk to families and friends.

The National Fire **Protection Association** (NFPA) Fire Code NFPA 1 permits fresh/artificial trees in the following occupancy types with an automatic sprinkler system: business, day care, industrial, mercantile, one and two family dwellings, and storage areas.

Trees of any type are prohibited in the following occupancy types: assembly, board and care, detention and correctional, dormitories and educational. Health care fresh, vibrant green nee-



Picking the tree

• If you have an artificial tree, be sure it is labeled, certified or identified by the manufacturer as fire retardant.

•Choose a tree with facilities are allowed only dles that do not fall off ter daily. If a fire

Lighting the tree

inspector sees a tree with a large quantity of falling needles and no water, the occupant will be advised to remove the tree imme-

diately.

moval and proper disposal of a live tree should be a priority. The longer a tree is in a facility, the higher the fire risk becomes. Driedout trees should not be left in the home or garage, or

Holiday chapel events scheduled

Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam chapels will hold a variety of events celebrating Čhristmas, Hanukkah and New Year's Day.

Catholic Services at Hickam Chapel Center

• Dec. 24, 5 p.m., Christmas Eve Family Mass

• Dec. 24, 11 p.m., Christmas Eve Family Mass

• Dec. 25, 11 a.m., Christmas Day Mass • Jan. 1, 11 a.m., New Year's Day Mass

Catholic Services at Pearl Harbor Memorial Chapel

• Dec. 24, 8 p.m., Christmas Eve Family Mass

• Dec. 25, 9 a.m., Christmas Day Mass • Jan. 1, 9 a.m., New Year's Day Mass

Protestant Services at Hickam chapels

• Dec. 24, 7:30 p.m., Christmas Eve Candlelight Service, Hickam Chapel Center

• Dec. 31, 10 p.m., Gospel Watchnight Service, Hickam Nelles Chapel

Protestant Services at Pearl Harbor Memorial Chapel

• Dec. 20, 4:30 p.m., Christmas Family Concert • Dec. 24, 6:30 p.m., Christmas Eve Candlelight Service

Jewish Services at Aloha Jewish Chapel

• Dec. 11, 7:30 p.m., Shabbat Hanukkah Service.

(For other religious observances, call Pearl Harbor Memorial Chapel at 473-3971 and Hickam Chapel Center at 449-1754.)

Upcoming blood drives 🌔

• Dec. 14 and 15, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., Military Police, 455 Wilson Ave., Schofield Barracks.

• Dec. 16, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., Aloha Center (across from PACAF building.)

• Dec. 21, 9 to 11 a.m., Health Clinic, building 683, Schofield Barracks.

 Jan. 6, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Schofield Barracks Tropics, Schofield Barracks.

Jan. 7, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., SEAL Division Team-1 SDVT-1 classrooms.

(For more information, contact Michelle Lele-Himalaya, Armed Services Blood Program, Tripler Army Medical Center, at 433-6699 or email Michelle.Lele.civ@mail.mil.)

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artificial trees with a ULlisted certification.

"When showcasing a live tree in your business or home, the combination of tree dryness, electrical malfunction with lights, and poorly located heating sources can make for a deadly combination," said Jeffrey Fernaays, **Federal Fire Department** Hawaii prevention chief.

Following these few simple tips to ensure a happy and fire-safe holiday season:

when touched.

Placing the tree

• Before placing the tree in the stand, cut 1–2 inches from the base of the trunk.

• Make sure the tree is at least three feet away from any heat source, such as fireplaces, radiators, candles, heat vents or lights.

• Make sure the tree is not blocking an exit.

 Add water to the tree stand. Be sure to add wa-

• Use lights that have the label of an independent testing laboratory such as UL or FM-approved.

• Use clips, not nails, to hang lights so cords are not damaged.

• Some lights are designed only for indoor or outdoor use. Any lights used outdoors must be labeled suitable for exterior placement and must be plugged into a groundfault circuit interrupter protected receptacle.

• Replace any string of

home. Most trees have a two-week life span once placed in a tree stand.

placed outside against the

Check with your local community to find a recycling program. Outdoor electrical lights should be brought inside after the holidays to prevent hazards and to make them last longer.

(For more information about Federal Fire Department Hawaii or fire safety, contact Fire Inspector Angela Sanders at 471-8019 or angela.sanders1@navy.mil.)