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USS Lake Erie deploys to western Pacific

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Sailors aboard the Hawaiibased, Ticonderoga-class guidedmissile cruiser USS Lake Erie $\left(CG~70\right)$ departed Feb. 18 for a western Pacific deployment, the ship's last while being homeported at Pearl Harbor.

Families gathered on the pier to say goodbye to loved ones, waving and holding signs. Sailors in their dress white uniforms crowded along the rails to shout their goodbyes to loved ones.

While deployed, Lake Erie will conduct theater security operations with partner nations while providing deterrence, promoting peace and security, preserving freedom of the seas and, if needed, providing humanitarian assistance/disaster response.

"We are trained and ready for deployment," said Capt. John S. Banigan, Lake Erie commanding

"I am very proud of this crew and all that they have accomplished. We have an amazing team of professionals, and I have the utmost faith in their abilities. I could not ask for a better group of Sailors to go to sea alongside."

Lake Erie is one of 11 surface ships of Commander, Naval Surface Group Middle Pacific. The bearing the dying words of his excited to navigate through ship is named in commemoration friend, Capt. James Lawrence, some interesting ports," said ers are multi-mission surface com- Hickam (JBPHH), Hawaii.



The Ticonderoga-class, guided-missile cruiser USS Lake Erie (DDG 70) deploys to the western Pacific from Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam.

Sept. 10, 1815.

During the pivotal engagement, Commodore Oliver Hazard Perry hoisted a crudely stitched flag

day and continues to inspire today.

"I am very excited because I've never been overseas before. I am

of the Battle of Lake Erie fought "Don't give up the ship!" That Quartermaster 3rd Class Lane motto served as the battle cry that Daigle. "I can't wait to see Japan and South Korea. Those countries have been on my bucket list since

U.S. Navy guided-missile cruis-

I joined the Navy.

batants capable of supporting carrier strike groups, amphibious readiness groups, surface action groups or operating independently.

"It's going to be hard," said one of the spouses, whose husband deployed with the Lake Erie. "Being away is always difficult, but it's worth it. I'm proud of him and all his shipmates who are deploying today."

Upon completion of this deployment, Lake Erie is expected to replace John Paul Jones as a rotational ballistic missile defense (BMD) deployer in San Diego.

Commander, U.S. Surface Group Middle Pacific leads and manages the overall warfighting capability of the surface combatant force homeported at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-

Navy increases efforts to trap coconut rhinoceros beetle

Tom Clements

Navy Region Hawaii Public Affairs

The Navy, along with the State of Hawaii CRB from the compost piles Departments of Agriculture (HDOA) and Land and The debris has been excavat-Natural Resources (DLNR), ed and ground twice on site as well as the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) Animal and Plant ble of reducing material to a Hickam golf course and Health Inspection Service Plant Protection and the island of Oahu.

The CRB is a high profile invasive species and is a pest of coconut palms and other palm species. Immediately after the discovery of the beetles at Joint Base Pearl Harbor Hickam (JBPHH) property Dec. 23, military service members and civilians at the joint base joined with state and federal agencies to combat the spread of the invasive threat.

Four breeding areas were located in mulch piles along cation.

the Mamala Bay Golf Course at JBPHH. To effectively eliminate the invasive pest, APHIS and program cooperators must survey and and other vegetative debris. using a "tub grinder," similar to a wood-chipper but capasmaller size.

Once the debris is com-Quarantine (APHIS-PPQ), pletely processed, it is placed More than 300 traps have is engaged in efforts to on plastic in the excavation been deployed in a two-mile eradicate the coconut area and covered with secure radius, and thousands of rhinoceros beetle (CRB) on bird netting. The netting surveys have been conductbreeding sites but inhibits them from leaving.

The advantage provided by the Navy-funded grinding process is that it eliminates all but the earliest life stages of the CRB. Adults, pupae and large larvae are destroyed by the grinding. With only the early stages of eggs and small larvae, this technique then provides time to develop and perfect methods for complete eradi-

HDOA is the lead agency in this effort. Navy Region Hawaii and JBPHH remain in close coordination with State of Hawaii Departremove all life stages of the ment of Agriculture and USDA while also working together with U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and University of Hawaii.

A total of 119 adult CRB have been captured near the beach, along with more than 250 larvae and 16 pupae. allows adults to return to the ed by state and federal personnel in search of the large beetle.

Seabees from Construction Battalion Maintenance Unit (CBMU) 303 are building coconut rhinoceros beethe invasive pest.

time how the CRB arrived at JBPHH, and it is very come on either military or International



tle bucket traps to combat Utilitiesman 2nd Class (SCW) Justin McNairn builds a coconut rhinoceros beetle trap at JBPHH.

possible locations. Joint likely that invasive species Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam could appear there first. In difficult to determine the has the nearest green space early November, inspectors method of arrival. It is pos- to the shared runway at HNL airport picked up a sible the CRB could have and airfields of Honolulu CRB in luggage from a

It is unknown at this civilian flights from many (HNL) and Hickam, so it is Airport flight arriving from Japan.

Residents are advised to report beetles on the state pest hotline 643-7378 (643-PEST).

Residents who find a trap that is damaged can call 832-0585 to have it picked up.





(Far left): Airman 1st Class Erik Chapman, 647th Logistics Readiness Squadron vehicle operator loads cargo aboard a 40-foot flatbed trailer at the 647th Travel management office at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam on Feb. 14. For authorized personnel to move cargo, they first must have 40 or more hours in training before becoming certified. (Shot at right): Airman 1st Class Erik Chapman, 647th Logistics Readiness Squadron vehicle operator, (center right) and Walter Simmons (right), 647th LRS Travel Management Office Outbound Section, verify the manifest for cargo after loading it aboard a 40-foot flatbed trailer.

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USS Greeneville departs for western Pacific deployment

Story and photo by MC1 Steven Khor

Commander Submarine Force U.S. Pacific Fleet Public Affairs Office

Families and friends bid farewell to the crew of the Los Angeles-class, fastattack submarine USS Greeneville (SSN 772) as it departed from Joint Base Pearl-Harbor Hickam on Feb. 15 for a deployment to the western Pacific region.

Cmdr. Martin Muckian, Greeneville's commanding officer, said the submarine and her crew are excited to get under way.

and rewarding deployment dle," said Muckian. in 2012," said Muckian. "That makes our experi- crew will also have the enced Sailors eager to go opportunity to experience out there and deploy again. enjoyable times at sea and I think our new Sailors are exciting foreign ports of excited to experience their call. first deployment and see the world, which is one of the reasons many of them, or Battle "E" Award, for susincluding myself, joined the Navy in the first place."

will be working with U.S. 7th Fleet in support of national security objec-

Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam.

Pacific region.

Greeneville's goal is to support the operational commander and accomplish conducting at-sea operations or in port showing the flag.

Muckian said deployexperience for the crew, and they plan to use every opportunity to advance the qualifications and experience level of the Sailors.

"The new Sailors on this deployment are going to be the "old salts" for the next deployment, and it is important we give them as much responsibility and "We had a very successful experience as they can han-

Muckian added that the

the Battle Efficiency Award, taining superior performance in an operational Muckian said Greeneville environment within a com-

the strong performance of

month deployment to the foundation for a great performance on this deployment. But at the same time, Muckian said he does not want the crew to be complathe mission, whether that is cent and forget how challenging deployment can be.

Greeneville deployed with on their first deployment.

For Electronics Techni-

"I expect little to no Greeneville recently won sleep," said Coronado. "I'll probably have some personal growth. I want to be reactor operator-qualified and submarine-qualified before

"I have told the crew that you should be justifiably ment is a great seasoning proud of what you have accomplished and enjoy the moment, but don't rest on your laurels," maintained Muckian. "Deployment is a very challenging time, and we need to be our own worst critics if we are to keep sharp and stay ahead of those challenges.'

140 Sailors, many of them

cian 3rd Class Gabriel Coronado, a first-time deployment brings feelings of anticipation and expec-

we return."

Despite the challenges Muckian said he hopes that await the crew of Greeneville, Muckian said tives, as well as fostering Greeneville's crew that he is amazed at the work closer ties with allies in the showed all year long in the Sailors do, and said that region while on their six- 2013 will have laid the success is due to the result



(Left): Cmdr. Martin Muckian, commanding officer of the Los Angeles-class, fast attack submarine USS Greeneville (SSN 772), spends time with his daughter at a farewell lunch before Greeneville departs Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam on Feb. 15. (Right): Electronics Technician 1st Class Christopher Neel spends time with girlfriend Angela Kershner. (Bottom): USS Greeneville leaves joint base for a western Pacific deplyment.

of the whole crew doing it attack submarine. Commis- telligence gathering and right, day in and day out.

crew out on deployment a Navy to be named after the second time," said Muckian. small town in eastern Ten-

USS Greeneville is the nessee. 61st Los Angeles-class subproved Los Angeles-class for covert surveillance, in-

sioned in 1996, Greeneville "I am honored to lead this is the first ship of the U.S.

Los Angeles-class sub-

special forces missions. This stealth, when combined with the submarine's Tomahawk cruise missiles, mines and torpedoes, provide the operational commarine and the 22nd im- marines are ideally suited mander with an unseen

Hawaii Five-0's Chi McBride meets with 15th Wing Airmen



U.S. Air Force photo by Sr. Airman Chris Stoltz Actor Chi McBride speaks to 15th Wing Airmen and civilians about diversity during a guest appearance Feb. 14 at Joint

Tech. Sgt. Terri Paden

15th Wing Public Affairs

Actor Chi McBride of Hawaii Five-0 brought his life philosophies, comedic chops and true Hollywood stories to Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, Hawaii, for a meetand-greet Feb. 14 with Airmen of the 15th Wing.

In the spirit of African American History Month, McBride took a moment to speak candidly about what diversity means to him before sharing personal stories about his life as an actor and answering questions and taking pictures with the audience.

"The only way to truly

is to have diversity in what you do. You sacrifice it first sergeant. the same or think the same and we don't have to agree, but we do have to accept that others are different."

McBride, who described himself as, "not the kind of guy to get hung up on race," also shared his views on the idea of simply tolerating one another. "People deserve acceptance, not tolerance," he said.

In addition to spreading his message of diversity and acceptance, McBride also have and embrace diversity were brave enough to do 15th Aircraft Maintenance

thought," said the Chicago all. And I have a deep pronative. "We don't all look found respect for everyone just like us. He goes to work who puts on the uniform and protects the United

> McBride's casual demeanor, appreciation for the military and clever sports metaphors about life was a hit with the crowd, drawing a standing ovation at the conclusion of his visit, according to partici-

States of America."

pants. "I couldn't wait to come meet him. I was very interested in what he had to say, shared his passion for and I was pleasantly surthe armed forces with the prised to find he was so open something he's saying. The crowd. "I consider myself a and grounded and I liked his patriot because I love this sports references," said his schedule to come speak country," he said. "I wish I Master Sgt. Alfred Wells,

"I also like that he said he's and does his job and then goes home to the things that really matter, like his friends and his family. I was expecting something completely different, but he met us on our level and was relatable.'

Wells, who is a long-time fan of McBride, was also impressed by the actor's appreciation of the military.
"I think it's absolutely won-

derful how passionate he is about the military," he said. "You can tell it's genuine the way he feels, and it's not just fact that he took time out of here says a lot about him and

USS Houston gets sweet greeting at Pearl Harbor

Lt. j.g. Brett G. Stewart

USS Houston (SSN 713) Public Affairs

Friends and families gathered at the submarine piers at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam with Valentine's Day wishes and welcome home greetings for the crew of the Los Angeles-class fast attack submarine USS Houston (SSN 713) as it returned to Pearl Harbor from a deployment to the western Pacific region.

"After a change of homeport and an arduous shipyard period, the crew of Houston was eager to get their submarine back overseas into the western Pacific area of operations and contribute to national defense," said Cmdr. Paul Davis, Houston's commanding officer.

"I am very proud of the way these men have handled themselves throughout our seven months, meeting every challenge with professionalism and pride,' Davis said.

Houston conducted a variety of operations and theater security exercises throughout the deployment, contributing to the nation's strategic posture in the region.

Houston also strengthened relationships with South Korea through exercises with the Royal Korean navy submarine Choi Moo Sun and the USS George Washington carrier strike group.

"They represented our nation well throughout the deployment, and I also am thankful for the tremendous support we have enjoyed from the spouses and family members. Their support, encouragement and sacrifice enabled our successful deployment," said Davis.



Lt. j.g. Coleman Ward of the Los Angeles-class fast attack submarine USS Houston (SSN 713) hugs his wife Eileen following the submarine's Valentine's Day return Feb. 14, from a deployment to the western Pacific Region. See additional photos on A-5.

During the deployment, 33 submarine-qualified and are now entitled to wear the enlisted submarine warfare insignia.

Davis said a majority of the will remain strong. enlisted submariners became crew also completed advanced qualifications that are the building blocks for future operations, ensuring Houston's performance training and experience were ob-

"With about 60 percent of the crew making their first western Pacific deployment, invaluable

tained," said Houston's chief of the boat, Senior Chief Machinist's Mate Jay Cherland.

"But we couldn't do it without the love and support of those we left behind. My hat goes off to our command ombudsman Consuela Rodriguez and the family readiness group. They really helped take care of the command families," Cherland added.

One Sailor had an extra special homecoming waiting for him. Sonar Technician (Submarines) 1st Class Fred Leonard arrived back home to meet his new daughter, born Sept. 3 while the boat was under way. "I've been looking forward to holding my daughter for five months. It's great that it's finally a reality,' said Leonard.

"He's the best Valentine's gift ever!" said Eileen Ward, spouse of Houston Sailor Lt. j.g. Coleman Ward. "I'm overwhelmed, elated and excited! We're expecting our first child, and I'm just so excited to have him home so we can move forward and enjoy Hawaii together as a family again.'

With more than 46,000 nautical miles steamed and participation in multinational exercises, Houston worked to enhance strong relationships in the region. Additionally, during their seven months away from Pearl Harbor, the crew enjoyed several memorable port visits including Guam and Singapore.

Houston is the fourth U.S. Navy vessel named in honor of the city of Houston, Texas. It is a Los Angeles-class submarine, 360 feet long and displacing 6,900 tons. It can be fitted with Mk-48 torpedoes and Tomahawk mis-



Who is your favorite U.S. president?

YN2 Kawon Harrington COMSUBPAC

"I think my favorite would have to be Bill Clinton. I think the economy was at its peak at that time. Me being 24, that's when I remember it being at its best."



Amie Torralva Military spouse



'Abraham Lincoln — he was a man of con-

LN2 Marcella Faust Region Legal Service Office Hawaii

"I would have to say JFK. Former Sailor. He seemed like he knew what he wanted for his country and he was going to make it happen. It was more about the job than the politics."





Senior Master Sgt. Michael Von Ahnen *613th Air and Space Operations Center*

"George W. Bush — he rallied America together in one of the darkest hours. Standing in the smoke and rubble of the twin towers, he assured America that justice would be done."

CTR3 Douglas Holleman

NIOC Hawaii

"Probably president Abraham Lincoln for the amount of work he put in for increasing diversity. Especially for the Navy, diversity really helps having people from all over versus one small skill set.'



Provided by Lt. j.g. Eric Galassi and David Underwood Jr.

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Joint base EOC response team ready for emergencies

Story and photo by SrAirman **Christopher Stoltz**

Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam Public Affairs

As an old English proverb quotes, "Hope for the best, prepare for the worst."

For some, this is but a simple quote. For the Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam (JBPHH) Emergency Management Emergency Operations Center, this is their

JBPHH Emergency Management hosted a week of training this month for the JBPHH Emergency Operations Center Incident Management Team (EOC-IMT). Instructors from the CNIC Shore Force Training Center taught the course over three and a half days to 22 students from various JBPHH codes and tenant organiza-

The class included medical, security, safety, emerassigned to the JBPHH Emergency Operations Each student learned how to properly

installation's EOC IMT during an emergency through a for response and recovery classroom exercises, which utilize student working groups to apply the knowledge gained during lectures.

During exercises, students in the IMT are broken into common emergency support functions under the general areas of operations, logistics and plans.

"They (the students) are given a practical scenario of an on-base emergency where they are forced to realistically lead, brief, coordinate and plan," said Daniel T. DuBois, JBPHH Emergency Management Officer. "Each day, classroom instruction is followed by an EOC exercise that gets progressively complex as the course pro-

According to DuBois, exercises encompass an all-hazard approach from earthquake, tsunami or hurricane natural disasters to mangency management and vari- made events, such as a hazspecialists ardous materials spill or an active shooter. All are timely and plausible and designed to stress the EOC-IMT.

serve as a member of an and control point for Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam series of practical application operations after any manmade or natural disaster and as a support center during major events at JBPHH including POTUS visits, base concerts, 4th of July and other events of major significance.

The EOC-IMT is staffed by a combination of active duty Air Force, Navy and civilian personnel from 18 support units within Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam that are capable of conducting 24/7 support operations. The EOC functions as a conduit of response coordination between units including fire, security, port operations, air operations, logistics, mass care and public affairs.

Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam's EOC-IMT also combines the efforts of Air Force, Navy and civilian personnel.

"The EOC is important because it provides the joint base commander and other emergency operations control centers around JBPHH with a common operating picture," said DuBois. "It

These protective suits are used by military personnel during an exercise or in the event of a toxic environment, such as during a chemical, biological, radiological or nuclear strike. It depends on the mission-oriented protective posture (MOPP) level declared at the time. Each MOPP level corresponds to an increasing level of protection. The readiness level will usually be dictated by the commander.

for the response recovery efforts during natural and these team members to within minutes." manmade disasters."

this common operating picture allows the incident management team to communicate quickly and effec-The EOC is the command also enables focus of effort time to any incident that activated and engaged for vigilant.

quickly disseminate infor-DuBois explained that mation to their reporting the emergency operations officials back at their main

standby status," said with quarterly exercisestively, reducing response DuBois. "But it can be fully all to help keep the IMT

may occur. It also allows for emergency response duties

DuBois and the rest of center staff provide monthly training sessions for the "The EOC is usually in EOC-IMT, in conjunction

Renovation is underway on Hickam Gymnasium restrooms



As part of the Hickam Gymnasium's foyer bathrooms complete makeover, an Air Force apprentice installs cement backer board to the walls of the men's restroom at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam.

Story and photo by Sila Manahane

Naval Facilities Engineering Command Hawaii

A maintenance project currently underway that will benefit military personnel, their families and government civilians at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam (JBPHH) is the Hickam Gymnasium renovation of the men and women's restrooms located in the building's foyer.

Facilities The Naval Engineering Command (NAV-FAC) Hawaii Air Force military members from the 647th Civil process of rebuilding the lavato-

ries at a cost of \$47,000.

project, originally intended to replace only a few plumbing fixtures, missing tiles and bathroom stall partitions, developed into a multi-month project to revitalize the restrooms into fully functioning and safe spaces. The transformation involves an all-around effort from various trade workers—carpenters, electricians and plumbers.

"During inspection of the lavatories, we realized there was a great deal of damage to the drywall under the tiles," said Christopher Coover, project work leader.

"The metal studs in the walls Engineer Squadron are in the were rusted approximately two feet up from the bottom, mak-

ing the wall structurally Durarock cement backer board. unsound. Realizing the amount and variety of modifications to be done in the restrooms, we seized this opportunity to involve our younger Air Force apprentices in the project with the intention to build on and men's and women's restrooms. exercise their abilities in their trades," Coover said.

The new project plan, effective Jan. 6, consists of a complete makeover to the major structural elements of the restrooms. The construction plan requires a number of remedial actions.

These include the removal and replacement of all tile and drywall six feet from the floor and the replacement of all studs in the walls to be covered with

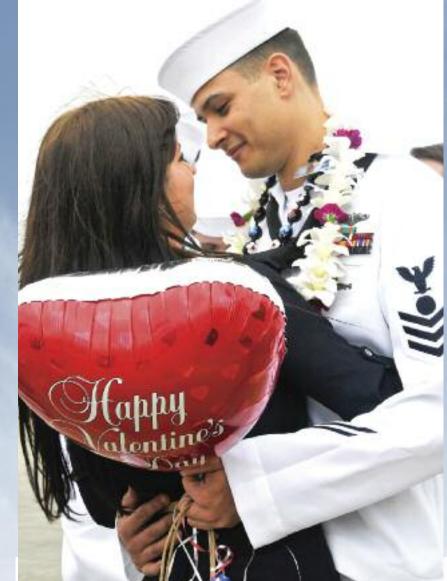
New ceramic tiles will also be placed throughout the bathrooms. Other upgrades will go toward new bathroom fixtures (toilets, urinals, and sinks) and floor repair throughout both

Additionally, the project involves the installation of new partitions as well as light and electrical fixtures to transform the old space into a serviceable one. For finishing touches, fresh paint will be used throughout, and the entrances and closets will also be changed to coordinate with the rest of the new

The lavatory renovations are expected to continue through

Pearl Harbor-Hickam Highlights

Electrician's Mate 1st Class Arthur Valliere of the Los Angeles-class, fast attack submarine USS Houston (SSN 713) hugs his fiance, Marina Yurchak, following the submarine's Valentine's Day return from a deployment to the western Pacific Region. U.S. Navy photo by MCI Steven Khor





Sonar Technician (Submarines) 1st Class Jesse Chaney of the Los Angeles-class, fast attack submarine USS Houston (SSN 713) hugs his wife, Elizabeth Proell, following the submarine's Valentine's Day return from a deployment to the western Pacific Region.

U.S. Navy photo by MC1 Steven Khor





Training prepares Hickam leaders to better care for Airmen

Story and photo by Tech. Sgt. Terri Paden

15th Wing Public Affairs

Joint Base Pearl Harborsuicide prevention in a training course held Feb. 13 at the Hickam Memorial Theater.

Hosted by the 15th Medical Operations Squadron Mental Health Flight, the three-hour course was based on the motto, "Good Leadership is Good Prevention."

The frontline supervisor course was initially developed by the Air Force to prepare supervisors to identify and intervene with Airmen at risk for suicide.

"This is an important program to aid in suicide prevention and teaches supervisors better ways to interact and relate to their Airman," said Tech. Sgt. Dawn MacKenzie, mental health flight NCO in charge.

supervisors are the target holds particular significance audience because they typi-

interaction with Airmen.

"Good leadership should decrease suicides," she said. "You want to get to know your people, so that you also Frontline supervisors at know when they aren't doing well. This training is Hickam were educated on about learning how to recognize the signs. We're teaching additional leadership techniques to help supervisors understand if their Airmen are in distress."

> The training, which is built as a workshop, is interactive, participatory and experimental. MacKenzie said it is intended to emphasize supervisory skills as much as helping skills

mandatory for E-5 and above, Airmen of every rank are strongly encouraged to

Sgt. Jonathan Tech. Nightingale, 647th Civil Engineer Squadron, attended the training and said while he thinks frontline supervisor training is important for experienced supervi-MacKenzie said frontline sors, he thinks the course for newly appointed supervi-

"If this training was pre-Though the training is learned a lot through trial early on.

> I think this type of trainit's definitely vital informa-

In addition to teaching supervisors how to take

fill that role.
"I think this training is a good first step to get firsttime supervisors ready for what they should be looking for in their Airmen," he said. "Personally, I think this training should be added to Airman Leadership School (ALS) curriculum."

sented in ALS to the Airmen who are in line to be frontline supervisors, I think it could give them a head start and set them up for success. When I was coming up through the ranks, this type of training wasn't available and so I and error, but I would have appreciated having something like this to guide me

serves as a refresher for seasoned supervisors, but tion for first time supervisors to get," Nightingale

ing is really important and Frontline supervisor training attendees look through information materials before taking the three-hour course focused on suicide prevention and improving supervisory skills at the Hickam Memorial Theater at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam on Feb. 13.

course also emphasized the when necessary to ensure importance of being a good their best performance, but wingman and Airmen help- also it's every Airman's reing each other.

cally have the most direct sors or Airman preparing to care of their Airmen, the sponsibility to seek help said MacKenzie.

sponsibility to reach out to "It is every Airman's re-fellow Airmen in distress,"

For more information about frontline supervisor training, contact the 15th Medical Operations Squadron Mental Health Clinic at 448-6377.

Pearl Harbor Naval Shipyard announces Sailors of Year

David Tomiyama

Pearl Harbor Naval Shipyard Public Affairs

Pearl Harbor Naval Shipyard has announced its 2013 Sailor of the Year and Junior Sailor of the Year.

Navy Diver 1st Class (DSW/EXW) Adrian McPherson is the shipyard's responsible for the execution workforce capable of com-2013 Sailor of the Year (SOY). The code 760 unlimdiving supervisor and intermediate maintenance facility (IMF) and material management coor- at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-

dinator (3MC), was chosen Hickam. from a field of 178 shipyard Sailors for the annual honor.

"It's a great honor to be named SOY, but I didn't get here by myself," McPherson said. "This award is also for the guys who helped me out and contributed to a successful program."

McPherson is directly of inspections, troubleshooting and repairs of the 36 homeported ships and submarines here as well as transient vessels that stop

"He is a well-respected petty officer who leads, supervises and provides daily counseling and mentorship to our Sailors," said Senior Chief Navy Diver Christopher Pederson, code 760 leading chief petty officer (LCPO).

"He leads a cohesive pleting any task assigned. His dedication to this command and the U.S. Navy are demonstrated daily and are worthy of his selection as the shipyard's SOY."

(DSW/EXW) Jarrette Neal the shipyard's 2013 Junior Sailor of the Year (JSOY). The code 760 work center supervisor (WCS) competed with 178 Sailors to win the coveted honor.

"I think it's a great way to bring recognition of my and the dive lockers exceptional performance to the attention of the shipyard," Neal said.

As a WSC, Neal performs husbandry or repair dives on the 36 ships and submarines homeported here vessels that pass through Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam.

In preparation for the diving operation readiness assessment (DORA), an inspection conducted once every three years by Naval Sea Systems Command on administrative organization and maintenance, Neal ensured the DLSS was upto-speed for the inspection, resulting in an "outstand-

ing" rating for the unit. "Neal has shown the abil-

Navy Diver 2nd Class and transient and foreign ity to fulfill his challenging primary duties as a Navv diver while balancing the responsibilities of a WCS," said Senior Chief Navy Diver Christopher Pederson, code 760 leading chief petty officer.

"The managerial and organizational skills he disdiving equipment, practices, played as team one's WCS enabled the team to conduct continuous diving operations with zero missed days of production and are directly responsible for (the unit) receiving an 'outstanding' in the recent DORA."



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OMSUBPAC beats 15th MXG to keep record perfect

Story and photo by Randy Dela Cruz

Sports Editor

Commander Submarine Force U.S. Pacific Fleet (COMSUBPAC) saw their 11-point lead evaporate, but held on to defeat15th Maintenance Group (15 MXG), 46-43, in a battle of unbeaten Blue Division teams Feb. 13 at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam Fitness Center.

Up by a score of 22-11 at halftime, COMSUB-PAC saw their lead slashed to a single point on a basket-and-one by 15 MXG forward Michael Stephens, a military-family member, with 8:56 remaining in the game.

However, that was as close as the MXG would get as COMSUBPAC held on for the win to raise the team's record to 3-0. Both teams entered matchup at the top of the division with identical 2-0 marks.

"We were missing one of our main ball-handlers, so that kind of hurt us a little bit," said COMSUB-PAC center Electronics Technician 2nd Class Jesse Gauf.

"Then we started turning the ball over and anybody knows that when you start turning the ball over it's going to let a team back in there really



quick and that's what Lt. Greg Koch goes up for a shot during an intramural game between Commander Submarine happened. Luckily we Force U.S. Pacific Fleet (COMSUBPAC) and 15th Maintenance Group (15 MXG.)

little bit the last five min- win. utes of the game and that was the difference."

arine) 1st Class Marquis pened.' Perry and Lt. Greg Koch, who dropped a trey to the team's slow start, keep the team's advan- scoring only 11 points in tage at 35-31 with 6:54 left in the game.

Then Gauf turned up the comeback. the heat with back-topaint to make it 39-33 at the 5:00 mark.

ished the game with 15

15 MXG Airman 1st Class shots from the perimeter kept his team in the game as time wound down.

4:34 in the game pulled the 15th MXG back to their struggles of 2013. within three points at 39mark, Richardson deposited another bulls-eye rience. from long range to cut the at 41-39.

PAC played keep away bounding."

turned up the defense a long enough to secure the

"We just kind of slowed it down," said Gauf about After Stephens drew the team's ability to hold the 15 MXG back to with- on for the win. "I think for in a point, COMSUBPAC awhile, we were rushing got clutch baskets from it, taking bad shots, so I Sonar Technician (Subm- think that's what hap-

Richardson said that the first half, hampered MXG's ability to complete

"We came out slow on back putbacks inside the defense," he explained. "We started in a zone, but more intensity came Gauf, who scored six of when we played 'man' in the team's first nine the second half. Next points of the game, fin- time, we need to come out with more intensity on defense. If we turned up While Gauf had the hot on defense, we'll keep the hand for COMSUBPAC, game much closer. So when we do catch fire in Garren Richardson's long the second half, we'll be pulling away instead of trying to catch up."

Meanwhile, COMSUB-Richardson's trey with PAC's strong start this season is in stark contrast to

Gauf said that the 36, and then at the 2:43 biggest difference this year is overall team expe-

"Last season, we'd deficit down to two points never played together," Gauf said. "We got the The teams traded a cou-majority of players back, ple of baskets over the so I think the continuity next two minutes to keep is a little bit better. We're the teams separated by a little bit undersized, but two with 24 seconds on we make up for it with the clock, but COMSUB- team defense and re-

Scholarship applications due April 2

Hickam Communities LLC

WinnCompanies, the firm providing the property management awarded in May. and maintenance services at Hickam Communities, is offering a scholarship opportunity to resi-

graduates and GED graduates liv- community college, college, uniare invited by the board of direc-grants starting at \$1,000. Those malei St.

2014–2015 academic year, to be

Four Hickam Communities residents were awarded the scholarships last year.

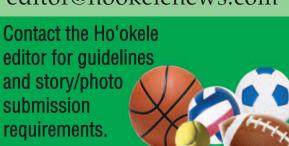
Residents who are pursuing

tors of WinnCompanies to apply who are interested can log on to for scholarship grants for the www.hickamcommunities.com/go/ WinningEdge to download the full application packet and details to find out if they or a member of their family are eligible for a scholarship.

All completed applications High school seniors, high school some form of higher education in a need to be submitted no later than April 2 to Hickam Communities ing in communities managed by versity, or trade/professional housing office at 211 Mercury St. WinnCompanies or its affiliates school to apply for scholarship or its leasing office at 200 Koko-

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Tigers come from behind to defeat CE Bulls

Story and photo by Randy Dela Cruz

Sports Editor

Trailing by a basket at halftime, the 324th Intelligence Squadron (324 IS) Tigers) rallied in the second half to come from behind and defeat the 647th Civil Engineer Squadron (647 CES) Bulls, 45-34, Feb. 18 in a matchup of Red Division intramural basketball teams at Hickam Fitness Center, Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam.

With the win, the Tigers captured their fourth game in a row and grabbed sole possession of first place over Navy Information Operations Command (NIOC) Hawaii, which remained at 3-0 after an idle week.

Meanwhile, the hard-luck Bulls lost their third game of the season with no wins. Two of the team's losses were absorbed after the Bulls held leads going into the second half.

really strong," said 324 IS head coach Cryptologic Technician Paravi (Collection) 3rd Class Ryan Harris. Shirley about the Tigers slow start. "They forced us to change our game plan. We had to play smart basketball. We came out a little slow, a little rocky, but ultimately, we got it together."

Up at 19-17 heading into the second half, the Bulls immediately increased their lead to four at 21-17 on a basket by defense that stole the show in Bulls point guard Airman 1st

Instead of folding, the 324 IS stepped up to the challenge and finally caught the Bulls at 22-22 on a lay-up by Tech. Sgt. Tim Harris with 12:36 remaining on the clock.

Then, on the next trip down the court, the Tigers pulled ahead for only the second time in the game on a long-range jumper from beyond the threepoint arc by Senior Airman Jonathan Bates.

"That was a sigh of relief, not just for myself, but for the players also," Shirley said. "From that point on it was 0-0 again and we could just play basketball.

After the clutch shot by Bates, the 324 IS got even more support from the perimeter, when Senior Airman A.J. Abdul sank his second three-pointer of the game to stretch out the Tigers' lead to six at 28-22.

Clinging to a five-point lead with 5:00 showing on the clock, the Tigers finally put the Bulls away by scoring the next five "The other team came out points on a trey by Senior Airman Raymond Garay-Paravisini and a lay-up by

In gaining the win, the Tigers got balanced scoring throughout their lineup as a total of 10 players posted points for the team. Leading the way was Harris with 17 points.

While the Tigers offense eventually got on track, Shirley said that it was the team's the second half by shutting down the Bulls inside the paint.



Tech. Sgt. Tim Harris leaps up to shoot for two of his 17 points to help the 324th Intelligence Squadron (324 IS) Tigers) defeat the 647th Civil Engineer Squadron (647 CES) Bulls, 45-34, in a Red Division game.

Forward Staff Sgt. Joe Gannon helped the Bulls gain the early upper hand by controlling the boards and scoring eight points in the first half, but he was shut out by the Tigers defense after intermis-

"Our focus was we had to communicate," Shirley said. "They wanted to get the ball inside and look to kick it out. So we had to get down, force Gannon to make bad decisions. Once we put the pressure on him, that's what he did.'

Gannon credited the Tigers for making adjustments in the second half but also added that the Bulls ran out of gas after arriving with only six players.

"In the second half, it really started to hurt because they went 'man' on us," said Gannon, who also pointed out that reinforcements are coming in the next couple of weeks. "Having only six players on the team is hard to keep running because there's no subs. It definitely showed that a lack of people hurt us today.'

While Shirley said that the perfect record puts a bulls-eye squarely on the back of the team's jerseys, he believes that the Tigers will continue to play winning basketball.

"There's no added pressure," said Shirley about the team's spotless record. "We expected this when we came in. But we do know that from here on out, we're going to get everybody's best shot because they want to

COMPACFLT surprises JPAC in last-second thriller

Story and photo by Randy Dela Cruz

Sports Editor

Marine Sgt. J.R. Martin scored the game-tying basket and then calmly sank a free throw to give Commander U.S. Pacific Fleet (COMPACFLT) a heart stopping 30-29 win on Feb. 18 over Joint Prisoner of War/Missing in Action Command Accounting (JPAC) Ballers. The match was a Red Division intramural basketball showdown at Hickam Fitness Center, Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam.

Up by a score of 29-27 with less than 10 seconds to go, the Ballers seemed to have the game well in hand as JPAC center Master Sgt. Rick June set up at the freethrow line to put the finishing touch on a hard-fought battle between two of the top teams in the Red Division.

However, June missed the front end of a one-and-one, and the ball ricocheted off the rim before being grabbed by COMPACFLT guard Intelligence Specialist 2nd Class Aaron Jackson.

Martin, who released off of



the missed shot, swooped in first basket until 10 minutes ket. from the right wing, made a catch and converted on a layup with 3.6 seconds remaining in the game.

After being fouled on the play, Martin then completed the "and-one," which proved to be the difference in the game.

Both teams entered the showdown near the top of the division with identical 2-1

COMPACFLT has now won three games in a row after opening the season with a loss, while the Ballers have dropped two straight

man and let him push the ball," Martin said. "My goal was to try and dunk on somebody. In order for me to dunk on somebody, I had to beat everyone down the floor."

The exciting finish put an exclamation mark on the game after both teams started off ice cold on the court.

The teams were tied at 2-2after six minutes of play and the Ballers didn't score their

had passed after the opening tipoff.

Despite getting off to such a slow start, JPAC still managed to go into halftime holding a 16-14 advantage.

After JPAC started off the first half on a cold streak, COMPACFLT experienced a dry spell to begin the second half.

Held scoreless for the first eight minutes after the break, COMPACFLT finally broke the drought on a basket by Jackson that cut the deficit down to four at 20-16.

Then with 6:38 remaining in the game, COMPACFLT "All we had to do was get pulled ahead at 21-20 on two because you just think what the rebound, get it to the open free throws by Intelligence you could have done differ-Specialist 3rd Class Ryan Malone. The Ballers answered with

> three free throws to retake the lead at 23-21, but Intelligence Specialist 3rd Class Malik Coleman retied the game at 23-23 on a basket for COMPACFLT.

Martin put his team back out in front at 25-23 by converting a lay-up on an said. "You make it or you

However, the lead was short lived as Sgt. 1st Class Don Fields sank one free throw but missed the second shot, which June tapped in for a basket and a 26-25 lead.

A coast-to-coast drive and lay-up by Martin gave COM-PACFLT a 27-26 advantage, but June answered with a trey from the right corner to put JPAC ahead at 29-27 before missing the free throw that set the stage for Martin.

June, who led the Ballers with 16 points, said that the loss was a hard pill to swal-

"That's the worst loss ent," June said. "I guess we didn't get back. They pushed the ball and we didn't expect that."

As Martin approached the line for the game-winning shot, he said that he didn't feel any pressure to make it.

"We're all in the military. There's no such thing as pressure in the military," Martin inbound play under the bas- don't. There's no pressure."

Marine Sgt. J.R. Martin reaches high up into the rafters to pull down a rebound in a Red Division intramural basketball game between Commander U.S. Pacific Fleet (COMPACFLT) and Joint Prisoner of War/Missing in Action Accounting Command (JPAC) Ballers.

Chaplain Corps announces release of strategic plan for religious ministry

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WASHINGTON (NNS) -Chief of Chaplains Rear Adm. Mark L. Tidd on Feb. 10 announced the release of the Department of the Navy's Strategic Plan for Religious Ministry 2014-

"Chaplains play a vital role for our Navy and Marine Corps team, providing counsel, building hope, and increasing the resilience of our force," Secretary of the Navy Ray Mabus stated in the strategic plan.

Navy chaplains and religious program specialists operate across a broad spectrum of environments to fulfill the mission of the Chaplain Corps: to inspire hope and strengthen spiritual well-being through the delivery and coordination of effective religious ministry at sea and ashore.

The Department of the Navy (DoN) Strategic Plan for Religious Ministry 2014-2019 was carefully designed to support the priorities of the Secretary of the Navy, tice one's faith wherever our



U.S. Navy photo by Brandon Bosworth

Chaplain Lt. James Ragain plays guitar and leads a sing-along during Vacation Bible School on June 14, 2013 at the Pearl Harbor Memorial Chapel.

Chief of Naval Operations, shipmates serve. Whether Corps, and Commandant of the Coast Guard. The plan also advances professional naval chaplaincy and expands on the goals of the previous strategic plan released in 2008, Tidd said.

"Part of 'Be Ready' is having the opportunity to prac-

Commandant of the Marine at home or operating forward, our Navy chaplains play a vital role in ensuring our Sailors, civilians and families have the resilience to meet every challenge they face," Chief of Naval Operations Adm. Jonathan W. Greenert stated in the strategic plan.

Gen. James F. Amos,

commandant of the Marine Corps, also remarked in the strategic plan that "chaplains are invaluable when it comes to ensuring we keep faith with our Marines, our Sailors and our families."

Navy chaplains support the religious freedom of Sailors, Marines, Coast Guardsmen, DoN civilians and families as well as sup-

carry out their charge of command by:

• Providing and facilitating religious ministry.

• Caring for all with complete confidentiality, dignity, respect, and compassion.

 Advising commanding officers on the accommodation of religious needs; the spirimembers and families; a moral and ethical command climate; and religious matters that affect the command's mission.

The strategic plan will focus on leveraging these core capabilities to meet three strategic goals: serve our people, engage with 2019," Tidd said. leadership, and meet professional standards, Tidd explained.

When professional religious ministry is delivered effectively, chaplains can help inspire hope, strengthen spiritual well-being, increase personal resilience, and enhance mission readiness across the naval service," Tidd added.

The strategic plan will serve as the foundation for policy and programming for the professional delivery of Final.pdf.

port commanders as they religious ministry across the Navy, Marine Corps and Coast Guard. It will also inform and shape the development of professional standards for chaplains and religious program specialists.

"Every chaplain oversees a command religious program which can address health of force issues that tual well-being of service impact resilience and readiness in a meaningful, substantive way," he added.

"Each chaplain has a role to play in aligning their command religious program to support the commander's mission and intent as well as the DoN Strategic Plan for Religious Ministry 2014-

The Navy Chaplains Corps is currently comprised of 1,056 chaplains in both the active and reserve components, representing more than 100 different faith groups and religious organizations.

For more information on the strategic plan, visit:

http://www.navy.mil/docs/ 2014-2019-StratPlan-ReligiousMinistry.pdf or

http://www.navy.mil/docs/ ImpactofReligiousMinistry_



Live the Great Life

MFSC to hold classes about saving money

Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam Morale, Welfare and Recreation

Those interested in learning how to save money can join the Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam Military and Family Support Center (MFSC) for three upcoming classes for Military America Saves.

A coupon class will be held from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Feb. 24 at MFSC Pearl Harbor. The class will be led by Ashley Dougherty, author of "Couponing in Hawaii."

A financial evening for single Sailors and Airmen will be held from 6 to 7:30 p.m. Feb. 25 at Beeman Center, building 711. Besides financial information, the event will include free pizza and

A class on retirement planning will be held from Roberta Lee-Driscoll, cer- ister, call 474-1999.



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Upcoming classes sponsored by the Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam Military and Family Support Center will focus on how military members can learn to save money.

11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Feb. tified financial planner. 27 at MFSC Pearl Harbor. For more information The class will be led by on the classes and to reg-

DoD grant provides no-cost junior golf program

Justin Hirai

Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam Morale, Welfare and Recreation

The First Tee of Hawaii junior golf program has a Department of Defense grant, which provides the organization's program to children of active duty, Reserve and National Guard service members at no cost. The program is available for youth ages 6-18 years of age at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam at the Ke'alohi Par 3 Golf Course. Youth must be enrolled prior to the grant expiration, which is Feb. 28.

While enrolled in the First Tee of Hawaii program, youth learn life skills through the game of golf. The program is designed to teach young people not only to golf, but also how to become good citizens. The program's core values are honesty, integrity, sportsmanship, respect, confidence, responsibility, perseverance, courtesy and judg-

For more information and to register youth prior to the deadline, call Ken Zitz at 478-3466 or stop by the Kea'alohi Golf Course at 2 p.m. on Sunday or Wednesday to fill out the necessary forms. The forms, voucher and more information can be found on their website at www.thefirstteehawaii.org.



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The deadline to apply for the First Tee of Hawaii junior golf tournament is Feb. 28.

Your Weekly Fun with MWR

from 8:45 a.m. to 12:45 p.m. Saturday departing from Information, Tickets and Travel-Hickam. Patrons can discover the secrets and history of Honolulu's Chinatown as they sample Chinese food along the way and end with a traditional dim sum lunch. FMI: 448-2295.

Free Golf Clinic will begin at 9 a.m. Saturday at Mamala Bay Golf Course. In addition, beginning in March, patrons can play from 2:30 p.m. until dusk and pay for a nine-hole green fee at Mamala Bay Golf Course. The cart fee is \$8. Rental equipment needs to be turned in at dusk. FMI: 449-2304 or 449-2305.

UFC 170 will begin at 3 p.m. Saturday at JR Rockers sports café. Patrons can watch women's bantamweight champion Rhonda Rousey vs. former Olympian Sara McMann in a mixed martial arts event live from Mandalay

Chinatown Food & Historic Tour will be held Bay Events Center in Las Vegas. FMI: 448-

A Spaghetti Special Family Night will be held from 5:30 to 8 p.m. Feb. 27 at the Hickam Teen Center. Teens can bring their parents and siblings. After the spaghetti is served, group games will be held. Parents will have the chance to meet the staff members and their teen's friends and can see where their teens are spending time. New families are welcome to attend. FMI: 448-0418.

Texas Hold'em will begin at 5:45 p.m. Feb. 28 at Tradewinds Enlisted Club Oahu Room. This is a members' only event. The event is subject to change or cancellation due to other special catering events. FMI: 448-2271.

Couples Massage will be held from now through Feb. 28 at the Hickam Fitness Center Visit www.greatlifehawaii.com or subscribe to MWR's digital magazine Great Life Hawaii.

significant other to a 60-minute massage. A 24-hour cancellation policy applies for all appointments. FMI: 448-2214.

North Shore Bike Ride will begin at 8:30 a.m. March 1 departing from Outdoor Adventure Center-Fleet Store. Patrons need to sign up by Feb. 26. The ride will start at Waimea Bay and travel to just beyond Sunset Beach. This trip is about seven miles round-trip on level terrain and is suitable for beginners. The trip includes gear and transportation. FMI: 473-1198.

Learn to Surf at Hickam Harbor will begin at 9 a.m. March 1 at Outdoor Recreation-Hickam Harbor. Patrons need to sign up by Feb. 26. Professional instructors will teach the basics from standing and paddling to catching waves and angling down the wave. Participants must be able to 473-0784 or 473-2437.

Spa. Patrons can treat themselves and their swim without a lifejacket. FMI: 449-5215.

Family Hike: Makapu'u Lighthouse/Swimming at Pele's Chair will begin at 9 a.m. March 2. Patrons need to sign up by Feb. 27. This easy hike is designed to can accommodate the whole family. FMI: 473-1198.

Bottom Fishing at Hickam Harbor will begin at 2:30 p.m. March 2. Patrons need to sign up by Feb. 27. The fishing gear, bait, boat and some instruction will be provided. This trip is designed for beginners and also those who are more experienced. FMI: 449-5215.

Ford Island 10K Bridge Run registration will be held until March 21. The event is one of the largest 10K runs on Oahu. The starting gun for the run goes off at 7 a.m. on April 5. Patrons can download the application at www.greatlifehawaii.com. FMI:

WHEEL THROWING

The Hickam Arts & Crafts Center will hold a class on creating ceramic forms on the potter's wheel from 9 to 11:30 a.m. on Saturdays, Feb. 22 to March 29. Functional as well as decorative ceramics will be explored. All of the fundamentals will be covered as well as advanced techniques. The class will progress at each individual's speed. FMI: 448-9907.

PEARL HARBOR VALOR TOUR

Pearl Harbor Valor Tours are offered Tuesdays through Fridays. This tour includes a visit to the USS Arizona Memorial as well as stops at the USS Utah Memorial on Ford Island, the USS Oklahoma Memorial and the Navy Club Memorial. Departures are from Information, Tickets & Travel. FMI: 448-2295.

PRESCHOOL STORY TIME

Preschool story time will be held from 9 to 10 a.m. Feb. 26 at the Hickam Library. The theme will be "storytime bugs." FMI: 449-8299.

CALL OF DUTY ACTORS AT CLUB PEARL

Voice actors Kamar de los Reyes and James C. Burns from the video game Call of Duty: Black Ops 2 will be at Club Pearl Brews & Cues on March 7. There will be a question-andanswer session beginning at 5 p.m., followed by a meet-andgreet starting at 5:20 p.m. FMI: www.greatlifehawaii.com.

SPRING CRAFT CAMP

Spring craft camp for children 7 years and older will be held 10 a.m. to noon March 11 to 14 or March 18 to 21 at the Hickam Arts & Crafts Center. Registration is required. FMI: 448-9907.

OCEAN ADVENTURE CAMP

Ocean adventure camp runs from March 17 to 21 at Outdoor Recreation-Hickam Harbor. Activities will include swimming, fishing and kayaking. The camp will be held from 9 a.m. to noon for children ages 7 to 9 years and from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. for children ages 10 to 15 years. Each session will vary depending on weather, ocean conditions and the abilities of the group. Children must be signed up by a parent or guardian. Registration begins on March 1. FMI: 449-5215.

SPARTAN SPRINT REGISTRATION

The Spartan Sprint will be held at Aloha Stadium on March 23. Early registration runs through March 1 and can be purchased through Information, Tickets & Travel. FMI: 473-0792.

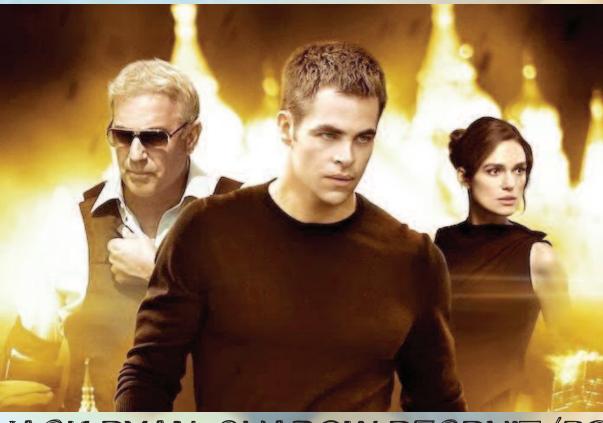
FEBRUARY

SATURDAY — The Hickam African American Heritage Association will host a Gospel Fest and Taste of Soul beginning at 1 p.m. at Nelles Chapel on the Hickam side of the joint base. The food judging categories will include meats, sides and desserts. Participants can submit their dishes by sending their name, contact number and the dish they wish to bring. FMI: Tech Sgt. Sharlana Griffin at 448-6211 or email sharlana.griffin@us.af.mil, or call Tech. Sgt. Tiffany Storman at 433-6775.

25 — Tripler Army Medical Center will hold a national prayer breakfast from 8:15 to 9:15 a.m. at the hospital chapel, third floor, D-wing. Lt. Gen. Patricia Horoho, Army surgeon general, will be the guest speaker. Refreshments will follow. FMI: 433-5727.

MARCH

- 1 A documentary on the history of equal rights titled "Slavery by Another Name" will begin at 1 p.m. at Hickam Library, 990 Mills Blvd. Discussion will be facilitated by Hawaii Pacific University historian Jon Davidann. FMI: 449-8299 or www.greatlifehawaii.com.
- 1 The Hui 'O Na Wahine will host the second annual mock dining in at 5 p.m. at the Nehelani Club, Schofield Barracks. Email huischofield@gmail.com or seek out a board member to purchase tickets. The tickets are \$25 and are on sale until Feb. 24. FMI: http://www.schofieldspousesclub.com.
- 4, 5 Tripler Army Medical Center Blood Donor Center has updated its schedule of upcoming blood drives as part of the Armed Services Blood Donor Program. Currently scheduled drives include March 4, 7:30 a.m. to noon at Makalapa Clinic, Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam; and March 5, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., Club 14, U.S. Coast Guard Sector Honolulu, Sand Island. FMI: 433-6699 or 433-6148 or email michelle.lele@amedd.army.mil or visit www.militaryblood.dod.mil.
- 10 The Hickam Officers' Spouses Club is currently accepting scholarship applications from all college-bound military family members, including high school seniors, current college students and spouses. Family members from all branches of service are eligible. The deadline is March 10. FMI: http://www.hickamosc.com/ or email scholarships@hickamosc.com.



JACK RYAN: SHADOW RECRUIT (PG13)

Jack Ryan is a global action thriller set in the present day. This original story follows a young Jack as he uncovers a financial terrorist plot. The story follows him from 9/11, through his tour of duty in Afghanistan, which scarred him forever, and into his early days in the financial intelligence unit of the modern CIA where he becomes an analyst, under the guardianship of his handler, Harper.

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SATURDAY 2/8

4:00 PM The Nut Job (PG)
7:00 PM The Legend of Hercules (PG-13)

SUNDAY 2/9

2:00 PM The Nut Job (PG)

THURSDAY 2/13

2:00 PM Jack Ryan: Shadow Recruit (PG-13)

Pacific Fleet Band makes melodic music



The Tradewinds Woodwind Quintet of the Pacific Fleet Band performed Feb. 12 for residents at the Arcadia retirement residence morning music club in Honolulu.



The Pacific Fleet Band Tradewinds Woodwind Quintet performed at Arcadia retirement residence in Honolulu on Feb 12. They met with 92-year-old U.S. Army retired service member Bob Berssenbrugge, who was in the Army Signal Corps during World War II. He was in charge of the code room at theater headquarters in China and later ran the U.S. embassy in Nanking as a civilian.

A youngster stops to listen to the Pacific Fleet Band Woodwind Quintet at an afternoon performance Feb. 6 at the visitors' center at the USS Arizona Memorial.

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NAVFAC Pacific celebrates National Engineers' Week

NAVFAC Pacific

Naval Facilities Engineering Command (NAVFAC) Pacific kicked off National Engineers' Week Feb. 18 by reflecting on the contributions many of its engineering professionals bring to the organization.

"NAVFAC Pacific has a very diverse group of engineering professionals who have a wide-range of experience and bring a wealth of knowledge to the organization," said Capt. Pete Lynch, NAVFAC Pacific vice commander.

"National Engineers' Week is a great way to highlight what engineers do for our nation and what our engineers are doing for the Department of the Navy in the Pacific."

National Engineers' Week the command. is held Feb. 16-22 and this year's theme, "Let's Make a Difference," is suitable for NAVFAC ohana is priceless meeting NAVFAC's mission organized



Photo by Majella Stevenson

National Engineers' Week: 2014 Engineers' Week 'kick-off' luncheon was held Feb. 18 at the Hale Koa Hotel in Waikiki.

highlight what the organization's engineers are doing for

NAVFAC as it is a way to and I am honored to work to support the fleet and our exhibits and a VEX robotic alongside such great professionals," said Lynch. "Please help me congratulate our Engineers' Week, the Hawaii "The contribution that engineering force for their each engineer brings to the service and commitment to Societies (HCES) recently Honolulu Post and the HCES

nation."

In honor of National Council of Engineering

tournament

Pearlridge Shopping Center. The Society of American Military Engineers (SAME),

Feb. 18 at the Banyan Tree Showroom at the Hale Koa Hotel. Maj. Gen. Todd T. Semonite, commander, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Pacific Ocean Division deputy commanding general, served as the luncheon guest speaker and presented on "Engineering the Future."

"The luncheon was a great way to start off National Engineers' Week as it allowed various organizations to come together and network with other engineers around Hawaii," said Majella Stevenson, NAVFAC Pacific supervisory civil engineer. "This week gives me the opportunity to truly recognize what an honor it is to be part of the NAVFAC family."

Stevenson said there are several events sched-uled later in the week including a University of Hawaii College Engineering Career Day and an Engineers Week banquet engineering also hosted a kickoff Luncheon to wrap-up the celebration.

TRICARE For Life begins notifications for a new pharmacy pilot program

TRICARE

TRICARE For Life beneficiaries soon will receive letters guiding them to TRICARE pharmacy home delivery or a military pharmacy for some prescriptions as part of a Congressionally-mandated pilot program, according to officials of the military health care plan.

TRICARE For Life is secondary coverage for TRICARE beneficiaries who have both Medicare Parts A and B in the United States and U.S. territories.

Starting this week, officials will send letters to affected TRICARE For Life beneficiaries notifying them of the pilot program.

The pilot program starts March 15, and it requires beneficiaries who use TRICARE For Life to get certain medications through home delivery or at a military pharmacy. The program applies to refills of maintenance medications taken regularly for chronic conditions, officials said.

retail pharmacy. But they noted medications for acute conditions taken for a limited time, such as antibiotics or pain medications or any generic medications. At this time, they said, it also does not ing people with another prescripapply to generic drugs.

Congress mandated the pilot program in the 2013 National Defense Authorization Act. It will last for five years, but beneficiaries may choose to opt out after filling an affected prescription under the pilot program through home delivery for

Beneficiaries will be notified if they are taking a medication covered under the program. They will have two "courtesy fills" available through a retail pharmacy before they are responsible for the entire cost of their medication.

TRICARE pharmacy contractor, their medication, they added.

As part of the pilot program, offi- Express Scripts, at 1-877-882-3335 cials added, TRICARE will stop or visit the Express Scripts website paying for these medications from a to switch to home delivery or with questions about their medications. that the program does not apply to To switch a prescription to a military pharmacy, beneficiaries may need to get a new prescription from their doctor, officials said.

Some people are exempt, includtion drug plan or people living overseas. People living in a nursing home may contact Express Scripts to request a waiver from the pilot program.

TRICARE pharmacy home delivery offers beneficiaries a 90-day supply of their medication with no copays for generic drugs and \$13 for brand-name drugs. Switching from a retail pharmacy to home delivery can save TRICARE beneficiaries up to \$152 every year for each prescription, officials said. Beneficiaries also can save by asking their doctor to write them a pre-Beneficiaries may call the scription for a generic version of

COLA Living Pattern Survey available through Feb. 28 at online site

The Cost of Living (COLA) Living Pattern Survey is now online and will be available through Feb. 28.

Service members are asked to help the Department of Defense (DoD) determine what Hawaii COLA should be by taking the COLA Living Pattern Survey. The survey provides DoD critical information for determining rates for Hawaii. The survey takes approximately 30 minutes to complete.

The data collected identifies the types of the local economy outlets where military members shop and the amount each of these outlets are used by military members. DOD then compares the prices in Hawaii to averages in the continental United States and the resulting COLA reflects the difference.

Visit http://ow.ly/tQ3w6 to take the survey. This link is also available at www.pacom.mil by clicking on the graphic that says "COLA Living Pattern Survey Hawaii.'