



Powerful chiefess Kaahumanu shaped Hawaii with dramatic changes

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Many women in the annals of the Hawaiian people have contributed to the social, cultural and political history of the islands. Bernice Pauahi Bishop and Queen Emma provided important contributions to the improvement of the health, education and general well-being of Hawaiians in the form of Emma's Queen's Hospital and the generous bequest to the native people of the income generated from the lands of the Bishop Estate.

As queen, Liliuokalani served in the role of the last reigning monarch of the kingdom of Hawaii. She fought courageously, though unsuccessfully, to restore authority to the monarchy, and the kingdom was eventually overthrown.

With regard to the sheer

impact to her people, and the shaping of her nation, no woman stands taller than Kaahumanu.

The powerful chiefess was born in the late 18th century and came of age at a time when western influence was first being felt in the Hawaiian Islands. Tradition holds that Kaahumanu eventually became the favorite wife of Kamehameha who, possibly sensing the need for a strong leader to cope with the rapid changes that were underway as a result of foreign influence, ordered Kaahumanu to be placed in the new office of *kuhina nui* upon his death in 1819.

The role of *kuhina nui* was roughly equivalent to that of a co-regent. Kaahumanu held equal authority with Kamehameha's heir Liholiho in matters of government and justice and, with the authority vested in her from this office, she dominated the governance of Hawaii for the next 13 years.



Image courtesy of Hawaii State Archives
Queen Kaahumanu

The changes were felt immediately following Kamehameha's death when Kaahumanu led the movement to overthrow the vaunted Hawaiian *kapu* system which, among other things, did not allow men and women to eat together and placed restrictions on the types of food that women could eat. Liholiho, with

Kaahumanu's encouragement, sat down to eat with chiefs of both sexes.

Though shocked, the Hawaiian people soon recognized that no divine retribution followed. When an uprising occurred as a result of this bold action, Kaahumanu played a key role in meeting the challenge militarily and the subsequent dispensation of justice for the usurpers.

When the first American missionaries arrived in 1820, the *kuhina nui* at first greeted them with a cold indifference. Following a serious illness in which she was nursed back to health by one of the missionary wives, Kaahumanu converted to Christianity and spent the remainder of her life as a strong supporter of missionary efforts to evangelize and educate the Hawaiian people.

Her powerful influence was instrumental in the establish-

ment and enforcement of laws against such things as the sale of liquor and prostitution which became more rampant with the arrival of whaling ships and merchants in the early 19th century. Kaahumanu worked tirelessly, until her death in 1832, exercising her authority as *kuhina nui* to establish law and order in the Hawaiian kingdom.

The office and advisory role of *kuhina nui*, held mostly by women, remained in effect until constitutional changes shifted responsibilities to the various cabinet positions within the executive branches of the monarchy.

As a tribute to their predecessor's influence upon the shaping of Hawaii's future, each subsequent *kuhina nui* until abolishment of the office in 1864 took the official title of Kaahumanu and cemented her powerful presence in Hawaii's history.

Commentary

Col. Ruby Bradley serves as an inspiration for her dedication to duty

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This year's Women's History Month encourages taking a moment to reflect upon women of character, courage and commitment. The following provides a brief introduction to the life of a notable woman: U.S. Army nurse, Col. Ruby Bradley. She serves to inspire us to emulate her actions and to serve beyond ourselves no matter what our gender.

The dedication of Army nurse and hospital administrator Bradley provides an example of a life of commitment to others. Bradley bears the designation as one of the most highly decorated women of the armed forces of the United States. She was a career Army



U.S. Army photo

Col. Ruby Bradley

nurse serving on Luzon Island in the Philippines in 1941 when forces of the Japanese Imperial Navy attacked Pearl Harbor. She, another nurse and a doctor fled and hid for some time in the hills.

When Japanese forces overran the area, the



U.S. Army photo

Ruby Bradley, (sitting with her arm over the side rail and waving to the camera) during the liberation of the POW camp at Santo Tomas in the Philippines during World War II.

Americans were turned over by local citizens to the Japanese. As a result, the American medical team was taken back to their former base which had become a camp for prisoners of war. The team cared for the

sick and injured with few supplies and hardly any equipment. For the three years of the war in the Pacific, Bradley tended to the sick, performed surgeries, and comforted the dying. At the time of their libera-

tion by U.S. forces in 1945, Bradley weighed less than 90 pounds. After World War II ended, she remained with the Army and earned a bachelor's degree.

In 1950, she again went to the field, this time to Korea

with the 8th Army. The story is told that during one evacuation just ahead of advancing unfriendly forces, she loaded all of the wounded onto a plane and jumped aboard just as her ambulance was hit by incoming fire.

She served in Korea during the entire conflict. Over the course of her career, she was awarded 34 medals and citations including two Legions of Merit and two Bronze Stars. She retired from the Army in 1963 wearing the rank of colonel. After retirement from active duty, she worked as a supervising nurse in West Virginia for an additional 17 years. In 2002, she died at age 94. Her gravesite may be visited at Arlington National Cemetery.

(See future issues of *Ho'okele* for additional articles on notable women.)

Commentary

Navy helps unveil USPS stamp honoring USS Arizona Memorial

(The U.S. Postal Service commemorated the USS Arizona Memorial by issuing a new priority mail express stamp this week. Rear Adm. Rick Williams, commander of Navy Region Hawaii and Naval Surface Group Middle Pacific, was a guest speaker, along with former U.S. Sen. Daniel K. Akaka, and other officials at an unveiling and dedication of the stamp. The unveiling was held at a first day of issue ceremony March 13 at the Pearl Harbor Visitor Center, adjacent to Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam.)



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We are extremely fortunate to share this day with living monuments — brave warriors who survived the

attack of Dec. 7, 1941 and who fought across the Pacific in World War II.

You have to wonder if our young Sailors back in 1941, looking at the tragedy and destruction of the events of that day, would have imagined how their greatest generation had the resilience and resolve to turn the tide from despair, to rebuild our fleet, and then lead us to vic-

tory. Think of how proud our Pearl Harbor survivors must be to know that their shipmates did not sacrifice in vain.

USS Arizona Memorial is a symbol honoring all those who lost their lives here in Pearl Harbor and a reminder of our nation's resolve to achieve victory and preserve peace.

One hundred years ago today, the New York Navy Yard was ready to begin construction of battleship-39. The ship's keel was laid down March 16, 1914.

Twenty-seven years later, BB-39 — USS Arizona — was tied up here next to Ford Island on the day of infamy that ignited the war in the Pacific.

Almost 80 percent of USS Arizona's crew was killed in the attack — nearly 1,200 men — more than half of those killed in the Pacific Fleet on December 7th.

"Remember Pearl Harbor" was a rallying cry for Americans during World War II, and USS Arizona came to symbolize the sacrifice of all Sailors and Marines who fought against tyranny in the Pacific.

In 1950, the commander in chief of the U.S. Pacific Fleet, Adm. Arthur W. Radford, re-raised the flag above USS Arizona on a small platform not accessible to the public.

Since that time, the Navy has achieved significant milestones to make the publicly accessible Arizona Memorial and the Pearl Harbor Visitor Center a reality — with the strong support of the people of Hawaii, public and private groups, the National Park Service and veterans of our 'Greatest Generation.'

In 1959 the Navy selected the architect, Alfred Preis, and on Memorial Day 1962 sponsored a dedica-

tion ceremony.

In 1967 the Navy requested appropriations to build a full-scale center with a museum and theater complex. The Navy was a key partner in the design of the new visitor center, too.

Over the years, we have continued to collaborate and cooperate with the National Park Service on behalf of our veterans and their families.

Each decade the number of visitors to Pearl Harbor has grown by hundreds of thousands. Today, Navy biodiesel boats — named after Medal of Honor recipients such as John Finn, Samuel Fuqua and Peter Tomich — carry nearly 2 million visitors each year — with our Sailors at the helm.

International visitors learn about the history and heritage of our past, the strategic economic importance of the Pacific today, and the dynamic opportuni-

ties of tomorrow. Our Navy in Hawaii helps build partnerships in the Pacific, responds to calls for humanitarian assistance, and provides maritime security as part of our rebalance to protect those opportunities.

This week's ceremony is another example of the Navy's, Hawaii's and our nation's commitment to remember Pearl Harbor and preserve the enduring legacy of peace that the USS Arizona Memorial represents.

So let's admire this stamp. Let's appreciate what it stands for as it is our connection to today's challenges following the same credo that President Franklin Delano Roosevelt put forth when he said, "We must apply ourselves to the same resolution, the same sense of purpose, a spirit of patriotism and sacrifice ... Remember the Arizona."

Pass and ID announces new phone numbers

Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam Security Department

Effective March 17, the Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam pass and ID, reports and analysis, and integrated defense offices will relocate to building 3455.

The pass and ID office will continue to issue visitor passes and gold cards, as well as Rapidgate credentials. The point of contact for this office is Master Sgt. Heath Adams at heath.a.adams@navy.mil. The new phone number is 449-0865.

The special events section will continue to provide passes in accordance with JBPHH instruction

5510.1. The point of contact for this office is Staff Sgt. Dustin Hughes at jbpshpassid@navy.mil. The new phone number is 449-0870.

The reports and analysis section will continue to provide information on police reports, background investigations and citations. The point of contact for this office is Reginald Brunner at reginald.brunner.2@us.af.mil and the new phone number is 474-9140 or 449-0866.

The fingerprinting and traffic court office has also relocated to building 3455. The point of contact is Sandra Harris at sandra.b.harris@navy.mil. Her new

phone number is 473-3627.

All personnel requesting restricted area badges (RABS) should continue to report to Hickam building 1113 on Vickers Avenue for RABS issuance.

The hours of operation for both locations will be 7:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.

All customers entering building 3455 are asked to select a ticket from the Quematic machine located inside the main entrance and have a seat. Customers are also asked to have all pertinent documents readily available to expedite their wait time and assist the staff in providing quality customer service.

Whitmore Gate to be closed March 17-18

From March 17 to 18, Whitmore Gate to Wahiawa Annex will be closed for maintenance.

Whitmore Gate is expected to return to normal operations at 5:30 a.m. March 19.

Motorists can expect delays

during the closure. All personnel are required to obey traffic control directions and use Saipan Gate during the maintenance.

Aviator Earhart bedecked with lei after record trip



Photo courtesy of Hawaii Department of Transportation

Famed aviator Amelia Earhart wears lei upon her arrival to Hawaii from Oakland, Calif. on March 18, 1937 in a time of 15 hours, 47 minutes. She set a speed record for that route with four hours of fuel remaining. The feat took place 77 years ago this month. March is also Women's History Month.



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Diverse Views



Which woman in history do you admire the most?



Elvin Chang
15th Operations Support Squadron

"Angelina Jolie — My favorite actress and all the humanitarian things she does in other countries."

FT2 David Christensen
USS Asheville



"Harriet Tubman. She lived in a time when not only black people had few rights, but woman had less rights. So she had two strikes against her."



Senior Master Sgt. Robert Prather
624th Regional Support Group

"Dr. Mae Jemison — She exemplifies a true professional with her collegiate career and with NASA. Her abilities and work ethic led her to be the first African American female astronaut during the space shuttle program. A true role model."

Melanie Christensen
Military spouse



"Amelia Earhart."



Master Sgt. Clinton Presley
15th Operations Support Squadron

"Rosa Parks — because I remember doing a report on her in middle school and I admired her courage."

CTR2 Robert Nylander
NIOC Hawaii



"Admiral Grace Hopper. I'm a big Navy guy. My whole family is Navy."



Master Sgt. Jacqueline Wilson
Defense Information Systems Agency Pacific

"Jacqueline Kennedy — She was very devoted to her family, just as I am."

ETR3 David Martinez
USS Charlotte



"I'm really big into music, so I would have to say Aretha Franklin. She had weight issues growing up, but she never let it get her down. That's how I try to work."



CTT2 Mandi Sneyd
TPU

"There are a few master chiefs that have impacted me and I really want to be a master chief. Fleet Master Chief April Beldo. There are only four fleet master chiefs and one is a woman."

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and Lt. j.g. Eric Galassi

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Books by women highlight work, life balance

A review by Bill Doughty

It's complicated (but doesn't have to be), according to authors Randi Zuckerberg and Reshma Saujani in their books from 2013. Be authentic to "untangle our wired lives" and "break the mold, lead the way."

Zuckerberg's "dot Complicated" is filled with ideas for achieving tech-life balance in the brave new world of super-smart phones, instant communication, hyper connectivity and changing definitions of privacy.

Like a lot of business books, "dot Complicated" has personal anecdotes and easy-to-find highlighted lists. You'll see tips for achieving tech-life balance with self, friends, love, family, career, community and future.

"Strive to find personal peace, friendship, love, fulfillment at work, and good in your community, and use the Internet to improve your life, not control it," she advises. And, "don't be a jerk."

Think of that when you're having a face-to-face conversation with someone and they turn to check their tweets; or you look in the rearview mirror while stopped in traffic and notice the driver behind you is obviously texting; or you read hate-filled troll droppings in anonymous online comments. Again, "don't be a jerk."

Among Zuckerberg's simple and common sense advice: know how to break digital addiction, learn how to achieve balance, and think about how/what/when/where/why to post or repost information. She applies the Golden Rule of life to social media: "Repost unto others as you would have them repost..."

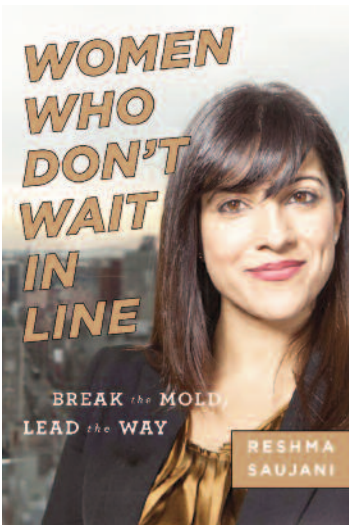


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This book is easy and fun to read. As the sister of Mark Zuckerberg, creator of Facebook, the author has the bonafides to describe social media and the do's and don'ts of navigating the new millennial landscape where "technology seems to make things both easier and harder at the same time."

Reshma Saujani mentions Randi Zuckerberg in her groundbreaking work, "Women Who Don't Wait" published last year, praising Zuckerberg's work-life balance and willingness to be herself.

"Randi is right. The more open women are about the richness and multidimensional aspects of their lives, the more acceptable it will become to simply act like ourselves — and the more effective we will be as leaders."

Saujani's book is filled with provocative chapter/subchapter titles: Fail Fast, Fail First, Fail Hard; Unapologetically Ambitious; Don't Worry If They Don't

Like You; Jump the Line (Wear What You Want); and Building a Sisterhood for the Twenty-First Century.

Her biggest advice, like Zuckerberg's, is: "be authentic." She discusses her transformation and encourages the reader to "free yourself from believing that you have to behave like anyone other than yourself."

While her insights are relevant for everyone, her target audience is, of course, women. She calls for a strong community of support, or sisterhood, but writes, "And guys? We aren't hating on them; we are looking to men to be our allies. We no longer see them as a barrier to our success."

"I have worked with and been inspired by others, every day, to help create the world I want the next generation to live in. As women, we must have the humility to see the world as it is, but the audacity to envision it as it could be. To apply a new lens of female leadership and reinvent, reshape, and retool the traditional system. To realize that we can learn from the poorest of women and the richest of women. We can and should be talking to one another about what this new model should look like — and about how we can build it together."

Saujani dedicates her book "For all the women in my life whose shoulders I stand on, and for all the women who will stand on mine."

Since the 1980s, March has been National Women's History Month, a time to recognize the women who didn't wait and who shouldered the struggle for freedom and equality, including the right to vote.

The first National Women's

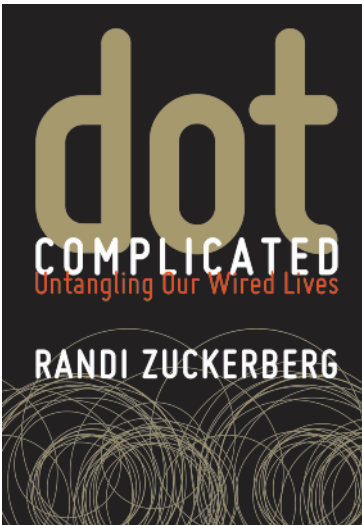


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History Week was proclaimed by president and commander in chief Jimmy Carter, a former naval officer.

Here is Carter's message to the nation designating March 2-8, 1980 (60 years after women won the ability to vote) as National Women's History Week:

"From the first settlers who came to our shores, from the first American Indian families who befriended them, men and women have worked together to build this nation. Too often, the women were unsung and sometimes their contributions went unnoticed. But the achievements, leadership, courage, strength and love of the women who built America was as vital as that of the men whose names we know so well.

"As Dr. Gerda Lerner has noted, 'Women's History is Women's Right.' It is an essential and indispensable heritage from which we can draw pride, comfort, courage and long-range vision.

"I ask my fellow Americans to

recognize this heritage with appropriate activities during National Women's History Week, March 2-8, 1980.

"I urge libraries, schools and community organizations to focus their observances on the leaders who struggled for equality -- Susan B. Anthony, Sojourner Truth, Lucy Stone, Lucretia Mott, Elizabeth Cady Stanton, Harriet Tubman and Alice Paul.

"Understanding the true history of our country will help us to comprehend the need for full equality under the law for all our people.

"This goal can be achieved by ratifying the 27th Amendment to the United States Constitution, which states that 'Equality of Rights under the Law shall not be denied or abridged by the United States or by any state on account of sex.'"

Congress passed a joint resolution proclaiming a Women's History Week in 1981.

The National Women's History Project and Department of Defense theme for this year's commemoration is, "Celebrating Women of Character, Courage and Commitment," clearly mirroring Navy core values.

The books by Zuckerberg and Saujani in this review build on the gains of women in the past with a focus on the future, whether achieving tech-life balance or workplace gender balance -- with equal pay for equal work. It's not complicated.

(Doughty writes and posts to Navy Reads — www.navyreads.blogspot.com — on weekends. The Navy Reads blog supports the CNO's professional reading program and related books.)



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Pearl Harbor-Hickam*Highlights*

Chief Warrant Officer Three (CW03) Timothy Greene, Port Operations, at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, and Paul Sensano, Department of Land and Natural Resources (DLNR) paddle a 12-foot long skiff which was grounded on a reef near Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam on March 8. The skiff, possible marine debris from the Japan Tsunami of March 11, 2011, appeared in waters near Pearl Harbor, and posed both a navigational hazard as well as potentially damaging the shallow reef. Greene and Sensano righted the skiff and secured it before moving it to the Hickam boat ramp for removal. To date, 17 large items including boats or skiffs have been identified in Hawaii as being associated with the tsunami.

U.S. Navy photo by MC1 Nardel Cervacio



Lt. John Beveridge leads Kamar de los Reyes (left) and James Burns, both actors from the video game "Call of Duty - Black Ops II," on a tour on March 7 of the Los Angeles-class, fast attack submarine USS Houston (SSN 713). De los Reyes and Burns are on a USO tour to show their appreciation to service members and their families serving in the Pacific.

U.S. Navy photo by MC1 Jason Swink

District Chief Warren Ferguson (center) and Training Chief Chris Rapoza (dressed in full gear) from Federal Fire Department (FFD) visited KHON 2's Wake Up 2day morning show March 6 to demonstrate firefighting gear and talk about the mutual aid agreement that FFD has with the Honolulu Fire Department. During the live interview with news anchor Ron Mizutani (far left), FFD personnel explained the role and uniqueness of FFD as the only one of its kind integrated with all military services.

Federal Fire Department photo by Angela Sanders



Information Systems Technician 1st Class Bryana Eastman of Submarine Force, U.S. Pacific Fleet, volunteers to maintain the cleanliness of historic memorabilia aboard the Battleship Missouri Memorial on March 7. The project is part of the command's CPO-365 community service efforts, boosting Sailor knowledge of the Navy by stressing the importance of preserving historic sites and landmarks.

U.S. Navy photo by MC1 Steven Khor

Pearl Harbor survivor William Henderson returns to final resting place

Story and photos by
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Ashes of Pearl Harbor survivor Machinist's Mate 1st Class William Henderson were scattered into the calm waters at the USS Utah Memorial on Ford Island, Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam during an ash scattering ceremony March 10.

Henderson was born Nov. 12, 1922 and later joined the U.S. Navy the day after his 18th birthday on Nov. 13, 1940. Following graduation from Recruit Training Command, he received orders to the Brooklyn-class cruiser USS Helena (CL 50) at Pearl Harbor.

On the morning of the 1941 Japanese attacks, Henderson was asleep in his rack and was awakened by a general alarm calling for all crew to report to their battle stations.

While he was getting dressed, the ship was hit by a Japanese torpedo that knocked out the power throughout the ship and flooded the engine and boiler rooms. Henderson managed to make it to his battle station shortly after a short state of unconsciousness.

Capt. Larry Scruggs, deputy commander of Pearl Harbor Naval Shipyard, spoke at the ceremony about Henderson's dedication and bravery on that day.

"I am sure he felt that this was his last day as he ran to perform his duties as trained," said Scruggs. "He would witness his world forever change that day, and yet, he would go on to serve his country honorably, with passion and



Photo illustration

courage, and a deep commitment to his shipmates."

Even with the extensive damage to the ship, it was repaired and returned to full active status, deploying to sea as a part of the task force to intercept the Japanese fleet in October 1942.

Henderson continued to serve in the Navy and on the Helena during the Battles of Esperance, Guadalcanal and Kula Gulf in which the ship was hit by three torpedoes, breaking it into three parts and resulting in its sinking.

In an excerpt from his book, "Escape from the Sea," he recalled in great detail the night he survived the Japanese attacks on the Helena in the Kula Gulf.

"For us the battle was over but we had lost eight officers, 186 enlisted men and four Marines. Most of them died while manning their battle stations during the fight. Some severely wounded men managed to abandon ship but later died in the water or aboard the rescue ships. They were all shipmates who made the supreme sacrifice. Some

were friends, men with whom I had been on liberty. They will be sorely missed until we are all called to meet the 'supreme commander,'" Henderson said.

After the sinking of Helena, Henderson was later reassigned to the attack transport USS President Polk (AP 103), and he served until the end of the war and later discharged in 1947.

"I feel very fortunate to have survived the war without a scratch or wound. To this day, I have a poignant feeling for the Helena, but

have no desire to repeat the harrowing experience of action in the South Pacific. I left the Navy after serving a six-year hitch and worked 36 years for the Pacific Telephone Company in California, retiring in 1984. Francis and I have three fine daughters, three great son-in-laws and six wonderful grandchildren. How sweet it is," Henderson said in his book.

To show his feelings and love for the Helena, he named all three of his daughters after the ship.

They all have the same initials C-L-H after the light cruiser Helena.

Henderson's son-in-law, Mike Danaher, talked about many of the things Henderson did to continue to honor his shipmates even after he retired.

"He raised money and ran a sculpture competition to build a World War II memorial in our hometown, and now that's the focus for the 4th of July activities," said Danaher.

His family mentioned that Henderson began to collect stories from surviving shipmates and put them into his book.

"He did a lot to honor his shipmates and he would really appreciate this," Danaher added.

"I'm thankful for all the fine men and women that contributed to the ceremony," said Fran Henderson, Henderson's wife of more than 63 years. "I feel appreciation for the many years I had with my husband and his contribution to the war."

"He was a hero to his family, the Navy and the United States," said Jim Taylor, Pearl Harbor survivor liaison who spoke at the ceremony. "His desire was to make a final voyage to Pearl Harbor and have his remains returned to honor his fellow friends and shipmates lost during the attacks. Thanks to the efforts of his family, his wish has come true."

Henderson passed away in August 2013.

His ashes were returned to the site of the attack to join his shipmates and received full military honors including a flag presentation, playing of "Taps," and a three-volley rifle salute from members of the Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam Honors and Ceremonies Detachment.

Aloha, O'Kane Sailors

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support for fellow military members. Rear Adm. Rick Williams, commander of Navy Region Hawaii and Naval Surface Group Middle Pacific, boarded the ship and addressed the crew of O'Kane with words of encouragement and appreciation for their dedication to service.

"It is sad to see so many amazing people take off," said Sonar Technician (Surface) 2nd Class Nicholas Ryan Johnson, who served aboard O'Kane. "It was a pleasure and honor to work with them. The deployments keep getting longer, but these Sailors are tough. They can handle anything that gets thrown at them."

Capt. Chris Bushnell,

CDS-31 commodore, spoke about the ship, its crew and its mission.

"O'Kane is ready to go. We put them through the paces to be ready to operate forward," said Bushnell. "The talent and leadership they have on board are impressive. We look forward to hearing their achievements and seeing their safe return home."

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PACAF hosts inaugural air sea battle forum

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Pacific Air Forces Public Affairs

Pacific Air Forces and U.S. Pacific Fleet held their first air sea battle forum March 6 at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam.

The forum served as a venue to promote camaraderie and spark discussions between the air and sea components.

Gen. “Hawk” Carlisle, Pacific Air Forces commander, and Rear Adm. Robert Girrier, deputy commander and chief of staff of U.S. Pacific Fleet, made opening remarks before Steve Diamond, the PACAF historian, gave a presentation on the historic air sea battle perspective.

“The intent of this air sea battle forum is for us to get together

and talk. The discussions that you have in places like this, the sidebars, the relationships, invariably is the most valuable way to get things done,” Carlisle said.

“Sometimes fiscal constraints drive people to think separately. We need to fight that urge and think more cooperatively. At the end of the day, our job is to provide the United States with the greatest military possible with the resources they give us, and the only way to do that is if we do it together.”

Girrier spoke next, holding in his hand a newsletter from the Pentagon’s air sea battle office.

“At its core, the air sea battle concept seeks to develop a pre-integrated joint force built from habitual relationships with interoperable and complimentary cross domain capabilities,” Girrier read from the newsletter.



Gen. “Hawk” Carlisle, Pacific Air Forces commander, speaks during the Pacific Air Forces and U.S. Pacific Fleet’s first air sea battle forum March 6 at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam.

“There are a lot of words in there, but the key pieces are pre-integrated, interoperable and cross-domain, and what we are doing here is a step in that right direction,” he said.

After Girrier spoke, Diamond and his staff delivered a presentation to nearly 300 Airmen and Sailors on past air sea operations. One such operation was the Doolittle Raid, a response to Japan’s surprise attack on Pearl Harbor in which Lt. Col. “Jimmy” Doolittle and 79 other Airmen launched 16 B-25 Mitchell bombers from the deck of the USS Hornet on April 18, 1942.

Air sea battle is both a natural and deliberate evolution of U.S. power projection capabilities toward more networked and integrated operational solutions. The air sea battle forums are now scheduled to occur quarterly.

USS Tucson returns to Pearl Harbor after deployment

Story and photo by
MC1 Steven Khor

Submarine Force Pacific Public Affairs

The Los Angeles-class, fast attack submarine USS Tucson (SSN 770) returned March 7 to Pearl Harbor from a deployment to the western Pacific region. Families and friends gathered at the submarine piers at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam to welcome back the returning Sailors.

“I could not be more proud of my crew’s accomplishments during this deployment,” said Cmdr. Ted O’Harrah, Tucson’s commanding officer. “They executed their assigned tasking in a manner which reflected great credit on the ship, the crew and the entire submarine force.”

O’Harrah said despite half of the crew being on



Machinist's Mate Fireman Bradley Hale of the Los Angeles-class, fast attack submarine USS Tucson (SSN 770) hugs his girlfriend, Jessica Hill, at the submarine piers following the return of the submarine to Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam on March 7.

their first deployment, they consistently demonstrated the flexibility to meet numerous unique

tasks with enthusiasm as they supported the operational commander’s priorities.

The crew’s efforts also directly enhanced relationships with key regional allies, including the Republic of Korea, Japan and Singapore.

In addition to gaining the experience of operating in the western Pacific, the deployment afforded Sailors the opportunity to work on qualifications.

Thirty Sailors became submarine-qualified and are now entitled to wear the enlisted submarine warfare insignia.

Lt. Cmdr. Bill Filip, Tucson’s executive officer, said the crew at one point in the deployment sounded the submarine’s whistles and bells to celebrate crossing south of the equator. There was also a brief celebration to mark the halfway point in the deployment.

Various underway successes led to an even more memorable return back to homeport in Pearl Harbor.

For spouse Brandi Estrada, having her husband Lt. Giovanni Estrada back home made up for missed plans with him during the past holiday season.

“We [she and their son] are very excited to have him home,” said Estrada. “This is the first time we got to see him in six months, so it was pretty rough. We are looking forward to going to Maui to soak up the sun and spend time as a family.”

Tucson is the second ship of the U.S. Navy to bear the name of the Arizona city. It is the 59th Los Angeles-class attack submarine and the 20th

of the improved Los Angeles-class attack submarine to be built. Twelve vertical-launch missile tubes for Tomahawk cruise missiles provide Tucson with great offensive capability. Retractable bow planes give the ship increased maneuverability and under-ice surfacing potential.

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(From left): Staff Sgt. Megan Kelly and Master Sgt. Dove George, 65th Airlift Squadron, carry a large piece of lumber.

HICKAM AIRMEN LEND A HELPING HAND

Hickam Airmen and other volunteers gave back to the community on March 5 by helping to build homes for families in need. The effort was part of a Honolulu Habitat for Humanity Volunteer Day that took place in Waimanalo. U.S. Air Force photos by Staff Sgt. Alexander Martinez

Tech. Sgt. Manny Garibay, 15th Maintenance Group, uses a nail gun to secure plywood on a rooftop.



Hickam Airmen and local volunteers assist with sawing during Honolulu Habitat for Humanity volunteer day.



Hickam Airmen and local volunteers tackle sawing wood during the home-building event.



Staff Sgt. Megan Kelly, 65th Airlift Squadron, holds a ladder for a volunteer.



Tech. Sgt. Manny Garibay, 15th Maintenance Group, and Master Sgt. David Fritz, 65th Airlift Squadron, help build a rooftop.

Tops in Blue makes Airman's dream come true

David D. Underwood Jr.

Joint Base Pearl Harbor-
Hickam Public Affairs

Airman 1st Class Kyle A. McCarty, a KC-135 crew chief with the 15th Maintenance Squadron, was selected to perform with the Air Force's premiere entertainment group Tops in Blue (TIB).

Tops in Blue is an all-active duty, U.S. Air Force special unit made up of talented amateur performers who are selected for their entertainment abilities.

McCarty is no stranger to the stage. He performed last year in the Idol talent show at joint base at the Hickam Memorial Theater and won second place with his performance of Bill Withers' 1971 hit, "Ain't No Sunshine." He also performed with the local band Melodie Soul & Blue Light.

McCarty has been singing since he was a young child. He credits his grandmother for his love of soul music. She introduced him to the Drifters' version of "White Christmas" while he stayed with her during the Christmas season. The doo-wop music sparked his interest into listening to Motown and R&B music.

He grew up in Berlin, N.J., a small town southeast of Camden before entering the Air Force in January 2012. He heard about Tops in Blue prior to enlisting and while at Lackland Air Force Base in San Antonio, Texas. He paid a visit to their facility, not knowing he needed per-

mission before going there. But he got a lucky break and was met by one of the personnel who worked there, and they gave him a moment of their time.

McCarty received his first duty assignment to Hawaii and has been dreaming about being a part of TIB for the past two years. "What I really want from TIB is the opportunity to grow as a performer and to gain a heightened knowledge of how a real show is put together," said McCarty.

"This experience will most definitely broaden my abilities by taking me out of my comfort zone and will

teach me things that a lot of aspiring entertainers never get a

chance to learn."

He will begin his tour with a 60-day training period at Lackland, the "home of Tops in Blue." The training is a highly accelerated educational process that will hone his skills and prepare him to be a world-class performer and distinguished Air Force ambassador.

Following the training, he will tour around the globe for nine months, entertaining deployed troops, military families, promote community relations, and support Air Force recruitment efforts.

McCarty has had the good fortune to work with others in the music industry. He said he has worked with members of the legendary Motown groups, the Temptations and the Four Tops. "Over the past seven years my godfather, Bruce Williamson of the Temptations, has helped me by taking on the role of mentor and helping me understand and execute live performing," he said.

He has also recorded on the "Back To Class" projects produced by Drew Schultz which included the Four

Tops, Chairmen of the Board, the Funk Brothers, Spyder Turner and other legends from Detroit.

"I've sung on many stages in casinos and venues in Atlantic City, New York, Pennsylvania, Virginia and Washington, D.C.," he said. "I'm currently in the planning phase of singing for Ronald Bell of Kool and the Gang once the TIB tour has completed."

McCarty has the support of his supervisor, co-workers and first sergeant. Tech. Sgt. James Walter, shop chief and supervisor, said this is a great opportunity for McCarty.

"He's a great crew chief and a hard worker on and off duty," said Walters. McCarty volunteers to sing the National Anthem at different events also. Walters said there are not a lot of opportunities for TDYs here, and this will give McCarty the chance to see the world.

Master Sgt. Nicholas Headen, 15th Maintenance Squadron first sergeant, said he wants McCarty to get recognized for the hard work he has put in and earning his selection to Tops in Blue.

McCarty plans to return to Hawaii after his tour of performing with a more powerful skill set than what he leaves with. He said that he has made a decent name for himself in the local area, singing heavy funk with the Blue Light Funk band, but he wants to come back with even more fire-power than before.

"I would say to all aspiring singers and musicians that getting ahead in music is not a cakewalk. It takes determination, planning and a lot of practice to get a fraction of what you want, and sometimes the world will let you down."

"But if you feel you have the talent and can survive this shark tank of a business, then do it, and don't let anything get in your way. Distractions and fall-backs will hinder you. I've been singing for 10 years and am only now reaching a portion of my goals," he added.

The Tops in Blue team is always looking for new talent. If you want to be a part of the "best of the best," visit their website at: <https://www.usafservices.com/TopsInBlue.aspx>.



Photos courtesy of A1C Kyle A. McCarty
Airman 1st Class Kyle A. McCarty performs at recent concerts.

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My Favorite Photo...



Don Robbins took this floral photo recently on a rainy morning in Wahiawa.

Email editor@hookelenews.com to submit (non-posed) photos.

Cyberspace Wing rolls into first with win over Marauders

Story and photo by
Randy Dela Cruz

Sports Editor

The 67th Cyberspace Wing (67 CW) gained sole possession of first place by toppling previously unbeaten 747th Communication Squadron (747 CS) Marauders, 38-29, on March 6 in a Blue Division intramural basketball game at Hickam Fitness Center, Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam.

Led by the towering presence of 6-foot-10-inch center Airman 1st Class Theryn Hudson and strong forward Airman 1st Class Demetrius Harvey, the 67 CW scored the first eight points of the game en route to a 21-12 lead at halftime before going on to claim their fourth victory of the season against no defeats.

Meanwhile, the Marauders suffered their first loss of the season and tumbled out of the Blue Division's top spot to third place behind the 67 CW and Commander Submarine Force U.S. Pacific Fleet (COMSUBPAC).

"We tried to run the floor, box out and try and get rebounds," said Harvey about gaining the win. "I know in the second half we didn't do as good and they came back, but once we were able to

box out again and play physical, we got the lead back up and got the win."

The tough inside play of Hudson and Harvey was especially dominating in the early moments of the game, when the 67 CW took an 8-0 lead and held the Marauders scoreless for the six minutes of the game until 747 CS guard Airman 1st Class Luigi Van Veen pulled up and sank a trey.

"We practiced earlier this week, preparing for their height," said Marauders head coach Master Sgt. Jerry Graham. "We got flustered in the beginning because of their (67 CW) height, but I'm proud of my guys for pushing forward."

Later in the first half, Van Veen struck again with another three-pointer to cut the margin down to three at 15-12 with 4:32 remaining before the half, but the 67 CW regained control and outscored their opponent, 6-0, to take a 21-12 lead going into the break.

In the second half, the 67 CW used their first possession to take their first double-digit lead when Harvey scored on a lay-up for a 23-12 advantage.

Three minutes later, Harvey put the 67 CW back up by 11 on a rim-rattling dunk to make it 27-16 at the 14:34 mark.

Although the throw down by Harvey would have been



Airman 1st Class Theryn Hudson uses his entire 6-foot-10-inch frame to put up a baseline jumper during a Blue Division intramural basketball game between the 67th Cyberspace Wing (67 CW) and the 747th Communication Squadron (747 CS) Marauders.

enough to discourage most teams from making a come-

back, the dunk seemed to awaken the Marauders.

Back-to-back baskets by Airman 1st Class Bilal

Karoum topped off a 10-4 run by Marauders to make it a five-point game at 31-26 with 1:35 remaining on the clock.

"I wanted to stay in a man-to-man and sag on the big guys," said Graham about how the team managed to cut the lead. "As we were sagging, we were able to confuse them a little bit."

However, Airman 1st Class Robert Light, who had been kept off the scoreboard for the entire game, put the 67 CW back on track and in control by coming up with a huge tap-in with under a minute left in the game.

"We got lackadaisical on defense," Harvey admitted. "Once we came together, we were able to pull through."

While Graham was disappointed about experiencing his first defeat of the season, he assured that the team would be back.

"As with anything, you learn from your mistakes," he said. "We're going to go back to the books and work on the things that we need to correct."

Harvey said that as the only undefeated team in the Blue Division, he feels that the title is theirs to take.

"The way I see it, I think we're the best team in the league," Harvey said. "If we play like the best team, we'll be good. If we play down to the level of our competition, anything can happen."

Chung-Hoon stuns Paul Hamilton with amazing comeback

Story and photo by
Randy Dela Cruz

Sports Editor

Down by as many as 16 points in the second half, USS Chung-Hoon (DDG 93) Koa Kai mounted a frenzied comeback to tie the score and then completed the rally with a buzzer-beating shot from the fingertips of Yeoman 3rd Class Courtney Sims for a 42-40 victory over USS Paul Hamilton (DDG 60) on March 8. The matchup up took place in an Afloat Division intramural basketball game at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam Fitness Center.

Sims, who was held scoreless in the first half, began to warm up right after the break before going wild in the final two minutes of play.

Down by 10 points at 40-30 with less than two minutes remaining on the clock, Sims pumped in eight straight points on two treys and a basket to pull Chung-Hoon to within two points with 41 ticks left on the clock.

Then after tying the score on a lay-up down the left side of the lane, Sims, after a timeout, pulled up from the right wing and swished the game-winner as the horn sounded to end the contest.

The win raised Chung-Hoon's record to 4-1 and kept them in the



Yeoman 3rd Class Courtney Sims fights off the defense of Electronics Technician 2nd Class Kevin Kohr to score a game-tying basket.

hunt for the division's top spot, while Paul Hamilton tasted their first loss of season and fell to 5-1.

"We never quit," said Sims, who scored all of his game-high 17 points in the second half. "To

get back to where you want to be, you can't quit."

Early in the game, Paul Hamilton threatened to run away from Chung-Hoon by opening up on an 8-0 run and then taking a 22-13 advantage at the 8:32 mark on a basket-and-one by Sonar Technician (Surface) 3rd Class Bill Puttman.

After the team's lead fell to seven at 25-18 at halftime, Puttman later scored on a put-back to up the lead back to nine at 29-20 with 14:28 remaining in the game.

A free throw by Yeoman 1st Class Tyson Huff made it a 10-point game at 30-20, and then Huff capped off a short 6-0 run on a fast-break basket to seemingly put Paul Hamilton comfortably ahead at 36-20 with only 6:01 left on the clock.

The 16-point advantage may have given Paul Hamilton a false sense of security, as the team quickly gave up the next six points before Sims stole the final minutes of play.

Starting with back-to-back three-point bombs to cut the lead down to four, Sims pumped in another shot from the perimeter to make it a two-point game.

Then as the seconds wound down to 20, Sims took his game inside and scored on a lay-up to tie the game at 40-40.

Another stop by Chung-Hoon on defense gave them back the ball, where head coach Chief Gunner's Mate Marcus Rodgers called timeout to set up the final play.

With only enough time to turn and shoot, Sims got the pass from the sideline before putting the ball through the net for the 42-40 victory.

"Give credit where credit is due," said Puttman, who scored 10 points for Paul Hamilton. "They (Chung-Hoon) outplayed us in the end."

Puttman indicated that the game showed that you could never rest in this league, even with a double-digit lead.

"I'll admit to that," said Puttman about maybe relaxing a bit in the final two minutes of play. "We're going to have to work on our stamina, fundamentals and mental strength."

Although Sims was on fire at the end of the game, he credited his teammates for helping him get open and then spotting him for the clear shot.

"I have good teammates around me," he pointed out. "I got frustrated, but they just told me to keep my head up. I don't look at it as carrying (the team). The first half, I was forcing things and they just told me to be calm. And it came."

Bulls outdistance Exploiters for third straight victory

Story and photo by
Randy Dela Cruz

Sports Editor

Staff Sgt. Labronze Paden racked up 25 points, with 17 in the first half to lead the 647th Civil Engineer Squadron (647 CES) Bulls over the 8th Intelligence Squadron Exploiters, 57-50, in a Red Division intramural basketball matchup at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam Fitness Center.

Taking full advantage of the Exploiters two-three zone, Paden zeroed in from long range to pump in five three-pointers in the first half and help the Bulls build up a 33-23 lead going into halftime.

The win by the 647 CES evened out the team's record at 3-3 after the Bulls opened the season with three straight losses.

Meanwhile, the struggling Exploiters dropped their fifth game of the season against two victories.

"I'm a natural two guard," said Paden about his marksmanship from beyond the three-point arc.

While the game started off as a shootout, it wasn't long before Paden and his teammates began to take control.

Up by a score of 22-11, Paden knocked down his fourth trey of the game to give the Bulls a 14-point lead with 8:54 remaining before halftime.

The Exploiters managed to cut the deficit down to eight on back-to-back treys from Lt. Col. James Weaver and Master Sgt. Josh Gerrish, but a basket by Airman 1st Class Jurel Burton upped the Bulls lead back to double-digits at 27-17 before holding on to keep the lead at 10 points at halftime.

In the first half, both teams combined to convert an incredible 11 three-point baskets with Paden leading the Bulls with five and the duo of Weaver and Gerrish, respectively, hitting three and two each from long distance.

While their outside shooting percentage dropped considerably in the second half, the Bulls took care of business at the free-throw line and by controlling the ball on offense.

Although the Exploiters were able to draw to within six points several times during the second half, the Bulls answered each time.

The Exploiters cut the lead down to six points for the last time with less than two minutes to go in the game, but a basket by Staff Sgt. Brian Sanders and

two free throws by Burton raised the lead back to 10 with 1:20 remaining on the clock to secure the win.

Besides Paden's game-leading 25 points, Burton contributed 17 points for the Bulls, while the Exploiters were led by Weaver with 10 points and Capt. Anwar Johnson with 15 points.

"I think we played well tonight, but down the stretch we missed a lot of free throws," Johnson said. "They (Bulls) shot really well for three especially in the first half. So we tried to change up the defense to a three-two, but on that we weren't getting rebounds and were allowing penetration through the middle."

Although the Bulls won by only seven points, this was a game in which the team seemed to be in full control from the beginning until the end.

Paden said that the win shows that the Bulls have turned the season around, and he hopes that the victories continue through the rest of the year and the playoffs.

"We practice and play together all the time, so we've developed a little chemistry," said Paden about the Bulls three-game-winning streak. "We're playing for the championship."



Airman 1st Class Jurel Burton goes up for a shot against the defense of Capt. Anwar Johnson during a clash between the 647th Civil Engineer Squadron (647 CES) Bulls and the 8th Intelligence Squadron Exploiters.



Live the Great Life

Hickam Arts & Crafts Center open house features new classes

Reid Tokeshi

*Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam
Morale, Welfare and Recreation*

In celebration of National Craft Month, a free open house will be held from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday at the Hickam Arts & Crafts Center.

Patrons can visit all five sections of the center, including ceramics/pottery, framing, engraving, woodworking and the sales store and see the services offered. Free hot dogs and soft drinks will be available.

New programs and instructors will be showcased with instructors on hand to answer questions. Teachers in digital photography and Zentangle will display their works and discuss upcoming classes. Zentangle is described as an easy-to-learn method of creating beautiful images from repetitive patterns. In addition, the new acrylics instructor will be offering “make-n-takes.”

Kids can receive mini lessons in origami (the Japanese art of paper folding) at one of several “creation stations” set up in the center. Crafting demonstrations and displays throughout the center will provide customers a glimpse of what the center encompasses.

“I hope they come away with a knowledge of the broad scope of programs we provide and the importance of creativity to a child and all ages,” said Donna Sommer,



Demonstrations will be provided at the Hickam Arts & Crafts Center’s open house Saturday. **MWR Marketing photo**

arts and crafts director.

Door prizes, special sales in the retail store and information on the next scheduled classes are other highlights of the event.

For more information, call 448-9907.



The waterfront lawn at Hickam Harbor is the location for tonight’s movie. **MWR Marketing photo**

Movies in the park to be held at Hickam Harbor

Reid Tokeshi

*Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam
Morale, Welfare and Recreation*

Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam’s Morale, Welfare and Recreation Outdoor Recreation program (ODR) will hold a free activity tonight.

A screen will be set up at the waterfront grassy area in front of Sam Choy’s and a G-rated movie will be shown. The movie is scheduled to begin at 7:30 p.m.

Patrons and their families can spread

out their blanket on the lawn and bring some snacks and drinks (no alcohol). In the spirit of keeping the waterfront beautiful for everyone, customers are asked to clean up their area at the end of the evening.

On April 11, ODR will show another movie with a different theme. The title is to be announced, but will showcase outdoor adventure.

Geared more toward adults, the film will highlight environmental awareness and preservation and extreme sports.

For more information, call 449-5215.

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St. Paddy’s Day 5K Run will begin at 8 a.m. Saturday starting at the Hickam Fitness Center. Participants can run in green and wear a St. Paddy’s Day costume. The free event is open to all eligible patrons and their sponsored guests. No registration is required. FMI: 448-2214.

Hickam Historical Tour will be held from 9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. March 21 and 28. The event will include lunch. Due to the nature of the tour, it is not recommended for children under 6 years old. The cost is \$45 for adults and \$40 for children ages 3 to 11. The tour departs from (Informationm Tickets & Travel) Hickam office and Royal Alakai Lodge. FMI: 448-2295.

Intramural Softball League Coaches Meeting will begin at 1 p.m. March 19 at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam Fitness Center classroom. The season runs April 7 through June. The league is limited to commands from Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam. Any additional active-duty members not belonging to a command team will come from a players’ pool. FMI: 473-2494 or 473-2437.

Patriot Tour will be held from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. on Thursdays, March 20 and 27, starting at Hickam ITT. The tour will include the USS Arizona Memorial, USS Utah Memorial, USS Oklahoma Memorial and the Navy Club Memorial on Ford Island. The event will conclude with a visit to the National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific. The event will include a buffet lunch. The cost is \$55 for adults and \$45 for children ages 3 to 11. FMI: 448-2295.

MWR Newcomers Luncheon will be held from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. March 19 at Tradewinds Enlisted Club ballroom. The free event will include a free buffet lunch, information booths, sponsor tables and giveaways. The event will include activities for children. It is open to all military-affiliated personnel. FMI: www.greatlifehawaii.com.

Spartan Sprint will begin at 7 a.m. March 23 at Aloha Stadium. Tickets are available through ITT. This obstacle course run will test participants’ physical and mental endurance and abilities. If participants purchase their reg-

istration through ITT, the insurance fee is included (\$14 value), plus no taxes or additional fees. The cost is \$86 for adult contestants and \$35 for youths (ages 4–13). Participants must register by March 17. FMI: 473-0792.

Pearl Harbor Valor Tour will be held Tuesdays through Fridays from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., March 18 to 28, starting from the ITT-Hickam office. The tour includes the USS Arizona Memorial, the USS Utah Memorial, the USS Oklahoma Memorial and the Navy Club Memorial. The cost is \$25 per person and free for children age 2 years and younger sitting on an adult’s lap. FMI: 448-2295.

Ko Olina Whale Watching Cruises will be held on Saturdays and Sundays from noon to 3:45 p.m. through April 6. The cost is \$45 for adults and \$40 for children up to 11 years. The activity includes round-trip transportation from ITT-Hickam and bottled water will be provided. Participants are advised to bring sunscreen protection. FMI: 448-2295.

Wine Tasting Tours will be held from 6 to 8 p.m. March 17 and 31. Included in the event are roundtrip transportation from the ITT-Hickam office, light appetizers, a souvenir, giveaways and same-night retail discounts. The cost is \$25 per person (ages 21 years and older only). There is limited seating of 20 people maximum per tour. FMI: 448-2295.

Community Calendar

MARCH

NCIS CRIME REDUCTION PROGRAM

NOW — From the start of the fiscal year 2014 second quarter, the Naval Criminal Investigative Service (NCIS) Crime Reduction Program (CRP) has been focusing its efforts on the prevention of sexual assaults. The CRP is an awareness and education program which unites law enforcement and community service organizations with a shared goal of educating Sailors, Marines and Department of the Navy civilians about common threats to their safety. With the increasing focus on sexual assault prevention, second quarter CRP has been extended through April to align with Sexual Assault Prevention Month. For more information, contact your local NCIS representative.

ST. PATRICK'S DAY 5K RUN

TODAY — The sixth annual St. Patrick's Day 5K Run in support of the 114th Submarine Officer's Birthday Ball will be held at Ford Island. The race begins at 7 a.m. in front of the Navy Lodge. The cost to run is \$20. Registration will continue the morning of the event, and tables will be open at 6 a.m. Participants can show their St. Patrick's Day colors by wearing green socks, clothing and costumes. All Department of Defense ID holders, spouses, children and DoD civilians are welcome to attend. Participants must have base access. FMI: www.submarineball.com or www.active.com.

BATTLESHIP MISSOURI MEMORIAL SPECIAL

15 TO 31 — The USS Missouri Memorial Association will celebrate the 20th anniversary of its founding in March, with a special savings on admission to the Battleship Missouri Memorial. From March 15 through 31, Hawaii residents and members of the military can purchase two general admission tickets for \$20 total, and child admission tickets (ages 4 to 12) for \$5. Showing a Hawaii or military ID upon purchase is required. FMI: 1-877-644-4896 or visit USSMissouri.org.

DOWN SYNDROME INFORMATION FAIR

18 — An Exceptional Families, Exceptional Service information fair will be held from 10 to 11 a.m. at Military and Family Support Center Pearl Harbor, 4827 Bougainville Drive. Guest speakers will include Ann Sullivan, executive director of Down Syndrome Ohana of Hawaii, and parents of children with the syndrome. Register online under the MFSC class calendar. FMI: www.greatlifehawaii.com.

BLOOD DRIVES

18, 31 — 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 18, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., 205th Military Intelligence Battalion, Fort Shafter; and March 31, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., Naval Submarine Support Command, Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam. FMI: 433-6699 or 433-6148 or email michelle.lele@amedd.army.mil or visit www.militaryblood.dod.mil.

EARLY ENTRY DEADLINE FOR BRIDGE RUN

21 — The early entry deadline for the 17th annual Ford Island Bridge Run is March 21. The run will begin at 7 a.m. April 5. The cost is \$20 for military and family members and \$25 for non-military. FMI: 473-0784 or www.greatlifehawaii.com.

ST. PATRICK'S DAY GLOW RUN

22 — A St. Patrick's Day Glow Run will be held from 5:30 to 9 p.m. at Bellows Air Force Station. The free event is open to active duty military, military retirees, Reservists, National Guard, current and retired Department of Defense civilian employees with an authorized ID card and their families. Participants can dress up wearing green or any festive costume, and bring glow sticks and LEDs. The band Kealohalani Blend will perform beginning at 6:30 p.m. FMI: 259-4112.

THOMPSON SQUARE IN CONCERT

23 — Vocal duo Thompson Square will perform a concert beginning at 5 p.m. at Ward Field, Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam. A pre-concert party will be held from 3 to 5 p.m. with games and prize giveaways. The event is open to Department of Defense ID cardholders and their sponsored guests. In case of rain, the event will be held in the Club Pearl Paradise Lounge. FMI: www.greatlifehawaii.com.

WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH FAIR

25 — A Women's History Month fair will be held from 2 to 3:30 p.m. at the Makai Recreation Center on the Hickam side of Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam. FMI: email guss.alexander@us.af.mil or Tanya.wyatt@us.af.mil.

DISCOVER YOUR FUTURE IN AVIATION

29 — Young people interested in aviation as a career or hobby can attend a special aviation day with hands-on workshops, a career fair, flight lab and interactive science exhibits. In addition, Capt. Sharyn Emminger Dey, the first female pilot for Hawaiian Airlines, will be honored. The event is free with museum admission and to museum members. FMI: 441-1007 or email education@pacificaviationmuseum.org.

APRIL

SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITY DEADLINE

2 — The deadline for Hickam Communities residents to submit an application to WinnCompanies' Winning Edge Scholarship Program is April 2. Residents are eligible if they are pursuing some form of higher education in a community college, college, university or trade/professional school. Scholarship grants start at \$1,000. Application packets can be picked up at Hickam Communities housing office at 211 Mercury Road or its leasing office at 211 Kokomalei St. Applications are also available on the website. FMI: www.hickamcommunities.com/go/WinningEdge.

KEEP CALM AND EAT A CUPCAKE

17 — Hui 'O Na Wahine will hold a luncheon event called "Keep Calm and Eat A Cupcake" at the Nehelani Club, Schofield Barracks. The cost is \$20 at the door, or by Paypal for \$21 plus three free opportunity tickets. Doors open at 10:30 a.m. and lunch begins at 11 a.m. Participants need to RSVP by noon April 11. FMI: huischofield@gmail.com or www.schofieldspouses.com.

BREAKFAST WITH THE EASTER BUNNY

19 — Breakfast with the Easter bunny will be held from 8 to 9 a.m. at the Pearl Harbor Navy Exchange food court lanai. All military families (authorized patrons) and their children can participate in the breakfast. The event will also include games, prizes, balloon art, glitter tattoos, crafts and a goody bag. Tickets will go sale starting March 21 at the NEX main mall rotunda. FMI: 423-3287.



THE MONUMENTS MEN (PG13)

This is an incredible true story of the seven art historians and museum curators who went behind enemy lines during World War II on a mission to recover some of the world's greatest works of art. With war raging in Europe, the Nazis had managed to plunder some of the biggest art collections on the continent.

Movie Showtimes

SHARKEY THEATER

TODAY 3/14

7:00 PM Robocop (PG-13)

SATURDAY 3/15

2:30 PM (3D) The LEGO Movie (PG)
4:50 PM Jack Ryan: Shadow Recruit (PG-13)
7:10 PM Labor Day (PG-13)

SUNDAY 3/16

2:30 PM The LEGO Movie (PG)
4:40 pm Winter's Tale (PG)
7:00 pm The Monuments Men (PG-13)

THURSDAY 3/20

7:00 PM Robocop (PG-13)

HICKAM MEMORIAL THEATER

TODAY 3/14

6:00 PM The LEGO Movie (PG)

SATURDAY 3/15

4:00 PM The LEGO Movie (PG)
7:00 PM Ride Along (PG-13)

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Tuition assistance available for Sailors

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The Center for Personal and Professional Development (CPPD) is asking Sailors to submit their Navy tuition assistance (TA) requests, and now would be good, said the director of Navy Voluntary Education (VOLED) on March 3.

According to Ernest D'Antonio, CPPD's VOLE program director, the expenditure rate for TA funding is currently below normal levels, which means there is more funding available than usual at this time of the year.

"We use historical 'burn rates' as a guide for allocating TA funding throughout the year," he said. "We plan really well for routine years. After furloughs and a government shutdown, fiscal year 2014 (FY-14) hasn't been a routine year," he said.

Lt. Cmdr. Mark Wadsworth, director of CPPD Support Site Saufley Field in Pensacola, Fla., leads the team that monitors CPPD's Navy TA spending. He said FY-14 TA execution is currently trailing FY-13's execution rate by just over \$6 million year-to-date.

"We want Sailors to continue to pursue their education and submit their TA requests. We work hard to allocate every TA dollar available to give Sailors the most opportunities to use their TA funding allotment for each fiscal year," D'Antonio said.

He said more than 25,000 Sailors have used TA benefits so far this fiscal year and emphasized that a Sailor's command is an important part of TA authorizations because they are the first step in the process after a Sailor submits a request.

"It's each command's responsibility to ensure their Sailors are aware of and meet all relevant TA policies, are comfortable with their Sailors' ability to complete a requested course, and process each Sailor's TA request promptly," he said.

"A command approver can review a Sailor's request and deny it if all Navy requirements aren't met, if the Sailor's performance isn't up to standards, or if the command's mission might not permit the Sailor to complete the course. Ultimately, it's the commanding officer's decision," said D'Antonio.

He also recommended each command approver continually review the Sailor's education progress.

"Our biggest reason for

disapproval of TA requests is they aren't received from the Sailor's command approver prior to the course start date, as required by DOD instruction. Often when we review a TA request, a Sailor may be missing some of the TA prerequisites such as a current education counseling by a Navy College Office (NCO) or virtual education center (VEC) counselor, or an individual education plan or degree plan on file, or missing a grade from a past course," he said.

According to Capt. John Newcomer, CPPD commanding officer, Navy leaders are committed to providing Sailors with voluntary education opportunities.

"We know that educated Sailors are strong performers with well-developed critical thinking skills and the ability to make informed decisions. A college degree is an investment in a Sailor and a contributing factor in Navy mission accomplishment."

For more information about the Center for Personal and Professional Development (CPPD), visit: <https://www.netc.navy.mil/centers/cppd/>.

Bike path cleanup set for April 5



U.S. Navy file photo

Volunteers can participate in a Pearl Harbor Bike Path cleanup on April 5.

Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam and other military volunteers can participate in the Pearl Harbor Bike Path cleanup led by the City and County of Honolulu from 8 to 11 a.m. on April 5.

Volunteers, including family members ages 12 and above, can help in the area along the bike path between McGrew Point (also known as Aiea Bay State Recreational Area and Neil S. Blaisdell Park including Pu'uloa Stream

near Blaisdell Park.

Volunteers should meet at Blaisdell State Recreational Area by 8 a.m.

Work will include trash removal, weeding and beautification. Volunteers should dress to get dirty, wear covered shoes and bring sunscreen.

To volunteer, contact MAC William Matteson, william.n.matteson@navy.mil or 473-0151. For more information, call Lt. j.g. Eric Galassi at 473-0660 or e-mail eric.galassi@navy.mil

navy.mil or call Tom Hawaii outreach, at 473-Clements, Navy Region 0662 or cell 445-4981.

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Hawaii Junior Officers unite for new service group

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Junior officers across all branches of service recently formed a new community service group, the Junior Officer Social Society of Hawaii (JOSSH), providing an opportunity for like-minded fellow junior officers, families and friends to give back to the community while stationed here in Hawaii.

“I saw among my peers a high demand to volunteer and give back to Hawaii and the military,” said Navy Lt. Benjamin Allen, co-founder of JOSSH. “What was lacking was an organization or a vehicle to quickly bring together like-minded junior officers with the same desires to volunteer.”

Started as a Facebook page in 2012 by Allen and Navy Lt. Matthew Beaudette, the group has service members from all military branches

and encourages participation from friends and families in their activities. JOSSH serves a unifying function, identifying community service projects from various groups and connecting a community of interested volunteers.

“Our group is an active and energetic entity, committed to giving back to local and military charities,” said Allen. “We all believe our time in the service and our time on the islands has added value to our lives, and we want to share that positivity and energy back with the communities that we cherish.”

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have fun and streamline their efforts to the common cause of giving back to Hawaii.”

JOSSH is encouraging new members and volunteers to support their first community outreach project, teaming up with the Surf Rider Foundation for a World Water Day beach cleanup at Kailua Beach Park on March 22.

“We want it to be as much fun as it is work,” said Beaudette. “So we’ll do a beach cleanup, then roll right into a barbeque afterwards.”

The JOSSH organization is an independent social volunteer network with no official affiliation with any military service or command. For more information on JOSSH and participation in future volunteer opportunities throughout Hawaii, visit them on Facebook, keywords Junior Officer Social Society of Hawaii. They can also be reached on Twitter at <https://twitter.com/JOSocietyHawaii>, or email at JuniorOfficerSociety-Hawaii@gmail.com.