

SECDEF, defense ministers discuss rebalance at ASEAN forum

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U.S. Secretary of Defense Chuck Hagel hosted the 2014 Association of Southeast Asian Nations Defense Forum held in Hawaii from April 1 to April 3 as part of a 10-day long trip across the Asia-Pacific region where Hagel spoke with ASEAN defense ministers.

It was the first time for the forum to be held in the United States.

The forum included a roundtable discussion at the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration Inouye Regional Center. The focus was on humanitarian and disaster relief, a matter of concern in the Asia-Pacific region.

“Humanitarian assistance and natural disasters are with us every day and will continue to be,” Hagel said. “The more we continue to understand the science behind those natural disasters, the more we can communicate and coordinate our efforts to help each other.”

Rajiv Shah, U.S. Agency for International Development administrator, joined the secretary in leading the ASEAN



U.S. Navy photo by MCC John M. Hageman
MV-22 Ospreys attached to Marine Medium Tiltrotor Squadron (VMM) 161 fly over the San Antonio-class amphibious transport dock ship USS Anchorage (LPD 23) on April 2 during the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) summit. U.S. Secretary of Defense Chuck Hagel hosted the 10 Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) defense ministers in Honolulu. They also received operational briefings and demonstrations of U.S. capabilities from United States Pacific Command. (See additional photo on page A-5)

roundtable.

“Natural disasters have cost the world roughly \$300 billion and 30,000 lives in the last two years alone,” Shah said. “This is a unique opportunity for us to learn together how we can be supportive of your efforts as defense ministers, often called in when times are toughest and expected to perform under conditions of little information and extreme crisis.”

The ASEAN contingent then toured the U.S. Navy amphibious transport dock USS Anchorage, the most decorated ship of its kind on the west coast that can launch versatile airframes like the U.S. Marine Corps MV-22 Osprey to disaster areas where others can’t breach. After the tour, Hagel spoke about the importance of the ASEAN collaboration and cooperation.

“The focus was on our efforts to bring our capabilities together as countries who share our futures, our interests and our histories in the Asia-Pacific region,” Hagel said. “We started the day focused on humanitarian assistance and disaster relief but we can do more, we will do more, we are doing more. I think there is ample evidence on how we can collaborate

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Leaders sign proclamation for Sexual Assault Awareness Month

Story and photo by Staff Sgt. Alexander Martinez
15th Wing Public Affairs

Sexual Assault Awareness Month officially kicked off with a proclamation-signing ceremony at Hickam Memorial Theater on April 1.

The ceremony was jointly hosted by Col. Johnny Roscoe, 15th Wing commander, and Capt. Mark Manfredi, chief of staff for Navy Region Hawaii. The theme for this year’s SAAM is “Live Our Values: Step Up and Stop Sexual Assault.”

“When we step up to solve the crime of assault, it may not be the same as confronting a gunman, but sexual assault is life threatening, too, and it certainly has a long and significant impact on the victims,” Manfredi said.

Roscoe noted the need to stay active in the effort to combat sexual assault.

“We recognize April as [SAAM] because it’s at the forefront of our minds, but this is an enduring conversation. Sexual assault prevention is an everyday effort,” Roscoe said.

Roscoe also thanked the attendees at the event,



Col. Johnny Roscoe, 15th Wing commander, and Capt. Mark Manfredi, chief of staff for Navy Region Hawaii, sign a proclamation letter declaring April as Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam Sexual Assault Awareness Month at Hickam Theater on April 1.

praising their willingness to learn more about the issue of sexual assault prevention.

“Our focus has to be on the people who came here on their own because you are the ones who are going to foster and strengthen the climate,” Roscoe said.

The event’s keynote speaker, Anne Munch, a nationally acclaimed prosecutor and sexual assault expert, discussed various sexual assault issues during her presentation.

For more information on SAAM and the events going on this month, contact the SAPR office at 448-3192.

U.S. Pacific Fleet announces Sailors of the Year

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U.S. Pacific Fleet Public Affairs

HONOLULU – Adm. Harry B. Harris Jr., commander of U.S. Pacific Fleet, announced Naval Aircrewman Mechanical 1st Class Matthew Meadows as 2013 Sea Sailor of the Year (SOY) and Builder 1st Class Deanna Dimeo as the 2013 Shore SOY during a ceremony held March 28 at the Hale Koa Hotel in Waikiki.

Harris commended all 10 finalists for their teamwork, excellence, integrity and leadership.

“Out of the 100,000 or so Pacific Fleet Sailors, the 10 finalists standing on the stage with me have risen to the top, and I for one am truly thankful to have them on our team,” Harris said. “They all faced challenges, and they’ve proven themselves well-equipped to meet those challenges.”

“They do not accept second-best at anything they put their minds to. They’re winners, always have been, always will be. They exemplify the highest standards of service to our nation, at home and abroad, at sea and ashore, in combat and in peace,” he said.

For his selection as the 2013 Sea SOY, Meadows, representing Fleet Air Reconnaissance Squadron (VQ) 4, will fly to Washington, D.C. and will be meritoriously promoted to chief



U.S. Pacific Fleet Master Chief Marco Ramirez congratulates U.S. Pacific Fleet (PACFLT) Sea and Shore Sailors of the Year (SOY) finalists following a luncheon to honor each of them and announce the selection of the SOYs. The group of finalists participated in a variety of personal and professional evaluations as well as leadership, naval heritage and team-building events throughout the week around historic Pearl Harbor.

petty officer. Meadows recognized all of the people who have supported him throughout his career to get him to this point.

“This has been an outstanding opportunity and a very humbling experience,” Meadows said. “When I heard my name called, I couldn’t help but think about all

those who helped me to get here—the junior Sailors, chiefs, officers and long years of dedication to those people and what they gave back to me. It’s an amazing experience.”

Representing Naval Construction Group 1, Dimeo, the 2013 Shore Sailor of the Year will

travel to the capital to compete in the Chief of Naval Operations Shore Sailor of the Year competition. Dimeo said she felt honored to win.

“It’s an incredible feeling to be here and represent my community and my family of Seabees at this level,” Dimeo said. “I’ve been

in 11 years, and everyone from an E-1 to a master chief have touched me in some way and contributed to where I am today.”

The 10 finalists spent the week in Pearl Harbor learning about the rich naval history and heritage of the area with visits to the USS Arizona Memorial, where they honored those Sailors who lost their lives in the attack on Pearl Harbor with a wreath-laying ceremony, the Battleship Missouri Memorial and the Pacific Aviation Museum. They also spent time networking with each other and speaking to Navy leaders from throughout the Indo-Asia-Pacific.

“The events of Sailor of the Year provided each of these outstanding Sailors a better glimpse into our naval history and heritage,” said U.S. Pacific Fleet’s Master Chief Marco Ramirez. “The week provided them with better understanding of the area and something they can take back and share with Sailors at their commands.”

Aviation Structural Mechanic 1st Class Robert Layton agreed. “SOY week has been a very special, once-in-a-lifetime opportunity. I think the biggest thing I have taken away is meeting Sailors from different communities and learning more about heritage and history and the pride that it gives

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Secretary of education holds discussion panel at JBPHH

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Joint Base Pearl Harbor-
Hickam Public Affairs

United States Secretary of Education Arne Duncan visited Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam on March 30 and held a discussion panel addressing the issues facing today's military-connected students, particularly those related to their high mobility.

This visit marks the 50th state Duncan has visited during his tenure as secretary of education and the first visit by an education secretary to Hawaii in about 20 years, according to the U.S. Department of Education.

Duncan, along with Army Brig. Gen. Todd B. McCaffrey, 25th Infantry division command group deputy commander; Cathe Robling, Marine Corps Forces Pacific family readiness program advisor; and Ronn Nozoe, Hawaii



United States Secretary of Education Arne Duncan speaks with local media outlets Sunday at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam.

Department of Education deputy superintendent; answered pre-submitted questions along with ones from the audience.

One of the popular questions Duncan and the panel addressed was the difference in educational standards between duty sta-

tions for students forced to move due to a permanent change of station.

"Raising the standards is an objective we have

accomplished in 46 states," he said. "However, ensuring the individual states uphold those standards is something we are working on.

We want to challenge the country to have higher standards, so all children are actually prepared for college-level classes once they complete high school."

Duncan also addressed the issue of expenses of education for states struggling to support their educational systems.

"There are many places that look at education as nothing but an expense and not an investment," he said.

"Our children deserve a world-class education and should be able to learn anytime, anywhere. Regardless of where a child lives, they have a right to learn. It is our job to make that investment and provide our children what they rightfully deserve," Duncan said.

Another question the

panel discussed was concerning the issue of classes not properly preparing students for education after high-school.

"One of the toughest issues we are running into these days in education is being 'dumbed down' for children," Duncan said. "When standards are lower, it's good for politicians. But it is horrible for our children and even worse for our future."

Duncan expanded on this topic by stating the United States of America needs to be a leader on the forefront of education.

"Providing children the option to learn coding is something we are looking into," he said. "With careers in the tech industry booming, the future is leading toward a world where knowing this language will be commonplace. We need to be a leader, not a follower. We need to lead the pack, or else we are going to be playing catch up."

DOE halts Radford High track field renovation due to soil contaminants

Hawaii State Department of
Education

HONOLULU – The Hawaii State Department of Education (DOE) has temporarily halted the renovation of Radford High's athletic track field after debris was found during excavation work and subsurface soil tested positive for contaminants.

The athletic field has been off-limits to students and staff since the start of renovation in mid-December. As part of a multi-agency effort to assess the area, all appropriate safety measures were immediately taken upon discovery of the debris.

The construction area in question is adjacent to a former Navy

disposal site, the Makalapa Crater landfill. It is likely the debris originated from past Navy disposal of construction wastes and material dredged between the 1930s and 1970s, according to a preliminary Navy assessment.

The DOE is working with the State Department of Health (DOH) and the U.S. Navy to safeguard, study and remove debris such as ash, asbestos and discarded mechanical items found during initial excavation work.

"I want to thank our partners in the Department of Health and the Navy for mobilizing efforts to ensure the campus is safe for our students and staff at Radford High," said DOE Superintendent Kathryn Matayoshi.

An environmental sampling of the excavated subsurface soil conducted by DOE consultant Bureau Veritas North America in accordance with DOH guidelines revealed elevated levels of contaminants such as lead, arsenic and cadmium, according to results finalized on March 21. The contaminated subsurface soil exposed by the excavation is covered, and the construction site was immediately contained following the debris discovery.

The DOH has confirmed that the athletic field construction site poses no health risk to students or staff as all appropriate safety measures have been taken to prevent exposure to the contaminated soil. A health risk would occur

if someone were to ingest the tainted dirt.

Additionally, per DOH's recommendation and as a precautionary measure, the DOE conducted further tests throughout Radford High's campus as well as on the grounds of the nearby Makalapa Elementary School. Results confirmed the subsurface soil contamination is confined to the Radford High track area.

The DOH will continue to monitor remediation activities and is working closely with the U.S. Navy and the DOE.

"The Navy is wholly committed to taking immediate action and remediate this site in accordance with all federal and state regulations," said Capt. Michael

Williamson, commanding officer of Naval Facilities Engineering Command Hawaii.

"We have the technical expertise and have demonstrated our capability to regulatory agencies and the public in the past. This historic Navy debris that was discovered will be removed quickly, and we will ensure that DOE can safely proceed with construction of the new track," Williamson said.

Radford High and Makalapa Elementary informed parents about the situation in a letter sent home with students April 1.

The DOE, DOH and the Navy will continue to update the community on the progress of the project as more information becomes available.

Chapel Holy Week schedule announced

Brandon Bosworth

Assistant Editor

Holy Week events have been announced for Pearl Harbor Memorial Chapel. They include:

Catholic services

- Palm Sunday (Roman Catholic), 8:45 a.m., April 13
- Holy Thursday, 6 p.m., April 17.
- Good Friday, 6 p.m., April 18.
- Easter Vigil, 7:30 p.m. April 19.
- Easter Sunday, 9 a.m., April 20.

Protestant services

- Palm Sunday, 11 a.m., April 13.
- Foot washing ceremony and dinner, 5:30 p.m., April 16 (fellowship hall)
- Easter sunrise service, 6:30 a.m., April 20 at Battle-ship Missouri Memorial.

The chapel needs volunteers to serve before and after the Easter sunrise service. Uniform for the sunrise service is aloha crisp. For more information, email Fruji.mills@navy.mil.

- Easter service, 11 a.m., April 20.

Unless otherwise noted, all services will be held at Pearl Harbor Memorial Chapel. For more information, call 473-3971.

In addition, the Kaneohe Bay Marine Corps Chapel will hold an Easter sunrise service at 5:45 a.m. April 20 at Ft. Hase Beach, Landing Zone Eagle. For more information, call 257-3552.



Worshippers participate in an Easter celebration last year at Pearl Harbor Memorial Chapel.

Volunteers can join cleanup on Saturday

Air Force and Navy personnel and their families will have an opportunity to volunteer at the Pearl Harbor Bike Path cleanup which will take place from 8 to 11 a.m. Saturday.

The cleanup is a partnership of Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam with the City and County of Honolulu. Volunteers can meet at Neal Blaisdell Park in Waimalu by 8 a.m. Turn on Kaahumanu Street off Kamehameha Highway to get to Blaisdell Park.

Volunteers will pick up trash and bulky items along the bike path from McGrew Loop to Blaisdell Park and to Waipahu Depot Street, with emphasis on "hot spots" behind Pearl Kai Center, Home World and Best Buy.

Volunteers should dress to get dirty, wear covered shoes and sunscreen.

Contact MAC William Matteson to volunteer via email at william.n.matte son@navy.mil or call 225-5347.

For more information on the event, contact Lt. j.g. Eric Galassi at 473-0660 or e-mail eric.galassi@navy.mil.

Healthy base event to be held today

As part of the Commissaries Healthy Base Initiative, a new section in the Pearl Harbor Commissary produce department will be set up near the entrance area to better identify and advertise the quality and freshness of the local produce items. A kickoff event will be held from 9 to 10 a.m. today with a Hula Fitness (dance workout) on the commissary sidewalk.

The event will move

into the commissary at 10 a.m. and will offer fresh locally grown products on display for patrons.

Farmers will be available to provide samples and promote their produce until noon.

In addition, dietitians will be available to promote healthy eating and provide nutritional information.

For more information, call the Pearl Harbor Commissary at 471-8402, ext. 101.

Ford Island Bridge Run set for Saturday

Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam

Morale, Welfare and Recreation

Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam Morale Welfare and Recreation will host the 17th Annual Ford Island Bridge Run beginning at 7 a.m. Saturday.

The event is open to the public. The Ford Island Bridge will close to traffic from 6:55 to 7:25 a.m. on Saturday.

The 10K run starts at the entrance of the Adm. Bernard "Chick" Clarey

Bridge, continues across the bridge, around historic Ford Island and back over the bridge, ending on Richardson Field.

All entry fees are \$30 until today at 2:30 p.m. Race day entry fee is \$45 until Saturday at 6:45 a.m. The race is open to runners, walkers and strollers. No pets are allowed.

On the day of the run, limited free parking is available at Rainbow Bay Marina. Additional parking is available at the Aloha Stadium. Richardson Field will be open for spectators

throughout the run.

Trophies will be awarded to first, second and third overall male finishers, overall female finishers, military male finishers, and military female finishers. Koa bowls will be awarded to first, second and third finishers in the following age categories: Under 10, 10-14, 15-19, 20-24, 25-29, 30-34, 35-39, 40-44, 45-49, 50-54, 55-59, 60-64, 65-69, 70-74, 75-79 and 80 and older.

For more information, visit www.greatlifehawaii.com or call 473-2494 or 473-2437.

Correction:

A caption for the USS Utah interment story, featured on page A-1 of the April 4 edition of Ho'okele, inaccurately identified Capt. Lawrence Scruggs as commander of Navy Region Hawaii and Naval Surface Group Pacific. Scruggs is the deputy commander, Pearl Harbor Naval Shipyard & Intermediate Maintenance Facility. Rear Adm. Rick Williams is the commander of Navy Region Hawaii and Naval Surface Group Middle Pacific. We are sorry for the error and apologize for any inconvenience this may have caused.

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@USNPeople Weekly Wire collects key news for Sailors

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@USNPeople Weekly Wire is a weekly PDF newsletter produced by the Navy that consolidates important information for Sailors and their families.

Each issue features three to five key internal or external stories every week. The Weekly Wire provides both short summaries as well as the full texts of the stories.

Items featured in the most recent issue included Adm. Jonathan W.

Greenert, chief of naval operations, discussing the forward presence mandate, a question-and-answer session with Chief of Naval Personnel Vice Adm. Bill Moran, and Master Chief Petty Officer of the Navy (AW/NAC) Mike Stevens discussing his vision and priorities for the fleet, detailing his plans for uniform updates, chief training, tablet devices, re-up rules and more.

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@USNPeople Weekly Wire link at the Chief of Naval Personnel website at www.navy.mil/cnp/.

Sailors and families can also send direct questions or feedback on people or personnel policies to usnpeople@gmail.com According to Moran, questions will be answered by his staff directly in a timely manner. Questions that Sailors have that are specific to individual issues should continue to be directed to NPC via the customer service hotline 1-866-U-ASK-NPC (1-866-827-5672) or email to uasknpc@navy.mil.

Commentary

Pacific Fleet's top Sailors challenged to 'pay it forward'

Rear Adm. Rick Williams

Commander, Navy Region Hawaii and Naval Surface Group Middle Pacific

I had the privilege to have a front row seat at this year's Commander, U.S. Pacific Fleet Sailor of the Year luncheon.

Adm. Harris, Pacific Fleet commander, gave a compelling keynote address about the 10 finalists' exceptional attributes and willingness to "take the road less traveled." He challenged the Sailors to pay it forward — to inspire others to choose their destiny based on core values of honor, courage and commitment.

These values are instilled by our families and reinforced throughout our experiences and careers in the Navy.

Sailors carry those core values when they deploy forward as they are doing now aboard our Hawaii-homeported ships: USS Hopper (DDG 70), USS O'Kane (DDG 77) and USS Lake Erie (CG 77).

In his speeches, Secretary of the Navy Ray Mabus calls our forward-deployed



Rear Adm. Rick Williams

service members "the face of the Navy" to the world.

"It's often the only time people will see an American or get to talk to one. It's our Sailors and Marines that they see," the SECNAV said. "And whether it's a routine port call or an emergency relief effort, the face of America is the face of Sailors and Marines."

The 10 Pacific Fleet finalists — with hometowns spread throughout the United States and from duty stations across the breadth of the Pacific — show the diversity that constitutes our nation.

Last week's luncheon

came at the end of a week's visit to Pearl Harbor to learn about the Navy's history and heritage.

History provides the context for our nation's rebalance to Indo-Asia-Pacific. Pearl Harbor is not only gateway for the rebalance but also the heart of the Navy's history for more than 70 years.

I'm convinced the young leaders who were commended and challenged by Adm. Harris at last week's luncheon will meet his challenge. They will pay it forward when they deploy and operate forward.

I'm sure they will remember his words — that no Sailor stands the watch alone, that every Sailor is part of a team of shipmates, that hard-working, highly trained and dedicated Sailors are more important than even the best equipment and technology.

I felt very fortunate and proud to have been part of such a significant event last week.

Adm. Harris thanked the Navy League — especially President Carl Devoe and Executive Director Bob McDermott — for sponsoring the event. Our Navy League's support for

Sailors, Marines and families is second to none.

Adm. Harris also commended Fleet Master Chief Ramirez and the entire Hawaii chiefs' mess, for "a magnificent job of making this a memorable

week of celebration."

I congratulate all chief petty officers, past and present, on the 121st birthday of the U.S. Navy chiefs this week.

As MCPON Stevens says, chiefs are "charged with the

responsibility of leading Sailors to be the best in the world, ready to carry out our Navy's mission when the nation calls."

Chief petty officers are the backbone of our Navy. They pay it forward.

Sailors of the Year

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me," Layton said.

Many of the Sailors brought their families with them, which gave them a chance to be recognized for all they do.

"Having the families here is very important and to have the chance to honor them is what makes this event even more special," Ramirez said. "They are a big part of the SOY's success, and it's nice they are recognized as well."

"I would say that my family has done everything for me to get to this point," said Master-at-Arms 1st Class Nicholas Fessler. "I have a very loving wife. I'm here because of the commitment she has to stand next to me through the long hours and hard work."

The Sea Sailor of the Year finalists were Master-at-Arms 1st Class Nicolas Fessler, USS Bonhomme Richard (LHD 6); Equipment Operator 1st Class James McVicar, Underwater Construction Team 2; Electrician's Mate 1st Class Scott Koenig, USS Jimmy Carter

(SSN 23); and Special Warfare Operator 1st Class Benjamin Pit, SEAL Team 5.

The Shore Sailor of the Year finalists were Machinist's Mate 1st Class James Nelson, Commander, Submarine Squadron 15 Performance Monitoring Team Det. Guam; Aviation Structural Mechanic 1st Class Robert Layton, Electronic Attack Squadron (VAQ) 129; Hospital Corpsman 1st Class Jeremiah McArthur, Pre-Commissioning Unit (PCU) Jackson (LCS 6); and Cryptologic Technician Technical 1st Class Jessica Villa, Commander, U.S. 3rd Fleet.

Former Chief of Naval Operations Adm. Elmo Zumwalt and former Master Chief Petty Officer of the Navy John Whittet established the SOY program in 1972 to recognize an individual Sailor who best represents the group of dedicated professional Sailors at each command and, ultimately, in the Navy. Within 10 years, the Sailor of the Year program was expanded to include the shore establishment and Navy Reserve Sailors.

Diverse Views



What is your favorite TV commercial (past or present)?



MMFR Angie Gastellum
USS Halsey (DDG-97)

"The GEICO commercial where the chocolate M&M is lecturing the little gecko."

Anduha Pomaikai
15th Medical Group



"My favorite commercial would have to be the 'Where's the beef?' commercial from the '80s. It's mainly because an old lady her age would probably not be eating burgers, let alone one from a drive-through."



QN3 Alexander Diaz
Pearl Harbor Naval Shipyard

"The Petsmart sock puppet."

Tech. Sgt. Maybelle McKinney-Martin
15th Medical Group



"My favorite commercial has to be the Christmas/Jingle Bells Kmart commercials, because they are funny and usually feature very attractive men. Another one I enjoy is the 'Ship your pants' commercial. It is a funny play on words."



FTSN Robert Moore
Pearl Harbor Naval Shipyard

"The Allstate dude that falls through the roof. The mayhem commercials."

Capt. Aspen Heger
15th Medical Group



"I don't really have a favorite commercial because I usually stream all of my television shows online. However, one I do remember and usually enjoy is the M&M commercials, because I really enjoy their chocolates."



OSSN Kayla Bragg
USS Halsey (DDG-97)

"The one where the kids are sitting at the table and saying completely cute things."

OSSN Connor Woodard
USS Halsey (DDG-97)



"I like those Jack Links Beef Jerky ones with the Sasquatch."

Provided by Lt. j.g. Eric Galassi and SrA Christopher Stoltz

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Drop us a line at editor@hookelenews.com or karen.spangler@navy.mil



2013 Hawaii Pacific CFC concludes

Maj. Gen. Kevin Pottinger, mobilization assistant to the Commander, Pacific Air Forces, provides opening remarks for the 2013 Hawaii-Pacific Combined Federal Campaign recognition ceremony held March 25 aboard the Battleship Missouri Memorial. PACAF led the 2013 CFC, raising more than \$5 million in donations from across the Hawaii-Pacific area.

U.S. Air Force photo by Staff Sgt. Nathan Allen

Pan Am Clipper makes pioneering flight



Photo courtesy of the state of Hawaii Department of Transportation

Commercial air service to Hawaii was inaugurated on April 20, 1935 with the arrival of a Pan American Airways Pioneer Clipper at Pearl Harbor. The historic event took place 79 years ago this month.

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535th Airlift Squadron auditorium is rededicated to fallen Airman

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Tech. Sgt. Terri Paden

15th Wing Public Affairs

The 535th Airlift Squad-ron (AS) auditorium was officially renamed the Hollister Auditorium in a dedication ceremony held March 28 at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam.

The room was named after fallen comrade, Staff Sgt. Robert “Danny” Hollister, a loadmaster assigned to the 535th AS, who lost his life in the line of duty March 13, 2012 while participating in Exercise Cope Tiger in Udon Thani, Thailand.

During the ceremony, Hollister was recognized for flying more than 2,500 hours, including 300 combat hours while flying more than 550 sorties in his six-year tenure with the unit and the Air Force.

“We did this dedication to honor his memory and show his family that his legacy will live on,” said



Lt. Col. Gregg Johnson (far left), 535th Airlift Squadron commander, applauds after unveiling a plaque with Tony Hollister (center), Toni-Marie Hollister and Ann-Marie Hollister (far right) at the Hollister Auditorium at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam on March 28. (Additional photo on page A-5).

Capt. Rush Taylor, 15th Operations Support Squadron wing training chief. “We want his family to know how amazing of a person Danny was and this is one

way to do that.”

Hollister was remembered as an “outstanding NCO and loadmaster” by more than 75 of his friends, family and co-

workers in attendance.

Lt. Col. Patrick Winstead, former 535th AS commander, described Hollister as the “cream of the crop,” during his trib-

ute, saying, “He was a great American, great loadmaster, great Airman and great man.”

Winstead said professionally, Hollister was his go-to Airman when he needed things done, but he was also a “good guy.”

“He cared about everyone, he loved his family, he loved his heritage, he loved people,” Winstead said.

As Winstead reminisced about his time working as Hollister’s squadron commander, he told the audience several accounts of Hollister’s selfless acts of service and dedication to duty.

Hollister was also remembered by his father, Tony Robert Hollister, who flew to JBPHH with his wife, Ann-Marie Hollister, and daughter, Toni-Marie Hollister to attend the ceremony.

“It is a great honor and privilege to be a part of this momentous occasion,” he said. “To be here where my son sacrificed for our freedoms is an

honor. Speaking on behalf of my wife and daughters, we express our deepest heartfelt thanks.”

Though Hollister distinguished himself as exceptional Airman, he is also remembered for being a good friend.

“He was a lot of fun, always smiling, always very joyful, kind of like a big kid,” said Staff Sgt. Keith Roscoe, a loadmaster assigned to the 535th AS and long-time friend of Hollister.

Roscoe said it will be “awesome” to walk past the newly dedicated auditorium and remember his friend, but the best part about it, he said, will be the legacy left for his two children.

“I think about his boys walking into the auditorium or walking down the halls of the squadron and seeing the plaques,” he said. “Every time they see a flight suit or a 535th patch, they will think of their dad and so, we’re all representing Danny in that way.”

Royal Thai Navy vice admiral visits Pearl Harbor for tour

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Vice Adm. Pongthep Nhuthep, assistant chief of staff for operations for the Royal Thai Navy, visited Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam on April 1 for an official tour of the guided-missile cruiser USS Port Royal (CG 73) and the Surface Warfare Officers School Engineering Learning Site Pearl Harbor (SWOS ELS).

Pongthep came to Hawaii to attend the Transnational Security Cooperation (TSC) course at the Asia-Pacific Center for



Senior Chief Damage Controlman Chris Salzer guides Vice Adm. Pongthep Nhuthep, assistant chief of staff for operations for the Royal Thai Navy, and his aide, Capt. Chermgchai Chomchemgpat, on a tour of the Surface Warfare Officers School Engineering Learning Site Pearl Harbor.

said. “Even though there are a lot of training costs involved, they have a good potential to improve the operability of everything.”

“We have a very close relationship between the U.S. Navy and Thai Navy,” he said.

Joining the tour was Lt. Cmdr. Jimmy Wang from Commander, Pacific Fleet, Plans and Policy office.

“The U.S. military relationship with the Thai military is based on a security alliance and many years of cooperation. This relationship is mutually beneficial,” Wang said.

“The captain of USS Port Royal briefed the vice admiral on the history of the ship and her participation in the Rim of the Pacific (RIMPAC) 2012. The vice admiral was very impressed with the ship and her crew and was grateful for the hospitality,” he said.

During his visit, Pongthep received a guided tour of the SWOS, learning site facilities including multiple demonstrations of firefighting in an aviation trainer, main machinery room and a demonstration of the wet trainer.

“We are an ally with the Royal Thai Navy and we are building those relation-

ships for the strategic position of the U.S. Navy and global stability,” said Senior Chief Damage Controlman Chris Salzer, senior enlisted leader for SWOS.

“Our job here is to teach basic damage control and to give the vice admiral of the Thai navy an experience of what we do here, showing the unity and teamwork that hopefully carries on all the way through the Navy on both sides.”

The mission of the Surface Warfare Officers School is to provide a continuum of professional education and training in support of surface navy requirements that prepares officers and enlisted engineers to serve at sea. The SWOS ELS offers different trainers and simulators to provide students the ability to practice what they have learned in the classroom.

The U.S. Navy and Royal Thai Navy have been treaty allies for more than 180 years, security allies since the end of World War II and have participated together in multiple maritime exercises such as Cobra Gold, Cooperation Afloat Readiness and Training (CARAT) and Guardian Sea.

Commentary

Preserve the ohana, live our values: Step up to stop sexual assault

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Every day the Air Force is committed to preventing sexual assault, but one month a year, there is a special observance. This April, the military will observe its 10th Annual Sexual Assault Awareness Month with the theme, “Live Our Values: Step Up and Stop Sexual Assault.”

Sexual violence is a devastating and intolerable crime, affecting men, women and children of all races, ages, cultures, economic situations and abilities in homes, schools and communities. Therefore, we have chosen as our Hickam theme, “Preserve the Ohana.”

Here at Hickam we are actively joining the campaign. It takes everyone getting involved to put an end to sexual assault in our community. This year’s SAAM campaign event kicked off April 1 with a joint proclamation signing at Hickam Memorial Theater by Col. Johnny Roscoe, 15th Wing commander; Capt. Mark Manfredi, chief of staff of Navy Region Hawaii.

Other opportunities to get involved include the monthly wing fun run,



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youth education program, motorcycle ride along with the Ruff Ryders, teal ribbon campaign and the single Airmen retreat.

Commanders and leaders can help by having purposeful engagement, providing a space for informational displays, recognizing victim advocates in the unit, and encouraging participation in SAAM planned activities.

Finally, the SAPR office is working in our community to coordinate and provide quality services and assistance to sexual assault survivors by providing 24-hour hotline services, offering crisis intervention and advocacy during medical exams, criminal proceedings, and throughout the healing process. This is done with the outstanding support of leadership and nationally certified unit victim advocates.

Team Hickam and our partner units, I challenge us to end sexual assault

and to know that every Airman has the inherent right to safety and respect. Let’s “Live Our Values: Step Up to Stop Sexual Assault; thus we can ‘preserve the ohana.’” For more information or to volunteer, contact the SAPR office at (808) 448-3192.

Security Studies in Honolulu.

While on Oahu, he visited Port Royal where he was greeted by the ship’s commanding officer, operations officer and the navigation officer. While aboard he was given a guided tour that included the ship’s foc’sle, pilot-house, combat information center and the central control station.

“The beauty of this visit is in how we can join the bridge together in future operations,” Pongthep

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U.S. Air Force photo by Staff Sgt. Christopher Hubenthal
U.S. Secretary of Defense Chuck Hagel, Association of Southeast Asian Nations defense ministers, and military leadership observe an Osprey flyover during the U.S. ASEAN Defense Forum at the USS Anchorage on April 2 at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam. ASEAN nations include Brunei, Cambodia, Indonesia, Laos, Malaysia, Myanmar, Philippines, Singapore, Thailand and Vietnam.



U.S. Air Force photo by Tech. Sgt. Terri Paden
Ann-Marie Hollister, mother of fallen loadmaster Staff Sgt. Robert "Danny" Hollister, admires a picture of her son that hangs in a hallway at the C-17 simulator building at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam (JBPHH) during a visit March 28.

(Below) Vice Adm. Pongthep Nhuthep, assistant chief of staff for operations of the Royal Thai Navy, and his staff observe firefighting training during an official visit and guided tour of the Surface Warfare Officers School, Engineering Learning Site Pearl Harbor. U.S. and Thai militaries have been treaty allies for more than 180 years and security allies since the end of World War II.

U.S. Navy photo by C2 Tiarra Fulgham



Stan May, a guide at Pacific Aviation Museum, explains the different waves of attacks on Pearl Harbor to U.S. Pacific Fleet Sea and Shore Sailors of the Year (SOY) finalists during a tour.

U.S. Navy photo by MC1 David Kolmel



U.S. Pacific Fleet Shore Sailor of the Year (SOY) finalists observe a moment of silence during a wreath-laying ceremony aboard the USS Arizona Memorial.

U.S. Navy photo by MC1 David Kolmel

Emergency vehicle operators’ course aids JBPHH first responders

Story and photo by
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15th Wing Public Affairs

An emergency vehicle operator’s course (EVOC) took place March 24-28 at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam.

The training course prepares Airmen and Sailors to operate police, fire and emergency medical service vehicles in emergency situations.

According to police Capt. Edward Silva, the course is a requirement before first emergency service personnel can respond to a scene using their flashing lights and sirens, otherwise known as “code.”

“It is a privilege to get behind the wheel and drive one of these vehicles,” he said. “We are accountable, responsible and obligated by law to follow host nation traffic codes. This is serious business. When you’re driving a 3,000 pound vehicle inappropriately it’s a weapon and there can be consequences to not doing, it right. We have to protect ourselves and



Capt. Jun Park, emergency vehicle operator’s course (EVOC) instructor, demonstrates the proper way to perform a radius turn in an emergency situation during the training course held March 26 at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam.

other drivers on the road.”

The 40-hour course teaches the students driving techniques such as evasive maneuvers, proper lane changes, and how to handle radius turns and breaking. Additionally, the students are educated on the importance of route planning.

“You have to be familiar with the area you are driving in, and that’s when route planning comes into play,”

Silva said. “You have to consider the elements. Things such as peak traffic hours, construction and big events can slow you down. The shortest route is not always the fastest or safest.”

However, Silva said one of the most important lessons the students learn in the course is when they can report to a scene in code mode, it’s not as simple as jumping in the car and flip-

ping on the lights and sirens.

Silva said in order for code to be used, there must be a “true emergency” which is defined by law as a situation in which there is a high probability of death or serious or significant property loss. The driver must also give due regard to whether or not “a reasonable, careful person performing similar duties and under similar circumstances would react in the

vehicle positioning.”

Master-at-Arms 2nd Class Ebony Washington, JBPHH security forces, said the class was definitely beneficial for first time emergency drivers.

“We learned a lot of different driving techniques, but I definitely learned how to depend on my mirrors and use them more effectively,” she said. “The class definitely teaches you how to multi-task because there are so many things you need to be able to do at once.”

Washington said she considers herself to be a “pretty good” driver, but learned to let go of her old driving habits to embrace the new techniques taught in the class.

Though picking up on new driving skills is a definite plus, Silva said it’s all about being prepared for unpredictability.

“We want to instill confidence in our drivers,” he said. “When they know what they can do behind the wheel and what their vehicles can do, they can put all their focus on the situation they are heading into.”

USS Chung-Hoon earns 2013 Battle Effectiveness Award

Story and photo by
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USS Chung-Hoon (DDG 93) Public Affairs

USS Chung-Hoon (DDG 93) was recently recognized by the Commander Naval Surface Forces, U.S. Pacific Fleet as a 2013 winner of the Battle Effectiveness Award, or Battle “E.”

The Battle “E” is awarded annually to ships who demonstrate sustained superior performance and readiness in an operational environment. Each ship is evaluated throughout the year on their ability to carry out assigned wartime tasking.

“This is a tremendous and

well-deserved honor for the crew of Chung-Hoon,” said Cmdr. Ryan Collins, Chung-Hoon’s commanding officer. “However, the mission success that we experienced throughout 2013 did not happen by accident. It is a testament to the hard work, dedication and professionalism of the crew at every level.”

Ships that win the battle effectiveness competition are authorized to paint a white “E” with black shadowing on their bridge wing to display this significant accomplishment.

“I feel like all of our hard work in preparation and execution of deployment has paid off,” said Quartermaster 3rd Class Tyson Al-



USS Chung-Hoon Sailors paint a Battle “E” on the bridge wing of the ship after it was recognized as a 2013 winner of the Battle Effectiveness Award, or Battle “E.”

varez.

“It’s a great feeling to know that each one of us helped Chung-Hoon receive this award.”

The ship’s superior performance during 2013 can be credited to the dedication of all of its Sailors and as the ship goes through a major maintenance period, this award will continue to build the already high sense of pride and accomplishment throughout the crew.

“Though it’s nice to be recognized for our accomplishments in 2013, the hard work doesn’t stop here,” said Command Master Chief Ben Rushing. “This will simply set the standard for Chung-Hoon excellence in 2014 and beyond.”

Pearl Harbor Memorial Chapel hosts Women’s History Month event

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An event marking Women’s History Month was held March 26 at Pearl Harbor Memorial Chapel, Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam.

The featured speaker at the Pearl Harbor Memorial Chapel event was Rear Adm. Alma M. Grocki, deputy chief of staff for fleet maintenance, commander, U.S. Pacific Fleet.

Born and raised in Honolulu, Grocki was the first woman from Hawaii appointed to the United States Naval Academy, graduating in 1981 with a bachelor of science degree. She leads and directs maintenance efforts and programs for Pacific Fleet surface ship and submarine assets to support the fleet’s warfighter mission.

Grocki discussed growing up in Kalihi, her experiences at the Naval Academy and her career as a Navy officer. She also talked about taking time away from active duty service, transferring to the Navy Reserves so she could have a family. Grocki stressed the importance of work-life balance.

“You can have what you want,” she said. “You just can’t have it all at once.”

Women’s History Month originated in 1981 when the U.S. Congress requested the president to proclaim the week beginning March 7, 1982 as Women’s History Week. Congress continued to pass joint resolutions designating a week in March as Women’s History Week.

In 1987, after being petitioned by the National Women’s History Project, Congress designated the month of March 1987 as Women’s History Month. Between 1988 and 1994, Congress passed additional resolutions requesting and authorizing the president to proclaim March of each year as Women’s History Month.

Since 1995, Presidents Clinton, Bush and Obama have issued a series of annual proclamations designating the



Rear Adm. Alma M. Grocki, deputy chief of staff for fleet maintenance, Commander, U.S. Pacific Fleet, was the featured speaker at an event on March 26 marking Women’s History Month.

month of March as Women’s History Month.

The presidential proclamation declaring March 2014 Women’s History Month, stated, “Throughout our nation’s history, American women have led movements for social and economic justice, made groundbreaking scientific discoveries, enriched our culture with stunning works of art and literature, and charted bold directions in our foreign policy.

They have served our country with valor, from the battlefields of the Revolutionary War to the deserts of Iraq and mountains of Afghanistan. During Women’s History Month, we recognize the victories, struggles, and stories of the women who have made our country what it is today.”

ences and instead work together,” Hagel said.

“At the same time, both cases underscore the reality that nations must engage in more practical security cooperation ahead of time in order to work together more effectively when challenges arise.”

Hagel emphasized that the forum underscores the need for Asia-Pacific nations to work together in providing regional security as well as bringing aid and relief to countries affected by natural disasters.

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and cooperate.”

Hagel provided examples of ASEAN collaboration including the response to the disappearance of Malaysian Airlines Flight 370. He also pointed to the collective response by the ASEAN countries to last fall’s destruction caused by Typhoon Haiyan in the Philippines.

“In both cases, nations in the region were able to set aside rivalries and differ-

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IN MEMORY OF OUR FALLEN: HICKAM TACP HOSTS 24-HOUR RUN

Story and photos by Staff Sgt. Alexander Martinez 15th Wing Public Affairs

Members of the 25th Air Support Operations Squadron (25th ASOS) organized and participated in a 24-hour run challenge at the Hickam running track at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, March 27-28.



The annual challenge, a worldwide tactical air combat party (TACP) event, honors fallen members of the career field and raises money for the U.S. Air Force TACP Association that provides aid for TACP members and their families in times of need.

From noon March 27 to 11:59 a.m. March 28, the 25th ASOS had at least one runner on the track at all times. The event also included runners from many organizations on JBPHH.

"This year has been, by far, one of the best years we've had," said Staff Sgt. Jamelle Dalton, 25th ASOS TACP member and co-organizer of this year's challenge. "We've had a ton of runners, so it helps us raise awareness of the TACP Association and honors our fallen."

Dalton said he appreciates the TACP Association because it helps many TACP Airmen every year.

"I've seen it help someone out first-hand, and what's nice is they don't expect anything in return," Dalton said.

Event organizers set up a fallen Soldier memorial tent that included six battlefield cross memorials, a slideshow with information on the fallen TACP Airmen, and a large 25th ASOS wooden log that runners carried during the final laps of the challenge.

Staff Sgt. Ashley Boykin, 15th Medical Group, said she was honored to be a part of the challenge, both as a medical technician and a runner.

"The TACPs do so much for us mission-wise," Boykin said. "They have such an important mission and for them to take time to do this and honor their fallen TACPs is great, and I'm happy to be a part of it."

The top runner was Airman 1st Class Jacob Hodney, 25th ASOS, who completed 53 miles in the 24-hour period.

"This is a great event that helps our community, so I just wanted to give back and come out here strong," Hodney said.

At the conclusion of the event, all participating members of the 25th ASOS ran in formation. The final numbers: the 25th ASOS alone ran more than 1,700 miles, and the overall total of miles run was more than 3,100 miles.

"To all the participants, thank you for coming out and supporting this challenge," Dalton said. "We appreciate everyone helping us out and honoring our fallen."



(From top to bottom): Members of the 25th Air Support Operations Squadron carry a log while other 25th ASOS Airmen run in formation during a 24-hour run challenge at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam on March 28.

Six battlefield cross memorials, one for each tactical air combat party (TACP) killed in action, are displayed in front of their photos.

Members of the 25th Air Support Operations Squadron run the final few laps.

The 25th Air Support Operations Squadron pass near the flightline.

Window on Pearl Harbor-Hickam



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Three Cs of driving during rush hour are pretty simple

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Gritting my teeth and jacking up the radio slightly to de-stress, I crawled along the highway in bumper to bumper traffic. Almost every day for the past two weeks, both morning and afternoon rush hour had been this way. The bad traffic nightmare was getting to be more of the rule rather than the exception.

So what's the deal, I wondered. The sky is blue and clear with just a few puffy, white clouds; the visibility is great; the roads are completely dry — so why can't people just drive without getting into accidents?

You know what I'm talking about — one average accident and thousands of motorists are jammed on all of the major highways, which isn't many since Hawaii doesn't have a lot of major arteries, for long, stressful, frustrating, can't-get-where-you're-going, hours of commuting time.

And if there's a major accident, you might as well

just forget even putting your car on the road — spend the evening at a shopping mall, go to a movie, or have dinner at your favorite restaurant and wait it out. Your options are limited.

I have paid close attention to my fellow drivers and I think that I have figured out the problem. Let's call them the three Cs of driving, especially important for rush hour driving.

It's pretty simple. The three Cs represent careful, courtesy and common sense. You would think that they would all be rather "common sensical," wouldn't you? Obviously, that isn't the case.

Let's take a look at the first "C" — careful. It seems to me that there are too many drivers who aren't being careful. Driving 50 or 60 mph and following within a few inches of the car in front of you isn't being careful. It doesn't take a rocket scientist to figure out that if you are doing this and the driver in front of you has to stop or even slow up, you aren't going to be able to stop before plowing into him. With

good reflexes, an open space in an adjoining lane, and a whole lot of luck, you might be able to quickly change lanes and divert yourself from the impending crash, but not likely. The equation is easy — too fast, following too close = accident waiting to happen. It's usually not just a couple cars involved, but a chain reaction catastrophe because several cars simply didn't have enough time to slow up or stop.

What ever happened to the safe driving rules that we learned in drivers' education classes? Or maybe some of these drivers didn't learn the same rules that I did. It goes something like this — allow one car length for each 10 mph of speed. If there are weather conditions that make driving even more dangerous, allow a little more. Most drivers probably aren't going to adhere to this driving rule, but at least allow yourself enough space so that you can stop or slow up without hitting another car.

Being careful also means being always alert to what is happening on the road-

way while you're driving — ahead of you, behind you, on both sides of you. That's a lot of territory to cover, but it's absolutely necessary.

Be sure to avoid quick, unexpected stops (when possible), always signal when you need to change lanes or make a turn, and watch out for pedestrians.

The second "C" is courtesy — and despite the aloha spirit which prevails in our paradise, there are many situations where courtesy is seriously lacking.

For example, I'm sitting at a traffic light, my signal flashes to green, but there are still at least a couple — and often several cars — that are coasting through the intersection on a red light several seconds after my light has turned green. Grrrrr...

How about those of you who don't "yield" at yield signs, who dominate the right of way at stop signs, who turn right on red lights without stopping or even looking to see if cars are coming from other directions? Growl....

One of my favorite situa-

tions — and I say this with great sarcasm — is the driver who comes racing up the highway from far behind me, determined to get in front of me before the two lanes merge into one. This fool will speed, cut me off, and do anything and everything possible to make sure that he beats me to the bottleneck. Aarrgh...

And what about the car in the lane behind you or beside you, with the bass on the radio booming so loud that your whole car vibrates and your windows shake? There's nowhere to go to get away from them and I probably wouldn't be quite so upset if it was good music — but it's not what I would choose to listen to. However, no choices here, I'm stuck listening until he turns off or I do. I glare at them, but to no avail. Obviously, the repetitive exercise of playing music so loud has damaged their eyesight as well as their hearing.

The last of the three "Cs" is common sense. You know what they are — don't drive after you have been drinking, don't try to

text on your cell phone while driving (it's illegal anyway) or put on makeup or read the newspaper or do anything else that takes your attention away from where it should be — driving. Don't follow too closely can also be included here.

Oh, there's a fourth "C" — although this is not one that is controlled by drivers. It stands for construction. Now I ask you, does it make any sense to build thousands more homes and put thousands more cars on highways that are already filled to more than capacity and on infrastructure that just can't tolerate anymore? You get my point, so enough said.

I'm hoping that maybe the next time you get behind the wheel of your vehicle, at least some of you will give some thought to the "Cs" of driving. With a little help from all of us, maybe things will improve — although I doubt it.

That brings to mind a couple other "C" words of driving — cringing as I think about the commute.

Have a safe driving day in paradise!

Paul Hamilton secures top spot in Afloat Division

**Story and photo by
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Sports Editor

Down by seven points early in the second half, USS Paul Hamilton (DDG 60) rallied to beat USS Port Royal (CG 73), 46-42, in an Afloat Division regular-season finale on May 30 at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam Fitness Center.

With the win, Paul Hamilton locked up the Afloat Division regular-season title with an 8-1 record, while Port Royal lost their second game of the season against six wins.

Both teams qualified for the playoffs with Paul Hamilton facing the 735th Air Mobility Squadron (735 AMS) in the first round at 2 p.m. April 5 at JBPBHHFC and Port Royal going to the Hickam Fitness Center to battle the 324th Intelligence Squadron (324 IS) Tigers at 3 p.m.

Against Port Royal, Paul Hamilton trailed at half-time by a bucket, but fell behind by seven early in the second half when Seaman London Waldon followed a basket by Electronics Technician 3rd Class Anthony Hawkins with a three-pointer to give Port Royal a 29-22 lead.

However, just when Port Royal seemed to be pulling away, Paul Hamilton got a huge boost from Ensign Jeremy Jones, who, after going scoreless in the first half, began to heat up after

the break.

A basket and two straight free throws by Jones pulled Paul Hamilton to within a point at 34-33 with 11:39 left on the clock.

Then, two minutes later, Jones hit a three-pointer to tie up the game at 36-36 before he came back down the floor and sank another three to give Paul Hamilton a 39-36 lead at the 9:42 mark.

"We discussed it at the beginning of the second half to look for the open man," Jones said. "They found me and I started taking the open shots. Luckily, I started hitting them."

Jones scored all of his 16 points in the second half and received strong support from Culinary Specialist Seaman Brandon Reid, who also chipped in with 16, which included two clutch free throws to put Paul Hamilton ahead by four points at 40-36 with only 5:35 remaining in the game.

Although the difference was still in striking distance for Port Royal, the team was hurt by foul trouble, which put Paul Hamilton in bonus situation with over five minutes to go on the clock.

Later, Waldon would sink two free throws to pull Port Royal to within two points at 42-40, but the team couldn't over take Paul Hamilton.

"What it was, was that we started to play to their

level," said Waldon, who led all scorers with 19 points, including three baskets from beyond the arc. "When it comes to basketball, you've got to play at your own pace. We got open shots, but it just wasn't enough."

Meanwhile, Jones said that after going into the halftime trailing, he knew that the team wasn't going down without a fight.

"Us being down by two points, that warrior mentality from Paul Hamilton (kicked in)," he said. "We had to come out and show them how it's done."

Jones added that the win over a tough team like Port Royal should give Paul Hamilton a big boost heading into the playoffs.

"This is where we wanted to be from the beginning," Jones said. "We played well as a team, and I can't ask for a better group of guys."

With one goal accomplished, Jones said that the team is focused on an even bigger prize.

"Our goal is going all the way," he said. "There's nothing else."

For those supporting Port Royal, Waldon said don't despair. He and his shipmates are preparing for a big surprise.

"As long as we practice and get our fundamentals down, we'll be good," he stated. "I still feel good about it. This (loss) was just a setback before a big comeback."



Sonar Technician (Surface) 3rd Class Bill Puttman takes the ball to the rack for two of his four points.

Defense and backup QB leads Wahine Koa to victory

Story and photo by
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Sports Editor

The Wahine Koa put up a strong defense and got a gutsy performance from stand-in quarterback Cryptologic Technician (Technical) 2nd Class Michelle Dannenberger, Navy Information Operations Command (NIOC) Hawaii, to beat the Pearl City Paniolos, 12-6, on March 30 at Keehi Lagoon Park in Honolulu and advance into the Extreme Wahine Flag Football League Hawaii championship game.

The title showdown for the league crown will pit the Wahine Koa against the Wardawgs and is scheduled to begin at 1 p.m. April 6 at Keehi Lagoon Park.

Many of the players from Wahine Koa are active-duty military or armed forces family members based at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, while the Wardawgs are equally stocked with personnel affiliated with Marine Corps Base Hawaii from Kaneohe.

Dannenberger, who normally plays linebacker for the Wahine Koa, was pressed into action after starting quarterback Dana Hester couldn't attend due to a family emergency.

With only one full practice in her pocket, Dannenberger, who was further handicapped when she broke her prescription eyeglasses on the first play of the game, led the team on one scoring drive and committed no turnovers while letting her defense do the rest to preserve the six-point win.

"She pretty much played the game blind and in a blur," said Wahine Koa offensive coordinator Lt. j.g. Gennaro Hawkins, Naval Computer Telecommunications Area Master Station Pacific.

"We had no backup plan. It was either you stay healthy or we just run the ball. The biggest thing there is we had a team. Everybody was behind her, and we were planning on winning no matter what."

At first, it seemed as if the Paniolos were picking up where they left off the previous week when the team scored 26 against the Wahine Koa in a losing cause.

Working with good field position on the Wahine Koa 28, the Paniolos moved the ball to the 18-yard line before running back Schnelle Smith swept to the right and streaked into the end zone for an early 6-0 lead.

The lead stood up until halftime, but on the first drive in the second half the Wahine Koa erased the deficit by moving the ball 32 yards on seven plays to tie the score at 6-6.

On the scoring drive, the Wahine Koa opened up with a punishing ground game led by retired Army veteran Simone Davis to put the ball on the Paniolos nine-yard line.

Facing fourth down, Dannenberger dropped back and tossed a pass to the back of the end zone where Dee Hawkins, who is the wife of Hawkins, jumped straight up and made the clutch catch before touching down for six points.

"I couldn't pick out faces. I can only see colors," Dan-



Cryptologic Technician (Technical) 2nd Class Michelle Dannenberger, Navy Information Operations Command (NIOC) Hawaii, escapes the grasp of Lauren Lupinetti to throw a pass downfield.

nenberger said. "It helped that I knew what route she (Hawkins) was running. I put it up there and trusted that she would go get it and she got it."

Coach Hawkins added that Dannenberger and the team executed exactly what he designed for the offense at halftime.

"We kept pounding the ball, and I knew that at some time they (Paniolos) would quit," he said. "I picked a point and had her (Hawkins) slip through and we executed the plan."

On the next series, the Paniolos were on the verge of going back out in front by moving the ball to the

Wahine Koa 10-yard line.

However, with the game on the line, Wahine, Koa safety Staff Sgt. Carra Harris, 392nd Intelligence Squadron, came up with perhaps the biggest play of the game.

Facing second and goal from the 10-yard line, Paniolos quarterback Kate Robinson threw a pass that was intended for receiver Lauren Lupinetti.

Instead, Harris stepped in front of Lupinetti, intercepted the pass and broke downfield before being stopped just shy of the Paniolos end zone.

It was the second interception of the game for the

Wahine Koa defense as Master-At-Arms 2nd Class Siva Savaiinaea, Navy Information Operations Command (NIOC) Hawaii, came up with a pick in the first half.

"The last time they played against us, they ran that play a lot," said Harris, who will take the field the next time with a different last name, as she will wed Tech. Sgt. Terry Beeman on April 4. "I read it when they positioned and I just blitzed to the outside. That felt pretty good because the last game, they got to me a lot."

Two plays later, Wahine Koa took the lead for good on an option that sprung Shardae Ingano into the end

zone for the game winner.

While the win has placed the Wahine Koa in the championship game for the fifth consecution time, Hawkins said that no one on the team is taking anything for granted.

Although the Wardawgs beat Wahine Koa, 14-12, in the regular season, Hawkins said that the team wouldn't have revenge on its mind.

"We're just going to prepare like any other game," Hawkins said. "We're not going to worry about the two-point loss from three weeks ago. We're just going to plan and get ready to execute."

Cyberspace Wing rolls into playoffs with perfect record

Story and photo by
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Sports Editor

Saving their best game for the last matchup of the regular season, the 67th Cyberspace Wing (67 CW) ran away from Commander Submarine Force U.S. Pacific Fleet (COMSUBPAC), 51-18, in a Blue Division showdown on March 27 at Hickam Fitness Center, Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam.

The win gave the 67 CW the division's top spot and number one seed going into the base championship playoffs, while COMSUBPAC qualified for the postseason as the division's number two seed.

The playoffs are scheduled for April 5 to 7, with the title face-off being held on the final day of the postseason at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam Fitness Center starting at 6 p.m.

The 67 CW will meet Naval Computer Telecommunications Area Master Station Pacific (NC-TAMSPAC) "Mixed Plate" on April 5 at Hickam Fitness Center, with tipoff set for noon.

Meanwhile, COMSUBPAC begins their run in the playoffs against USS Michael Murphy (DDG 112) at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam Fitness Center starting at 1 p.m.

"It feels great to end (the regular season) like this," said 67 CW point guard Staff Sgt. Carl Sanders, who



Airman 1st Class Demetrius Harvey, 67th Cyberspace Wing (67 CW) forward, goes up for one of his four dunks in a Blue Division intramural basketball game against Commander Submarine Force U.S. Pacific Fleet (COMSUBPAC).

was the game's high scorer with 18 points. "Like I've been telling the guys all season long that defense wins championships. We were a cohesive unit on defense and that's what we got to do. We held them (COMSUBPAC) to 18 points, and that's the lowest total ever scored against us. I'm proud of the guys. This was a great team effort."

Although the game was a matchup of the top two teams in the division, this one was all 67 CW from buzzer to buzzer.

A basket by Sanders gave the 67 CW their first double-digit lead at 14-3 with 10:13 remaining before the half and then a monstrous two-handed jam by Airman 1st Class

Demetrius Harvey seven minutes later upped the team's lead to 14 at 20-6.

The 67 CW would go into half-time holding a 12-point lead at 22-10.

The rout continued right after the break, and the lead ballooned to 17 on a three-ball by Airman 1st Class Robert Light before another thunderous stuff by Harvey made it 31-12 with 13:42 remaining in the game.

Harvey, who makes up one half of the team's twin towers that includes 6-foot-10-inch Airman 1st Class Theryn Hudson, threw down a total of four dunks and finished the game with 10 points.

Hudson added eight points but, more importantly, controlled the boards and anchored the team's de-

fense with his intimidating presence.

Besides being a dominating force under the basket, Sanders said that Hudson is also a key component of the team's offense.

"He helps our offense get started," Sanders said. "With him setting those high screens, it leaves the court open for guards like myself and big men like Harvey to get those easy points."

Electronics Technician 2nd Class Jesse Gauf, center for COMSUBPAC, agreed with Sanders.

"It really wasn't about their height. It was about their guard play," said Gauf, who chipped in with six points. "It's when the guards were able to penetrate, we would have to come and help, and that gave their bigs free range for putbacks, dunks, whatever."

Although Gauf admits that this was the worst that the team had played all season, he was confident that he and his teammates would be ready for the playoffs.

"We're really not going to take too much out of this game," he said. "It's one game at a time now. I think we have a good chance of seeing them again in the playoffs."

As for Sanders, he said that while the 67 CW will enter the postseason as one of the favorites, no one on the squad is taking anything for granted.

"Our team is very competitive," he pointed out. "We won't go down without a fight."

Commentary

April is Tsunami Awareness Month

Dan DuBois

Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam Emergency Manager

April 1 is the beginning of Tsunami Awareness Month and is also the 68th anniversary of the 1946 Aleutian Islands 8.1 earthquake that killed 159 people in Hawaii and caused \$26 million (1946 dollars) of damage.

Multiple destructive waves, ranging from 40 feet to 130 feet, hit Hawaii between 4.5 and 4.9 hours after the earthquake. This earthquake and subsequent tsunami resulted in the creation of the Seismic Sea Wave Warning System, which is now today's Pacific Tsunami Warning Center.

As part of the lessons

learned from the 2011 Tohoku earthquake, Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam (JBPHH) Emergency Management (EM) embarked on an education campaign to build resiliency in the JBPHH community.

In conjunction with the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, City and County of Honolulu and State Civil Defense, JBPHH hosted a tsunami walk to safety April 1, coinciding with the monthly tsunami warning system test.

While we will get warnings for more than four days in advance of an approaching hurricane, earthquakes and the tsunamis they generate can strike with as little as 30 minutes to 12 or more hours of warning.

In the coming months,

JBPHH EM will continue to provide information through multiple venues to help residents be better prepared. The same guidelines apply to tsunamis as for hurricane season. Start with the basics. There are three main things to follow: Be informed, have a plan and make a kit.

In the event of a tsunami as well as other natural disasters, it is essential to be informed. What are the local hazards? Where do you get emergency information? Where can you shelter? JBPHH EM has ongoing community outreach events and training for key spouses, ombudsmen and family readiness groups.

For more information about emergency preparedness, visit www.ready.navy.mil, www.beready.af.mil or at www.ready.gov.



U.S. Air Force photo by SrA Christopher Stoltz

"Walk to Safety" participants make their way down Signer Boulevard from Aloha Aina Park, located at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam. The event was held April 1 by the JBPHH Department of Emergency Management to raise tsunami awareness.



Live the Great Life

Library hosts ‘Created Equal’ series

Reid Tokeshi

Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam Morale, Welfare and Recreation

The risk of arrests, threats and physical assaults did not deter the brave volunteers in “Freedom Riders,” a documentary on the civil rights movement in America.

In partnership with the National Endowment of the Humanities, the Hickam Library at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam continued its “Created Equal” series on March 29 by showing a condensed version of the full-length film.

The film told the story of how the South ignored the 1961 U.S. Supreme Court decision overturning racial segregation in interstate travel and how a group calling themselves Freedom Riders challenged the South’s status quo.

The group started with 13 members in May 1961 and eventually grew to more than 400 across the United States.

Dr. Ann Rayson, a literary scholar retired from the



Patrons watch the Freedom Riders documentary March 29 at Hickam Library. MWR Marketing photo

University of Hawaii, facilitated the showing. Rayson discussed the events, shown through archival footage and interviews of actual participants on both sides.

She also encouraged the audience to share their thoughts on the film.

Phyllis Frenzel, head librarian of Hickam Library, said that after a break for the summer, the series will continue with the last two

showings in the series.

“The Loving Story” will be shown Aug. 23 and “The Abolitionists” Sept. 20. The time for both showings is 1 p.m. The events will be facilitated by scholars and historians. Frenzel said that all four full-length documentaries are available to be borrowed at the library. For more information, stop by the library or call 449-8299.

Military Youth of the Year runner up announced

Justin Hirai

Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam Morale, Welfare and Recreation

Preston Colōn recently represented Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam (JBPHH) at the Hawaii Alliance of Boys & Girls Clubs 2014 State Youth of the Year event March 27 at the Hawaii State Capitol. The 16-year-old Radford High School junior was the Military Youth of the Year runner up.

The event is held to showcase exemplary youth who have overcome adversity and become leaders of their generation.

This was the first year JBPHH participated in the event and only the second year there was a separate Military Youth award. Colōn qualified for the event by winning JBPHH Youth of the Year competition.

He was required to give a speech at the event on how the Boys & Girls Club positively impacted his life. More than 100 guests included state legislators, representatives from the Office of Hawaiian Affairs and

City Council members.

“The speech was the most challenging part. I had to do it in front of the staff, family, judges and officials,” Preston said. “The teen center staff and my mom helped me prepare the speech and practice my presentation.”

Colōn said it is difficult to decide what part of the event was the most fun.

“It’s hard to choose. All of it was pretty fun. I enjoyed seeing the House and Senate floor and meeting all the sena-

tors.” He is currently enrolled in advanced placement government in school and is interested in government and politics, which he said made this experience more interesting for him.

Colōn began preparing for the event in January and said he put lots of hard work, dedication and time into his presentation. He added that he thinks it was all worth the experience, especially since Sen. Glenn Wakai offered him an internship for the next school year.



Preston Colōn is greeted by his parents after his presentation. MWR Marketing photo

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The Annual Creative Writing Contest at Hickam Library will continue to accept submissions through Saturday. Aspiring authors and poets can share their talents and submit their best work. There are two divisions, poetry and short story, and three age groups: child (6 to 10 years), young adult (11 to 18 years), and adult (19 years and up). Prizes for both divisions will be awarded in all age categories. Winners will be announced April 19. The contest is free to enter. FMI: 449-8299.

Youth Summer Soccer Registration is from April 7 to May 9. The cost is \$70 per youth, from ages 5 to 15. The summer season runs from June through August. FMI: www.greatlife-hawaii.com or 473-0789.

Par 3 Junior Golf will begin at 1 p.m. on Saturdays at Ke’alohi Par 3 Golf Course. Competitive junior golfers can participate in an afternoon of golfing with an experienced instructor for the cost of the green fees. The activity is open to participants ages 7 to 17 years. FMI: 448-2318.

Pull-up Competition will be held from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. April 9 at the Hickam Fitness Center. Prizes will be awarded to the top male and female. The event is open to all active-duty, Department of Defense and military-affiliated personnel. Participation is free and patrons can sign up at the Hickam Fitness Center front desk. FMI: 448-2214.

Zentangle Art—Beginner Classes will be held from 6 to 8 p.m. on Tuesdays, April 8 to May 20, and from 9 to 11 a.m. on Saturdays, April 12 to May 24, at the Hickam Arts & Crafts Center. Zentangle art is a method of creating beautiful images from repetitive patterns. The cost is \$95 per person and includes supplies. FMI: 448-9907.

Learn to Stand-up Paddleboard classes will be held at 9:15 and 10:30 a.m. April 12 at Outdoor Recreation-Hickam Harbor. Experienced guides will teach participants the basics of paddleboarding. The cost is \$25 per person. Participants need to sign up by April 10. Participants need to be able to swim without a lifejacket. FMI: 449-5215.

Military Bowl Free on Mondays and Wednesdays from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Hickam Bowling Center and on Tuesdays and Thursdays at Naval Station Bowling Center. Patrons can receive up to two free games of bowling, although shoe rental is not included. Military ID is required. FMI: 448-9959 or 473-2574.

Community Calendar

APRIL

FORD ISLAND BRIDGE RUN

SATURDAY — The 17th annual Ford Island Bridge Run will begin at 7 a.m. The event is open to the public. The Ford Island bridge will close to traffic from 6:55 to 7:35 a.m. Saturday. All entry fees are \$30 until today at 2:30 p.m. Race day entry fee is \$45 until Saturday at 6:45 a.m. FMI: www.greatlifehawaii.com or call 473-2494 or 473-2437.

PEARL HARBOR BIKE PATH CLEANUP

SATURDAY — A Pearl Harbor Bike Path cleanup will be held from 8 to 11 a.m. Volunteers can meet at Neal Blaisdell Park by 8 a.m. FMI: MAC William Matteson at william.n.matteson@navy.mil or 225-5347.

MARCH AGAINST CHILD ABUSE

SATURDAY — A Million March Against Child Abuse will be held from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Kailua Beach Park. Americans across the nation will hold events to raise awareness of child abuse, child sex trafficking, crimes against children and tougher sentencing. FMI: www.facebook.com/mmamacamarches.

AFCEA LUNCHEON

8 — An Armed Forces Communications and Electronics Association (AFCEA) luncheon event will be begin at 11 a.m. at Hale Ikena Club, Fort Shafter. The cost is \$14 for members who preregister and \$17 at the door or for nonmembers. FMI: <http://afcea-hawaii.org> or 441-8565 or 441-8524.

DISCIPLINE AND YOUR CHILDREN

9 — A workshop on the topic Discipline and Your Children will be held from 10 a.m. to noon at Military and Family Support Center (MFSC) Pearl Harbor. The event will include how to handle temper tantrums, set healthy limits, manage power struggles and discipline children with love. FMI: 474-1999 or www.greatlifehawaii.com.

RESOURCE FAIR, CLOTHING SWAP

10 — The New Parent Support Home Visitation Program will celebrate the Month of the Military Child by bringing families together to share, learn and play from 10 a.m. to noon at MFSC Hickam. The event will include a resource fair, demonstration of infant and child CPR and a clothing swap to get baby clothes for free. Families are encouraged to bring a bag of gently used children's clothing for swapping and go home with a bag filled with gently used clothes for their baby. FMI: 474-1999.

BOOT CAMP FOR NEW DADS

12 — A Boot Camp for New Dads will be held from 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at Halsey Terrace Community Center. Dads with two to four month old babies (vets) help the rookies with hands-on experience. This dads-only three-and-a-half hour workshop is coached by dads with topics including holding, feeding, diaper-changing and working with mom. FMI: 474-1999 or www.greatlifehawaii.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 are on sale at the NEX main mall rotunda. FMI: 423-3287.

EASTER SUNRISE SERVICE

20 — This year's Easter sunrise service will begin at 6:30 a.m. on the Battleship Missouri Memorial. The chapel needs volunteers to help before and after the Easter sunrise service. Uniform for the sunrise service is crisp aloha. FMI: email Fruji.mills@navy.mil or call 473-3971.

CORE SPRING SEMINAR

24 — The Continuation of Spouse Education Program (CORE) spring education seminar will be held from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. at Lockwood Hall, Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam. The registration deadline is April 14. Discussion will focus on how to transfer the post 9/11 GI Bill. The event is open all Navy or Coast Guard, commanding officers, executive officers, junior officers (chief warrant officers and lieutenant commanders) and master chief petty officers/senior chief petty officers spouses. FMI: <http://corespouseworkshop.eventbrite.com>.

FOREST CITY SPRING CULTURAL FESTIVAL

26 — The Forest City Spring Cultural Festival will be held from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Richardson Field. The event will include bounce houses for children, prizes, food trucks, snacks, drinks and free entertainment. FMI: www.fcnavyhawaii.com or www.facebook.com/fcnavyhawaii.



SON OF GOD (PG-13)

Jesus was born to a virgin, and three visiting wise men declare "Him" the future King. Thirty-three years later, an adult Jesus Christ (Diogo Morgado) travels to Galilee and begins recruiting followers, from James, to his brother John, to Peter the fisherman, to Matthew the tax collector. The Pharisees claim Jesus is blaspheming God by forgiving sins, which is something only God can do. Jesus responds by saying He is the Son of God.

Movie Showtimes

SHARKEY THEATER

TODAY 4/4

7:00 PM Tyler Perry's: Single Mom's Club (PG-13)

SATURDAY 4/5

2:30 PM Non-Stop (PG-13)

6:00 PM SNEAK PREVIEW-Heaven is for Real (PG)

SUNDAY 4/6

2:30 PM Robocop (PG-13)

5:00 PM Winter's Tale (PG-13)

7:20 PM (3D) 300: Rise of an Empire (R)

HICKAM MEMORIAL THEATER

TODAY 4/4

6:00 PM Son of God (PG-13)

SATURDAY 4/5

4:00 PM Robocop 4 (PG-13)

7:00 PM Son of God (PG-13)

SUNDAY 4/6

2:00 PM Robocop 4 (PG-13)

THURSDAY 4/10

7:00 PM Son of God (PG-13)

Nimitz Elementary ‘jumps’ to top in supporting American Heart Association

Story and photo by
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Joint Base Pearl Harbor-
Hickam Public Affairs

Adm. Chester W. Nimitz Elementary School at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam recently came in first throughout the state of Hawaii for raising donations for the American Heart Association.

Students at Nimitz Elementary School were treated to a jump rope performance by the Kamehameha Schools Jump Rope Team on March 10 as a reward for their accomplishments in the annual Jump Rope for Heart event sponsored by the American Heart Association.

The students raised \$14,659 in donations this year. The student raising the highest amount was Sage Fosnock, a fifth grader at Nimitz. She raised \$340.

Jay Tschillard, physical education teacher at Kame-

hameha Elementary School and coach for the jump rope team, personally thanked Fosnock for her outstanding efforts.

“Jump Rope for Heart at Nimitz Elementary is not only a fundraiser at our school, it’s also a learning experience for our students,” said Berenice Saavedra, Parent Community Network coordinator at Nimitz.

“This program encourages our students to participate in an event that promotes a healthy way of living, teaches them civic responsibility, and increases good fitness and health.”

The money raised helps the American Heart Association to fund research in fighting cardiovascular diseases and stroke and to provide education and information on healthy life choices and lifesaving tools.

Margaret Fosnock said Sage was first to donate her own money for the fundraiser.

“We put the Jump Rope

for Heart on my Facebook page and got some donations from friends and family on the mainland,” Margaret said. Sage also told guests at a family cook-out about her efforts and was able to get donations from them.

“My motivation was grandpa,” Sage said. “I just want kids with heart disease to have fun like everyone else, not sit in the hospital all the time. I love to jump rope, so I thought this was a great opportunity to help and have fun at the same time.”

Sage’s grandfather had a blockage in an artery last year and had a stent put in, Sage’s mother explained.

“We are extremely proud of our students for exceeding our goal of \$6,000,” Saavedra said. “This event allows students to be community contributors by encouraging each other to raise money for a great cause such as the American Heart Association.”



Members of the Kamehameha Schools Jump Rope Team perform for students at Adm. Chester W. Nimitz Elementary School at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam as a reward for Nimitz Elementary placing first in the state of Hawaii in raising donations for the American Heart Association.

My Favorite Photo...

The sun sets on the Waikiki War Memorial Natatorium.

Photo by Rico Onaha Hutter



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

SAAM events to be held throughout April

Navy Region Hawaii

Sexual Assault Prevention
and Response Office

The theme for this year’s Sexual Assault Awareness Month (SAAM) is “Live Our Values: Step Up to Stop Sexual Assault.”

A series of events in recognition of SAAM have been announced.

The events include:

- Today, 11 a.m., chaplain corps forum titled “Total Confidentiality” at Silver Dolphin Bistro.
- Saturday, 7 a.m., SAAM awareness table at the Ford Island Bridge Run.
- April 10, 7 a.m., SAAM fun run at Wahiawa Annex Gym.

- April 14, 11 a.m., SAAM flash mob in collaboration with the University of Hawaii-Manoa.

- April 15, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., food drive collecting donated canned items and a sexual assault awareness display table at the Pearl Harbor Navy Commissary.

Canned food items will also be collected by individual commands through April 15. All donations will be given to the Armed Services YMCA.

- April 17, 6:30 a.m., SAAM fun run at Pacific Missile Range Facility.

- April 18, 6 to 9 p.m., movie night at the liberty center at the Wahiawa Annex.

- April 19, 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.,

“Ryde Against Sexual Assault.”

- April 23, Denim Day/Ask Me Why?

Denim Day has been internationally celebrated since 1999, after an Italian high court ruling that overturned a rape conviction because the victim was wearing tight jeans. They indicated that the victim would had to have helped take them off, making her a willing participant.

- April 25, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., “Shootout Sexual Assault” bystander-intervention training at Hawaii All Star.

The Sexual Assault Prevention and Response emergency line is 722-6192.

For more information on SAAM, call 474-0154.

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Navy continues effort to combat hazing among Sailors

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Military customs and traditions are an integral part of the Navy and for the Sailors that serve today. As part of the Navy's efforts to ensure a safe, professional working environment, Sailors need to understand the distinction between honorable, traditional ceremonies and actions that go too far.

According to Rear Adm. Tony Kurta, director, military personnel plans and policy, hazing is considered to have occurred when a Sailor is exposed to cruel, abusive, humiliating, oppressive, demeaning or harmful activities by another Sailor or group of Sailors. Hazing can be physical, verbal or psychological in nature and is contrary to the Navy's core values of honor, courage and commitment.

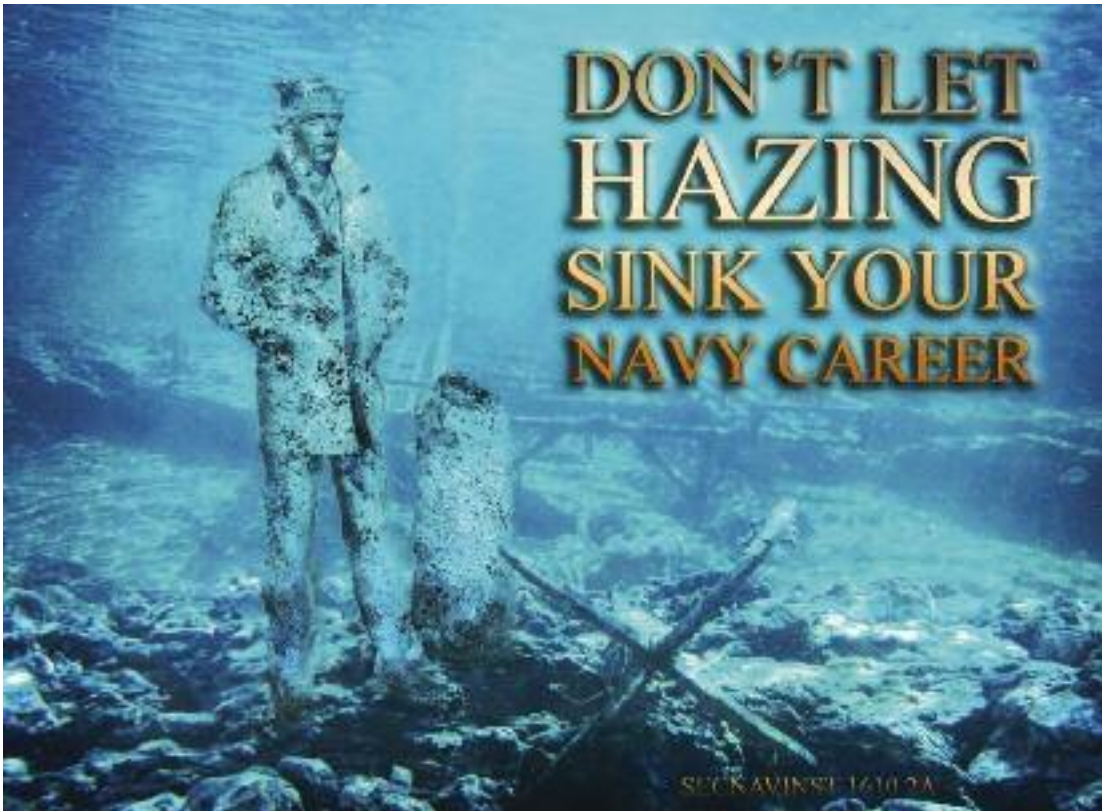
Fire Controlman 1st Class Jacob Terry, stationed aboard the Pearl Harbor-based, guided-missile destroyer USS Michael Murphy (DDG 112), explained how hazing has the potential to essentially weaken the Navy.

"Hazing degrades operational readiness," said Terry. "If Sailors are being hazed, they do not feel comfortable in a workspace. They are unable to operate at the conditions they normally would."

"I think hazing has been significantly reduced. A lot of the things that have been set in place have made it to where it's not an everyday occurrence. Clearly, defining traditions is important.

'Tacking on crows' used to come from everyone stitching in, and it turned into where people would pound them in. 'Stitching on crows' or 'tacking on crows' is a great tradition, but then it became more than was originally intended. So clearly defining what the traditions are and how they should be carried out is key," said Terry.

According to Lt. Cmdr. Ron Hatt, assigned to Commander Submarine Force, U.S. Pacific Fleet (COMSUBPAC) N70, the distinctions between naval traditions of the past and the core values of today's Navy are important to maintain.



U.S. Navy photo illustration by MC1 Daniel Barker

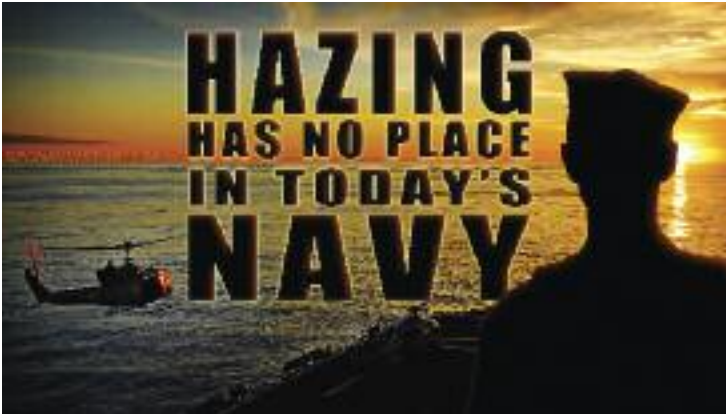
These photo illustrations produced by the U.S. Navy raise awareness about hazing in the service. Hazing is contrary to the Navy core values of honor, courage and commitment, the guiding principles for treating every Sailor with dignity and respect and as a valued member of the Navy team.

"Hazing has a severe, detrimental impact on combat readiness and operational readiness. It can have significant impact on how we are getting the job done," said Hatt.

"Traditions don't demean and that's the key. Traditions are there to make you feel good about service. Tradition may be a reading of a passage from a historical event during submarine qualifications whereas hazing at the same event may include tacking on the dolphins. For example, it may not be perceived as demeaning, but it may be hurtful and cause pain. It also establishes aggressiveness over an individual," he added.

Hatt emphasized the importance of including Sailors of every rank in the efforts to effectively combat hazing.

"The only way I see hazing to be eliminated is through deckplate leadership. We have to continue to have a stance that we have as an organization that demeaning and



hurtful activities are eliminated from our force through petty officers second classes and petty officer first classes as well as chiefs not accepting that type of behavior," said Hatt.

"For those who are subjected to hazing, it takes away from the hard work that they do, specifically in the submarine force, and depending on the extent of the hazing, it can take that individual out

from doing his or her duties. It has impact on whether or not they enjoy their service to their country. As for persons initiating the hazing, the negative impact is the wrong spirit of service. Service to our country is honor, tradition. A person who acts on hazing brings dishonor to that service," added Hatt.

The Navy Office of Hazing Prevention is adding information

about hazing incidents to a database, a standalone online web-based program that tracks and reports administrative actions associated with the primary duties of equal opportunity advisors and command-managed equal opportunity program managers.

Tracking these hazing events can aid in determining the extent that these events are occurring, the type of events, and keeping track of trends. Incidents of hazing are reported by the Navy Office of Hazing Prevention to the Chief of Naval Personnel.

Hospitalman William Brown, assigned to Marine Aircraft Group 24 at Kaneohe Bay, deals with hazing in his workspace by focusing on prevention and creating the appropriate work environment.

"If there is hazing in a work center or in a work-space, the work is not going to be done as efficiently as it could be," said Brown. "In the past, hazing was a lot more prevalent. Now we started educating people, and we talk more about hazing and actually punishing people for hazing outside of what Navy traditions are. It has been greatly reduced over the past few years."

Seaman Apprentice Ruben Nunez, Fleet Area Control and Surveillance Facility, Detachment Pearl Harbor, explained how respect relates to hazing.

"The Navy is definitely trying to get away from hazing, and it isn't as bad as it was before," said Nunez. "Some people don't have the same mindset as others when it comes to hazing and they act upon it.

I think if my chief, for example, were to haze me, I would look at my chief in a different way. I would not respect him and rather experience fear than respect. I think there always will be some form of hazing. When anything gets to the point where it disrespects people, it is a problem," added Nunez.

The Department of Navy policy on hazing can be found in SECNAVINST 1610.2A. It emphasizes that Sailors and Marines are our most valuable resources and that DON leadership has a responsibility to create and maintain an environment free from hazing.