

Strategic bombers conduct low approaches over joint base



Pacific Air Forces Public Affairs

Two B-52 Stratofortress strategic bombers from Barksdale Air Force Base, La. and two B-2 Spirit strategic bombers from Whiteman Air Force base, Mo. flew non-stop

from their respective home stations to training ranges within the vicinity of Hawaii and conducted range training operations and low approach training flights at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam. These training flights, which were approximately 20 and 21

hours in duration, respectively, ensure U.S. strategic bomber forces maintain a high state of readiness and demonstrate U.S. Strategic Command's ability to provide a bomber force that is flexible, credible and always ready to respond to a variety of threats

and situations around the world. This ensures that the president of the United States has capable, credible and scalable military options to meet national security obligations to the U.S. and its allies and partners.

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JBPHH earns Retention Excellence Award

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Navy Region Hawaii Public Affairs

Sailors assigned to various commands at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam stood in formation at the Pearl Harbor Memorial Fountain as the Retention Excellence Award (REA) pennant was raised on April 7.

The Retention Excellence Award is given to select commands by the Department of the Navy for meeting and exceeding career program requirements.

"For me, although it's great to meet certain criteria for the Retention Excellence Award, it's most important that Sailors get quality information. The Sailors are being taken care of through mentorship and their chain of commands are involved and assisting," said Navy Counselor 1st Class



Electronics Technician 3rd Class Brianna Castaneda, assistant command career counselor, and Navy Counselor 1st Class Johnathon Young, command career counselor, prepare to raise the Retention Excellence Award Pennant.

(SW/AW) Johnathon Young, command career counselor at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam.

"The big part is mentorship. The Sailors really need to understand what is going on and

what might be an immediate concern so they can plan for it, so they can take appropriate action, so they can be happy," said Young.

The annual award recognizes accomplishments

in executing programs and policies that enable Sailors to have successful naval careers and be afforded all opportunities possible.

Programs aimed at retention like career development boards, sponsorship programs, mentorship, Career Waypoints, and Selective Reserve help the Sailors with choices for their naval careers.

The Retention Excellence Award is given once a year to those commands that have met or exceeded the Chief of Naval Operations' retention requirements for two or more quarters. "Having the Retention Excellence Award says we're doing our job and we're doing it well. We met the criteria that has been set by the Navy and we are performing outstanding or above, which is great," said Young.

Commands awarded the retention excellence award are authorized to

fly the retention excellence pennant.

"Retention Excellence Award is an award that every command competes for every year, so that they can be recognized for meeting requirements or benchmarks that are outlined earlier that year," said Chief Navy Counselor (SW/AW) Athena R. Allen, command career counselor at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam.

"Hopefully, it's giving a realistic reflection of the career development team and the leadership's ability to keep Sailors on track."

Allen said that the Retention Excellence Award would not have been possible without the hard work of Young and Electronics Technician 3rd Class Brianna Castaneda, assistant career counselor.

"They help us to schedule, execute, track and

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In memoriam

Pearl Harbor survivor and retired Navy Chief George Bennett, age 90, passed away April 7 in Battleground, Wash. He frequently attended the Pearl Harbor Day remembrance ceremony and the end of the war ceremony on the Battleship Missouri Memorial. He served as secretary for the Pearl Harbor Survivors' Association before it disbanded in December 2011. (See next week's Ho'okele for more coverage.)

'Think green' at upcoming Earth Day events

Don Robbins

Ho'okele Editor

A series of events will be held at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam (JBPHH) and Pacific Missile Range Facility throughout this month to celebrate Earth Day.

They include:

- Pearl Harbor Navy Exchange (NEX) Earth Day coloring contest now through April 15 at the NEX mall aloha center and garden center. Authorized patrons ages 12 and under can show off their Earth Day creativity in the contest. Parents can pick up the official entry form and drop off the finished entry by April 15 to the NEX aloha center. Entries will be judged on April 17 and the winner will be presented with a prize and award on April 18. All artwork will be featured in the NEX rotunda.

For more information, call 423-3287.

- NEX Earth Day Expo: Partnering for a Greener Future from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. April 18 at the NEX mall-side tent. NEX and JBPHH will



Photos courtesy of NAVSUP FLCPH

A clean islands oil spill response vessel will be at the Naval Supply Systems Command Fleet Logistics Center Pearl Harbor (NAVSUP FLCPH) Earth Day Fair April 22.

welcome all authorized patrons to "think green" at the expo. The event will include

eco-friendly demonstrations, information booths explaining how to create a greener future,

Earth Day children's games, awards presented to the coloring contest winner and new

earth-friendly products. For more information, call 423-3274.

- Earth Day festival from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. April 19 at Hickam Harbor. The event will include boat rides, a touch tide pool and informational booths.

- Beach cleanup from 8 a.m. to noon April 19 at Pacific Missile Range Facility.

- Fifth annual Naval Supply Systems Command Fleet Logistics Center Pearl Harbor (NAVSUP FLCPH) Earth Day Fair from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. April 22 at building 473 at Kilo 7/8 Piers. The event will include environmental displays, a clean islands oil spill response vessel and alternative fuel vehicle displays. For more information, contact Lt. j.g. Chris Herbert at 473-7818 or email Christopher.l.heber1@navy.mil.

Earth Day began in 1970 as a way to place environmental protection onto the national agenda. It is officially designed on April 22 and now celebrated globally to show support for environmental protection.



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Pearl Harbor Commissary launches farmers' market, promotes Healthy Base Initiative

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The Pearl Harbor Commissary hosted a farmer's market on April 4. The event was part of the Healthy Base Initiative, focused on promoting healthy behaviors and healthy environments for military members and their families.

Part of the entertainment included hula dance exercise and music by Sailors of the Pacific Fleet Band. Representatives from health and wellness and local farmers were on hand.

Capt. Jeffrey James, commander of Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, together with Air Force Col. David Kirkendall, 647th Air Base Group Commander and deputy commander of Joint Base Pearl Harbor Hickam, were on hand in a show of military support.

"The Healthy Base Initiative could also be called the common sense initiative," said James about HBI. "It aligns what we already know about the benefits of a healthy lifestyle, good nutrition, regular exercise, no tobacco use with more formal resiliency programs, such as the 21st Century Sailor, to help inform sound decision-making across a broad spectrum of subjects ranging from



The Pearl Harbor Commissary gives patrons the ability to purchase fresh grown produce from local farmers in Hawaii.

design of streets, sidewalks and crosswalks, to food options on base, to fitness programs offered to service members and their families," he said.

The events were designed to promote both healthy food choices and a healthy active lifestyle.

"Today we are trying to introduce our local farm products," said Eyvinne Umemoto, Pearl Harbor commissary store director.

"There are over 115 vendors that we have on island, and we get to call and order fresh products from. We also want to continue supporting the Healthy Base Initiative with the Naval Health Clinic."

A new display was featured that includes fresh locally grown foods available in the produce section of the commissary. Patrons were able to taste different samples and ask farmers questions.

"We were invited to do this program with the commissary on promoting Hawaii grown products," said Derwin Okinaka, representative for Sugarland Farms.

Zumba and hula dance exercise demonstrations offered some fun ways for people to stay active.

"It's a health alliance through DECA, MWR, the NEX, AFFES and Health Promotions, both Air Force and Navy," said James Duff, Healthy Base Initiative program representative for Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam.

"There are various health promotions classes, MWR health

classes to help lose weight, healthy eating at DECA, promoting eating healthy fruits," Duff said.

"I am part of a team within 'Choose to Lose,'" said Linda Stolze, who was participating in the hula dance exercise.

"And we have done hikes together and we have met at parks with equipment like weights, medicine balls and we workout outside which is awesome because we are in Hawaii and it's great to get out. That has really motivated me. I still have a long way to go, but I am on my way and I am going to stick with it," Stolze said.

The Defense Commissary Agency (DeCA) is a Department of Defense agency that supports more than 245 commissaries worldwide, providing groceries and household supplies to members of the armed services and their families since the early 1800s.

The Healthy Base Initiative began in 2013 as a demonstration project that examines select military installations' efforts to support improved nutritional choices, increased physical activity, obesity reduction, and decreased tobacco use. HBI is also a part of Operation Live Well, which aims to make healthy living the easy choice and the social norm across the Department of Defense.

For more information, visit greatlifehawaii.com or any DECA store or health promotions office.

Volunteers search for invasive species habitats at Mamala Bay Golf Course

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More than 60 civilian and active duty volunteers spent the morning of April 7 scouring Mamala Bay Golf Course, Joint Base Pearl Harbor Hickam, for possible coconut rhinoceros beetle (CRB) breeding sites.

Volunteers roamed the grounds in teams, marking possible CRB breeding sites with bright flags. Potential breeding sites included mulch piles and dead trees. Those sites will later be thoroughly examined for signs of the invasive beetles.

"We appreciate everyone coming out today," said Cmdr. Tom Lyons, environmental assistant

engineer for Navy Region Hawaii. "We appreciate the support. This is a really big deal for us."

The coconut rhinoceros beetle is a high profile invasive species and a pest to coconut palms and other palm species. They were discovered on JBPHH property last December. More than 300 traps have been deployed in a two-mile radius were set, and more than 100 adult CRB have been captured near the Hickam golf course and beach, along with more than 250 larvae.

Patty Coleman, Navy Region Hawaii Environmental Outreach, thinks the April 7 project was helpful.

"We located some potential breeding sites and all the potential trouble spots," she said.



Rebecca Smith (right), Hawaii Department of Land and Natural Resources, spoke to civilian and active duty volunteers who were preparing to search for possible coconut rhinoceros beetle breeding sites at Mamala Bay Golf Course, Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam.

Rebecca Smith, Hawaii Department of Land and Natural Resources, agreed.

"We identified all that we could," she said. "This is where the boots hit the ground."

It is unknown at this time how the CRB arrived at JBPHH. The CRB could have been brought on either military or civilian flights from many possible locations. Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam has the nearest green space to the shared runway and airfields of Honolulu International Airport and Hickam, so it isn't unusual that invasive species would appear there first.

Residents can report any sighting of rhino beetles to the state pest hotline at 643-PEST (643-7378). If anyone finds a beetle and is willing to capture it in a bag or jar, place it in a freezer to kill it and contact the number above. Residents who find a trap that is damaged can call 832-0585 to have it picked up.

Pacific Air Chiefs Symposium brings international strategic partners together



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



U.S. Air Force photo by Master Sgt. Victoria Boncz



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(Top) Attendees at the Pacific Air Chiefs' Symposium listen to a briefing presented March 29 at the Pacific Air Forces Headquarters building at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam. (Middle left) Senior Chief Alex Rincones, chief of the U.S. Pacific Fleet's commander's barge, explains how the wall at the USS Arizona Memorial lists the names of each crew member who died in the Dec. 7, 1941 attack on Pearl Harbor. (Middle right) Gen. Harukazo Saitoh (left), Japan Air Self-Defense Force chief of staff, signs the Pacific Air Forces (PACAF) guestbook with the help of Gen. "Hawk" Carlisle, PACAF commander, at the 2014 Pacific Air Chiefs' Symposium held March 29 at the Pacific Air Forces Headquarters building at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam. (Above) Attendees of the 2014 Pacific Air Chiefs' Symposium salute outside the Pacific Air Forces Headquarters building March 29 at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam.

Retention excellence

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submit career development boards into the systems, document training, communicate with the chain of command on who have approval to stay in the Navy, who has plans to separate and where Sailors are transferring to. They assist with all the re-enlistment and retirements to make sure the requests are processed. They do everything. They're awesome," said Allen.

Young and Castaneda submit the Career Waypoint (formerly Perform to Serve).

"Not only do we have Sailors that want to stay Navy and actually re-enlist, we also have to make sure in the career counselor office, we are providing every single opportunity for Sailors to be able to stay. So as soon as they (Sailors) come to their window to be eligible for a career waypoint application, we have to submit it. If you have one application for one Sailor for one-month missing, then you don't earn the award, so they're meticulous about making sure that everything is submitted on time. They do a great job," said Allen.

Awardees selected achieve a score of 85 points or better on the annual Career Development Program Review (CIPR), achieve 100 percent perfect Career Waypoint on-time submission for each review a Sailor is eligible to receive, achieve 100 percent qualification of PACT Sailors in the Fleet Rating Identification Engine (Fleet Ride) and achieve 100 percent Leadership Development Program completion for required personnel.

To learn more about career options and retention, contact your command career counselor.



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Commentary

April is Sexual Assault Awareness and Prevention Month

Ray Mabus

Secretary of the Navy

April 2014 is Sexual Assault Awareness and Prevention Month and will be recognized as such throughout the Department of the Navy. This year's theme is "Live Our Values: Step Up to Stop Sexual Assault."

Sexual assault is a crime. Every Sailor, Marine and Department of the Navy civilian is responsible for their own actions and for inter-

vening to protect others from harm. We hold ourselves to high standards, our core values demand nothing less, and our nation rightfully expects us to set a visible and consistent example for all.

We must all be personally committed, as I am, to a culture of gender respect where no one must suffer the trauma of sexual assault, where sexual assault victims receive support and protection, and where offenders are held appropriately accountable.

Together, we have accomplished

much in the past year. Sailors and Marines are better educated and more aware of sexual assault issues than they have ever been. They are more comfortable reporting sexual assaults when they occur, and many have intervened themselves, or witnessed acts of intervention to prevent assaults.

Leaders at all levels are engaged, and victim support processes are stronger, as are our capabilities for criminal investigation and prosecution of cases. Our primary challenge remains—to

prevent sexual assaults in the first place. There are no simple precedents to follow, and we will break new ground in doing so. One result will be enduring culture change.

Sexual Assault Awareness and Prevention Month is an annual reminder of values and commitments that apply all year. I encourage you to organize or participate in local and regional events. Together, we can eliminate this crime. Nothing less is acceptable.

I pledge to all victims of sexual assault our department-wide commitment to your support and healing. I encourage you to seek that support. Your local victim advocate, uniformed victim advocate, sexual assault response coordinator, or civilian employee assistance specialists are excellent initial points of contact.

In addition, live confidential assistance is available anywhere 24/7 from the safe helpline toll-free at (877) 995-5247 or by chat at www.safehelpline.org.

Sexual Assault Awareness Month kicks off at Submarine Force Pacific

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"Live Our Values: Step Up to Stop Sexual Assault" was the message at the Sexual Assault Prevention and Response (SAPR) banner unveiling event at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam on April 4.

A coordinated event between Commander, Submarine Force, U.S. Pacific Fleet (COMSUBPAC) and Commander, Navy Region Hawaii (COMNAVREG), the banner unveiling marks April as Sexual Assault Awareness

Month (SAAM), with the goal to raise public awareness about sexual assault and to educate communities and individuals on how to prevent sexual violence.

"For the last two years, the Navy and the entire Department of Defense has been on a pretty significant journey in figuring out how we can rid ourselves of sexual assault," said Capt. John Russ, COMSUBPAC chief of staff.

"Last year, we had lots of discussions about sexual assault. We are getting everyone educated, and, most importantly, people are taking action against sexual assault."

Considerable time, effort and focus have been placed on sexual assault prevention and response. The goal is to empower each individual command to take ownership of this problem by focusing on the values we should embody day-in and day-out.

"Reporting has increased 46 percent from FY12 to FY13," said Lt. Crystal Campbell, COMSUBPAC's sexual assault prevention and response officer. "Though it may sound like a negative data point, it is truly a testament of progress."

"Sexual assault is a crime that is underreported and it's a significant obstacle to overcome," said Campbell. "An increase of reporting

shows that Sailors are trusting leadership and trusting the process to come forward."

The Navy's goal is to reduce and eliminate sexual assault by fostering a culture of prevention through education and training, which includes encouraging Sailors to take action through bystander intervention training helps Sailors understand the value of intervening with other Sailors who may encounter risky situations that, if unchecked, may lead to sexual assault.

"It's when somebody steps up and intervenes—when a friend at a bar jumps in and intervenes when he sees a potential

sexual assault developing, or when a Sailor walks a friend home so they get home safely," said Russ.

"It's a testament to all the training that's been done and all the conversations we have had about this crime," Russ said.

The Navy has adopted a comprehensive approach to tackling the problem of sexual assault and is continuing to change its culture surrounding the issue.

"There has been an array of efforts, such as roving patrols on base and barracks, decreased hours of alcohol sales, increasing emphasis on command climate, and all-hands events with distinguished experts," said Campbell.

April has been designat-

ed as Sexual Assault Awareness Month for the last 10 years. Events throughout the month are being held to raise awareness and reinforce the efforts to eliminate sexual assault from the Navy. It also provides Sailors with opportunities for personal involvement in communicating key messages.

For more information about sexual assault prevention and response, visit the Navy's SAPR program web page at www.sapr.navy.mil, or the Department of Defense SAPR office website at www.sapr.mil. Additional information can also be found through social media channels and the hashtag #StepUpStepIn.

Diverse Views



What does Earth Day mean to you?



Staff Sgt. Ricardo Herrera
392nd Intelligence Squadron

"Earth Day gives us the chance to celebrate this beautiful planet we live on, but also honor what it means to keep it clean so it can remain beautiful."

HM3 Ryan Licup
NEPMU 6



"It means you spend most of the day cleaning up the base or just cleaning up, period. Just trying to be more environmentally friendly. I try to clean up a little bit around the house, try to make my environmental footprint a little smaller."



Tech Sgt. Tanecia Janice
Det. 1, 18th Aeromedical Evacuation Squadron

"An opportunity to celebrate our beautiful planet and educate people on the importance of taking care of it."

IT2 Chris Harris
TPU



"I think it means just being conscious about pollution and being mindful and taking steps toward improving our wastefulness. Everybody taking small steps."



Master Sgt. Dawn Kloos
624th Regional Support Group

"A moment in time to observe and honor our exquisite planet. This is a day to dedicate to recognizing all that we have, and continue to take care of our earth."

BM2 Paige Schmit
Naval Health Clinic Hawaii



"Earth Day I guess means when people go out and plant trees and make the environment more natural."



Senior Master Sgt. Ernie Bailey
HQ PACAF

"An opportunity to celebrate and admire the beauty that God has given us."

Lt. j.g. Josh Shishkoff
USS Hawaii (SSN 776)



"Everybody probably plants a little tree or something, thinks about recycling."

Provided by Lt. j.g. Eric Galassi
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Sexual assault awareness month events to be held this month

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.

- April 14, 11 a.m., SAAM flash mob in collaboration the University of Hawaii-Manoa.
- April 15, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., food drive collecting donated canned items and sexual assault awareness display

table at the Pearl Harbor Navy Exchange 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?

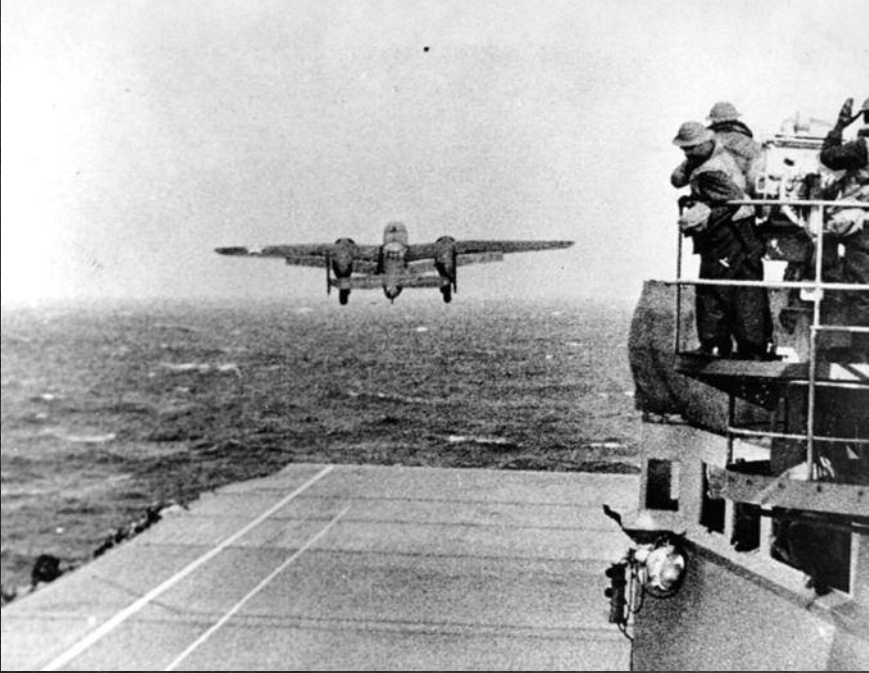
Denim Day has been internationally celebrated since 1999, after an Italian high court ruling that overturned a rape conviction because the victim was wearing tight jeans. They indicated that the victim would have had to help take them off, making her a willing participant.

- 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.

Bomber takes off from USS Hornet



An Army Air Force B-25B bomber takes off from USS Hornet (CV-8) at the start of the Doolittle Raid on Japan on April 18, 1942. Men are watching from the signal lamp platform at right. The raid, led by Lt. Col. James H. Doolittle, was the most daring operation yet undertaken in the Pacific by the United States in World War II. The raid took place 72 years ago this month.

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BAH recertification process begins at JBPHH

Tech. Sgt. Terri Paden

15th Wing Public Affairs

The Air Force Accounting and Finance Office has directed an Air Force-wide recertification for those receiving with-dependent rate basic allowance for housing. The 15th Comptroller Squadron (CPTS) began the process for JBPHH Airmen on April 1.

By Dec. 31, every Airman will be required to provide the finance office with documentation for their primary dependent as part of Air Force audit readiness efforts.

The recertification process will allow the Air Force to validate Airmen BAH entitlements, ensuring every dollar of the \$5.4 billion the Air Force spends annually on BAH is fully auditable.

The JBPHH recertification process will move forward a few units at a time to keep the program

manageable. Staff Sgt. Bien Covita, 15th CPTS NCO in charge of special actions, said members should expect to receive an email from the 15th CPTS notifying them when it is time to bring in their documents. However, absence of an email does not excuse the member from personal responsibility.

Once notified, Airmen will have 30 days to provide the required documents to the finance office or have their housing allowance status reduced to single-rate. Deployed Airmen and those on extended leave or temporary duty will be given special consideration in meeting the 30-day deadline.

"If you know you receive with-dependent rate BAH but you never receive an email, you still need to come see us," said Covita. "It's especially important to make sure you don't miss your deadline in Hawaii because the cost of rent is

so high here that losing part of your BAH will hurt."

Covita said there will be no retroactive payments made to members whose BAH is reduced due to failure to provide proper documentation by the given deadline.

Airmen have the option of responding via email by scanning in their paperwork and sending to 15cpts.fmbahrecertification@us.af.mil or taking their documents into the finance office. Covita said that either way, AF Form 594 will require a wet signature.

Additionally, Covita cautions members not to assume exemption from the recertification process before contacting the finance office.

"Even if you just PCS'd or got married last month and you just received your with-dependent rate status, you will still need to provide paperwork," he said.

The push for revalidation of

dependent documentation comes as the Air Force prepares to meet financial improvement and audit readiness requirements laid out in the 2010 National Defense Authorization Act. The Air Force currently retains dependent documentation for six years, which is insufficient to meet audit readiness requirements. Bennett said this one-time revalidation will ensure Air Force compliance with audit requirements.

"America entrusts the Air Force not only to spend taxpayer dollars wisely and efficiently, but also to account and justify that expenditure," said Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. Mark A. Welsh III in a recent memo. "Preparation for this important and legislatively-mandated effort rests in the hands of every Airman, not just the financial community."

Although revalidation of Airmen's dependents will be a one-

time recertification, Airmen will continue to play a vital role in the Air Force's audit readiness. Starting in 2015, independent auditors will visit work stations for Airmen to review processes, procedures and transactions that directly impact the Air Force's financial statements.

"Ensuring we have the proper documentation to account for every expenditure in a very large budget is a difficult but essential effort," said Dr. Jamie Morin, the assistant secretary of the Air Force for Financial Management and Comptroller.

"Becoming audit ready will help us demonstrate to the American public that we are responsible stewards of taxpayer money at a time when we must make every dollar count."

To view the timeline for the JBPHH recertification process, visit <http://ow.ly/vAddDG>.

Hickam Mental Health Flight hosts Alcohol Awareness Week

Tech. Sgt. Terri Paden

15th Wing Public Affairs

In observance of Alcohol Awareness Week, the Hickam Mental Health Flight hosted several educational events at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam from April 7 to 11.

According to Staff Sgt. Amanda Villa, 15th Medical Operations Squadron mental health flight resiliency and outreach specialist, the purpose of Alcohol Awareness Week is to educate Airmen of the dangers associated with binge drinking and to promote a culture of responsible drinking and decision making.

"During this week, we will be encouraging people to learn more about their drinking patterns, learn what a standard drink is, and how to make responsible choices and decisions while drinking," she said.

According to the American Society of Addiction and Medicine, four or more standard drinks for a woman and five or more for a man is considered binge drinking. Binge drinking is responsible for many unintentional injuries, such as trips and falls, car crashes and accidental drowning. In addition, binge drinking has been associated with many health problems including liver disease, sexual dysfunction, high blood pressure, stroke and alcohol poisoning.

However, Villa said the consequences of irresponsible drinking could extend past health concerns to personal injury if an Airman makes the unwise decision to drink and drive.

"We like to educate people on responsible drinking because it is important for them to understand what they are drinking and how it will affect them," Villa said.

"One standard drink for a male will produce a blood alcohol content of .02 and .03 for a female. The legal limit for a DUI in the state of Hawaii is .08. Even if one is pulled over and has a BAC of less than .08, they can still be considered under the influence, so we

like to tell people not to drive after having any drinks."

A standard drink containing liquor is 1.5 ounces, which is one regular-sized shot glass. Airmen should be aware that many mixed drinks often contain three to five shots of alcohol. For example, the island favorite mai tai could potentially put an Airman over the legal limit to drive.

Airmen who frequently engage in binge drinking or make poor decisions while drinking should seek professional help. Villa said the alcohol drug abuse and prevention treatment program is available for Airmen who need assistance.

"If someone feels that they drink too much or people have made comments about their drinking, it's best they go to ADAPT [Air Force Drug & Alcohol Abuse Program] before a negative incident like a DUI occurs," she said.

Though there is often fear that a visit to ADAPT may ruin one's career, Villa maintains that self-referred treatment through ADAPT is non-punitive. In other words, members should not receive disciplinary action from their command for seeking treatment.

In addition to ADAPT, there are a number of useful resources available, such as Airmen Against Drunk Driving (AADD), 448-RIDE/LIFT, the Joint Enlisted Association (JEA) Cares program, 473-1222, and island taxi services for afterhours or weekend help if designated driver plans fall through.

To mitigate adverse actions and keep alcohol-related incidents at bay, Villa advises Airmen to always have a plan, be informed, make responsible choices when drinking alcohol, and to be good wingmen to one another.

For more information, contact the mental health flight at 448-6377. The office is open from 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Letter to the Editor

Permit scooters at the skatepark

Many skateboarders are annoyed at the presence of scooters at various skate parks. The sign at the blue skatepark on Hickam says that the park is intended for skateboards and roller blades only. Scooters and bicycles are not allowed. Although the original "cruise" scooters are not designed for ramps that might be at the skatepark, new pro scooters are designed for tricks and should be allowed at the skatepark. Whether you are on a scooter or a skateboard, you need to be safe, courteous and take turns.

The other day a skateboarder got mad at my friend and me because we were scootering at the skatepark. He told us that if we got in his way, he would call the police. We were taking turns and being courteous, but he was calling us names.

I can see why some skateboarders don't like the original "cruise" scooters. They are not designed for ramps, or for doing tricks. Some little kids get in the way of the ramps and the skateboarders and that could be unsafe.

I agree that bikes shouldn't be at the park either because they are really big and bulky and get in other people's way. Pro scooters, however, are more stable and have a wider handlebar compared to regular scooters. Unlike bikes, scooters take up the same amount of space as skateboards and use the same ramps.

Both skateboarding and scootering have safety concerns, but scootering is safer and scooters have more control. With scootering you need to be careful when you are doing tricks like a bry flip or tail whip when you swing the scooter. If you fall on a scooter, however, you are holding the handle and it will not roll into someone else. With skateboarding the skateboards can roll all over the place when the person falls off.

Both skateboarders and scooterers need to have courtesy. This includes not sitting on the ramps, not loitering, taking turns, and using nice language. If they changed the rules to include scooters, there would be less conflict between scooterers and skateboarders.

The sign at the blue skate park is out-of-date. The park should modify the rules to allow pro scooters. They are designed for ramps and doing tricks. They are just as safe as skateboards. Whether you ride a scooter or a skateboard, we can all benefit from this change.

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Pearl Harbor-Hickam*Highlights*



Military and community members run across the bridge during the 17th annual Ford Island 10K Bridge Run at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam. The Ford Island Bridge Run is one of the largest 10k runs in the state of Hawaii.

U.S. Navy photo by MC1 Daniel Barker

(Right, below) Master Sgt. Alfred Wells (left), 15th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron first sergeant, demonstrates proper hand signals before leading a group safety ride March 31 for 15th Maintenance Group Airmen. More than 50 Airmen from the 15th Maintenance Group joined their leadership for a 50-mile safety ride around the island.

U.S. Air Force photos by Tech. Sgt. Terri Paden



Representatives from Sugarland Farms prepare samples of fresh grown bananas for patrons at the Pearl Harbor commissary farmers' market. The Defense Commissary Agency (DeCA) is a Department of Defense agency with more than 245 commissaries worldwide. It has provided groceries and household supplies at a low cost to members of the armed services and their families since the early 1900s.

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Patrons of the Pearl Harbor Commissary participate in Hula Fitness as part of a special fitness event for "Choose to Lose." The program is designed to promote healthy choices, increase physical activity and help manage weight.

15th MXG motorcycle riders hold rally for safety ride

Story and photo by
Tech. Sgt. Terri Paden

15th Wing Public Affairs

More than 50 Airmen from the 15th Maintenance Group (MXG) grabbed their keys, donned protective gear, hopped on their bikes, and joined their leadership for a 50-mile safety ride around the island March 31.

According to Master Sgt. Alfred Wells, 15th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron first sergeant, the gathering provided the perfect opportunity for leadership to interact directly with their motorcycle riders and administer the annual motorcycle safety briefing as well.

“I didn’t know some of the guys were riders until today,” said Wells. “It’s great to be able to put a name and a face with the bikes you see in the parking lot at work, and it’s reassuring to be able to know firsthand how an Airman rides and what his experience level is. Things like this are also great for morale and building unit cohesion because it gives the guys more in common than working in the same unit.”

The group rallied prior to the ride to go over basic fundamentals of group riding, including pre-ride inspections, hand signals, lane changes and emergency stops. Additionally, the motorcycle safety program officers updated the group on Air Force instruction policy changes



More than 50 Airmen from the 15th Maintenance Group joined their leadership for a 50-mile safety ride around the island March 31. (Additional photos on page A-5.)

regarding training and ensured everyone was wearing the proper protective equipment and was up-to-date with their required paperwork.

“Operating a motorcycle is a high-risk activity and takes different skills than driving a four-wheeled vehicle,” Tech. Sgt. Chadwick Smith, 15th AMXS motorcycle safety program officer, told the group.

“Even though most Airmen take the necessary precautions, every year we, unfortunately, lose Airmen to motorcycle accidents, and each incident impacts our units, communities and Air Force family. Most of our accidents are due to a lack of training, poor riding skills, risky behavior and, most notably, driving too fast for conditions. I want to make sure all members of the maintenance group develop the right skills, the right training and the

right attitude to be a safe rider,” Smith said.

According to Smith, the number one cause of motorcycle mishaps in the Air Force is excessive speed and, though training may help, the key to mitigating those mishaps rests in the rider’s personal discipline.

“Airmen should incorporate the same compliance and discipline culture in their off-duty lives as they display on duty,” he said. “Training that involves weaving in and out of cones in a parking lot will not effectively reduce fatal mishaps risks if Airmen intend on simply complying with training requirements, so they can later ride their motorcycles at 140 miles per hour the first chance they have.”

The day’s ride took the group through changing traffic patterns, weather conditions and speed limits and tested the group’s ability to act as a team.

In fact, the formation was assembled around the team concept. Highly experienced riders led the group from the front, alerting the rest of the team to road hazards and changing road conditions. An additional set of experienced riders brought up the rear, helping to facilitate group lane changes and keep four-wheeled vehicles from intermingling with the bikes. In the middle of the formation, the riders grouped themselves into smaller clusters by experience level.

The entire formation rode at a pace that accommodated the least experienced rider in the group so no Airmen were left behind.

Wells said the set-up of the formation was the most ideal for group riding and helped ensure the overall safety of the group.

“Working together to complete the ride as a unit was just as much an exercise in team building as it

was in safety,” he said.

“If I can trust you to have my back on the road, then I can trust you to be a good wingman,” he said.

Senior Airman Jason Button, 15th Maintenance Squadron motorcycle safety program officer, said group rides are also the perfect place to find a safe riding buddy.

“Group riding is important because it helps you find other people who fit your riding style,” he said. “Once you find someone with a similar experience level, they can become your wingman, and you can grow your experience as riders together. It also helps you figure out who the more experienced riders are, and those are the people you can look to for mentorship.”

Wells said when it comes to riding, experience trumps rank any day and Airmen should look to those with more years of experience to be good mentors.

“It’s all about safety and good mentorship,” he said. “It doesn’t matter about the rank. If someone is being unsafe, you have to call them on it. If someone needs help, you help them.”

The ride concluded safely and successfully back at base with a group huddle and feedback on things observed along the route.

For more information on motorcycle safety, contact your unit motorcycle safety program officer or the 15th Wing Ground Safety office at 449-0789.

Shipyard keeps USS Lake Champlain on maneuvering schedule

David Tomiyama

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Pearl Harbor Naval Shipyard recently made emergent repairs to USS Lake Champlain (CG 57), enabling the Ticonderoga-class, guided missile cruiser to remain on schedule to participate in subsequent maneuvers.

Shop 38 mechanical, shop 72 rigging civilians and shipyard Sailors from the diesel and gas turbine sec-

tions worked around the clock over two days to repair Lake Champlain.

“A ‘job well’ done to the shipyard for their support and superior performance,” said Capt. Christopher Barnes, Lake Champlain commanding officer.

“Your hard work has contributed greatly to the successful bearing replacement of 2A LSB. Your professionalism and dedication resulted in the completion of a major voyage repair within 48 hours and allowed us to perform our duty at sea.”

Lake Champlain returned from a recent Pacific

deployment needing her line shaft bearing repaired or replaced. The line bearing is a key component on any ship. The part plays a key role in supporting and aligning the main shaft.

The replacement bearings on board Lake Champlain were unusable due to excessive corrosion and could not be repaired. Finding a replacement bearing was the real challenge, as a new or refurbished bearing could not be flown in from the mainland to complete the repair in time for the ship to join planned maneuvers at sea.

USS Chosin (CG 65) volunteered to give up one of her bearings to Lake Champlain as Chosin was moored here and not scheduled for a mission in the near future.

The shipyard’s and ship’s personnel began removing both 350-pound line shaft bearings from Lake Champlain as well as the bearing from Chosin. Chosin’s spare bearing was then moved to Lake Champlain. Then the real work of correctly installing the part began.

“We needed to make sure the new bearing feasibly fit, according to our engineering criteria, to include

alignment readings, clearance readings, etc.,” said Ken Waid, shop 38 supervisor. “What made this tough was that the installation needed to be done in a short amount of time. Normally on a job like this, we have a lot more time to make it happen.”

Another challenge to be met was that shop 38 is made up of 21 gas turbine specialists, enginemen and machinist mates who are only minimally familiar with this type of surface ship work. They had never accomplished this degree of work in so short a time, but

that didn’t stop them from learning quickly and exerting maximum effort. The Sailors put the mission first, determined to work together and meet the deadline to get the ship back to sea.

By Sunday morning, the work was complete, exceeding all expectations.

“The keys to completing the mission were the enthusiasm and willingness to learn on the part of our shop 38 Sailors,” said Waid. “They embraced this new kind of training and met the challenge of getting the job done.”

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VOLUNTEERS HELP CLEAN PEARL HARBOR BIKE PATH



Lt. j.g. Eric Galassi Navy Region Hawaii Public Affairs

In observance of Earth Month, the City and County of Honolulu held the semiannual Pearl Harbor Bike Path Cleanup on April 5 with volunteers coming from organizations such as the Navy, Air Force, Hawaii Hiking Group, Hawaiian Electric and Surfrider Foundation.



Hundreds of volunteers participated. Among them were about 50 volunteers from various commands, including the USS Paul Hamilton (DDG 60), USS Halsey (DDG 97) and 21st Dental Company.

Volunteers collected six tons of trash along the five-mile stretch of the bike path between McGrew Point and Waipahu Depot Road. Some of the trash collected consisted of bicycle and moped parts, shopping carts, old clothes and invasive plants. Enough garbage was accumulated to fill two large garbage trucks.

"We cleaned up some pretty messy stuff. We also did weeding to help the island plants, local plants that don't grow anywhere else in the world. We made a dent, taking out six tons of trash, but I think we could make a bigger dent. As we do more, it will definitely help the environment," said Chief Master-at-Arms William Matteson, the volunteer coordinator for Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam.

The City and County of Honolulu holds the event twice a year to help spread environmental awareness while maintaining the bike path from the constantly increasing debris and invasive plants.

"We are just trying to get that awareness out to the public of what we can do to promote a better environment here in Hawaii," said Renee Wallace-Silberstein, one of the organizers of the event.

The bike path cleanup also was held in conjunction with Earth Month to encourage people in Hawaii to do more to protect the environment. Earth Day is officially April 22. Matteson said that additional volunteers are appreciated, because there are many more opportunities to get involved.

"I look forward to more events. There are tons of volunteer opportunities out there, and I can help push out the information, get feedback and help Sailors document their volunteer hours," Matteson said.

The cleanup was coordinated by the City and County of Honolulu Department of Environmental Services, Division of Environmental Quality, Storm Water Quality Branch. Security for the event was collaborated between the Honolulu Police Department, Department of Land and Natural Resources and Navy security personnel. Equipment and supplies were provided by the City and County of Honolulu and the Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam First Lieutenant.

The next Pearl Harbor Bike Path cleanup is planned for November. For information on other volunteer opportunities, contact Matteson at william.n.matteson@navy.mil or (808) 225-5347.



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Sailors from various commands on Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, in partnership with the city and County of Honolulu, assist in removing trash along the Pearl Harbor Bike Path on April 5.



Easter sunrise service to be held at Battleship Missouri, April 20

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The Battleship Missouri Memorial will host its annual Easter sunrise service beginning at 6:30 a.m. April 20.

Chaplain Lt. James Ragain, Pearl Harbor Memorial Chapel, will lead the service.

It isn't unusual for the Battleship Missouri Memorial Easter sunrise service to attract more than 1,000 people, and this year's event could prove to be particularly well attended.

"It's exciting," said Ragain. "We're holding a joint service with not just the Navy and Air Force but the Army and the Marines, too."

He believes the memorial is a particularly powerful place to hold a service.

"The Battleship Missouri Memorial has become a symbol of peace, and that's what Easter is about," he said.

The Battleship Missouri Memorial Easter sunrise service is a free event and is open to anyone with base access. The interdenominational service begins at 6:30 a.m. and runs about an hour. Guests are advised to arrive by 6 a.m., and carpooling is encouraged. Dress will be crisp aloha attire.

The chapel is also looking for volunteers to serve before and after the Easter sunrise service. For more information or to volunteer, call the Pearl Harbor Memorial Chapel at 473-3971 or email Fruji.mills@navy.mil.

Other Holy Week events 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 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 beginning at 5:45 a.m. April 20 at Ft. Hase Beach, Landing Zone Eagle. For more information, call 257-3552.



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The sun rises over the Battleship Missouri Memorial on Easter Sunday 2007.

Wahine Koa wins Extreme Flag Football League title

Story and photo by
 Randy Dela Cruz

Sports Editor

Wahine Koa did their old namesake, Navy Sharks, proud as the ladies continued their dynastic reign of women's flag football by subduing the Wardawgs, 26-14, April 6 in the championship game of the Extreme Wahine Flag Football League Hawaii at Keehi Lagoon Park in Honolulu.

The Wahine Koa women's

flag football team are a mixture of civilians and active-duty military or armed forces family members based at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, while many of the Wardawgs personnel are affiliated with Marine Corps Base Hawaii from Kaneohe.

"To come back and actually beat a team that beat us in the season and win the championship game, there's no better feeling than this," admitted Wahine Koa head coach August Young. "These girls make me proud. I live

through them and their hard work shows. They come here and fight just like men do and I respect them. I don't see women, I see athletes in every sense of the word."

Cornerback Shardae Ingano ignited the Wahine Koa attack by returning an interception 16 yards for a pick-six on the Wardawgs opening drive of the game for a quick 6-0 lead.

"I just read the quarterback's eyes," Ingano said. "I saw her eyes the whole time and just picked it. It's

a score, baby."

After completing the two-point conversion, the defense came up big again when Toni Gonzales blocked a punt to set up the Koa deep in Wardawgs territory.

Four plays later, Koa quarterback Dana Hester found retired Army veteran Simone Davis all alone in the right corner of the end zone for a 14-0 advantage.

"It (lead) got us charged, but at the same time, I told them to keep a cool head," Young said. "We had a lot of game to go, so let's stay

in our box, continue to do what we're doing, pound the ball and just keep moving forward."

Another four-and-out by the defense put the ball back into the hands of Hester at the 30-yard line and eight plays later, the QB delivered her second touchdown pass of the game by connecting with Ingano for eight yards and a 20-0 lead that stood through halftime.

The end of the first half came as a sigh of relief for the battered Wardawgs offense, which picked up only two first downs while allowing three sacks of their quarterback Loretta Palmer.

"We were, I guess the least to say, sluggish in the first half," said Wardawgs head coach Hospital Corpsman 2nd Class Arthur Manning, 3rd Marine Regiment. "It was the simple little things. Those were the things that killed us."

The Wardawgs showed a little life on their first drive of the second half, but after advancing the ball to the Wahine Koa 10-yard line, the team failed to punch it in.

The missed opportunity may have sealed the game for the Koa as the ladies punctuated a 50-yard, 10-play drive with Hester lobbing a short toss to Dee Hawkins for the six points and a 26-0 advantage.

The Wardawgs broke the shutout on two scoring passes from Palmer to Aviation Electronics Technician 2nd Class Lachandra Owhochokwo, Patrol Squadron 47, but the damage was done as Wahine Koa walked away with yet another title.

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Michelle Dannenberger, Navy Information Operations Command (NIOC) Hawaii, who has been a member of the squad since the days of the Navy Sharks, she said that the victory was perhaps the sweetest ever.

"They (Wardawgs) only beat us by a safety during the season," Dannenberger said. "We had to come and make the statement that we're not going to get beat again, so that's what we did."

In defeat, Manning was gracious as he complimented the players and coaches of Wahine Koa, but said that he is looking forward to facing them again in the upcoming season, which kicks off on May 18.

"I've got to give props to them," he said. "They put work on the field and they outworked us today. They didn't beat us because they were a better team. They put work in practice and you could see it when they came to the field."

Likewise, Young also saluted Manning and said that the Wardawgs' first-year coach really pushed him to raise his game in order to get his team prepared.

While Young said that he received the most satisfaction from claiming the team's latest championship hardware, he is content to just relish the moment and will decide later if he will tackle another season.

"Right now, I'll just enjoy it and then talk it over with my brain (his wife Hospital Corpsman 2nd Class Adriana Tirado-Young, Naval Operation Support Center)," he said. "I just can't say yes or no right now. We're going to play it by ear."



Wahine Koa head coach August Young signals number one as running back Shardae Ingano tries to scamper past Wardawgs defense back Amanda Pendarvis.

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It's over! Port Royal wins basketball championship

**Story and photo by
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Sports Editor

On the same night that the University of Connecticut was wrapping up their fourth national title, USS Port Royal (CG 73) made everybody believers by defeating Commander United States Pacific Fleet (COM-PACFLT), 40-35, April 7 to take the base's version of March Madness and claim the intramural basketball championship in the 2014 season finale at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam Fitness Center.

Led by the hot hand of guard Seaman London Waldon, Port Royal dug themselves out of an early eight-point deficit to beat COMPACFLT, which came into the playoffs riding a seven-game winning streak.

"Nobody respected us," Walden said. "So we made sure that we had to come in and handle business."

Early on, the game was controlled by COMPACFLT, which got out to a 14-8 lead on a three-ball by Intelligence Specialist 3rd Class Malik Coleman before a putback by teammate Marine Sgt. J.R. Martin gave the team its biggest lead of the night at 16-8 with 8:20 remaining in the half.

However after trading baskets, Waldon got going and popped in his first points of the game with a trey from the right wing.

Then with 1:14 left to go before halftime, Waldon stepped up and completed a basket-and-one to

make it a one-point game before connecting on a dramatic splash-down from beyond the arc at the buzzer to put Port Royal ahead, 20-18 at intermission.

Waldon, who was quiet for almost 16 minutes of the first half, blazed through the final two minutes with 10 straight points on two treys, a free throw and a basket-and-one.

"I had to be a leader and step up," Waldon admitted. "It only takes one person to step up. Once I stepped up, everybody just got on the same horse."

In the second half, COM-PACFLT tried to close the gap by crashing the boards and taking the ball to the hoop.

While the plan got the team numerous opportunities under the basket the hoop seemed to have a lid on it, as COMPACFLT missed five point-blank shots in the first couple of minutes.

"It just wouldn't fall for us," said COMPACFLT point guard Intelligence Specialist 2nd Class Aaron Jackson. "We had a lot of looks. We got lay-ups and missed, got free throws and missed. It all added up."

Finally, COMPACFLT broke the ice on a trey by Coleman, but a steal and lay-up from Waldon put Port Royal up by a score of 26-21.

Another run by COMPACFLT tied the score at 26-26 after Yeoman 3rd Class Brandon Dobbs scored on a putback at the 10:36 mark.

The team's momentum, though, was cut short after Mana Hawkins, a former all-state prep



Seaman London Waldon, guard for USS Port Royal (CG 73), tries to shield the ball away from COMPACFLT point guard Intelligence Specialist 2nd Class Aaron Jackson as he goes up for the lay-up.

player and Hawaii Pacific University star, who is the wife of Port Royal teammate Electronics

Technician 3rd Class Anthony Hawkins, stepped up on the next trip down the floor and calmly

sank a trey for a 29-26 lead.

Earlier, Hawkins kept Port Royal within striking distance by scoring eight big points in the first half on two treys and two free throws.

"Anytime a team plays zone on us, you're always going to see those open shots," she said. "They kept overplaying, so it left that pocket open. If they give it, you might as well shoot it."

The shot by Hawkins seemed to be the nail in the coffin for COM-PACFLT as Port Royal never lost the lead again en route to the five-point win.

The loss for COMPACFLT was especially tough for Jackson, whose storied athletic career here on base included an intramural football championship and a rare three-peat as a member of the old Naval Station Pearl Harbor (NAVSTA) basketball squad.

"I'm sorry to say that I'm actually transferring out to Jacksonville in May," said the 33-year-old Jackson. "I've had my share of championships."

Although Port Royal won the Summer Basketball Championship last year, it was, Waldon admitted, a different league and team.

The summer league is a pay-to-play league and isn't as tightly regulated when it comes to player participation from other ships or commands.

This one, stated Waldon, was all Port Royal.

"It's a big monkey off our backs," he said. "A lot of people didn't respect us. I guess we get our respect now."

Big inning raises 67th Cyberspace Wing past Kraken

**Story and photo by
Randy Dela Cruz**

Sports Editor

The 67th Cyberspace Wing (67 CW) strung together five hits to knock in five runs in the bottom of the second inning and then held on to defeat Naval Sea Systems Command (NSSC) Kraken, 7-2, April 8 in an season-opening intramural softball White Division game at Millican Field, Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam.

Aided by back-to-back infield errors committed by the Kraken, the 67 CW took full advantage of the blunders by scoring three more times in the second inning en route to their first win of the season.

"It was just people making solid contact with the ball," said Senior Airman Jacob Dyer, who drove in two of the five runs. "We weren't trying to kill it or anything."

After both teams traded goose eggs in the first inning, 67 CW pitcher Tech. Sgt. Wayne Fiery got out of a jam in the top of the second inning by inducing a force out at second to strand two runners on base.

The close call seemed to put a spark in the 67's attack as the team quickly got to Kraken pitcher Command Master Chief Electronics Technician Marcus Hensley and put two runners on with back-to-back singles by Master Sgt. Erich Freundner and Senior Airman Louis Hanson.

Then, after both runners scored off two infield errors, Dyer picked up the team's third single of the inning to drive in two runs and put his team out in front by a score of 4-0.

The 67 completed the rally when Fiery helped his own cause with a clutch two-out single to drive in the fifth and final run of the inning.

Fiery returned to the mound and set the Kraken down in order to get his teammates back in the batter's box while their bats were still on fire.

Airman 1st Class Robert Light delivered a one-out

single in the bottom of the third inning before Freundner smashed a double to put runners on second and third.

Hanson then got his second single of the game to drive in two more runs and raise the team's lead to 7-0.

In the top of the fourth, Chief Electronics Technician Mike Heffne helped the Kraken tally their first run of the game when he led off the inning with a triple and later scored on a sacrifice to make it 7-1.

However, the team missed a golden opportunity in the inning when they loaded the bases with no outs, but saw their next three batters go down on an infield-fly rule, a line out to third and grounder back to the box.

"I think that's what killed us," Heffne admitted. "We had the momentum going, we got back into the game and we came out."

Dyer agreed with Heffne that the Kraken's failure to capitalize in the inning might have sealed the team's doom.

"That was pretty huge, to get bases loaded and stop them," Dyer said. "That was a big deal."

Hensley worked himself out of a jam in the bottom of the fifth inning to keep the Kraken's hopes alive, but once again, the team could only muster a single run in the top of the six to make it 7-2 before Fiery set down the Kraken in order in the seventh to get the complete-game win.

After the game, Heffne said that the loss confirms that Kraken, which just barely missed the playoffs last season, has a lot of work to do.

"Everyone's transferred or will transfer in the next month, so we're calling this a rebuilding year," he said. "We got to get out to Hickam during the week and get in some practice."

Meanwhile, Dyer said that although it's good to get the win, it's too early in the season to tell how good the 67 will be.

"We feel alright," he said. "We're working on it. We'll take it one game at a time. I think we're capable of being pretty good this year."



Tech. Sgt. Wayne Fiery, pitcher for 67th Cyberspace Wing, held Naval Sea Systems Command (NSSC) Kraken to two runs to help his team win by a score of 7-2.

My Favorite Photo...

Brandon Bosworth took this recent photo of a ae'o, or Hawaiian stilt, near the Mamala Bay Golf Course on Joint Base Pearl Harbor Hickam. The ae'o is an endangered species found only in Hawaii.



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Live the Great Life

Ford Island Bridge Run draws big numbers



(Top): Military and community members begin the run. (Above): Military and community members approach the finish line.

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Military and community members run across the bridge during the 17th annual Ford Island 10K Bridge Run at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam on April 5.

Helen Ko
Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam Morale, Welfare and Recreation

More than 2,500 runners, joggers and walkers of all ages laced up their shoes for the Ford Island Bridge Run held April 5 by Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam's MWR Athletics Department. Runners of all ages participated in this annual event, now in its 17th year. Juan Romero won the male open division with a time of 35 minutes, 28.4 seconds. Only seven seconds behind was Susie Stephen, the first to cross the line in the female open division, at 38:35.6. Ryan Larson won the male military division while Jackie Geiger took first place in the female military division. Participants' ages for this year's run ranged from younger than 9 years old to more than 80 years old.

All-Military Bowling Tournament held

Helen Ko
Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam Morale, Welfare and Recreation

This year's Hawaii All-Military Bowling Tournament ended its four-day competition at Hickam Bowling Center April 4 with the Retiree Bowling Team taking first place. The team included nan, Laura Bullock, Julie Cobb, Sue Stephens, Annie Ortiz (sub), Darryl Debebar, Derrick McGee, Felix Mendiola, Scott Hunt, Blake Harrison, Kevin Becera and Vince Davis (sub). Second place went to the Marine team and the team from the Air National Guard took third. A total of six teams competed for the title this year, including one from each branch of service. The first game started at Naval Station Bowling Center, with the second and third day of competition at Kaneohe Bay Lanes and Schofield Bowl, respectively. The Navy Team took fourth place, Army took fifth and Air Force sixth. For information about next year's 18th Annual Hawaii All-Military Bowling Tournament can call the bowling center at 473-2574.

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Play Until Dusk Golf will be held from Monday through Friday beginning at 2:30 p.m. at Mamala Bay Golf Course. Patrons can pay a green fee for nine holes, then play as many holes as they can until dusk. The cost for the cart fee is \$8. Rental equipment needs to be turned at dusk. FMI: 449-2304.

Moonlight Paddle at Hickam Harbor will begin at 7:30 p.m. April 16, departing from the Outdoor Adventure Center-Fleet Store. Participants of all paddling abilities welcome. The trip includes kayaks, gear and professional guides. The cost is \$25 per person. Participants need to sign up by April 11. FMI: call 473-1198.

Library Know-How will be held beginning at 2 p.m. Saturday at Hickam Library. The event will include how to search the online catalogue, information about the Dewey Decimal System and demonstrations. FMI: 449-8299.

Aeration Special will be held from April 15 to 20 at Navy-Marine Golf Course. Patrons can receive half-price green fees during the aeration. The course will be closed on April 14. FMI: 471-0142.

Ford Island Historical Tour will be held from 8:30 to

10:30 a.m. April 16. Participants will meet at Rainbow Bay Marina parking lot. The cost is \$25 for adults, \$20 for ages 3-11 years. Free pickup of participants is also available at Royal Alaka'i Lodge. FMI: 448-2295.

Dollar Fifty Monday will be held from 5 to 9 p.m. on April 14, 21 and 28 at Naval Station Bowling Center. Shoe rental, bowling games and a hot dog are \$1.50 each. FMI: 473-2574.

Cookies & Canvas class will be held from 3 to 5 p.m. April 16 at the Hickam Arts & Crafts Center. Patrons can

create painted masterpieces on stretched canvas while nibbling on cookies. No experience is necessary. The cost is \$25 per person for ages 5-12 years and includes supplies. FMI: 448-9907.

Pick-n-Paint is ongoing 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. from Tuesday through Saturday in the Hickam Arts & Crafts Center. Patrons can pick an item and paint it, then the crafts center will fire it. No experience or appointment is needed. Participants of all ages and all experience levels are welcome. Fees vary depending on the piece. FMI: 448-9907.

Pearl Harbor Valor Tour will be held from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. on Tuesdays through Fridays, April 15 to 30, starting from ITT-Hickam. The tour includes the USS Arizona Memorial, the USS Utah Memorial, the USS Oklahoma Memorial and the Navy Club Memorial on Ford Island. The cost is \$55 for adults and \$45 for children ages 3 to 11. FMI: 448-2295.

Patriot Tour will be held from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. on Thursdays, April 17 and 24,

starting from the ITT-Hickam office. The tour will include the USS Arizona Memorial, USS Utah Memorial, USS Oklahoma Memorial and the Navy Club Memorial on Ford Island. The cost is \$55 for adults and \$45 for children ages 3 to 11. FMI: 448-2295.

Day Hike to Nu'uau-Judd/Hidden Palace will begin at 9 a.m. April 20, departing from the Outdoor Adventure Center at the Fleet Store. Participants should bring mosquito repellent and shoes to accommodate hiking through mud. The cost is \$10 per person and participants need to sign up by April 17. FMI: 473-1198.

APRIL

BOOT CAMP FOR NEW DADS

SATURDAY — 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 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.

MWR NEWCOMERS' LUNCHEON

16 — The free Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam Morale, Welfare and Recreation (MWR) Newcomers' luncheon will be held from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at J.R. Rockers ballroom. Military-affiliated personnel who are new to Oahu can receive a free buffet lunch, visit MWR information booths and sponsor tables, and participate in giveaways. Activities for children will be available. FMI: www.greatlifehawaii.com.

NEX EARTH DAY EXPO

18 — The Pearl Harbor Navy Exchange (NEX) Earth Day Expo: Partnering for a Greener Future will be held from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the NEX mall-side tent. The event will include eco-friendly demonstrations, information booths, children's games, earth-friendly products and awards to an environmental coloring contest winner. FMI: 423-3274.

EARTH DAY FESTIVAL AT HICKAM HARBOR

19 — An Earth Day festival will be held from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Hickam Harbor. The event will include boat rides, a touch tide pool and information booths. FMI: www.greatlifehawaii.com.

BUNNY HOP 5K RUN/WALK

19 — A Bunny Hop 5K Run/Walk will begin at 8 a.m. at the Hickam Fitness Center. The free event is open to all authorized patrons. FMI: 448-2214.

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 BRUNCH BUFFET

20 — An Easter brunch buffet will be held at the Historic Hickam Officers' Club. Seating times are 10 a.m. and 1 p.m. for the lanai and 11 a.m. for the dining room. Patrons of all ranks are welcome to attend. The cost is \$29.95 for adults, \$15.50 for children ages 7 to 12 and \$8.25 for children ages 4 to 6. Reservations are required and will be accepted until noon April 18. FMI: 448-4608.

EASTER SUNRISE SERVICE

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

NAVSUP FLCPH EARTH DAY FAIR

22 — The fifth annual Naval Supply Systems Command Fleet Logistics Center Earth Day Fair (NAVSUP FLCPH) will be held from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at building 473 at Kilo 7/8 Piers. The event will include environmental displays, a clean islands oil spill response vessel and alternative fuel vehicle displays. FMI: 473-7818 or email Christopher.l.heber1@navy.mil.

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 to all Navy or Coast Guard, commanding officers, executive officers, junior officers (chief warrant officers 1 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.



NEED FOR SPEED (PG-13)

A mechanic who moonlights as an underground race-car driver strives to take the top prize in America's most prominent street race in order to have his revenge against the ambitious ex-NASCAR champ who had him framed and sent to prison. Desperate to keep his family-owned business afloat, Marshall forms an uncomfortable partnership with wealthy ex-NASCAR star Dino Brewster (Dominic Cooper).

SHARKEY THEATER

TODAY 4/11

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

SATURDAY 4/12

2:30 PM Muppets Most Wanted (PG)

5:00 PM 3 Days to Kill (PG-13)

7:20 PM Tyler Perry's: Single Mom's Club (PG-13)

SUNDAY 4/13

2:30 PM Muppets Most Wanted (PG)

4:50 PM Need for Speed (PG-13)

7:20 PM (3D) Pompei (PG-13)

HICKAM MEMORIAL THEATER

TODAY 4/11

6:00 PM 300: Rise of an Empire (R)

SATURDAY 4/12

4:00 PM 300: Rise of an Empire (R)

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

SUNDAY 4/13

2:00 PM 300: Rise of an Empire (R)

THURSDAY 4/17

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



USO Hawaii highlights volunteers



Airman 1st Class Garrett Smith with 392nd Intelligence Squadron volunteers for USO Hawaii.

Don Robbins

Editor Ho'okele

This week is Volunteer Appreciation Week, and military service members from active duty Navy and Air Force units provide valuable ongoing service to the USO Hawaii, said Kristin Tierney, the organization's program manager.

Tierney said she wants to highlight the fact that the USO Hawaii has several units that host weekly shifts at both its centers, and many of them have done so consistently for several years.

"Additionally, our active duty volunteers are some of our best, and in 2013 two of our Volunteer of the Quarter winners were active duty status service members. We have five Navy and Air Force units that host weekly shifts with us, at both our Hickam and Honolulu centers. Some even host two-plus shifts in a week," Tiernev said.

They include the 747th Communications Squadron, Joint Intelligence Operations Center, Air Force Sergeants Association, 324th Intelligence Squadron, 392nd Intelligence Squadron (IS) and the Airlift/Tanker Association.

Other USO Hawaii staff members added that they also appreciate the volunteer efforts of active duty service members.

"I am most appreciative for the hearts of our active duty volunteers as they have made a commitment to give back to their fellow service members — past and present," said Charity Howe, USO Hickam Center manager.

“Even though the services we provide are for them, our active duty volunteers are a big part of our volunteer *ohana*. Most of them have personal experiences with USO throughout their military career, stateside or while deployed, so volunteering



Photos courtesy of USO Hawaii

Construction Electrician 1st Class Emmanuel Delapena serves chicken to a Soldier as part of his volunteer efforts. Gas Turbine Technician Electrical 1st Class Bernard Clemente of Pearl Harbor Naval Shipyard is seen at right.



Spring special meal planned at Silver Dolphin April 21

The Silver Dolphin Bistro will host a spring special meal from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. April 21. The price is \$4.65.

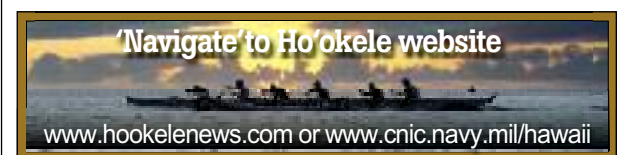
The menu will include a salad bar, crab salad, potato salad and fruit salad.

Other items on the menu are prime rib with au jus, roasted Cornish hens, baked lobster tails, bacon wrapped scallops, jasmine rice, au gratin potatoes, steamed broccoli, calico corn and French onion soup. Assorted breads will include French bread and dinner rolls.

Desserts will feature carrot cake with cream cheese frosting, chocolate chip cookies and an ice cream bar.

This special meal will be open to active duty military, Department of Defense employees, retirees and family members of active duty with valid identification cards.

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