

# USS Hopper returns from deployment

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The guided-missile destroyer USS Hopper (DDG 70) returned to Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam on May 6 from an independent deployment to the U.S. 5th and U.S. 7th Fleet areas of responsibility.

Since her early September departure, the crew conducted more than 115 approach and assist visits (AAVs), executed 17 underway replenishments, achieved 284 helicopter landing and launching evolutions, and participated in a number of bilateral training exercises with the French, Bahrain, United Arab Emirates, British and Kuwaiti navies in support of ballistic missile defense and maritime security operations.

Commanded by Cmdr. Dave Snee, the ship and its crew of nearly 280 Sailors deployed from Hawaii on Sept. 6, 2013 to conduct theater security cooperation and maritime presence operations with partner nations.

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Hopper conducted maritime security, interdiction operations and practiced humanitarian assistance and anti-piracy operations.

Hopper traveled more than 40,000 nautical miles in the last eight months. The crew had the opportunity to go sightseeing, learn about different cultures, and continue to strengthen United States bilateral relationships with other countries through community service projects with host nations.

"I am proud of the performance of Hopper and her crew on deployment and pleased that the hard work and preparation for deployment paid off as they executed a full spectrum of operations in [U.S.] 5th and [U.S.] 7th Fleets," stated Capt. Chris Bushnell, commodore of Destroyer Squadron 31.

"We are extremely thankful not



U.S. Navy photo by MC3 Johans Chavarro

Sailors assigned to the guided-missile destroyer USS Hopper (DDG 70) man the rails as the ship returns to its homeport at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam.



U.S. Navy photo by MC2 Laurie Dexter



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(Left) A young boy watches the arrival of USS Hopper as it returns to its homeport at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam. (Above) Family members watch USS Hopper return.

only for their service, but also for the sacrifice and support of their loved ones," said Rear Adm. Rick Williams, commander of Navy Region Hawaii and Naval Surface Group Middle Pacific.

"The families of USS Hopper have great strength and resiliency in supporting their Sailors," Williams said.

Williams recognized "Hopper Nation" and namesake Rear Adm. Grace Hopper in March on Navy Live Blog in a post on "character, courage, commitment": <http://go.usa.gov/kttF>.

Hopper is named after the pioneering computer scientist and recipient of the National Medal of Technology (now known as the National Medal of Technology and In-

novation), the highest honor of its type in the United States.

"It's been an honor and privilege to serve with the crew of the USS Hopper on a second [U.S.] 5th Fleet deployment," said Quartermaster 2nd Class Kathryn Parker, DESRON 31's Junior Sailor of the Year.

"Hopper has completed her mission with grace and, above all, honor, courage and commitment that would make her namesake proud," Parker said.

During the eight-month deployment, Sailors were able to accomplish many personal and professional goals. Hopper qualified 138 Sailors as enlisted surface warfare specialists and 10 officers as surface warfare officers.

Twenty-one Sailors made the choice to re-enlist during deployment, securing Hopper's 2013 Golden Anchor award for retention excellence. Additionally, during the fall 2013 Navy advancement cycle, more than 20 Sailors were advanced to the next pay grade, including four Sailors selected for commissioning programs and two chiefs who were selected for command senior chief and command master chief.

"What made our deployment successful and special was watching everyone grow and come together to accomplish our mission. Everyone also achieved personal goals—whether it was ESWS qualification, financial security, commitment to physical fitness or

cultural enrichment — we all took advantage of this deployment to improve ourselves in some way," said Cmdr. Jaja Marshall, Hopper's executive officer.

USS Hopper is homeported in Hawaii, assigned to Destroyer Squadron 31 and part of Naval Surface Group Middle Pacific and U.S. 3rd Fleet.

U.S. 3rd Fleet leads naval forces in the eastern Pacific from the west coast of North America to the international dateline and provides the realistic, relevant training necessary for an effective global Navy.

Guided-missile destroyers are multi-mission, anti-air warfare, anti-submarine warfare, and anti-surface warfare surface combatants.

## Airmen participate in Navy combat medic training

Story and photo by Staff Sgt. Alexander Martinez

15th Wing Public Affairs

Two Hickam Airmen had their medic skills put to the test while attending Navy combat medic training April 30 through May 2.

Staff Sgt. Tyrone Shannon, 15th Medical Group, and Senior Airman Jazzmine Rolon, 15th Aeromedical Dental Squadron, participated in tactical combat casualty care (TCCC) training hosted by the Navy.

The quarterly training is designed to teach medics basic combat tactics and medical practices while in combat and to prepare medics for deploying to a combat zone. The three main phases of training were medical care under fire, tactical field care and tactical evacuation.

"There's nothing better than teaching a young Sailor or Airman how to effectively engage an enemy, treat their casualty, and get their casualty out of the kill zone," said



While under pressure from instructors, Senior Airman Jazzmine Rolon, 15th Aeromedical Dental Squadron, provides medical care to a simulated injured patient during a tactical combat casualty care course May 2 at Schofield Barracks. Rolon was one of two Air Force personnel in the Navy course.

Navy Hospital Corpsman 2nd (HM2) Class David Shepardson, the lead instructor for the training.

Shepardson said this is the first known time Air Force medics have partici-

pated in this type of training here.

"Overall, this class did very well," he said. "For our Air Force students being outside their normal training environment, they did fan-

tastic. They actively participated in the class and were very knowledgeable."

Navy HM1 Trevor Wallace, Naval Health Clinic Hawaii and assistant lead instructor of TCCC, said the

training is important and effective because it helps medics adjust to difficult conditions encountered in a combat zone.

"There are a lot of limitations a medic might run into while taking care of someone in combat," Wallace said. "When you're in a [typical] hospital, you're not providing care while surrounded by people who want to kill you. It adds pressure and stress that you wouldn't experience anywhere else."

To try and mimic combat pressure and stress, the instructors "aggressively motivate" the students by talking loud, close and direct.

"It's a pretty intense course," Shannon said. "I didn't know what to expect because I hadn't heard about it. I think every medic should experience this type of training."

The final day culminated with a demanding exercise scenario where students had to navigate past aggressors with paintball guns, enter a dark and smoky "kill house," and treat and recover a

dummy with simulated injuries. Once recovered, the students had to explain to instructors the injuries and methods of treatment, all while under pressure from speakers blaring combat noise and yelling instructors.

"You find out quickly what it's like to experience fear and pressure while trying to care for someone," Rolon said. "I feel like if you're going to deploy as a medic you should do training like this because it's effective."

TCCC instructors hope to have more participation from all military branch medics in future classes.

"We're definitely trying to open this up and make it more of a joint-service training," Wallace said. "Hopefully, having the Air Force train with us is the first step in making that happen."

Shannon shared some advice for medics who plan to attend TCCC in the future: "Be in shape because the class is non-stop and intense, and know your basic life support."



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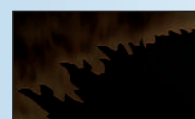
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# Submarine Squadron 7 holds change of command ceremony

Story and photos by  
MC1 Steven Khor

Submarine Force Pacific  
Fleet Public Affairs

Capt. Rick Stoner, the commanding officer of Submarine Squadron 7, relinquished command to Capt. Craig Blakely on May 2 during a time-honored change of command ceremony held at the submarine piers at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam.

Stoner said he is proud that he had the opportunity to be in command of Submarine Squadron 7 these last two years, working with a fantastic team of Sailors.

“The absolute best part of the job was the opportunity to work with the tremendously talented commanding officers and their crews,” said Stoner.

“Skippers, thank you for what you do, thank you for your service, and thank you for letting me be a part of



Capt. Rick Stoner is piped ashore after being relieved by Capt. Craig Blakely as commanding officer of Submarine Squadron 7 at a change of command ceremony May 2.

your lives and professional development.”

The ceremony’s guest speaker, Rear Adm. Phillip

Sawyer, commander of Submarine Force, U.S. Pacific Fleet, praised Stoner for a job well done and said he looks

forward to working with him as he transitions onto the staff at Submarine Force Pacific Fleet (COMSUBPAC).

“Rick, you have led with humility and determination,” said Sawyer.

“You and your team here at Squadron 7 can be justifiably proud of all that has been accomplished during your tenure. Congratulations on a successful tour. I look forward to continuing to work with you on COMSUBPAC staff,” he said.

During the ceremony, Stoner was awarded the Legion of Merit for his command of Squadron 7, serving from August 2012 to May 2014.

As Blakely assumed command of Squadron 7, he thanked Stoner for turning over a great command and stressed the importance of continued trust between the command and the submarines.

“For the staff, I am truly impressed by your professional excellence,” said Blakely. “As we move forward, I challenge you to

build an even stronger relationship of trust between us and the boats. “They must be able to trust we are working toward the same goals they are, superior deployed operations. This may be the first time you hear me preach about building a relationship of trust with the ships, but it will not be the last,” Blakely said.

Through the years, 59 submarines have been assigned to Submarine Squadron 7, with nine Los Angeles-class, nuclear-powered, fast attack submarines currently assigned. The squadron has been commanded by 41 different commodores, including Medal of Honor recipient Rear Adm. Richard H. O’Kane and the former Chief of Naval Operations, Adm. Frank B. Kelso II.

For more news from Commander, Submarine Force, U.S. Pacific Fleet, visit [www.navy.mil/local/subpac/](http://www.navy.mil/local/subpac/).

# Hopper Sailors, families welcome their return to islands

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Friends and family members of the crew from USS Hopper (DDG 70) gathered at the Bravo Piers on May 6 to welcome back the guided-missile destroyer as it returned to its homeport of Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam after completing an eight-month independent deployment to the U.S. 5th and U.S. 7th Fleet areas of responsibility.

USS Hopper and its crew of nearly 280 Sailors deployed from Pearl Harbor on Sept. 6, 2013 to conduct theater security cooperation and maritime presence operations with partner nations.

For the Sailors aboard Hopper, returning to the homeport of Pearl Harbor was a long anticipated and welcome event.

“It’s amazing,” said Sonar Technician (Surface) 2nd Class Corey Hoffman. “There’s this tingly feeling, you know? You get the ships blowing their horns, people giving us a ‘hoo-rah,’ saluting us on our way, and everyone cheering when we got here. It was something special. I’ve never felt that before.”

According to Hoffman, the deployment served to show how his individual efforts came to be a part of a bigger effort—one that, along with the contributions of his ship-



(Left) Seaman Frank Cohen, assigned to the guided-missile destroyer USS Hopper (DDG 70), proposes to his girlfriend Brittany Nanas shortly after a traditional “first kiss” upon the ship’s arrival at its homeport at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam. (Right) Sailors assigned to USS Hopper disembark the ship upon arrival at its homeport. (See additional photos on page A-5).

mates, has a global impact.

“It’s interesting to know you took part in a real world impact, that the whole world sees and knows,” said Hoffman. “And you’re like, ‘Oh, hey, I was there. I did that.’ It’s special and I’m glad I did it. It was definitely a worthwhile experience.”

Another Sailor from USS Hopper echoed Hoffman’s sentiments.

“It’s just an emotion I can’t describe,” said Damage Controlman 2nd Class Tiago Thomas. “It’s one of those things where it’s eight months long, then you come back and it just feels worth it. That feeling, I don’t think I’ll ever get doing anything else.”

Despite the excitement by

the Sailors, their families and friends, those aboard USS Hopper remained appreciative and proud of their work and their shipmates, who they worked alongside every day during their time at sea.

“It’s a great crew, the best ever I’ve been a part of,” said Thomas. “So it’s definitely been a great experience that we’ve had, nobody I would rather work with than this crew.”

According to Electronics Technician 3rd Class Samuel Chittenden, every Sailor on board Hopper is essential to its mission capability.

“Everyone has an important job on board, and we had a lot of things just go absolutely perfectly,” said



Chittenden. “There was nothing that was overwhelming because everyone just came together when they needed to and never missed a mission.”

Hopper’s commanding officer, Cmdr. Dave Snee, said he was proud of the dedication of the crew.

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## Temporary closure of Whitmore Gate on May 14

The Whitmore Gate to Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam’s Wahiawa Annex will be closed temporarily from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. May 14 for scheduled maintenance and a systems test.

Drivers should use Saipan Gate to enter and exit the base during the temporary closure of Whitmore Gate.



Commentary

# President proclaims Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month, 2014

**By the President of the United States of America**

*A proclamation*

During Asian American and Pacific Islander (AAPI) Heritage Month, we celebrate the accomplishments of Asian Americans, Native Hawaiians, and Pacific Islanders, and we reflect on the many ways they have enriched our nation.

Like America itself, the AAPI community draws strength from the diversity of its many distinct cultures — each with vibrant histories and unique perspectives to bring to our national life.

Asian Americans, Native Hawaiians and Pacific Islanders have helped build, defend and



strengthen our nation — as farm workers and railroad laborers, as entrepreneurs and scientists, as artists, activists, and leaders of government. They have gone beyond, embodying the soaring aspirations of the American spirit.

This month marks 145 years since the final spike was hammered into the transcontinental railroad, an achievement made possible by Chinese laborers, who did the majority of this backbreaking and dangerous work. This May, they will receive long-overdue recognition as they are inducted into the Labor Hall of Honor.

Generations of Asian Americans, Native Hawaiians, and

Pacific Islanders have helped make this country what it is today. Yet they have also faced a long history of injustice — from the overthrow of the Kingdom of Hawaii and its devastating impact on the history, language and culture of Native Hawaiians; to opportunity-limiting laws like the Chinese Exclusion Act of 1882 and the Immigration Act of 1924; to the internment of Japanese Americans during World War II.

Even today, South Asian Americans, especially those who are Muslim, Hindu and Sikh, are targets of suspicion and violence.

With courage, grit and an abiding belief in American ideals, Asian Americans, Native Hawaiians, and Pacific Islanders have challenged our nation to be better and my administration remains committed to doing its part.

Nearly five years ago, I re-established the White House Initiative on AAPIs. The initiative addresses disparities in health care, education and economic opportunity by ensuring Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders receive equal access to government programs and services.

We are also determined to pass comprehensive immigration reform that would modernize our legal immigration system, create a pathway to earned citizenship for undocumented immigrants, hold employers accountable, and strengthen our border security.

These commonsense measures would bring relief to Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders who have experienced this broken system firsthand, and they would allow our country to welcome more highly skilled workers eager

to contribute to America's success.

This month, as we recall our hard-fought progress, let us resolve to continue moving forward. Together, let us ensure the laws respect everyone, civil rights apply to everyone, and everyone who works hard and plays by the rules has a chance to get ahead.

Now, therefore, I, Barack Obama, president of the United States of America, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and the laws of the United States, do hereby proclaim May 2014 as Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month. I call upon all Americans to visit [www.WhiteHouse.gov/AAPI](http://www.WhiteHouse.gov/AAPI) to learn more about the history of Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders and to observe this month with appropriate programs and activities.



Ships and submarines participating in Rim of the Pacific (RIMPAC) Exercise 2012 sail in formation in waters around the Hawaiian Islands.

U.S. Navy file photo

## 23 nations to participate in world's largest maritime exercise

**U.S. 3rd Fleet Public Affairs**

SAN DIEGO – Twenty-three nations, 47 ships, six

submarines, more than 200 aircraft and 25,000 personnel will participate in the biennial Rim of the Pacific (RIMPAC) exercise sched-

uled June 26 to Aug. 1 in and around the Hawaiian Islands.

The world's largest international maritime exercise, RIMPAC provides a unique training opportunity that helps participants foster and sustain the cooperative relationships that are critical to ensuring the safety of sea lanes and security on the world's oceans. RIMPAC 2014 is the 24th exercise in the series that began in 1971.

Hosted by U.S. Pacific Fleet, RIMPAC 2014 will be led by U.S. Vice Adm. Kenneth Floyd, commander of the U.S. 3rd Fleet (C3F), who will serve as the combined task force (CTF) commander.

Royal Australian Navy Rear Adm. Simon Cullen will serve as deputy com-

mander of the CTF and Japan Maritime Self Defense Force Rear Adm. Yasuki Nakahata as the vice commander. Other key leaders of the multinational force will include Rear Adm. Gilles Couturier of the Royal Canadian Navy, who will command the maritime component; Air Commodore Chris Westwood of the Royal Australian Air Force, who will command the air component; and the land component will be led by Marine Corps Maj. Gen. Richard Simcock.

RIMPAC 2014 will also include for the first time a special operations component to be led by U.S. Navy Capt. William Stevens.

Two nations, Brunei and the People's Republic of China, will participate in

RIMPAC for the first time in 2014.

Also for the first time at RIMPAC this year, two hospital ships, USNS Mercy and PLA (N) Peace Ark, will participate in the exercise.

The theme of RIMPAC 2014 is "Capable, Adaptive, Partners." The participating nations and forces will exercise a wide range of capabilities and demonstrate the inherent flexibility of maritime forces. These capabilities range from disaster relief and maritime security operations to sea control and complex warfighting.

The relevant, realistic training syllabus includes amphibious operations, gunnery, missile, anti-submarine and air defense ex-

ercises as well as counter-piracy, mine clearance operations, explosive ordnance disposal and diving and salvage operations.

This year's exercise includes forces from Australia, Brunei, Canada, Chile, Colombia, France, India, Indonesia, Japan, Malaysia, Mexico, Netherlands, New Zealand, Norway, People's Republic of China, Peru, the Republic of Korea, the Republic of the Philippines, Singapore, Thailand, Tonga, the United Kingdom and the United States.

### Diverse Views

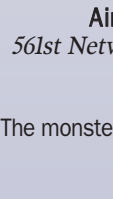


#### Who is your favorite movie monster to fight Godzilla?



**Lt. Jared Subik**  
USS Paul Hamilton (DDG 60)

"Mothra. That's the first one that came to mind."



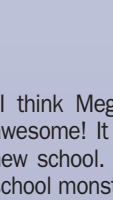
**Airman 1st Class Ryan Huffer**  
561st Network Operations Squadron, Det. 1

"The monster from the movie Cloverfield."



**IS1 Kelly Smith**  
JIOC

"The Incredible Hulk, because he's big, green and has big muscles. And he's pretty angry."



**2nd Lt. Ariel Green**  
PACAF Protocol

"I think Megatron vs Godzilla would be awesome! It would be like old school vs new school. I put my money on the new school monster!"



**HM1 Joseph Lozano**  
Naval Health Clinic Hawaii

"King Kong. Because it's a legend. It's like western vs. eastern."



**Master Sgt. Carl Vail**  
PACAF/A7

"Mothra. There is nothing better than a giant moth beating up a giant radioactive lizard."



**LS3 Chad Hux**  
Naval Health Clinic Hawaii

"Slimer from Ghostbusters."



**CTR2 Taylor Mendenhall**  
NIOC Hawaii

"Optimus Prime."



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## Battle of Coral Sea took place May 1942



Official U.S. Navy photograph

USS Lexington (CV-2) is shown here during the action seen from the USS Yorktown (CV-5) on May 8, 1942 during the Battle of the Coral Sea. The battle took place 72 years ago this week. The large number of planes on deck and low sun indicate that the photo was taken early in the morning, prior to launching the strike against the Japanese carrier force. The diversion of Japanese resources represented by the Coral Sea battle would have immense consequences for Imperial Japan a month later at the Battle of Midway.

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Col. Jeffrey Sattler, Pacific Air forces chief of international and operational law, gives testimony while playing the role of Goldilocks during a mock trial May 1 at Mokulele Elementary School at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam.

# Joint base legal teams host mock trials for students

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15th Wing Public Affairs

In recognition of Law Day 2014, Pacific Air Forces and 15th Wing judge advocate offices hosted educational mock trials on May 1 at Mokulele and Aliamanu Elementary Schools.

The mock trials were based on the story of “Goldilocks and the Three Bears,” providing a familiar story while teaching the students about the process of a trial court session.

Master Sgt. Michael Smart, PACAF/JA administrative law NCO in charge, said he thinks the students, kindergarten through third graders, learned a lot during the trials.

“Today was fun, and we had great participation from the crowd,” Smart said. “The students were all very attentive. It’s good for the students to see how the trial system works. They got to see how both the plaintiff and the defendant argued their side of the story.”

Members of the legal offices played the

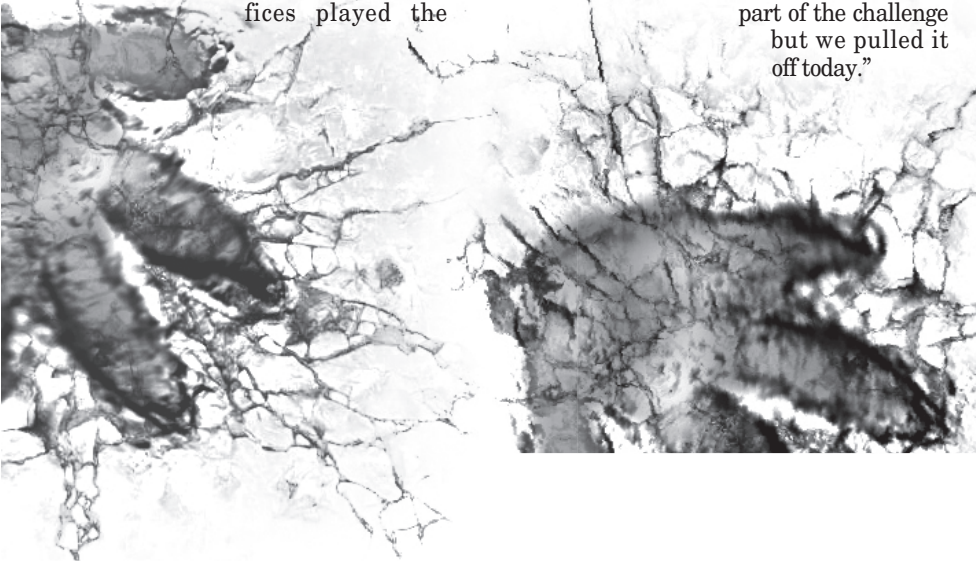
roles of the scenario, including Goldilocks, Goldilocks’ mother, Papa Bear, Mama Bear and Baby Bear, legal representatives from both sides, and a judge who presided over the “court room.” Several students were selected to be official members of the jury; however, the entire audience weighed in on the trial.

“The entire process was simplified for an elementary audience, but I think they received the basic knowledge of how a trial works,” said Capt. Casey Hinson, PACAF/JA executive officer. “We were able to teach law through a well-known children’s story, so it was neat to see how the students participated.”

After rounds of witness questioning, the audience had time to deliberate their final decision as jury members, and the verdict was delivered with excitement: Goldilocks was guilty of misbehaving by entering the Bear family home and eating their porridge.

“I think all the participants did really well playing their characters,” Smart said.

“Keeping the students interested in the trial was part of the challenge but we pulled it off today.”



## Bicycle safety tips

(Information provided by Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam Safety Office)

May is National Bike Safety Month. Riding a bike is a great way for kids to travel to school, get exercise and spend time with family and friends, but *keiki* need to exercise safe riding techniques. Important safety checks need to be made by parents and children. Here are some tips:

### Helmet

Wear a brightly colored helmet. A helmet should have an approval sticker from the Consumer Product Safety Commission that says it meets their standards. Make sure the helmet fits the child correctly. It should fit level on a child’s head without tipping backward or twisting sideways. Children must fasten the safety strap snugly, so the helmet remains in the proper position while riding.

### Clothing

If a child rides a bike in the dark, bright clothes or retro-reflective materials are important to ensure visibility. Make sure clothing does not hang down near the bike’s chain or tires where it could become entangled. A reflective vest or reflective tape applied to the helmet also aids in visibility. Closed-toed shoes are a must for riding and tie laces tightly.

### Bike size

It is important to make sure a child is not riding a bike that is too big for his frame. When a child is standing, there should be at least one inch between the

child and the top bar. Adjust the seat so that the child’s leg is slightly bent when the pedal is extended.

### Visibility aids

Prominently displayed reflectors are a must for the front and back of the bike. If a child rides in heavy traffic areas, an orange flag that extends several feet above the bike helps motorists see the bike more easily.

### Equipment check

Before riding, parents along with their kids should check all the bolts around the handlebars, seat and wheels for tightness. Inspect the chain for wear or damage, and add oil as recommended by the manufacturer so that it moves freely and smoothly. Test the brakes, and fill tires with the appropriate amount of air for the type of riding the child plans to do. If the tires are low on air, examine the tire to make sure there are no obvious leaks or cracks in the material.

### Riding bikes

Children must not be allowed to wear headphones while riding. They must keep both hands on the handlebars, except when signaling. They should use correct signals and before entering a roadway: Stop and look left and right. When riding in a group, children should ride single file with the flow of traffic.

Children should not be allowed to ride at twilight or in the dark, especially on narrow roads and roads with speed limits that exceed 25 mph. Sidewalks may be used by bicyclists when bicycle riders do not pose a hazard to pedestrians.

Parents are reminded that all bicyclists under the age of 18 should dismount their bicycles at intersections and walk the bicycles across the street, whether or not a crosswalk is present.

For more assistance or guidance, contact the JBPHH Safety Department at 473-1169.





# Pearl Harbor-Hickam Highlights

(Right) Sailors assigned to the guided-missile destroyer USS Hopper (DDG 70) moor the ship upon arrival at its homeport of Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam.

U.S. Navy photo by MC3 Johans Chavarro

(Below) Sailors stationed at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam welcome the guided-missile destroyer USS Hopper (DDG 70) as it returns to homeport.

U.S. Navy photo by MC3 Johans Chavarro



(Above) Interior Communications Electrician 2nd Class Jeremiah Miller, assigned to the guided-missile destroyer USS Hopper (DDG 70), greets his daughter upon the ship's arrival at its homeport.

U.S. Navy photo by MC3 Johans Chavarro

(Left) Family members of Sailors assigned to the guided-missile destroyer USS Hopper (DDG 70) await the ship's return.

U.S. Navy photo by MC3 Johans Chavarro



(Below) Air Force students and Navy Tactical Combat Casualty Care course instructors prepare to navigate through a simulated combat zone in order to evacuate injured casualties during a TCCC course held May 2 at Schofield Barracks.

U.S. Air Force photo by Staff Sgt. Alexander Martinez



Sailors check in participants to the Safe Haven program during the annual hurricane readiness exercise (HURREX) at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam.

U.S. Navy photo by MC3 Johans Chavarro



Staff Sgt. Tyrone Shannon (left), 15th Medical Group, provides medical care to a simulated injured patient during a tactical combat casualty care course at Schofield Barracks.

U.S. Air Force photo by Staff Sgt. Alexander Martinez





# Sailors and Airmen give ‘shout out’

Story and photo by  
MCC John Hageman

Navy Region Hawaii Public  
Affairs

Sailors and Airmen from commands in Hawaii had an opportunity to visit Cox Media Studio of ESPN 1420 am radio in Honolulu on May 10 to record messages to family members, friends and colleagues in honor of the 15th annual National Military Appreciation Month. Coming from diverse backgrounds and from throughout the nation, service members were thankful to send the “shout outs” back home.

Airman 1st Class Milissa Ruppert from Mallard, Iowa is part of the 647th Security Forces Squadron stationed at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam. This is her first duty station after graduating from tech school.

During Ruppert’s shout out, she sent a greeting to her friends and family back home. Along with saying hello, she wanted to make them aware of how her new home is treating her, adding “*aloha* from the sandy beaches of Hawaii.”

Yeoman 1st Class Larveeh Raymundo from Ewa Beach, Hawaii is stationed on USS Pearl Harbor and wanted to thank all the personnel involved with recording his shout out to friends, family and shipmates.

“I wanted to thank all the people that organized this event,” Raymundo said. “We always hear and see shout outs on the television and radio, and it is so nice to be able to finally partici-



Airman 1st Class Milissa Ruppert from Mallard, Iowa records a message to be aired during Military Appreciation Month on ESPN 1420am Radio.

pate in one.”

Rut Montero, a senior Airman from Lima, Peru, is assigned to the 15th Medical Group. Having been on island for awhile, she took the opportunity to say hello to her family that she misses.

“This was a really nice chance to say hello to my family that I have not seen in about a year and a half,” Montero said.

Although originally from Peru, her family now lives in Seattle, and she wanted to send a little love to the Seattle Seahawks, and ended her message with “Go Seahawks!”

Congress designated May as National Military Appreciation Month in 1999 to ensure the nation was given the opportunity to

publicly demonstrate their appreciation for the sacrifices and successes made by service members—past and present.

May was selected because it has the most days set aside for celebrating service members and their achievements. Those days include Victory in Europe (VE) day on May 8, Armed Forces Day May 17, Military Spouse Appreciation Day (which is on May 9 this year), and Memorial Day on May 26.

Each year the president makes a proclamation, reminding Americans of the important role the U.S. Armed Forces have played in the history and development of our country.



The SPANAR NetOps Support Team held information technology security training at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam.

# SPANAR brings IT security training to joint base

Story and photo by  
Brandon Bosworth

Assistant Editor, Ho'okele

The Space and Naval Warfare Systems Command (SPANAR) NetOps Support Team (NST) Fly-Away Team (FAT) provided IT security training to personnel from Naval Surface Group Middle Pacific and other units from April 21 to May 2.

The SPANAR NST team is made up of Reservists who are attached to the SPANAR Reserve Program at multiple sites across the country.

“The SPANAR Reserve Program provides unique military and technical capabilities in support of team SPANAR’s mission, contingency response, and resolution of C4ISR [command, control, communications, computers, intelligence, surveillance and reconnaissance] issues that impact current and future fleet readiness,” explained Cmdr. Eric Stoeckel, detachment officer in charge.

“The instructor team brings unique civilian experience to the fleet. For example, we

have one instructor who is an IT architect for Nordstrom and another who is an IT systems analyst for T-Mobile IT,” he said.

By the end of the training sessions, the SPANAR detachment had provided more than 1,700 student hours of classroom instruction to 40 students, generating well over 85 percent passing rate for the security examination.

For future training requests, contact Stoeckel at [eric.a.stoeckel@navy.mil](mailto:eric.a.stoeckel@navy.mil) or Cmdr. Marty Riley at [martin.riley@navy.mil](mailto:martin.riley@navy.mil).





# Life & Leisure

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## Community Calendar

### MAY

#### FITNESS AND WELLNESS FAIR

**TODAY** — The Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam Morale, Welfare and Recreation (MWR) Fitness and Wellness Fair will be held from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam Fitness Center. The free event will include mini workouts, fitness evaluations, healthy foods and the second annual fire truck pull. FMI: 471-2019.

#### MEET THE OLYMPIANS

**TODAY** — MWR patrons can meet the Olympians at 11 a.m. at the Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam Fitness Center and at 5:30 p.m. at J.R. Rockers Sports Café. Sochi 2014 U.S. Winter Olympics medalists snowboarder Kelly Clark, bobsledder Steven Holcomb and downhill skier Andrew Weibrecht will be in attendance at the event. FMI: [www.greatlifehawaii.com](http://www.greatlifehawaii.com).

#### SUPER GARAGE SALE

**SATURDAY** — The MWR Super Garage Sale will be held from 8 a.m. to noon Saturday at Richardson Field. No pets are allowed at the event or on the field. Admission is free for shoppers. FMI: 473-0792.

#### ENLISTEE RECOGNITION CEREMONY

**SATURDAY** — Our Community Salutes (OCS) of Hawaii will hold a traditional military recognition ceremony to honor the young men and women who will enlist in each of the armed services. The ceremony is open to the public from 2 to 4 p.m. at the Hale Koa Hotel's Ilima lawn, 2055 Kalia Road in Honolulu. FMI: Blake Ferguson at 448-1464 or 485-9081 or email [oschawaii@region@gmail.com](mailto:oschawaii@region@gmail.com).

#### AFCEA LUNCHEON EVENT

**13** — The Armed Forces Communication and Electronics Association (AFCEA) luncheon event will be held at Hale Ikena Club, Fort Shafter. Check-in is at 11 a.m. and the buffet begins at 11:30 a.m. The cost is \$17 for members who preregister and \$17 at the door or for nonmembers. The speaker will be Maj. Gen. James Walton, commanding general, 311th Signal Command. FMI: <http://afcea-hawaii.org> or 441-8565 or 441-8524.

#### KIDS RUN REGISTRATION

**15** — America's Armed Forces Kids Run registration will close May 15. This free event for youth ages five to 13 years old will begin at 9 a.m. May 17 at Ward Field, Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam. The younger kids run a half-mile with the seven and eight-year-olds running one mile and the older kids running two miles. FMI: [www.americaskidsrun.org](http://www.americaskidsrun.org) or 473-0789.

#### CAREER FAIR

**16** — The Joint Employment Management System (JEMS) and Army Career Alumni Program career fair will be held from 10:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Makai Recreation Center, Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam. The fair is to support active duty service members who are leaving the military due to downsizing. FMI: [www.jemsjobs.com](http://www.jemsjobs.com).

#### PINEAPPLE RUN

**17** — The Central Oahu Chief Petty Officer Association is seeking service members to participate in the 39th annual Pineapple Run 10K beginning at 7 a.m. in Wahiawa. Trophies will be awarded to the top three overall male and female finishers. Finisher medals will be provided to the first 500 finishers. First, second and third place medals for male and female in each age group will be awarded. Registration can be done online at [www.active.com](http://www.active.com). FMI: email [pineapplerunhi@gmail.com](mailto:pineapplerunhi@gmail.com) and visit the Pineapple Run 10K Facebook page.

#### COMBINED MILITARY CONCERT

**17** — The Hawaii Theatre Center and the Honolulu Council of the Navy League will celebrate Military Appreciation Month with the 29th Annual Combined Military Concert beginning at 6 p.m. at the historic Hawaii Theatre. This year the United States Air Force is the military lead band and will be conducted by Capt. Haley Armstrong, U.S. Air Force Band of the Pacific. The event is free to the public. Public, general admission seating for ticket holders will begin at 5:30 p.m. Those without tickets will be admitted at 5:50 p.m., depending on available seating. Ticket and event information is available from the Hawaii Theatre box office. FMI: 528-0506.

#### OPEN COCKPIT DAY

**17** — Visitors will have the opportunity to sit in the seat, man the controls and feel the history of World War II and modern fighters at open cockpit day from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Pacific Aviation Museum Pearl Harbor. The event is free with paid museum admission and free for museum members. Guests younger than 10 years of age will require parental supervision to climb up into the aircraft. Guests must also be able to climb boarding stairs and into a cockpit to participate. Museum visitors are invited to bring cameras. FMI: [www.pacificaviationmuseum.org](http://www.pacificaviationmuseum.org) or 441-1007.



## GODZILLA (PG-13)

The king of all monsters gets a reboot with this Warner Bros./Legendary Pictures production helmed by Gareth Edwards, who gained critical attention with his intimate twist on the giant-creature genre with his feature-film debut, *Monsters*. Frank Darabont (*The Mist*) and Max Borenstein provide the script.

## Movie Showtimes

### SHARKEY THEATER

#### TODAY 5/9

7:00 PM Sabotage (R)

#### SATURDAY 5/10

2:30 PM Captain America: The Winter Soldier (PG-13)

7:00 PM Advance screening of Godzilla in 3-D (PG-13)

Free to the first 400 authorized patrons. Assigned seating tickets will be distributed at the ticket booth at 5:30 p.m. Active duty personnel can receive up to four tickets. Others; military family members, military retirees, DoD personnel with ID card can receive up to two tickets.

#### SUNDAY 5/11

2:30 PM Rio 2 (G)

4:40 PM (3D) Captain America: The Winter Soldier (R)

7:20 PM Noah (PG-13)

### HICKAM MEMORIAL THEATER

#### TODAY 5/9

6:00 PM Captain America: The Winter Soldier (PG-13)

#### SATURDAY 5/10

2:00 PM Mr. Peabody & Sherman (PG) 92 min

6:00 PM Studio appreciation advance screening

Free admission — (PG-13). Tickets available at your local Exchange food court. Seating is open to non-ticket holders 30 minutes prior to showtime.

#### SUNDAY 5/11

2:00 PM Muppets Most Wanted (PG)

#### THURSDAY 5/15

7:00 PM Captain America: The Winter Soldier (PG-13)



# Undefeated 613th AOC keeps winning streak going

Story and photo by  
Randy Dela Cruz

Sports Editor, Ho'okele

The 613th Air and Space Operation Center (613 AOC) scored two goals in the first half and then let their defense do the rest to gain a 2-1 victory over Coast Guard Fake Madrid on May 3 in a Blue Division intramural soccer game at Ward Field, Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam.

The win kept the 613 AOC's perfect record intact at 4-0, while Fake Madrid suffered their third defeat in four games.

Last season, the 613 AOC won their first eight games of the season before absorbing a loss. And with four games in the book this year, it looks like the team is well on its way to another outstanding season.

"It's not the coaches," said 613 AOC head coach Paul Imperial, a Department of Defense (DoD) civilian. "We just got great guys. We had all of our players today. If we were missing one of our players, it may have been a different story. We're lucky to have a large organization. I got a large pool of players and out of that pool, some of them are just great."

The team's talent was especially evident in the first half when the 613 AOC controlled most of the action.

Based largely on the play of Senior Airman Jeremy Reding, who seemed to always be in the right spot at the right time, the 613 AOC consistently attacked the goal and kept Fake Madrid pinned behind the midfield stripe.

After several shots on goal, the 613 AOC finally broke the ice on goal from the foot of Army Sgt. 1st Class John Zahnee, who took a pass from Reding, drove down to the end line and booted a shot past Fake Madrid goalkeeper Lt. Cmdr. Mary Ann Swendsen.

"He's (Zahnee) a good player and he can read the game," Reding noted. "If I have my head down on the ball and I hear him, it's pretty easy to pick my head up and find him. I have confidence in him and his ability to take it the rest of the way."

Later in the first half, Reding was Johnny-on-the-spot once again, when he booted a corner kick to the heart of the Fake Madrid goal.

The pass hit an open spot, where Operations Specialist 2nd Class Valentine Edward launched a header that hit the goal's upright before dropping beyond the line for a score and 2-0 lead.

"That was a great finish," Reding said. "We had our sweeper take a free kick, he found me wide open, and it gave me a good opportunity to find a cross."

While Reding was at the head



Operations Specialist 2nd Class Valentine Edward, striker for 613th Air and Space Operation Center (613 AOC), battles Oscar Torres, a military family member for Coast Guard Fake Madrid, during a Blue Division intramural soccer game.

of each goal, he said that his teammates make it very easy for him to find.

"Our players are doing a great job of getting open and finding space," he pointed out. "They're making it real easy for me to pick them up. It's just about moving off the ball."

In the first half, the 613 AOC limited Fake Madrid to only two shots on goal to take a 2-0 advantage into the break.

Although the 613 AOC played outstanding defense to keep their opponent off of the scoreboard, Imperial said that it was the team's offense that should be credited for the first-half shutout.

"Actually, we played an offensive game," he admitted. "That's what I tried to do. I put all of my best players upfront and a strong offense is a good defense."

Fake Madrid managed to pull to within a score in the second half on a header for a goal from Chief Storekeeper Dominic Hegarty, but that's as close as the Coast Guard team would get to the league-leading 613 AOC.

"A lot of communication and work ethic," said Reding about the team's success. "We're all playing together and trying to support each other, so when one guy attacks the ball to try to win it, we all kind of support and protect him. We're just going to take one game at a time and try to win each one."

## My Favorite Photo...

Ho'okele assistant editor Brandon Bosworth took this photo of a bee hovering over pentas blossoms near the USS Utah Memorial on Ford Island.



How to submit: Email your (non-posed) photos to [editor@hookelenews.com](mailto:editor@hookelenews.com)

## All-Navy Sports seeking applications for rugby tryouts

### All-Navy Sports

The Navy and Marine Corps have been invited to participate in the Commonwealth Navies Rugby Cup's new Four Nation's Maritime Cup tournament in Auckland, New Zealand from Sept. 18 to Oct. 5.

All-Navy Sports is seeking applications for tryouts to be held at Camp Pendleton, Calif. beginning Aug. 18.

The Commonwealth Navies Rugby Cup was established in 1997 and has seen the Royal New Zealand Navy, Royal Navy and Royal Australian Navy compete every three years since. The tournament is a

round-robin format over two and a half weeks and culminates with a tournament selection Barbarians team playing a local representative team.

In 2014, it is the Royal New Zealand Navy's turn to host the tournament and, with the agreement with the Commonwealth Navies Rugby Cup executive committee, it is intended to introduce a fourth team to complete for a new "Four Nations Maritime Cup."

Applications are due to All-Navy Sports no later than June 15 and can be found at [http://www.navyfitness.org/all-navy\\_sports/](http://www.navyfitness.org/all-navy_sports/).



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# Fired up Pac Fleet officers storm past Swaggernauts



Cmdr. Steven Curry is about to launch a deep fly ball that fell for an error and scored two runs for Commander U.S. Pacific Fleet (COMPACFLT) Officers (CPF Os).

**Story and photo by  
Randy Dela Cruz**

*Sports Editor, Ho'okele*

The Commander U.S. Pacific Fleet (COMPACFLT) Officers (CPF Os) batted around the order in a second-inning explosion to

crush Commander, Naval Surface Group Middle Pacific (CNSG MIDPAC) Swaggernauts, 20-2, on May 5 in a Red Division intramural softball matchup at Millican Field, Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam. After struggling at the plate for the past three games, the CPF Os finally

broke out of their slump and pummeled two Swaggernauts pitchers for seven hits, two from the bat of Cmdr. Steven Curry, to score 11 runs in the second inning and take a 12-0 lead. The win evened out the CPF O's record to 2-2, while the Swaggernauts saw their mark drop to 1-3.

"We were working as a team," explained Curry about the squad's breakout in the second inning. "It was just clicking. We were getting the hits and we needed to do what we did. I think it was just the initial hit and how it just flows." While both teams entered the game with identical

records, the CPF Os proved to be the superior squad from the start by immediately jumping on Swaggernauts' pitching for two hits and a run in the first inning. Jay Washabaugh, a Department of Defense civilian and pitcher for the CPF Os, helped out his own cause by slicing an RBI single with two outs for a 1-0 advantage. Washabaugh then proceeded to shut out the Swaggernauts in their turn at-bat before the CPF Os brought the house down in the second. In the top of the second, the CPF Os drew back-to-back walks before Cmdr. Tim Holyk singled to drive in a run. Curry then got his first hit of the inning to drive in another run for a 3-0 lead. Two more walks allowed by the Swaggernauts raised the CPF Os' lead to 4-0 and with the bases loaded, Department of Defense civilian Dan Abordonado hit a double for two more runs. Washabaugh followed up with another two-bagger to clear the bases and put the CPF Os ahead by a score of 8-0. A single by Lt. Matt Myers drove in Washabaugh, while a two-run double by Lt. Cmdr. Kirk Dotson and an RBI single by Curry, his second of the inning, completed the CPF O's 11-run rally.

Up by 12-0, the CPF O's kept the heat on by posting three more runs in the top of the third and one in the fourth before closing out the game early on the league's mercy rule with four more runs in the top of the fifth. Washabaugh, who was the beneficiary of the team's hot streak at the plate, posted shutouts in three of the four innings he pitched. He said it's about time that the team woke up from its three-game slump. "That's been our problem so far is that we just didn't have any run production," he admitted. "We've been playing pretty well on defense, but we just haven't had any offense. I wish I could bottle it and save it up for next time." Curry said that the team's big night at the plate might be just what the team needed to put itself back in contention. At any rate, Curry said that he likes the direction that the team is heading for as it looks forward to the rest of the season. "We're getting there," he said. "The first couple of games we had the jitters and now we're doing a lot better." Washabaugh agreed with Curry and added that the win has made it a brand new season for the CPF Os. "Now we're 2-2," he said. "We should be right in the middle of it. I'm happy to be at .500."

# Bats pick up speed as Air Mobility Command triumphs

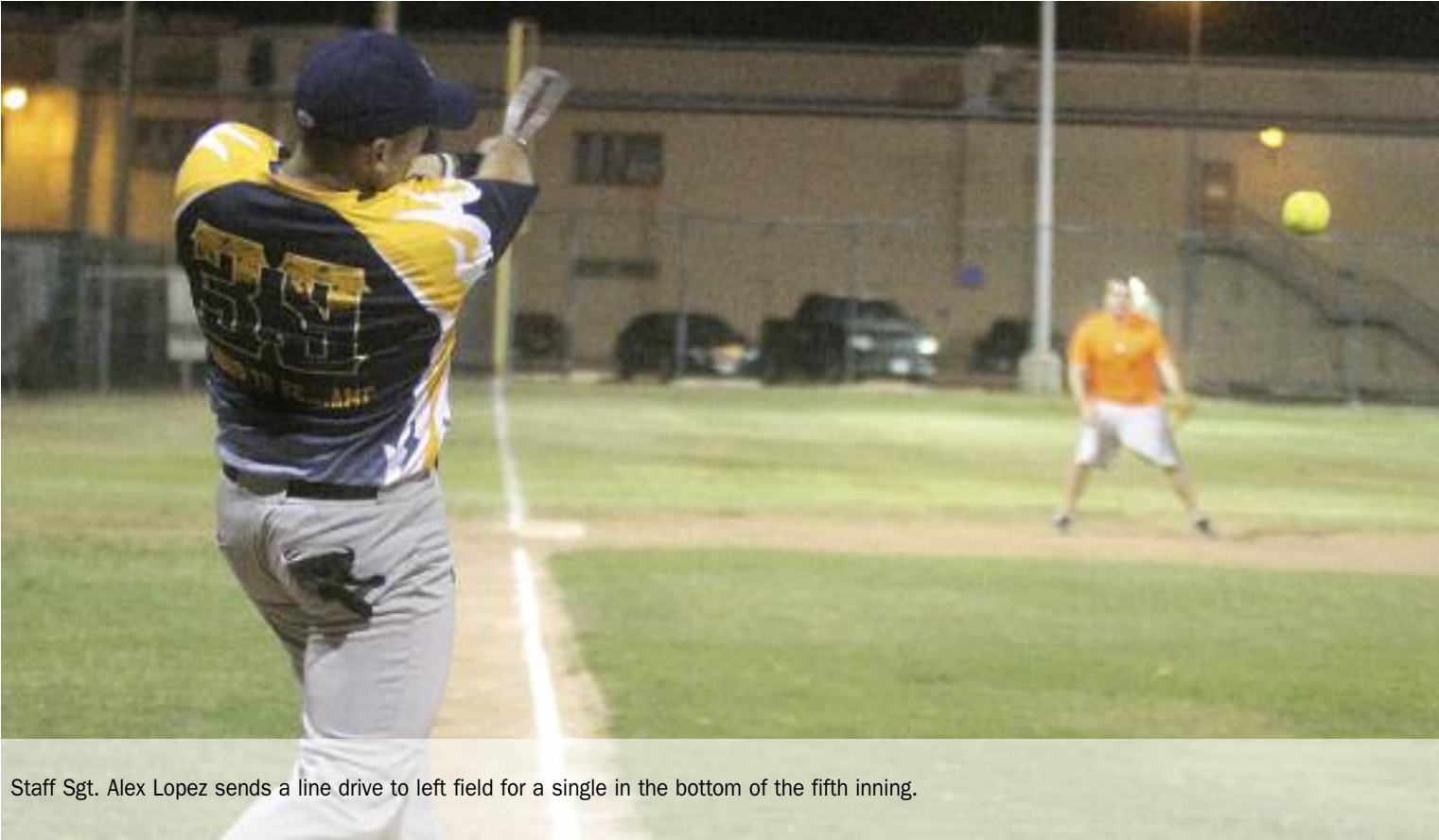
**Story and photo by  
Randy Dela Cruz**

*Sports Editor, Ho'okele*

Staff Sgt. Alex Lopez jacked two long dingers to lead the 735th Air Mobility Command (735 AMC) to a commanding 17-7 thumping of Team Law and Order on May 6 in a White Division intramural softball game at Millican Field, Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam.

Down by a score of 4-0 in the top of the first, Lopez posted the team's first run by smashing a deep fly ball over the head of the Law and Order centerfielder for an inside-the-park homer in the bottom of the frame. The shot seemed to light a fire under the 735's attack as the team went on to score a dozen runs in their next turn at-bat to take a 13-4 advantage en route to the five-inning, mercy-rule win.

The 735 maintained their grip on the division's top spot and improved their record to 5-0, while Law and Order dropped a game under .500 at 2-3. "Any hit that gets us in the ballgame, it just gets everyone going," Lopez said. "As soon as someone just starts hitting, it just ignites everyone else to hit." While Law and Order eventually fell to the heavy lumber of the 735, the team jumped out in the first inning to take a 4-0 lead. The big hit of the frame



Staff Sgt. Alex Lopez sends a line drive to left field for a single in the bottom of the fifth inning.

came off the bat of Law and Order shortstop Michael Vito, a military family member, who lined a two-run single with the bases loaded. After Lopez got the 735 on the scoreboard, Senior Master Sgt. Bryan Braga retired Law and Order without a run in the top of the second before the team's bats came alive in the bottom half. Staff Sgt. Scott Knight led off the inning with a single and was followed by first baseman Jimmie Miller, a retired Navy chief

and current Department of Defense civilian, who lined a rope to the outfield that split the defense and rolled toward the fence. The hit scored Knight with the team's second run and left Miller in scoring position at third base. "I tried to put in as much as I can anytime I'm on the field," Miller said. "If it takes me as a spark, I'm good with that." Fueled by the homer by Lopez and the triple by Miller, the 735 added four more runs before Lopez walked up to the plate with

two runners on base for his second at-bat. While the first shot by Lopez was an inside-the-park job, this time he left no doubt about where the ball would land. Lopez took a letter-high pitch and crushed a towering fly ball that easily cleared the left-field fence before striking a light pole in the parking lot for a three-run homer. "I didn't even feel it," said Lopez about the monstrous blast. "Any pitch below my chest, preferably, I like it."

The 735 went on to send seven more batters up to the plate and score four more times to take a comfortable nine-run lead. In the bottom of the third, Knight and Miller combined to drive in three more runs before the team sent everyone home for good on an RBI single by Miller in the bottom of the fifth. Miller said that although the 735 AMC usually gets out to a slow start, it isn't long before the team's bats start crushing the ball. "That's the intent," said

Miller about the 735's ability to hit the ball hard. "We had to adjust, but we just try hard." Although the going is good for the 735 right now, Lopez admitted that the team will have to go through more adjustments later in the season when several teammates are scheduled for deployment. "Unfortunately, we're losing three of our folks in June," he said. "We're trying to recruit nightshift personnel. Hope we can recruit some of those guys."

# Local commands assist Ronald McDonald Charities of Hawaii

**Don Robbins**  
*Editor, Ho'okele*

The Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam Junior Enlisted Association (JEA), the Makalapa Branch Medical First Class Petty Officer Association (FCPOA), SEAL (Sea, Air, Land) Delivery Vehicle Team One (SDTV-1) Junior Enlisted Organization (JEO) and University of Hawaii students on recently assisted the Ronald McDonald House Charities of Hawaii to help fold letters and stuff them into envelopes for a large mailing list for Mothers Day. More than 30 volunteers

participated in the letter project to send inspirational letters to mothers and let them know about the services the Ronald McDonald House provides. The joint base JEA plans to assist the Ronald McDonald House Hawaii with events and projects on a regular basis. "We are thankful to be given the opportunity to help with stuffing envelopes for Mothers Day at the Ronald McDonald Charities of Hawaii," said Quartermaster 2nd Class Caroline Fisher of JBPHH port operations, harbor control tower. Fisher is a JEA member. This is the JEA's first of

many events to come with the Ronald McDonald Charities of Hawaii, said JEA vice president Master-At-Arms 3rd Class Abrel Smith of JBPHH Security. The charity plays a vital role in the community for ill children and their families, he said. "It was only right that we play a key role in helping stuff letters to deserving mothers across the country and provide a safe, comfortable home for visiting families," Smith said. For more information on joining the JEA or future volunteer opportunities, email leland.harris@navy.mil or abrel.smith@navy.mil.



Photo courtesy of MA3 Abrel Smith

Volunteers recently assist the Ronald McDonald Charities of Hawaii by stuffing envelopes.





# Live the Great Life

## Spring craft fair takes place at joint base



Keiki competitions were a part of the craft fair festivities on May 3.

MWR Marketing photo

Reid Tokeshi

Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam  
Morale, Welfare and Recreation

The Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam Morale, Welfare and Recreation Annual Spring Craft Fair took place May 3 at the Hickam Arts & Crafts Center.

Patrons strolled through more than 100 booths of crafters, finding unique pieces locally handmade.

Woodworks, jewelry, paintings, photography, glassworks and other items were among the pop-

up tents lining the grassy area next to the center. Recognizing the holiday coming around the corner, many were offering items suited for Mother's Day gifts.

Activities for children were also featured at the 39th annual event. A safe archery booth returned from the fall fair held last year. Hula hoop competitions were held at the main stage, with winning children awarded prizes from the sales store.

The make-n-take tent was also busy with young artists taking turns creating their own little

works of art. The most popular activity for the kids was the pony rides.

The fair also included food and drink offerings from the variety of vendors. Local-style plate lunches, hot dogs, snacks and beverages and shave ice were on the menu.

Live music from the band Hulili kept the crowd entertained with their mix of pop, Hawaiian and reggae sounds.

Sommer said the next craft fair is scheduled for early November in time for holiday shopping.

## Navy offers teen summer camp scholarship program

Justin Hirai

Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam  
Morale, Welfare and Recreation

Navy Child and Youth Programs are offering a summer camp scholarship program for youth ages 13-17 years old.

Four different camps are available, which include Sailing Camp, California Adventure, Panama City Water Adventures and European Backpacking Outdoor Adventure. Applicants must complete an application by May 14.

Sailing Camp is open to ages 13-15 and will run from July 6-12 at NSA Annapolis, Md. and Washington, D.C. Selected participants will enjoy a five-day basic keelboat and sailing fundamentals course, Washington, D.C. monument tour, U.S. Naval Academy tour and other fun events. They will also acquire a U.S. Sailing's entry-level certification for basic keelboat.

The California Adventure is open to ages 14-17 and will run from July 6-18 at NAS Lemoore, San Francisco and Yosemite National Park, Calif. Youth can

participate in activities such as hiking tours and rock climbing in Yosemite, tours of the Golden Gate Bridge and Alcatraz, and a San Francisco Giants Major League Baseball game.

The Panama City Water Adventures will be open to youth ages 14-17 and run from July 13-26. Youth can earn PADI certifications by the Navy Dive School at NSA Panama City. They can also participate in local snorkeling, scalloping, deep-sea fishing, surf lessons and a trip to Disney World in Orlando, Fla.

The European Backpacking Outdoor Adventure is open to youth ages 15-17 and will run from July 14-27 in Barcelona, Spain; Chamonix, France; and Interlaken, Switzerland. While there, youth will be able to kayak, paddle board, snorkel, white water raft, rock/ice climb and hike, all while backpacking through Europe.

For more information and an application form, visit [www.greatlifehawaii.com](http://www.greatlifehawaii.com) and click on the Navy Teen Summer Camp Scholarship Program banner on the website homepage.

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**Memorial Day Intramural Softball Tournament Registration** ends today. The tournament is scheduled for May 23 through May 26 and is open to active-duty, family members 18 years and older, and Department of Defense civilians assigned to Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam. Trophies will be awarded to individuals on first-place teams. The registration fee is \$200 per team. FMI: 473-2494 or 473-2437.

**Machine Quilting: Honu (Turtle) Quilt class** will be held from 9 a.m. to noon every Saturday from May 10 through May 31 at the Hickam Arts & Crafts Center. Students can learn how to cut fabric and assemble the pattern while learning quilting tips and how to complete a quilt from start to finish. Tuition is \$100. FMI: 448-9907.

**Library Know-How** will begin at 2 p.m. Saturday at the Hickam Library. This free class will cover how to use the online catalog and the Dewey Decimal system and will

include demonstrations of available online resources. FMI: 449-8299.

**Portrait Drawing and Painting class** will be held from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. every Saturday from May 10 through May 24 and on May 30 at the Hickam Arts & Crafts Center. Students can learn how to draw portraits from subjects in real life and from photographs. Tuition is \$60. FMI: 448-9907.

**Youth Adventure Sports Registration** period will open May 12 and close June 2. The summer session for youth ages 12-15 years old runs June through August with surfing, hiking, biking, paddleboarding and kayaking adventures. The fee is \$120. Registration is available at [www.greatlifehawaii.com](http://www.greatlifehawaii.com). FMI: 473-0789.

**Fashion Illustration class** will be held from 3:45 to 5:15 p.m. every Monday from May 12 through June 16 at the Hickam Arts & Crafts Center for youth ages 12 years and

older. Fundamentals such as proportion, form, anatomical exaggerations and gesture are covered. Basic sketching and painting experience is a plus but is not required. Tuition is \$65. FMI: 448-9907.

**Beginning Adult Watercolor class** will be held from 6 to 8 p.m. every Tuesday from May 13 through June 17 at the Hickam Arts & Crafts Center. Students can learn how to use and apply basic tools, techniques and procedures of watercolor to compose and paint pictures. Tuition is \$70. FMI: 448-9907.

**Preschool Story Time** will be held from 9 to 10 a.m. May 14 at the Hickam Library. The theme of this free program is "House and Home." FMI: 449-8299.

**Moonlight Paddle at Hickam Harbor** will begin at 8 p.m. May 14. Participants of all paddling

abilities are welcome. The trip will be led by Hickam Harbor's Outdoor Recreation staff and includes all required gear. The cost is \$25, and the sign-up deadline is May 11. FMI: 449-5215.

**Kids' Book Club** for fourth and fifth graders will begin at 2 p.m. May 14 at the Hickam Library. Books selected for discussion are available at the library to borrow. FMI: 449-8299.

**Patriot Tour** will be held from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. May 15 with visits to the USS Arizona Memorial, the USS Utah Memorial, the USS Oklahoma Memorial and the Navy Club Memorial on Ford Island and the National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific. The guided tour will be led by a historian from Information, Tickets & Travel and will include a buffet lunch. FMI: 448-2295.



# Military helps with beach cleanup



More than 50 volunteers from U.S. Pacific Command, Joint Intel Ops Center (PACOM JIOC) participate in a beach cleanup from “Dog Beach” to the Ahua Reef restored wetlands held May 2 at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam. The nearly mile-long Ahua Reef beach shoreline along the coast of Oahu provides a refuge for rare wetland plants and animals.

U.S. Navy photos by MC1 Daniel Barker





# Hawaii schools participate in SeaPerch Underwater Robotics competition

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Students from elementary and middle schools participated in the 2014 Hawaii State SeaPerch Robotics competition May 3 at U.S. Coast Guard Base Honolulu on Sand Island.

Hosted by the U.S. Coast Guard, the robotics competition was co-sponsored by the Pearl Harbor Naval Shipyard (PHNSY), the Space and Naval Warfare Systems Command (SPAWAR), the Hawaii Department of Education (DOE) and the Armed Forces Communications & Electronics Association (AFCEA) Hawaii.

SeaPerch is an innovative underwater robotics program that equips teachers and students with the resources they need to build an underwater remote-operated vehicle (ROV) that provides science, technology, engineering and math (STEM) concepts throughout the project.

“We’ve been doing this for about four years. For the first two years, all we did was build robots with a very small group of kids participating,” said Cmdr. Bryan Dailey, deputy director of Joint Interagency Task Force West and organizer of the event.

“Last year, we actually said okay, we’re going to not focus on building the robot so much, but we are going to announce a competition. Once we announced the competition, all of a sudden we’ve grown from four robots to 17 robots and 13 schools in one year.”

“Kids are competitive; we have 32 robots and 17 schools participating this year. We’ve almost doubled in size,” Dailey added.

With very little adult-direct assistance, students built the robots themselves by soldering circuit boards, waterproofing the engines, wiring and testing while mentors provided guidance and safety.

“This is the first time for our students to compete in SeaPerch,” said Cathy Callejo, robotics coach at Pearl Harbor Kai Elementary School. “Building was the most exciting and the students were inspired to use the tools.”

This year’s competition featured two challenging underwater events consisting of the “obstacle course” where teams navigate their ROV through large rings and the “heist course” where the teams’ ROVs pick up weights from the bottom of the pool, attempt to manipulate a simple latch to open a door on a mesh vault wall, then carry the weight through the door within five minutes.

While competitors maneuver their ROVs from the pool deck, Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam (JBPHH) Navy divers assigned to Mobile Diving and Salvage Unit 1 (MDSU1) and Pearl Harbor Naval Shipyard volunteered and spent the whole day underwater to reset obstacles, helping robots out of the pool and evaluated the robots’ performance.

In addition to the underwater events, a poster and video presentation were displayed and judged at the banquet area of Club 14 at the U.S. Coast Guard base.

Overall, coming together as a community and as a team provided a successful learning experience among students.

“I’ve learned to trust my teammates and robotics is a lot of fun. While we are enjoying ourselves, we are not only learning and gaining experience, we are also getting a better understanding,” said Brandon Evans, eighth grader at Ewa Makai Middle School.

“I like building the ROV the most because it’s a really fun experience to cut all the PVC pipes and put it together, assemble it and do trial and error until it gets to do what it needs to do,” said Evan Cavender, a student at Iroquois Elementary School.

Through engineering concepts, problem solving, teamwork and technical applications, students have the opportunity to learn about robotics as part of a science and engineering technology curriculum.

“SeaPerch is a gateway, an initial introduction to a lot of engineering principles. You want to get kids motivated and interested in it, which gives them an outlet to the creative work they put into their robot,” said Dailey.

For more information about Hawaii SeaPerch, visit <http://seaperch-hawaii.org/>.



Teams from elementary and middle schools navigate their underwater remotely operated vehicles (ROV) through an obstacle course held May 3 during the SeaPerch robotics competition at the U.S. Coast Guard base at Sand Island. The competition was hosted by the U.S. Coast Guard and co-sponsored by the Pearl Harbor Naval Shipyard, SPAWAR, Hawaii Department of Education and AFCEA.





Brig. Gen. Dennis Doyle (left), commanding general of Pacific Regional Medical Command (PRMC) and Tripler Army Medical Center (TAMC), stands with Col. Jennifer Bedick (right), regional nurse executive for PRMC and deputy commander for nursing at TAMC, to cut the ceremonial ribbon at the TAMC National Nurses Week kickoff event May 6.

## Tripler honors nurses with weeklong celebration

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Tripler Army Medical Center (TAMC) celebrates National Nurses Week this week, an annual week-long celebration which began May 6 and ends May 12, where the hard work and dedication of all nursing professionals is honored.

Brig. Gen. Dennis Doyle, commanding general for Pacific Regional Medical Command and TAMC, kicked off the celebration with a ribbon cutting and provided some words of appreciation for all attending.

“From the bottom of the collective hearts of the Tripler *ohana* and the Pacific Region, I want to thank you for what you do and encourage you to keep doing it,” he said.

This year’s theme, “Nurses: Leading the Way,” recognized nurses in all their leadership roles, from boardroom to bedside, private practice to Army medical centers.

“Selfless service encompasses (definitive healing) by sustaining the fighting force, their families and retirees,” said 2nd Lt. Nathan Cox, staff nurse in medical telemetry.

In honor of all nursing personnel, TAMC will hold numerous events such as a night shift pizza party, fun run/walk, scavenger hunts, various continuing education and case studies, and ending with an ice cream social.

## Blood drive schedule updated

Tripler Army Medical Center Blood Donor Center has updated its schedule of upcoming blood drives as part of the Armed Services Blood Donor Program (ASBP).

Currently scheduled drives include:

- **Today**, 7:30 a.m. to noon, Pearl Harbor Naval Shipyard, building 2, Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam.
- **May 15**, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., SEAL (Sea Air Land) Division Team-1 SDVT-1 classrooms.
- **May 19**, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., Club 14, U.S. Coast Guard Sector Honolulu, Sand Island.
- **May 20**, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., oceanside lobby, Tripler Army Medical Center.
- **May 21**, 8 a.m. to 3 p.m., blood donor center, room 2A207, Tripler Army Medical Center.
- **May 22**, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., Hickam BX, building 1235, Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam.

For more information, call 433-6699 or 433-6148 or email [michelle.lele@amedd.army.mil](mailto:michelle.lele@amedd.army.mil). Check [www.militaryblood.dod.mil](http://www.militaryblood.dod.mil) for the latest information.

## Bellows Air Force Station to host free movies in May

**Bellows Air Force Station**

Bellows Air Force Station will host free movies with popcorn on Mondays and Wednesdays beginning at 4 p.m. at Turtle Cove.

The schedule includes:

- May 12, “Captain Phillips” (PG-13).
- May 14, “Frozen” (PG).
- May 19, “Grudge Match” (PG-13).
- May 21, “The Hunger Games: Catching Fire” (PG-13).
- May 26, “Saving Mr. Banks” (PG-13).
- May 28, “Walking with Dinosaurs” (PG).

In addition, a movie under the stars featuring Disney’s “Frozen” will be held at 7:30 p.m. May 30 on the lawn behind Turtle Cove. The event will feature free popcorn and ice pops while supplies last. Snacks will be available for purchase. Participants can bring blankets.

For more information, call 259-4112 or visit [www.bellows.afs.com](http://www.bellows.afs.com).

