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Naval District Washington honors Battle of Midway anniversary

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Sailors, Marines, Coast Guardsmen and World War II veterans commemorated the 72nd anniversary of the Battle of Midway during a ceremony held June 4 at the Navy Memorial in Washington, D.C.

Chief of Naval Operations Adm. Jonathan Greenert issued a Navy-wide proclamation declaring June 4 Battle of Midway Commemoration Day and invited commanders around the world to take part in celebrations honoring the event and the veterans who served.

The battle marked what is considered the turning point in the Pacific theater of World War II when only seven months after Pearl Harbor, the outnumbered and outgunned American fleet halted the Japanese advancement across the Pacific Ocean.

“In the midst of so many losses, it is no wonder that President Roosevelt became frustrated with the lack of any early naval victory,” said Vice Chief of Naval Operations Adm. Mark Ferguson at the ceremony. “He had had enough of defeat.”

Following the American victory at the Battle of the Coral Sea, the Japanese targeted Midway and sought to destroy the American fleet there. Naval intelligence broke the Japanese code and then sent out the message, “Many planes, heading Midway” as U.S. forces prepared for the coming attack, which took place June 4-7, 1942.

“It was a tremendous weight these men carried

with them the night of June 3, 1942,” Ferguson said of the gathered veterans. “They carried the burdens of loss over six months, of wars raging off our own shores of America, and of a nation facing sacrifices at home.”

On the morning of June 4, Japanese aircraft attacked the island, and U.S. Marine Corps fighter pilots, combined with anti-aircraft fire, mitigated damage but took heavy losses to aircraft and crews. Torpedo and bomber aircraft attacked the now-discovered U.S. carriers, inflicting heavy damage against the USS Yorktown, which stubbornly refused to sink. Air groups from the Yorktown and USS Enterprise bombed the Japanese carriers, destroying three of the four carriers within minutes.

Torpedo planes from the remaining carrier found the Yorktown once again and inflicted heavier damage as the crew abandoned ship. The ship still stayed afloat until June 7 when a Japanese submarine finally destroyed it. Meanwhile, American air crews located and destroyed the fourth Japanese carrier as well as a heavy cruiser.

The attack effectively halted the seemingly unstoppable Japanese advance across the Pacific and changed the course of the war.

“Fortunately as history has shown, in our darkest hours, leaders emerge,” Ferguson said. “The victory at Midway teaches us many things—preparation, decisive action, the power of intelligence, trust in commanders, and, of course, the necessity of good fortune.”

Ferguson joined leaders



U.S. Navy photo by MC2 Pedro A. Rodriguez

(Left to right): Battle of Midway veteran retired Cmdr. Ellis Skidmore talks to Vice Chief of Naval Operations Adm. Mark Ferguson on June 4 at the Navy Memorial during a commemoration of the 72nd anniversary of the Battle of Midway.

from the U.S. Marine Corps and U.S. Coast Guard in laying a wreath at the Navy Memorial and honoring six veterans who were in attendance 72 years after the Battle of Midway, whom Ferguson called “living history.”

“Today, we gather again to honor these veterans and remind ourselves of our own capacity for greatness,” Ferguson said. “We honor those who took the risk to launch the attack, those who fought on despite the odds from their ships and the island of Midway, those who flew on when their fuel gauges were low, those who attacked without regard for their own personal safety and knowing they would not likely survive, those who risked their lives to save their shipmates, and those who never came home.”



Retired Chief Gunner's Mate Henry Kudzik, a Battle of Midway veteran, renders a salute during a wreath-laying ceremony at the at the Navy Memorial to commemorate the 72nd anniversary of the Battle of Midway.

Battle of Midway anniversary

U.S. Navy photo by MC1 Tim Comerford



A sea of white uniforms greets visitors to the Navy Memorial in Washington, D.C as Sailors gather to celebrate the 72nd anniversary of the Battle of Midway. The celebration held host to Marines, Navy, and Coast Guard service members, Midway veterans and a gathered crowd of onlookers.

Navy receives eight 2014 Historic Hawaii Foundation Awards



The new National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration Daniel K. Inouye Regional Center was blessed and dedicated on Dec. 16, 2013.

Story and photo by
Denise Emsley

Naval Facilities
Engineering
Command Hawaii

The Navy in Hawaii won eight 2014 Historic Preservation Honor Awards at the

40th Anniversary celebration held May 30 at Dole Cannery Square, Honolulu.

“We are very pleased to be recognized for our efforts in preserving important historic elements that are located throughout Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam (JBPHH),” said Capt. Jef-

frey W. James, commander JBPHH.

“The Navy and Air Force understand its responsibility and the need to continue to work closely with our historic partners, making sure future generations have the means to appreciate what happened here in the past.”

The special event included a dinner, the celebration of Historic Hawaii Foundation's 40th anniversary, and the presentation of numerous preservation honor awards which have been given annually since 1975. The awards are Hawaii's highest recogni-

tion for preservation, rehabilitation, restoration or interpretation of the state's architectural, archeological and cultural heritage.

The Navy received honors in three of Historic Hawaii Foundation's award categories.

Preservation Honor awards were presented for:

- Center of Excellence, building 76 rehabilitation, Ford Island.
- Building 155 rehabilitation, Pearl Harbor Naval Shipyard and Intermediate Maintenance Facility.
- Preservation Commendations awards were presented for:
 - Fort Kamehameha Historic American Landscape Survey/Cultural Landscape Report, Hickam.
 - Fort Kamehameha Trail Plan, Hickam.
 - Building 1102H phase two rehabilitation, Hickam.
 - Building 1102H Cultural Landscape Re-

port/Tree Protection Plan, Hickam.

- JBPHH Area Development Plans/Installation Master Plan.

Under Citation for New Construction:

- National Oceanographic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) Inouye Regional Center New Addition & Adaptive Use, Ford Island.

“I would like to thank the many individuals from various commands at JBPHH who work the historic process when projects are considered, planned and executed,” said James. “However, there is one small, special group of five architects from Naval Facilities Engineering Command Hawaii's Historic Preservation Division who live and breathe historic preservation actions on a daily basis I would especially like to congratulate. It is through their committed actions that we received these eight awards this year.”

Commentary

Information dominance led to victory at Midway

Adm. Harry B. Harris Jr.

Commander, U.S. Pacific Fleet

(Editor's note: Last week's commentary focused on the shipyard's role in the Battle of Midway. This week, we offer an excerpt of a speech by Adm. Harry B. Harris Jr., commander, U.S. Pacific Fleet, to the joint Pacific Fleet Intelligence and Information Operations team. His speech, delivered this morning at U.S. Pacific Fleet headquarters, focuses on the role of information dominance.)

In the decade before Pearl Harbor, our nation cast a wary eye to the west.



Adm. Harry B. Harris Jr.

As we studied the signposts, we watched with great concern the militaris-

tic rise of Imperial Japan. In 1940 we relocated the Pacific fleet from California to Hawaii, a move designed to give pause to a potential adversary — last century's rebalance to the Pacific.

Even so, on Dec. 7, 1941 the United States was strategically surprised when carrier-based aircraft of the Imperial Japanese Navy dealt an almost crippling blow to the fleet.

And brave men and women from across our country answered the clarion call to arms. They rose up to defend our nation and fought to victory. But it wasn't just the warriors who took to the skies or the warriors who sailed on or beneath the seas; [it was

also your] predecessors — men like Joe Rochefort, Edwin Layton, Jasper Holmes, 'Mac' Showers and others in the intelligence and cryptologic community, who worked diligently to study and ultimately break the Imperial Japanese Navy code.

It was a seemingly impossible task — to gather the right information, to making sense of it and to get that information to commanders so they could make the right battle plans.

The Battle of Midway was the turning point in the war, the first important step as we pushed across the Pacific and toward victory in Japan.

Over the preceding

decades, since our victory in Japan, the United States has become the indispensable nation, deploying the might of our naval forces abroad, committed to regional stability and security for peace and economic prosperity.

Now we often hear that those who fail to learn from history are doomed to repeat it. Those who survived Pearl Harbor have warned us with their motto, "Remember Pearl Harbor... Keep America alert... Eternal vigilance is the price of liberty."

In peacetime we can use [decision superiority] to our advantage, to win the fight without fighting; and in times of war, well, we can use it to get the information,

the forecasts, and the assessments we need to fight and win decisively.

Winston Churchill once commented that, "To every man there comes a time in his lifetime when he is tapped on the shoulder and offered the chance to do a very special thing unique and fitting to his talents. What a tragedy if that moment finds him unprepared for the work that would be his finest hour."

When fate tapped the men of Station Hypo on the shoulder in the early months of 1942, they were found more than ready for the task and I, for one, am thankful for all that they did for our nation and for the world.

Diverse Views



If you were stranded on a deserted island with one other person, who would you want that person to be and why?

Lt. j.g. Elliot Hoy
USS Paul Hamilton (DDG 60)

"The Genie from Aladdin so I could wish myself off...and be a prince."



Machel Terrell
15th Wing

"My husband, Lt. Col. Vincent Terrell. He is smart, resourceful and knows how to comfort me when necessary. Last but certainly not least, he is the love of my life and there is nobody else I'd rather be stranded with on a desert island."

BM3 Zachary Fraser
USS Paul Hamilton (DDG 60)

"Bear Grylls. His camera crew definitely has granola bars and food I could eat."



GM1 Damian Urias
USS Paul Hamilton (DDG 60)

"The professor off of Gilligan's Island. He's always going to be trying to get me off of the island."

Tech. Sgt. Tyler Casper
647th Security Forces Squadron

"My wife. Even if we don't have the best skills, we'll be in paradise together."



SN Zachary Kindrick
USS Paul Hamilton (DDG 60)

"Charlie Sheen because he's got Tiger Blood."

FC2 Jonathan Palisoc
USS Paul Hamilton (DDG 60)

"My sister. She always makes everything in my life better."



STG1 William Gillum
USS Paul Hamilton (DDG 60)



"STG1 Waters, FC1 Morris, and GM1 Urias because we could fashion together some cornhole boards and at least have a party."

(Provided by Ensign Ashleigh Share and David D. Underwood Jr.)

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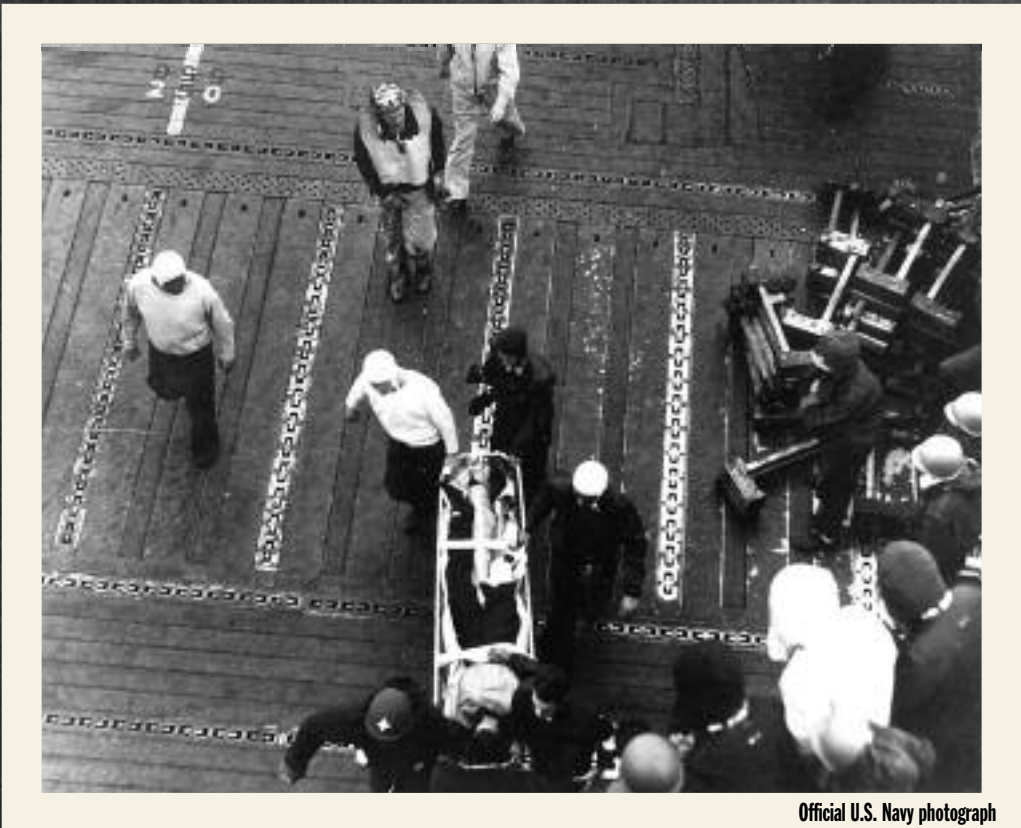
Battle of Midway commemoration ceremony wreath laying



U.S. Navy photo by Shawn Miller

Vice Chief of Naval Operations Adm. Mark Ferguson lays a wreath June 4 at the Navy Memorial to commemorate the 72nd anniversary of the Battle of Midway. The Battle of Midway was the turning point in the Pacific theater of World War II and set the stage for the United States victory over Japan.

Battle of Midway took place June 1942



Official U.S. Navy photograph

Aviation Ordnanceman Second Class Clifton R. Bassett of Bombing Squadron Three (VB-3) is carried from the flight deck of USS Enterprise (CV-6) on June 4, 1942 during the Battle of Midway. The battle took place 72 years ago this week. Bassett had been wounded by Japanese aircraft while VB-3 was attacking Hiryu. Bassett was radioman/gunner of the SBD "Dauntless" scout-bomber flown by Ensign Bunyan R. Cooner, USNR, seen here at top center wearing an inflatable life jacket. The photograph is showing the area forward from the carrier's island. Flight deck details, including wooden decking, metal tie-down strips, palisade and flight deck distance markings can be seen in the photo. Aircraft wheel chocks are piled at the right.



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Navy is ‘spiritually’ along for Hokule‘a voyage

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After a stop at Hilo on the Big Island of Hawaii, members of the Polynesian Voyaging Society this past Friday began their journey around the world.

The first long leg of their trip aboard two Hawaiian voyaging canoes, Hokule'a and Hikianalia, is to Tahiti. The voyagers plan to not use modern instruments — no maps, sextants, clocks or GPS, only the sun, moon, waves, wind, sea life, and stars." No Harrison's chronometer.

Hokule'a was envisioned

by legendary artist Herb Kane, and voyages today were inspired by wayfinder and master navigator Mau Piailug and heroic Eddie Aikau, among others.

From Hokulea.com: "Our Hawaiian voyaging canoes are sailing across Earth's oceans to join the global movement toward a more sustainable future. Traveling through 47,000 nautical miles of Earth's oceans and visiting 26 countries, Hokule'a carries a message of *malama honua* (caring for island Earth and each other)."

Again from Hokulea.com: "As we voyage, we bring together tradition and technology, timeless values and

new visions, and the next generation of leaders that can build hopeful solutions for island Earth's and Hawaii's future."

The U.S. Navy is spiritually part of the journey. Sailors homeported in Pearl Harbor have worked with the Polynesian Voyaging Society over many years. They have helped refurbish canoes, offered advice on the dangers voyagers might face, and provided search-and-rescue training to navigators and sailors.

The Navy shares some of the same interests: a sustainable future, environmental stewardship, love for the ocean, cooperation and partnership-building,



Honolulu Star-Advertiser file photo

Nainoa Thompson, about to navigate the Hokule'a on a 1978 voyage to Tahiti, prepared by studying weather charts with Navy Lt. Bill Karch.

STEM and leadership through empowering the next generation.

On land, people around the world, especially young people in classrooms, can

witness how Hokule'a and Hikianalia navigate and follow the journey through the Web and via social media, including Facebook.

"That piece about the

navigation to me, it teaches perseverance," said master navigator Nainoa Thompson. "It teaches young people to be willing to take risks to train and prepare, to find their destination. It helps understand the power of vision, and it makes people work together. It teaches leadership."

(Editor's note: A version of this commentary is part of an extended review of "Longitude." Read the complete post, "L'Attitude on 'Longitude' & Sailing Island Earth," at <http://navyreads.blogspot.com>. Navy Reads is a blog supporting reading, critical thinking, the CNO's professional reading program and related books.)

Military student valedictorians excel in Hawaii public schools

David Tom

Navy Region Hawaii School
Liaison Officer

"Somewhere over the rainbow skies are blue, and the dreams that you dare to dream really do come true" from "Somewhere Over The Rainbow" describes the accomplishments of four military student valedictorians whose fathers are assigned to units at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam.

Corey Snider, Samantha Peterson and Jessica Womack graduated from Radford High School (HS), and Kayla Heard graduated from Campbell High School. Despite the many moves, changing of schools, and adjusting to new cultures/environments, they all excelled and had some advice to offer to newly arriving military students.

Snider moved to Hawaii in the eighth grade school year and has attended schools in Washington State, Japan, Virginia and Hawaii.

"My main concern prior to coming to Hawaii was the education rigor—that it would be less than Virginia. However, I found that Radford has a lot of opportunities to succeed. I was able to take a lot of advance placement (AP)



(Left) Kayla Heard is a 2014 valedictorian at Campbell High School.



Photos courtesy of Radford High School

(Left to right) Corey Snider, Samantha Womack and Samantha Peterson are 2014 valedictorians at Radford High School.

classes and participate in sports at Radford," Snider said.

He will attend Tufts University in Massachusetts to major in civil engineering and eventually he would like to become an architect. "Make friends, pursue opportunities, and follow what you are passionate about," Snider advised.

Heard attended Campbell High School for all four years. She came to Hawaii from New Jersey and had heard that the schools in Hawaii weren't good. She said she found the opposite to be true.

"Coming in, it was a culture

shock. Everything was so different coming from the mainland. But I really fell in love with this place, the people and the culture," Heard noted.

"I was able to take many AP classes, and I will be attending Vanderbilt University and double major in neuroscience and psychology. I want to eventually go to medical school to be a psychiatrist."

She offered advice to fellow students. "Seek out the many opportunities. If you don't like Spam, you'll learn to like it," she said.

Unlike Snider and Heard, Peterson transitioned to Radford in the second quarter of her 10th grade year.

"Prior to coming here, I was worried about the level I would be challenged at in school. But I found that I was challenged at Radford, able to take AP courses and really enjoying it," Peterson said.

"Take every opportunity offered, like sports and AP classes. It will be huge challenge but worth it," she said. After graduation, Peterson plans to get a job

and attend Brigham Young University Hawaii.

Womack moved to Hawaii prior to starting her senior year after three years at the same Florida high school. She was also attending her 10th school since kindergarten. She and her parents discussed attending private school in Hawaii but decided to stick with Radford.

Looking back, Womack remembered, "It (Radford) wasn't anything like I expected. It's been a unique experience and one of the most diverse schools I've ever been at. I was president of the student transition program at my last school in Florida and found that Radford's transition program is by far the most developed transition program I've ever experienced."

She has been accepted at Duke and Clemson Universities and is waiting to hear from Emory University. Womack offered the following advice to newly arriving military students: "Don't change your goals. Anything is possible no matter where you are."

Four military students—all with different yet similar education and life experiences in Hawaii—they are valedictorians for the class of 2014.

Pearl Harbor-Hickam*Highlights*

Members of the United Japanese Society of Hawaii and Noboru Hayase welcome the Japan Maritime Self-Defense Force training squadron ship JS Kashima (TV 3508) as it arrives at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam on June 3.

U.S. Navy photo by MC2 Laurie Dexter



Senior Airman Riley Longbrake, assigned to 647th Civil Engineers Squadron, donates blood during the Armed Services Blood Program blood drive held May 22 at the Hickam Base Exchange, Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam.

U.S. Navy photo by David Underwood Jr.

Adm. Harry Harris Jr. (left front), commander of U.S. Pacific Fleet, walks with Rear Adm. Hideki Yuasa, commander of the Japan Training Squadron, aboard the Japanese training ship JS Kashima (TV 3508), during its June 3 port visit to Pearl Harbor. While aboard, Harris spoke with junior officers about building relationships and trust with other nations and provided advice he learned throughout his career. Kashima is in Hawaii June 3-6 with JS Asagiri (TV 3516) and JS Setoyuki (TV 3518) during their overseas training cruise.

U.S. Navy photo by MC1 David Kolmel



The Japan Maritime Self-Defense Force training squadron ship JS Kashima (TV 3508) arrives at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam on June 3.

U.S. Navy photo by Danielle Jones

Fed Fire, Honolulu Fire team up at start of wildfire season

Anna Marie General
Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam Public Affairs

With the end of the rainy season in Hawaii and beginning of summer, the chiefs of the Federal Fire Department (FFD) and Honolulu Fire Department (HFD) met May 29 to provide wildfire prevention tips to the public, discuss overall cooperation between FFD and HFD, and show how the two departments fight fires as a team.

Wildfire season started June 1.

Fletcher Dahman, regional fire chief of the Federal Fire Department, gave advice on how to protect homes from grass fire as temperatures begin to rise in Hawaii.

“We want you to create what we call a defensible space,” said Dahman. “For those of us who are in close

house proximity to our neighbors, anything 10 to 15 feet is ideal. This needs to go away if you’ve got it. Anything around a propane, a barbecue, obviously we need you to clear that as much as you can. Dry leaves, any dead branches that may extend to the top of your house, those need to go away.”

Manny Neves, Honolulu Fire Department chief, asked for public awareness and vigilance.

“Most of our fires are started by human activity, usually accidental and in some cases we’ve seen a lot of malicious intent as far as starting our fires,” Neves said.

“So when you are in and about the wild land, be careful when using smoking materials, lighters and matches. Also talk to your children about that as well.”

“As far as the malicious intent, we have to be vigi-

lant in our community and if you see any suspicious activity, report that to the police by calling 911,” he added.

Under a signed agreement, fighting fires is a team effort for FFD and HFD. Both departments are often called upon to respond at the same time.

“Our dispatch centers are the first line of defense. Once one of them calls the other under the mutual aid agreement that we have in place, we become a unified command,” Dahman said. “We will respond together, and their team and my team have just seamlessly worked together on many incidents.”

Firefighters are frequently the first responders, but the two fire chiefs encouraged everyone to take responsibility and help protect homes, property and the community from wildfire.



Photo by Angela Sanders, Federal Fire Department

Ron Mizutani of KHON (FOX) 2’s Wake Up 2Dday discusses wildfire prevention with Fletcher Dahman, Federal Fire Department regional chief, and Manny Neves, Honolulu Fire Department chief on the May 29th Navy news segment on the television program.

Col. Roscoe gets ‘paws’ative reinforcement at 647th Security Forces Squadron



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

Col. Johnny Roscoe, 15th Wing commander, visits the 647th Security Forces Squadron military working dogs section at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, May 21. Roscoe experienced firsthand the power of a K-9 take down. With their powerful sense of smell, military working dogs can detect illegal and dangerous substances including drugs and bombs. Additionally, their strength can help their human partners detain criminals.



Elective surgery for Airmen requires prior approval

Staff Sgt. Alexander Martinez

15th Wing Public Affairs

Are you an Airman seeking a nip here or tuck there? Not so fast—the Air Force has rules and regulations that govern off-base elective surgery.

“Airmen should know that while it’s not prohibited to get elective surgery, they must follow the proper approval process,” said Chief Master Sgt. James Smith, 15th Wing command chief. “This keeps them safe and ensures there are no negative impacts on their mission or workplace.”

According to AFI 44-102 section 6.2, “Elective surgery on active duty members performed off-base and not coordinated or approved by the medical treatment facility (MTF)/Tricare (such as surgery at the member’s expense), is prohibited without prior written approval of the member’s squadron commander and the MTF/CC.”

Examples of elective surgeries include, but are not limited to, breast augmentation or reduction, other cosmetic surgeries, or laser eye surgery performed by a non-military provider. Surgical procedures for weight reduction are not authorized.

For active-duty Airmen, it is prohibited to get elective surgery without following the approval process. There are several signatures on the 15th Medical Group’s checklist that are

required for approval. The process starts with setting up an appointment with a primary care manager and then going to the benefits counselor (BCAC) for a required counseling.

An important part of the request packet produced by the BCAC involves a letter to the Airman’s surgeon. This letter allows the commander to know the potential duty impacts of the surgery, but does not list the type of surgery being performed.

Once cleared by a PCM and BCAC, the request must be approved by the requestor’s squadron commander and further approved by the medical group commander or equivalent medical treatment facility commander.

Airmen must pay for their own elective surgery. In addition, annual leave, not convalescent leave, must be taken for the recovery time.

Any elective surgery within six months of retirement, separation or discharge requires Air Force Personnel Center approval.

“What it all comes down to is integrity,” Smith said. “We all need to be aware of the right way to do things and, in this case, there is a clear process that must be followed in order to avoid any negative repercussions.”

More information on elective surgeries can be found in Air Force Instruction 44-102 Medical Care Management, or call 448-6125.

96th Air Refueling Squadron change of command



U.S. Air Force photo by David Underwood Jr.

Lt. Col. Jason Work, 96th Air Refueling Squadron (ARS) commander, takes the guidon from Col. Michael Merritt, 15th Operations Group commander, during the 96th ARS squadron change of command ceremony May 22 on the flightline at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam.

It’s time to register to vote

Lt. Cmdr. Jason Ayeroff

*Navy Region Hawaii
Voting Assistance Officer*

June 30 to July 7 is Armed Forces and Overseas Citizens Voters Week. The Nov. 4 general election is quickly approaching, so now is the time to register to vote. Voting is one of the fundamental rights enjoyed by all of us, and it is a freedom that we all defend.

All personnel and their family members who want to register to vote absentee in their home state can complete a Federal Post Card Application (FPCA) online at www.FVAP.gov. For those who require addi-

tional assistance, please contact the region voting assistance officer.

The following three additional resources can also provide helpful information:

- Voting assistance by state: <http://www.fvap.gov/map.html>.
- Federal write-in absentee ballot (SF 186): <http://www.fvap.gov/resources/media/fwab.pdf>.
- Voter Registration and Absentee Ballot Request (SF 76): <http://www.fvap.gov/resources/media/fpca.pdf>.

For more information, contact Lt. Cmdr. Jason Ayeroff, Navy Region Hawaii voting assistance officer at 473-1793.

Mulch bioreactor to be installed at joint base

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*Naval Facilities Engineering
Command Hawaii*

From June through September, a Naval Facilities Engineering Command (NAVFAC) Hawaii contractor will install a permeable mulch bioreactor on Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam (JBPHH) at the Mamala Bay Golf Course, Hickam side.

“The bioreactor will accelerate bioremediation efforts affecting the breakdown of the chlorinated solvents and dioxins in the soil,” said Kelly Akamine, Naval Facilities Engineering Command (NAVFAC) Hawaii remedial project manager. “When completed, the underground treatment system will interact with the material to be remediated.”

This action is necessary due to what is contained in an old military landfill site located within the current Mamala Bay Golf Course between the Honolulu International Airport’s reef runway and runway 26R.

The landfill operated from the late 1940s to 1965 and received up to 55,000 tons of waste annually, primarily composed of building materials and municipal waste. However, some hazardous substances have been identified in the landfill, such as chlorinated solvents which need special remedial treatment.

NAVFAC Hawaii has coordinated the installation of the bioreactor with golf course personnel. All clean soil excavated at the site will remain within the golf course boundaries and used as top soil covering the facility.

Precautions will be taken to ensure the safety of the golfers as well as the contractors during the installation of the system from typical construction activities as well as any stray flying golf balls.

The bioreactor will operate with clean mulch brought on-site. To avoid any infestation of the coconut rhinoceros beetle present in the area, the mulch layer shall be immediately covered by the next layer of the bioreactor system. The contractor’s vehicles traveling to and from the site will be swept to prevent any accidental movement of beetles from the golf course.

Work is estimated to occur during the week and not on weekends between the months of June and September.

“Once the bioreactor has been installed, golfers and course visitors will only see a mound of grass with a control shed and solar panels next to it,” said Akamine. “The solar panels will provide energy for the bioreactor which is a self-sustaining system.”

It is anticipated that the bioreactor will begin operations in September.



(Above left): Rear Adm. Rick Williams, commander, Navy Region Hawaii and Naval Surface Group Middle Pacific, gives a speech to commemorate the 72nd anniversary of the Battle of Midway. (Above right): Michael Carr, president and chief operating officer, USS Missouri Memorial Association; Jim Taylor, Pearl Harbor survivors' liasion; Ray Emory, president emeritus of the National Chief Petty Officer's Association; Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam Command Master Chief Brian Ortega; and Capt. Eric Weilenman, chief of staff, Naval Surface Group Middle Pacific, listen to a speech during a commemoration of the 72nd anniversary of the Battle of Midway aboard the Battleship Missouri Memorial.

U.S. Navy photos by MC2 Laurie Dexter

USS Chung-Hoon hosts command luau in Kaneohe

Ensign Caleb Robinson

USS Chung-Hoon (DDG 93) Public Affairs

The Morale, Welfare, and Recreation (MWR) committee of USS Chung-Hoon (DDG 93) recently hosted a command luau at He'eia State Park in Kaneohe.

The ship is currently undergoing a major maintenance period but took the evening to recognize the efforts of the crew while many of Chung-Hoon's systems and components are being completely overhauled.

The luau, arranged by crew members of Chung-Hoon, provided a cornerstone Hawaiian experience to the crew for less than half the price of many well-known luaus around the island.

"I feel that a lot of the time, the fact that we live in Hawaii and the endless number of activities to be done around the island are overshadowed by the amount of work that needs to be done on the ship," said Chief Intelligence Specialist Matt Sieminski, the primary organizer of the event. "I hope that this evening was able to provide the crew of Chung-Hoon, at all levels, with an experience that they may have not otherwise had while stationed in Hawaii."

The evening offered traditional forms of entertainment, such as a fire-breather, hula dancers, and a wood carver. The meal for the evening was prepared and served by

the ship's culinary specialists. There was a buffet consisting of pork, chicken, Okinawan sweet potatoes and various other side dishes. There was also a *poke* bar and a beverage bar.

"The luau offered everything that I've received at other luaus around the island and more," said Ensign Celeste Bergey, the electronic warfare officer on Chung-Hoon.

"I was even able to bring two of my friends from the mainland to the event, and they were amazed at the quality of the event that was put on entirely by crew members," Bergey said.

The evening ended with door prizes, such as shark cage-diving tours, skydiving, and hiking tours. The winners of the prizes were invited to take up to three of their crew member friends with them on these tours. The wood carver offered some of his authentic work, customized with Chung-Hoon's crest, as additional prizes for winners.

"The luau provided the crew with an opportunity to unwind in what has been an arduous few months of maintenance activity," said Lt. Cmdr. Tom Ogden, the executive officer of Chung-Hoon.

"It's important to recognize the efforts that both the crew and their families are making on a daily basis to help sustain the effectiveness of Chung-Hoon in the years and decades to come," he added.



U.S. Navy photo by PS2 Domicia Humphries

A fire breather performs at a luau hosted May 23 by USS Chung-Hoon at He'eia State Park in Kaneohe.

Life & Leisure

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PILOT *for a* DAY

Kirby Balinski



Kirby Balinski looks on as Capt. Damion Liu, a pilot in the 535th Airlift Squadron, answers questions about the cockpit of a C-17 Globemaster III.

**Story and photos by
Tech. Sgt. Terri Paden**

15th Wing Public Affairs

When local teenager Kirby Balinski saw his childhood dream of becoming a military pilot undercut by a sudden medical diagnosis, members of the 15th Operations Group at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam stepped in to make his dream come true.

After being diagnosed with a serious illness in October 2013, Kirby was offered the opportunity to "make a wish" by the Make a Wish (MAW) Foundation.

His wish to be a pilot was granted in three parts. He and his family were sent to Magic Mountain and Universal Studios in California in order for Kirby to experience the feeling of moving through the air at top speed. He was then given the opportunity to "fly" a glider plane and, lastly, the MAW foundation partnered with the 15th Wing to give Kirby the ultimate Pilot For a Day experience.

The Pilot For a Day program was created for children who have serious or chronic health conditions. The 15th Wing's program invites children of all ages to be guests of one of its flying squadrons for an entire day. The day is planned to give each child, and also the child's family, a break from the challenges they may face.

"I've seen three or four of these Pilot For a Day experiences and, for me, being able to walk them through a day in our shoes and see the smiles on their faces and their family's faces is priceless," said Capt. Rush Taylor, 535th Airlift Squadron (AS) pilot and Kirby's Pilot For a Day mentor.

"It's easy to connect to these kids because they want to do something I wanted to do myself 15 years ago, and being able to help them realize that dream even a little bit is important to me. Kirby and I come from different backgrounds and different situations but we both

had the same dream."

For a flying enthusiast such as Kirby, whose passion to fly was born watching World War II pilots on the History Channel, the day turned out to be just what the doctor ordered to lift his spirits and renew his commitment to achieving his goal to fly.

The day began for Kirby with an introduction to his host flying unit, the 535th AS, where he was given his flightsuit, name tag and tour of the squadron. Kirby and his family were then given the full Pilot For a Day experience including C-17 Globemaster III and loadmaster simulator tours and flights and the opportunity to operate the virtual reality parachute trainer at the 15th Operations Support Squadron aircrew flight equipment section.

Additionally, Kirby was given a chance to try on night vision goggles, fitted for a flight helmet and oxygen mask, strapped into a parachute, and given a tour of C-17 static aircraft.

According to Kirby, the entire experience left him somewhat overwhelmed but more determined than ever to realize his dream of becoming a pilot.

"I learned a lot today," he said. "There's a lot I'm going to have to learn to become a pilot and, it seems much harder to do than I thought but I'm still going to try to do it."

Though Kirby ranked the overall Pilot For a Day experience as one of the best experiences of his life, he said the C-17 flight simulator was his favorite part about the day.

"Flying the flight simulator gave me a chance to see what it would be like to really fly one of these aircraft," he said. "I originally wished to go to Six Flags because I thought riding roller coasters would be the closest I could get to flying and experiencing the G-force experience pilots feel, but this was awesome.

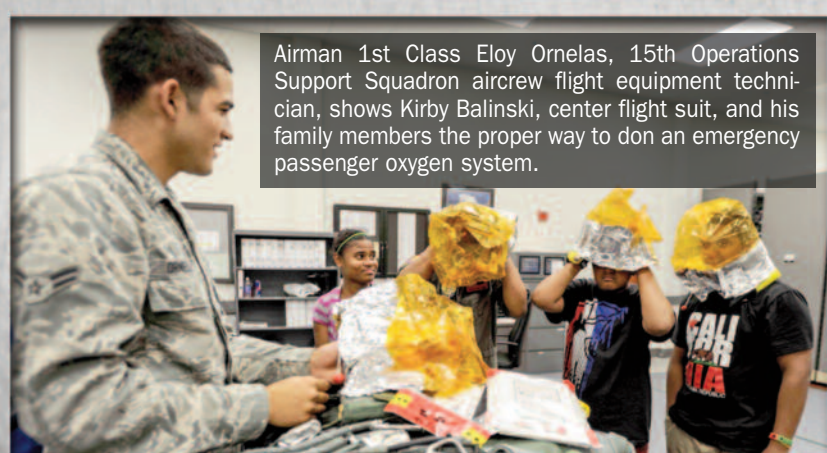
"I don't know how to explain it. This was the type of thing I've always wanted to do when I was younger and I finally got a taste of it. I want more."



Kirby Balinski picks up a teddy bear during a demonstration of the Air Force medium sized robot at the 647th Civil Engineer Squadron Explosive Ordnance Disposal Flight facility at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam.



Kirby Balinski looks on as Capt. Damion Liu explains how the C-17 Globemaster III simulator works.



Airman 1st Class Eloy Ornelas, 15th Operations Support Squadron aircrew flight equipment technician, shows Kirby Balinski, center flight suit, and his family members the proper way to don an emergency passenger oxygen system.

Wahine Koa's tight defense wraps up Bombshells

Story and photo by
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Looks like women's flag football champions Wahine Koa will have a tough time defending their title this season, but if defense wins championships, then the team should be right there in the hunt.

After giving up the first touchdown of the game to the Bombshells, the Koa defense got picks from Cryptologic Technician (Technical) 2nd Class Michelle Dannenberger, Navy Information Operations Command (NIOC) Hawaii, and Hospital Corpsman 2nd Class Adrianna Tirado-Young, Naval Operation Support Center, to lead the way for a 21-6 victory in an Ohana Sports Alliance women's flag football game on June 1 at Manana Community Park, Pearl City.

Both women's flag football teams are a mixture of civilians and active-duty military or armed forces family members.

"It is (more challenging) because the other teams have definitely stepped it up," said Wahine Koa head coach August Young, who is the husband of Adrianna. "But we have so many new girls and trying to rotate them in and get chemistry, you know we're still building."

Early in the first half, the Bombshells pulled ahead by a score of 6-0 on a pass play from new quarterback Sheena Phelps, a Navy spouse, to Ashley Jenkins, who is the wife of Bombshells head coach Staff Sgt. Jeremiah Jenkins.

The Koa quickly tied the score on their next possession when quarterback Dana Hester found Dee Hawkins in the corner of the end zone and then went ahead, 7-6, after converting their point-after-touchdown attempt.

Hawkins is the wife of Koa offensive coordinator Lt. j.g. Gennaro Hawkins, Computer Telecommunications Area Master Station Pacific.

The lead stood up through half-time, but coming out of the break the Koa offense responded with their best drive of the game.

Newcomer Nicole Aberilla set the team up in good field position by returning the kickoff to the 35-yard line of the Bombshells.

Aberilla rushed for seven yards on the first play from scrimmage before running back Sharda Ingano took a pitch out from Hester and then scampered down the right sideline for a 20-yard pickup that placed the ball at the Bombshells eight-yard line.

Four plays later, facing a fourth and goal from the two, Hester took the hike and plunged the nose of the football over the goal line for a 13-6 advantage.

Phelps tried to rally the Bombshells on the team's next possession, but after picking up a first down, the QB made a crucial error when the veteran linebacker Dannenberger got her first interception of the season.

"Every pick is exciting," she said. "It's just August's coaching and all the stuff we work on in practice."

While the Koa didn't capitalize on the pick, the play seemed to spark the team to become even stingier on defense.



Hospital Corpsman 2nd Class Adrianna Tirado-Young, Naval Operation Support Center, picks off a pass for Wahine Koa. Tirado-Young led a tough defensive effort in a 21-6 win over the Bombshells.

Later, an interception by Young gave the Koa's offense another opportunity to put the game away for good and this time, the ladies took it home.

Working from the Bombshells' 25, Hester needed only three plays and then found Sgt. Danielle Little for six.

Although the Bombshells dropped another tough one to their old nemesis, Phelps said that she still has high hopes for the team to make a return to the title matchup, like it did two seasons ago.

A former indoor football QB, Phelps admitted that she has big shoes to fill after taking over from previous signal caller Caryn Harman, whose family PCSed earlier this year.

"We're definitely looking to be a championship team," she pointed out. "We know that it's been pretty much a one-team race for the last few years, but every year is different. The game starts off 0-0."

While Young admitted that he had some doubts about coming back as head coach, he and his

wife sat down and decided that they needed to finish what they started.

Over the years, Young has built a juggernaut that has dominated wahine flag football and with the family leaving the islands at the end of this year, he said that he wants to go out with a bang.

"I talked to my wife and she was like, 'we leave in December, let's finish these two seasons out strong,'" he said. "Next season, there will be nine teams, so it's exciting."

Pac Fleet officers hold off Joint Base Port Ops

Story and photo by
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While the rainy weather has already played musical chairs with the current intramural softball season, the Commander U.S. Pacific Fleet (COMPACFLT) Officers (CPF Os) and Joint Base Port Ops (JBPO) had to dance around another obstacle on June 2 in their Red Division showdown at Millican Field, Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam.

A problem with the field's lights forced both teams to beat the oncoming darkness in a matchup that resembled softball on fast-forward.

Still the game reached a total of six innings before being called by field umpires and, when it was over, the Officers managed to hang on to a 7-5 win over JBPO.

"It wasn't bad until the last inning," said Lt. Cmdr. Kirk Dodson. "And then it got really bad – especially around shortstop and third base. No one could see the ball, so they had to play back on the grass. It was definitely a hindrance to us."

Early in the game, the Officers used some clutch hitting to jump out in front before the lack of lights turned it into a defensive nightmare.

Up by three runs after two innings, Cmdr. Mark Nowalk banged a two-out triple in the top of the third before coming home on a clutch single by Lt. A.J. Falvo to make it 4-1.



Lt. Matt Myers slides safely at home with the sixth run for Commander U.S. Pacific Fleet (COMPACFLT) Officers (CPF Os).

Then in the top of the fourth, the Officers got a leadoff single by pitcher Jay Washabaugh, a Department of Defense civilian

After an infield error put runners on first and third, Cmdr. Garrett Gray sliced a single to drive in Washabaugh with the team's fifth run of the game.

Lt. Matt Myers scored on a sacrifice fly to make it 6-1 going into the bottom of the fourth.

After getting two of the first

three batters out on routine plays, Washabaugh looked like he was going to sail untouched through another shutout inning.

However, with a runner on base, JBPO got a huge boost when southpaw Lt. Andre Barber blasted a shot past the outfield for an inside-the-park homer to cut the lead down to half at 6-3.

"Somebody had to make a play," said Barber about his home run. "I was more focused on not hitting

the catcher, so I was doing a more controlled swing. I got good contact, and I knew that the ball was going over his (outfielder) head and I started really going for it right after first."

Both teams went scoreless in the fifth inning, but another infield error on a hit ball by Gray accounted for the team's seventh run heading into the bottom half.

Washabaugh was able to get the first batter out on an infield

grounder, but after the infield was forced to play back on the ball due to darkness, back-to-back ground balls produced runners on first and third.

The JBPO's got one run on a sacrifice by Barber and plated another run to make it 7-5, but that was as close as they would get.

Despite having to come back under less than ideal conditions, Barbers said that the speeded-up tempo of the game helped JBPO in the later innings.

"We put ourselves in a deep hole in the beginning and that was in the good light," he admitted. "We actually came back when we were rushing, so I don't think it was much of an issue. We definitely could have used another inning."

Dodson said that the team's clutch hitting probably saved the day for the Officers, which improved their divisional record to 3-2.

"Those two-rallies were all just singles and nobody is hitting the ball real hard, but they were put in the right place," he said. "That was huge. Two or three times, we were down two outs, and we get a couple of runs going and we move on."

After moving above .500 for the first time this season, Dodson said that he thinks that the team is ready to make its move.

"We had a lot of guys on travel, and now we've got a lot of people back," he said. "They're coming back and everyone is starting to play together. It definitely is helping."

Naval Health Clinic Hawaii holds soccer top spot

Story and photo by
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In a battle of the unbeaten teams, Naval Health Clinic Hawaii (NHCH) got two goals from three different players to handily defeat USS Port Royal (CG 73), 7-1, on May 31 in an intramural soccer White Division game at Ward Field, Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam.

The win placed NHCH in sole possession of first place with a record of 6-0-1, while Port Royal fell into second with a divisional mark of 5-1-1.

“We’ve been playing with each other for a couple seasons now,” said Hospital Corpsman 3rd Class Shane Loeffler, who was one of the NHCH players with two goals in the game. “But I think the biggest thing today was speed. We just were crossing them up. It was just breakaway balls.”

Although NHCH dominated play throughout the matchup, it was Port Royal that got on the scoreboard first, when Gunner’s Mate 1st Class Jeanot Blaise booted a straightway ball that hit the upright before landing just beyond the line for a 1-0 advantage.

The lead was short-lived though as Loeffler tied the score up immediately with a shot from the right wing.

While the goal was a crucial shot that started NHCH’s comeback, Loeffler



Hospital Corpsman 3rd Class Talla Mamadou focuses on the ball before kicking in his second goal of the game for Naval Health Clinic Hawaii (NHCH).

downplayed the kick as being the catalyst that got the team going.

“It’s not a lot because we’re trying to win,” he said. “It was like, OK we got one, but we still got to get one more.”

From that point on, it was all NHCH as the team got

back-to-back goals from Hospital Corpsman 3rd Class Talla Mamadou and Hospitalman Cory Kaufman to take a 3-1 lead into half-time.

The team’s momentum continued in the second half as Mamadou picked up right where he left off by

getting his second goal of the game and a 4-1 lead.

Then back-to-back goals by Cryptologic Technician (Technical) 2nd Class Dylan Harris made it 6-1 before Loeffler added his final second goal of the game to complete the 7-1 decisive victory.

Following the loss, members of Port Royal were noticeably dejected, but Blaise took things in stride.

Blaise credited the strong play of NHCH, but promised that the defeat would only serve to make the Port Royal stronger.

Next week is the final

games of the regular season, and the playoffs are scheduled for the weekend of June 14-15.

“The other team was pretty good. They had a great game,” Blaise said. “It just wasn’t our day. Our weakness was in the mid-field, so once they got control of the midfield, they beat us.”

Even in defeat, Blaise believes that Port Royal would be ready to take on the competition in the postseason.

“Our motto is the will to win,” he said. “Whether the score is 7-1 or 2-1, we still have the will to win. We’ll come back strong and put our best effort out there.”

Loeffler said that communication and being in the right place and the right time were heavy factors in defeating a solid team like Port Royal.

“We were just playing the ball right,” he acknowledged. “You could just see that most of the people knew where the ball was going to go and they were stopping it early.”

Loeffler said that he and teammates are looking forward to the playoffs, not just for the chance to win the base championship, but also for the opportunity to play against the top teams from all divisions.

“This feels good,” he said. “I think in the playoffs, they’re going to let us play against the other divisions, so that will be interesting to see.”

JEMS Job Fair provides assistance with employment



(Above) Debi Merwick (left), technical recruiter, and Celina Trujillo, human resources assistant with Bishop and Company, talk with job seekers during a Joint Employment Management Systems (JEMS) Job Fair at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam on May 16. Their fair was held to support active duty service members who are leaving the military due to downsizing. The fair was co-sponsored by the Army Career-Alumni Program.

(Left) Thanh Wallace, U.S. Army Pacific, talks with Malia Taylor during the JEMS Job fair.

Photos by David D. Underwood Jr.



Master Sgt. Lara Murdzia charms the crowd with her rendition of “Taking a Chance on Love.” Papanua, the jazz ensemble with the U.S. Air Force Band of the Pacific-Hawaii, played at Bishop Square on April 3.

Bellows Air Force Station to host concert, movies

Bellows Air Force Station

The U.S. Air Force Band of the Pacific-Hawaii jazz ensemble Papanua will perform a free concert tonight from 6 to 7 p.m. at the outdoor deck, building 220, Bellows Air Force Station. Food and drinks will be available for purchase.

Bellows Air Force Station will also show free movies and popcorn at Turtle Cove on Mondays and Wednesdays through the

month of June. Show times are at 4 p.m.

- June 9, 47 “Ronin” (PG-13)
- June 11, “Captain Phillips” (PG-13)
- June 16, “Frozen” (PG)
- June 18, “The Hunger Games: Catching Fire” (PG-13)
- June 23, “Saving Mr. Banks” (PG-13)
- June 25, “Walking With Dinosaurs” (PG)
- June 30, “Lone Survivor” (R)

For more information, visit www.BellowsAFS.com.

Nurse Advice Line to provide patients with immediate health advice

15th Medical Group

Sometimes it is difficult to know if and when to seek medical help for acute health problems, so having professional help at a moment’s notice is invaluable. The Military Health System’s new nurse advice line for TRICARE beneficiaries does just that.

TRICARE beneficiaries in Hawaii can call the NAL toll-free 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

The NAL is a team of registered nurses who are available to answer a variety of urgent healthcare questions. They can help patients decide whether self-care is the best option, or if it is better to see a healthcare provider. There will always be a live person on the line to address beneficiary concerns.



The NAL offers a variety of solutions for all TRICARE beneficiaries. For pediatric issues, the NAL will route the beneficiary to a pediatric nurse. If follow-up is necessary or requested, the NAL will call the beneficiary back to check the child’s status a few hours later.

The NAL will make same-day appointments with the beneficiary’s primary care manager for TRICARE Prime beneficiaries who are enrolled at military treatment facilities.

If a same day appointment is not available, the NAL will re-direct the beneficiary to the closest urgent care center and advise the PCM that an urgent care referral is needed, so the patient does not have to worry about paying any point of service co-pays.

All other TRICARE beneficiaries who are not enrolled at a MTF will receive professional health advice about their urgent health concern and when to seek urgent care.

When calling the NAL, a customer service representative will verify the beneficiary’s eligibility through the Defense Enrollment and Eligibility Reporting System.

Beneficiaries with an acute health care concern or question will be connected with a registered nurse who will ask the beneficiary a series of very standard questions to determine the next steps and allow the NAL nurse to provide the best advice possible.

Beneficiaries can still call their PCM or clinic, but the NAL is another option for beneficiaries to access the care they need in a timely fashion. To access the NAL, dial 1-800-TRICARE (874-2273); option one.



Live the Great Life

Free comedy hypnosis shows to be held this weekend

Reid Tokeshi

Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam
Morale Welfare and Recreation

Comedy hypnotist Chuck Milligan will perform shows Saturday and Sunday at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam.

Milligan has been performing comedy hypnosis for more than 19 years. His shows have been called entertaining, while making sure to maintain the dignity of the volunteers from the audience. He performed in two packed shows on the joint base back in 2011.

Saturday's show is adult-themed (for 18 years and older) and will be held at Club Pearl in the Paradise Lounge. No tickets are needed for the 8:30 p.m. show but patrons are advised to get there early to get the best seats.

Sunday's show is open to all ages, including teen audiences. The 5:30 p.m. show will be held at the Makai Recreation Center. No tickets are needed for this show, but seating will be limited to the first 300 people. Participation on stage will be limited to ages 14 years and older.

For more information, call 473-2431.



MWR Marketing photo

Chuck Milligan will perform comedy hypnosis shows at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam this weekend.



MWR Marketing photo

Surfers from all branches of service are expected to compete this weekend.

All Military Surf Classic will take to water this weekend

Reid Tokeshi

Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam Morale, Welfare and Recreation

Joint Pearl Harbor-Hickam's Morale, Welfare and Recreation annual All-Military Surf Classic will be held from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday and Sunday at White Plains Beach. It is free to attend and watch the contest.

This year's classic will include approximately 90 contestants, of which about half are active duty.

"The highest turnout (among active duty) came from the Air Force and Army," said Marvin Nuestro, lifeguard at White Plains Beach.

Competition will be broken into short- and long-board divisions for Department of Defense (DoD) employees and active duty military. Different age categories within each division will keep the matches fair.

In addition to trophies, prizes will be awarded to the winners.

Bragging rights will be on the line among the mili-

tary services. The top three finishers of each branch will count toward a "top branch award." Last year's award was won by the Air Force.

Military retirees, reservists, DoD employees and their families will compete in the open division. Children ages 12 and under will also get in the water and participate in their own division. Nuestro said that more than a dozen youngsters are signed up this year.

For more information, call 682-4925, 449-5215.

Your Weekly Fun with MWR

Adult Hand-Building with Clay class will be held from 9 a.m. to noon every Saturday from June 7 through June 28 at the Hickam Arts & Crafts Center. Students can learn basic ceramic techniques for pinch-pots, coil building and about underglaze and glaze technique. Tuition is \$45. FMI: 448-9907.

Beginning Origami class will be held from 12:30 to 2 p.m. every Saturday from June 7 through June 28 at the Hickam Arts & Crafts Center for youth ages 12 and older. Students can learn the basics of the Japanese art of paper folding, including types of folds, origami bases, and origami and its relation to Japanese culture. Tuition is \$40. 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.

Intermediate Origami class will be held from 2:30 to 4:30 p.m. every Saturday from June 7 through June 28 at the Hickam Arts & Crafts Center for youth ages 13 and older. Students can continue learning about Japanese culture and origami as an art form

and mathematical expression while building on the skills learned in the beginning origami class. Tuition is \$40. FMI: 448-9907.

Preschool Story Time will be held from 9 to 10 a.m. June 11 at the Hickam Library. The theme of this free program is "Hands and Feet." FMI: 449-8299.

Patriot Tour will be held from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. June 12 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. Guided tour is led by a historian from Information, Tickets & Travel and includes a buffet lunch. FMI: 448-2295.

Free Golf Clinic will begin at noon June 12 at the Navy-Marine Golf Course. FMI: 471-0142.

Cookie & Cake Decorating for Kids class will be held from 2 to 3:30 p.m. every Thursday from June 12 through June 26 at the Hickam Arts & Crafts Center for youth ages five to 12 years old. Students can learn to decorate cookies, cupcakes and mini cakes and eat what they decorate. Tuition is \$50,

and all supplies are included. FMI: 448-9907.

Mongolian Barbecue will be from 5:30 to 8 p.m. June 12 on the lanai of the Historic Hickam Officers' Club. A variety of meats, vegetables and sauces will be available for 85 cents per ounce, and rice, noodles, soup, beverages and fortune cookies are included. FMI: 448-4608.

Push Up Competition will be from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. June 13 at the Hickam Fitness Center. Competitors need to register for this free event. FMI: 448-2214.

Hickam Historical Tour will be held from 9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. June 13 with visits to the original Hickam Field buildings. The tour departs from the Information, Tickets & Travel-Hickam office and Royal Alaka'i Lodge. The tour includes lunch. Due to the nature of the tour, it is not recommended for children under 6 years old. FMI: 448-2295.

Moonlight Hike at Lanikai Pillboxes will begin at 7 p.m. June 13. Staff from the MWR Outdoor Adventure Center will lead an intermediate hike in the hills overlooking the windward coast. The cost is \$15. The sign-up deadline is June 10. FMI: 473-1198.

Moonlight Paddle at Hickam Harbor will begin at 8 p.m. June 13. Participants of all paddling abilities are welcome. The trip led by Hickam Harbor's Outdoor Recreation staff will include all required gear. The cost is \$25. The sign-up deadline is June 10. FMI: 449-5215.

Women's Surfing Class will begin at 9 a.m. June 14 at Hickam Harbor. The class will cover the basics in a stress-free environment. Participants need to be proficient swimmers and able to swim without a life-jacket. The cost is \$30. The sign-up deadline is June 12. FMI: 449-5215.

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Spearfishing Excursion will begin at 9 a.m. June 15 at Hickam Harbor. Participants must have taken MWR's "Learn to Spearfish" course, as the skills needed for this activity can be moderate to difficult. The cost is \$20. The sign-up deadline is June 12. FMI: 449-5215.



Community Calendar

JUNE

POOLS OPEN FOR SUMMER SEASON

NOW — In time for the warmer weather, Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam Morale, Welfare and Recreation has announced extended pool hours for the summer season. The new hours include the seasonal opening of Arizona Pool now through Labor Day only. New hours have also been announced for Scott Pool, Hickam Pools 1 and 2 and Towers Pool. FMI: <http://www.hookelenews.com/pools-to-open-for-summer-season/> and <http://ow.ly/xALYI>

NURSE ADVICE LINE

NOW—Hawaii TRICARE beneficiaries can call the Nurse Advice Line 24 hours a day, seven days a week for professional medical advice. Registered nurses are available to answer a variety of healthcare questions and help beneficiaries decide whether self-care is the best option or if it is better to see a healthcare provider. FMI: 1-800-TRICARE (874-2273), option 1.

SPECIAL MIDWAY PROGRAM

SATURDAY — From 2 to 4 p.m., the Pacific Aviation Museum Pearl Harbor will commemorate the 72nd anniversary of the turning point of World War II with a special Midway program. Burl Burlingame, curator and author, will present a talk titled “Flying Fortresses Over Midway” at 2 p.m., followed by a 3 p.m. presentation and behind-the scenes look at the restoration progress of the museum’s Flying Fortress, the “Swamp Ghost” B-17E, by Jim Martinelli, restoration manager. On display in hangar 37 will be one of six Midway murals donated by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. The event is free with museum admission and free to museum members. FMI: www.pacificaviation.org or 441-1000.

BLOOD DRIVE SCHEDULE

9, 17, 18, 19, 23 — 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).
• June 9, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Schofield PX, Schofield Barracks.
• June 17, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., 2nd Brigade, building 2097, Schofield Barracks.
• June 18 and 19, 9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., Wheeler Army Air Field 25th Combat Aviation Brigade, building 102, Wheeler Army Airfield.
• June 23, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., Pearl Harbor Memorial Chapel, Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam.
FMI: 433-6699 or 433-6148, email michelle.lele@amedd.army.mil or www.militaryblood.dod.mil.

ACING THE INTERVIEW

10 — An Acing the Interview workshop will be held from 9 to 11 a.m. at the Military and Family Support Center (MFSC) Wahiawa. The workshop is designed to teach participants of what to bring for a job interview, become familiar with various interview formats, and prepare to ask and answer questions effectively. Participants should register online. FMI: www.greatlifehawaii.com or 474-1999.

SUMMER CRAFT CAMP

10 —Summer Craft Camp will be held from 10 a.m. to noon June 10 through June 13 at the Hickam Arts & Crafts Center. Weekly sessions are available until the end of July for youth ages 7 years and older. New creative projects will be offered each session. The cost is \$55 per session. FMI: 448-9907.

AFCEA LUNCHEON EVENT

10 — An Armed Forces Communications and Electronics Association (AFCEA) luncheon event will be held at Hale Ikena Club, Fort Shafter. Sonny Bhagowalis, the state’s chief advisor on technology and cyber security, will be the guest speaker. Check-in is at 11 a.m. and the buffet begins at 11:30 a.m. The cost is \$14 for AFCEA members who pre-register and \$17 at the door or for non-members. FMI: <http://afcea-hawaii.org>, or 441-8565 or 441-8524.

INTRAMURAL VOLLEYBALL LEAGUE

11 — An intramural volleyball league coaches meeting will begin at 1 p.m. June 11 at the Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam Fitness Center, building 1338. The season runs June 26 through September. The league is limited to commands from Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam. There is no charge for teams to participate. FMI: 473-2494 or 473-2437.

KIDS' BOOK CLUB

11 — Kids’ Book Club will begin at 2 p.m. at Hickam Library for youth in fourth and fifth grades. The club will read and discuss selected books, and book club books count toward “Paws to Read” summer reading. FMI: 449-8299.

JUMP INTO SUMMER 5K RUN

12 — A Jump Into Summer 5K Run will begin at 7 a.m. at the Wahiawa Annex Fitness Center. This free event is open to all eligible patrons. FMI: 653-5542.

AIR FORCE SPOUSE 101: HEARTLINK

13 — Air Force spouses who are new to the service or have been a military spouse for a while but still have questions can attend the Air Force Spouse 101: Heartlink program from 7:45 a.m. to 1 p.m. at MFSC Hickam. The event will include a free lunch. Participants should register online. FMI: www.greatlifehawaii.com or call 474-1999.

RAISING FINANCIALLY FIT KIDS

13 — A workshop called Raising Financially Fit Kids will be held from 9 to 10:30 a.m. at MFSC Pearl Harbor. This workshop for parents discusses ideas about money management and setting children on the road to fiscal responsibility. Participants can register online. FMI: www.greatlifehawaii.com or 474-1999.



THE AMAZING SPIDER-MAN 2 (PG-13)

We’ve always known that Spider-Man’s most important battle has been within himself: the struggle between the ordinary obligations of Peter Parker and the extraordinary responsibilities of Spider-Man. But in The Amazing Spider-Man 2, Peter Parker finds that a greater conflict lies ahead. It’s great to be Spider-Man for Peter Parker, but being Spider-Man comes at a price: only Spider-Man can protect his fellow New Yorkers from the formidable villains that threaten the city.

Movie Showtimes

SHARKEY THEATER

TODAY 6/6
7:00 PM The Amazing Spider-Man 2 (PG-13)

SATURDAY 6/7
2:30 PM The Amazing Spider-Man 2 (PG-13)
5:10 PM Mom’s Night Out (PG)
7:10 PM Neighbors (R)

SUNDAY 6/8
2:30 PM The Amazing Spider-Man 2 (3D) (PG-13)
5:10 pm Neighbors (R)
7:10 pm The Other Woman (PG-13)

THURSDAY 6/12
7:00 PM Mom’s Night Out (PG)

HICKAM MEMORIAL THEATER

TODAY 6/6
6:00 PM Bears (G)

SATURDAY 6/7
4:00 PM Rio 2 (G)
7:00 PM A Haunted House 2 (R)

SUNDAY 6/8
2:00 PM Rio 2 (G)

THURSDAY 6/12
7:00 PM The Quiet Ones (PG-13)



MWR offers adult swim classes at Hickam Pool 2

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According to a recent study by the American Red Cross, more than half of all Americans (54 percent) either can't swim or do not have all of the basic swimming skills.

For those who either cannot swim, or who can swim but want to improve their technique, Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam Morale, Welfare, and Recreation (MWR) offers a variety of group swim classes for children, teens and adults.

The adult swim classes are especially popular, particularly with active duty service members. According to Denise McCarthy, lead guard, about 60 percent of adult students are active duty.

"We get lots of active duty personnel who need to pass their second class swim crawl," she said.

Holding the classes at noon also attracts more military students.

"There was lots of positive feedback about moving the classes from the evening to lunchtime," McCarthy said. "Many students use their lunch PT time to take classes or swim laps."



Students work on developing water skills at Hickam Pool 2, Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, during one of MWR's adult swim classes.

Skill levels of students participating in the adult swim classes range from those dealing with a serious fear of water to swimmers who want to improve their technique. Classes are limited to 10 students, and there are

two instructors per class.

McCarthy finds teaching adults to swim to be especially rewarding.

"I love teaching adults because they are so appreciative," she said. "They really want to learn and are happy to pick up a new skill."

MWR offers swim classes at Hickam Pool 2 starting at noon, Monday through Thursday. Classes are divided into four age groups: 6 months-3 years old, 3-4 years old, 5-16 years old and 17 years and older.

In addition, just in time

for the warmer weather, Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam MWR has announced extended pool hours for the summer season.

The new hours include the seasonal opening of Arizona Pool now through Labor Day

only. New hours have also been announced for Scott Pool, Hickam Pools 1 and 2 and Towers Pool.

Rear Adm. Rick Williams, commander of Navy Region Hawaii and Naval Surface Group Middle Pacific, has championed the opening of and community support for the Region's pools.

"Swimming pools are more than recreation only. They are 'fitness centers,' especially for our wounded warriors. They are alcohol-free alternatives for our warfighters and their families. They provide a social venue for students and visitors, and they provide quality of life, physical fitness and readiness training for us all," Williams said.

"Promoting good health and fitness can save money and otherwise have a positive impact on our careers, our shipmates and our families," the admiral said.

For more information on the swim classes, call 260-9736.

For more information on the extended pool hours for the summer season, visit the following web links: <http://www.hookeleneews.com/pools-to-open-for-summer-season/> and <http://ow.ly/xpiEE>.