

## USS Lake Erie completes western Pacific deployment

Naval Surface Group Middle Pacific Public Affairs

The Hawaii-based, Ticonderoga-class, guided-missile cruiser USS Lake Erie (CG 70) will return June 16 from a four-month deployment to the western Pacific.

“While on deployment, Lake Erie leveraged her accomplishments and proficiencies on the test range and defended the homeland and our allies on multiple ballistic missile defense (BMD) operations,” said Capt. John S. Banigan, Lake Erie commanding officer.

Lake Erie is expected to replace USS John Paul Jones (DDG 53) this summer as a rotational BMD deployer from San Diego, as John Paul Jones takes Lake Erie’s place in Hawaii as the nation’s BMD test ship.

During port visits, Lake Erie Sailors participated in several community relations projects that included visiting homes for children



U.S. Navy file photo

The guided-missile cruiser USS Lake Erie (CG 70) returns to Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam on July 6, 2011 after participating in the multi-national exercise Trident Fury and the joint exercise Northern Edge in the Gulf of Alaska.

and assisting the elderly.

“I’m looking forward to welcoming Lake Erie back to our waterfront,” said Rear Adm. Rick Williams, commander of Navy Region Hawaii and Naval Surface Group Middle Pacific.

“Capt. Banigan and his team have made a difference. The crew of Lake Erie stepped up and filled a critical need on this deployment. They represent the epitome of the CNO’s tenets: warfighting first, operate forward, be ready. I couldn’t be prouder,” Williams added.

Lake Erie promoted peace and security, preserved freedom of the seas and conducted theater security operations with partner nations.

U.S. Navy guided-missile cruisers are multi-mission surface combatants capable of supporting carrier strike groups, amphibious readiness groups, surface action groups or operating independently.

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## Wear testing begins for Lightweight Type I Navy Working Uniform

MC1 Amanda Dunford

U.S. Pacific Fleet Public Affairs

Sailors stationed in Bahrain, Guam and Hawaii are wearing the Lightweight Navy Working Uniform (LNWU) Type I as part of an eight-week conformance test focusing on performance, durability and appearance.

More than 230 Sailors received two prototype versions from May 28 to June 12. The uniforms have two different fabric configurations and include a front tab with rank insignia to identify the LNWU as a test version and will not be part of the final uniform design.

Sailors in warmer climates, who will remain at their command for more than a year, were chosen for the test.

“This is a really important step in the evolution of the lightweight NWU,” said U.S. Pacific Fleet Master Chief Marco Ramirez. “The direct feedback from these wear-testing Sailors will help determine the direction the Navy takes.”

Ramirez said it was important to be selective when



U.S. Navy photo by MC1 David Kolmel

Information Systems Technician 3rd Class Colette Davis from San Diego wears tests the Lightweight Navy Working Uniform (LNWU) Type I aboard the guided-missile destroyer USS Chafee (DDG 90) on June 11.

choosing participants like security forces and shipboard Sailors to fit test the LNWU to get accurate results.

Although the conformance test is still in its infancy, Sailors are already feeling the difference.

“They’re [LNWU] more

comfortable than the old ones,” said Seaman Autumn Cozzens aboard USS Chafee (DDG 90). “I’ve already noticed that they feel lighter and cooler when I’m working outside.”

Cozzens was also surprised with the durability of the LNWU and the ability to

get paint out of her uniform without difficulty or color fading.

Logistics Specialist 2nd Class Christian Mountain, also assigned to Chafee, noted an improvement in the comfort of the LNWUs.

“They’re [LNWU] significantly lighter. I carry boxes all day, and it helps a lot because I can literally feel the breeze through the uniform when I’m outside,” he said.

Sailors will make daily log inputs in a user evaluation booklet and complete a questionnaire at the midpoint and conclusion of the wear test via an on-line survey and will be required to participate in a unit level focus group.

“I want to thank the Navy for listening. That’s part of how we grow and assess what’s not working,” Ramirez said. “We heard the Sailors and here’s what we’re doing to make it better. It’s a win-win for everybody.”

According to CNP, they expect to have a decision on the way ahead in early 2015. CNP is sponsoring the evaluation by the Navy Clothing and Textile Research Facility.

## Three pinholes found in Red Hill’s empty tank 5

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Navy contract workers found three small holes on tank 5 at the Red Hill Bulk Fuel Storage Facility on June 11 and 12. Not visible to the naked eye, the defects were discovered during an extensive examination of the empty fuel tank that includes vacuum box testing.

Vacuum box testing determines if air can flow through the tank wall, giving an indication that liquid would also be able to escape the tank.

The inspection of tank 5 is being conducted after the Navy announced a possible leak of up to 27,000 gallons of JP-8 jet fuel last January. Each of Red Hill’s 20 cylindrical tanks is 250 feet tall, 100 feet in diameter, and can hold up to 12.5 million gallons of fuel. The tanks are large enough to hold Aloha Tower. A national strategic asset, the Red Hill facility provides secure fuel storage for ships and aircraft of U.S. Pacific Fleet and

other military branches.

“The small holes were located in prior welding repairs and may explain the reason for the fuel loss,” said Capt. Mike Williamson, chief engineer for Navy Region Hawaii. “We’ve got the right experts working meticulously to determine the full extent of the leak as the inspection continues.”

Hawaii Department of Health officials have been updated on the latest findings. Meanwhile, laboratory tests continue to indicate that drinking water sources in the vicinity meet federal regulatory safe drinking water and state of Hawaii standards.

“The water continues to be safe to drink,” said Williamson. “We continue to work closely with all of our government partners from local, state and federal agencies. As a follow up to our January announcement, we are continuing to update the public on everything the Navy is doing to avoid future leaks.”

## Navy releases name of Sailor who died June 8 at Maunaloa Bay

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HONOLULU — Naval Aircrewman Mechanical 3rd Class Shannon Elizabeth Nunez from Whittier, Calif., assigned to Patrol Squadron (VP) 4 based at Marine Corps Base Hawaii, died June 8 in a recreational activity near the Spitting Cave at Maunaloa Bay, Hawaii, located approximately 10 miles east of Honolulu.

“This is a tragic loss for our Navy family,” said Rear Adm. Rick Williams, commander, Navy Region Hawaii and Naval Surface Group Middle Pacific. “This tragedy reminds each of us of the need to heighten awareness and practice greater safety on

and off duty.”

“Hawaii is a beautiful and special place, but there are inherent dangers in the surf, cliffs and trails,” Williams said.

“I’ve called for service members and their families to refocus and practice ‘safety first’ — especially during the summer but throughout the year. We need to do everything we can to prevent another loss like this.” The Honolulu Fire Department responded to the scene at approximately 2 p.m. HST and recovered Nunez from the water. Nunez was subsequently pronounced dead by on-scene paramedics. The cause of the fatality is unknown at this time, and the Honolulu Police Department has the lead on the investigation in coordination with the department of the

medical examiner.

Nunez reported to VP-4 last February. She was previously stationed at VP-30 in Jacksonville, Fla. from 2012 to 2014 and attended training at several commands in Pensacola, Fla. and Great Lakes, Ill.

“Petty Officer Nunez’s loss is a devastating impact to the Skinny Dragon ohana,” said Cmdr. Brett Thompson, commanding officer of VP-4. “We share deeply in her family’s grief and extend our prayers and hearts to them.”

This is the second Sailor to die in similar circumstances in just over two months. Hospital Corpsman 3rd Class Gregory Spillman, 19, of Alexandria, Pa. died April 5 in an incident near the “China Wall” in Maunaloa Bay af-

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## ROK submarine arrives at Pearl Harbor



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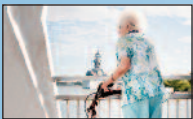
Republic of Korea (ROK) submarine Lee Sun Sin (SS 068) and crew pull into Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam to participate in the Rim of the Pacific (RIMPAC) exercises for 2014.



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# U.S. Pacific Fleet honors Battle of Midway

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Members of U.S. Pacific Fleet (PACFLT) staff and military commands throughout Hawaii gathered to commemorate the 72nd anniversary of the Battle of Midway during a ceremony June 6 at PACFLT headquarters.

The Battle of Midway, fought June 4-7, 1942, is regarded as a decisive engagement during World War II in the Pacific. A U.S. force of three U.S. Navy aircraft carriers — USS Enterprise (CV-6), USS Hornet (CV-8) and USS Yorktown (CV-5), and land-based bombers — dramatically defeated an Imperial Japanese force led by four veteran aircraft carriers.

“The Battle of Midway was the turning point in the war,” said Adm. Harry Harris Jr., commander of U.S. Pacific Fleet. “[It was] The first important step as we pushed across the Pacific and towards victory in Japan.”

Naval intelligence played a crucial role in the victory. In May 1942, intelligence experts at the Combat Intelligence Unit at Pearl Harbor, known as Station Hypo, intercepted 500 to 1,000 Japanese radio messages a day, deciphering and translating roughly 25 percent. They provided Adm. Chester Nimitz with the vital information about the Imperial Japanese Navy’s attack on Midway Atoll.



Adm. Harry Harris Jr., commander of U.S. Pacific Fleet, addresses the audience during a ceremony June 6 at fleet headquarters to commemorate the 72nd anniversary of the Battle of Midway and honor the contribution of naval Intelligence.

“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,” Harris said. “And I for one am thankful for all that they did for our nation and the world.”

Capt. James Fanell, director of intelligence for PACFLT, reiterated the importance of what the men of Station Hypo did for the intelligence community and how it affected the

outcome of the Battle of Midway.

“The herculean efforts in breaking the code known as JN25B is the very essence of why Joe [Ret. Capt. Joseph Rochefort] is so critically important to the victory at Midway,” Fanell said. “They knew the fruit of their labor rested in providing ultra-sensitive but operational relevant radio intelligence, as it was then called, to the fleet commander, who required this intelli-

gence to ensure our fleet was in the right position for that fateful battle.”

Harris emphasized the importance of continuing to look for threats to America.

“So as I look out at you all in formation today, I look with eager anticipation at this community of experts, a corps, one the Navy now calls the Information Dominance Corps, to drive the development of

systems and operational practices to ensure that our Navy retains the same decisive advantages that my predecessor Adm. Nimitz had at Station Hypo.

“I’m counting on each and every one of you to make sure that Pacific Fleet is prepared. That means not only are we ready to fight tonight, but that we’re reading those signposts well enough to predict when and where that fight’s going to be and how it will manifest itself,” Harris said.

Harris linked history to the Navy’s current rebalance to the Pacific.

“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,” Harris said.

“Today we are mindful of the lessons from the past as we look for the signposts that will chart our future. We again cast a wary eye westward as we recognize the Indo-Asia-Pacific for its tremendous potential, and we see with clear eyes the tremendous risks, and again we are rebalancing to the Pacific.”

PACFLT also held a wreath-laying ceremony at the Station Hypo plaque at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam. The ceremony honored the work of the men at Hypo like Rochefort, Rear Adm. (ret.) Edwin Layton, Cmdr. (ret.) Jasper Holmes and Rear Adm. (ret.) Donald “Mac” Showers.

## Pearl Harbor Sailors donate more than \$400,000 to Navy Marine Corps Relief Society

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Rear Adm. Rick Williams, commander of Navy Region Hawaii and Naval Surface Group Middle Pacific, presented Navy-Marine Corps Relief Society (NMCRS) representatives with a ceremonial check during an NMCRS fund drive ceremony June 11 at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam (JBPHH).

Commands throughout JBPHH raised \$439,264 through Sailor contributions and command-organized events like car washes, bake sales and similar activities.

Williams recognized the hard work of the fund’s coordinators, attributing the success of the 2014 NMCRS fund drive to the publicity driven events, which helped raise awareness and reinforce the need for NMCRS.

“Raising \$439,000 during this tough fiscal environment is something truly noteworthy,” said Williams. “Today, more than ever, people are mindful of where their money is spent, and you’ve effectively communicated to them the benefit of the Navy-Marine Corps Relief Society.”

Williams said that just as the Navy and Marine Corps responds to a call to action, the Navy-Marine Corps Society has been equally effec-



Rear Adm. Rick Williams, commander of Navy Region Hawaii and Naval Surface Group Middle Pacific, delivers remarks during a Navy-Marine Corps Relief Society (NMCRS) fund drive award ceremony at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam (JBPHH).

tive when called upon by Sailors and Marines, a sentiment echoed by Paul Belanger, director of Navy-Marine Corps Relief Society Pearl Harbor.

“What’s important is because it’s a fund for the support for Sailors and Marines, then it stands to reason that the money comes from Sailors and Marines,” said Belanger.

“So the fact that they’re willing to contribute that much money speaks well for what NMCRS does and the services that they offer. It’s a matter of pride to us that we must be addressing some serious needs.”

Belanger explained the significant role NMCRS

plays as a resource in the wake of an unforeseen event or emergency in a Sailor or Marine’s life.

“I like to compare Navy-Marine Corps Relief Society to an insurance plan, but a very special one,” said Belanger. “It’s an opportunity for Sailors and Marines to put some money aside in the event that there’s an emergency they have a fall back and they have some place to go.”

The NMCRS workforce is comprised of about 90 percent volunteers who provide financial assistance and counseling, quick assist loans, education assistance, health education and post-combat support, advice on

how to budget for a baby, emergency travel assistance, disaster relief, and thrift shops for Sailors, Marines and their families.

NMCRS began in 1904 when several naval officers, wives of naval officers and civilian friends saw the need for more formal and organized assistance. NMCRS was incorporated on Jan. 23 of that year. Initial funding came from the proceeds of the 1903 Army-Navy Football Game. In its first year, the NMCRS gave \$9,500 to widows and families of enlisted men.

For more information about NMCRS and the resources they offer, visit <http://www.nmcrs.org>.

Commentary

## 15th Wing CO gives perspective on pride month

Col. Johnny Roscoe

15th Wing commander

We have learned over the years, in our Air Force, that diversity is one of our greatest strengths — no matter what a person’s color, gender, sexual or religious orientation, ethnicity, or even where an individual comes from — it is our differences and uniqueness as individuals that when brought together make us even greater as a whole.

It is through respecting the combined perspectives of all our Airmen, and not focusing through the narrow lens of our own background and beliefs, that we will better foster mutual dignity and respect.

When we respect each other and listen to what others have to say, we often find the answers we need to more effectively accomplish our mission.

I can’t possibly imagine a time (and there have been such times in our military) where people could have looked to their left or right and saw a per-



Col. Johnny Roscoe

son of color and hated them without even knowing them. Likewise, today I know I cannot imagine looking to my left or right and not fully embrace the diversity I see.

It is when we do not embrace our differences that we deny ourselves of our fullest potential.

Simply put, without our incredible diversity we would be an incredibly mediocre Air Force and fall way short of who and what we can be.

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Commentary

# Tragic losses call for heightened awareness

**Rear Adm. Rick Williams**

*Commander, Navy Region Hawaii and Naval Surface Group Middle Pacific*

Last weekend we lost another Sailor to an off-duty recreational activity in rough waters by the cliffs at Maunaloa Bay on east Oahu.

This is a tragic loss for our Navy family, and it reminds us of the need for awareness, safety, prevention and—when warranted—bystander intervention.

When we're on duty, we train with operational risk management (ORM) in mind. Many of our jobs in the military are obviously dangerous, and when we're at work we never take risk for granted.

Liberty is a mission, too, and we need that same ORM mindset. We



Rear Adm. Rick Williams

need to be aware of activities that can cause injury or death and make better choices. We need shipmates to be shipmates and intervene when something is not right. That applies to a lot of off-duty incidents.

Hawaii is a beautiful and special place, but there are inherent dan-

gers in the surf, cliffs and trails. I've called for service members and their families to refocus and practice 'safety first'—especially during the summer but also throughout the year.

I'm directing our commanders, command master chiefs, tenant commands—everyone—to take a hard look at this issue. You'll be hearing more about a safety stand-down and other initiatives.

We will partner with State of Hawaii and city and county agencies, especially Honolulu's ocean safety and lifeguard division, to bring safety strategies and prevention tips to all hands.

Without necessarily relating to our most recent tragedies, there are some key points for our service members to think about:

- When you're young, it's natural to feel invinci-

ble and indestructible, but that feeling can be deadly.

- Alcohol, drugs and peer pressure can cloud a person's judgment. Knowing this is the first step in preventing accidents.

- Fewer incidents occur when people are aware, think ahead, and go with a friend, shipmate, swim buddy or wingman.

A "game of chance" can be a loss of life, and a "leap of faith" can be a fatal jump. No one wants to be a statistic.

We need you to be healthy, fit, safe and ready.

Accidents can happen despite our best efforts, and nothing is certain no matter how safe we try to be. But when we think about possible consequences of our actions, all of us are better positioned to make the right decisions for ourselves and our families.

## Admiral discusses dangers

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ter being swept out to sea by strong currents. Spillman was rescued, given life-saving aid, and rushed to the hospital where he was pronounced dead despite continued efforts to revive him.

In March 2005, Navy Operations Specialist 3rd Class Zachary Ryan Johnson died at Spitting Cave. Johnson, who was assigned to the USS Lake Erie (CG-70), was swimming and got caught in strong currents. He was unable to make it to shore.

Spitting Cave is located in Hawaii State Rep. Gene Ward's district. Ward believes the signs leading to the scenic lookout should be upgraded

to read "no jumping," and he supports a fine for leaping into the ocean at Spitting Cave.

"This is one of the most beautiful and dangerous places in Hawaii," Ward said. "I'd like to see that sign say 'no jumping' and the penalty is such and such ... I want people to pay with their wallets, not their lives."



Proclamation

## Flag Day and National Flag Week 2014

**Barack Obama**

*President of the United States of America*

Over farmlands and town squares, atop skyscrapers and capitol buildings, the American flag soars. It reminds us of our history—13 colonies that rose up against an empire—and celebrates the spirit of 50 proud states that form our union today. On Flag Day and during National Flag Week, we pay tribute to the banner that weaves us together and waves above us all.

For more than two centuries, Americans have saluted Old Glory in times of trial and triumph. Generations have looked to it as they steeled their resolve, and an unbroken chain of men and women in uniform has served under our flag. From the banks of Baltimore's Inner

Harbor to European trenches and Pacific islands, from the deserts of Iraq to the mountains of Afghanistan, they have risked their lives so we might live ours.

When we lay our veterans to rest, many go draped with the stars and stripes upon them, and their families find solace in the folds of honor held tightly to their chest. Because of their sacrifice, our nation is stronger, safer and will always remain a shining beacon of freedom for the rest of the world.

With a familiar design that has evolved along with a growing nation, our flag stitches the ideals for which America was born to the reality of our times. It reminds us that fidelity to our founding principles requires new responses to new challenges. As we prepare to meet the great tests of our age, let every

American draw inspiration from this symbol of our past, our present and our common dreams.

To commemorate the adoption of our flag, the Congress, by joint resolution approved Aug. 3, 1949, as amended (63 Stat. 492), designated June 14 of each year as "Flag Day" and requested that the president issue an annual proclamation calling for its observance and for the display of the flag of the United States on all federal government buildings.

The Congress also requested, by joint resolution approved June 9, 1966, as amended (80 Stat. 194), that the president annually issue a proclamation designating the week in which June 14 occurs as "National Flag Week" and call upon citizens of the United States to display the flag during that week.

Now, therefore, I, Barack Obama, president of the United States of America, do hereby proclaim June 14, 2014 as Flag Day and the week beginning June 8, 2014 as National Flag Week. I direct the appropriate officials to display the flag on all federal government buildings during that week, and I urge all Americans to observe Flag Day and National Flag Week by displaying the flag.

I also call upon the people of the United States to observe with pride and all due ceremony those days from Flag Day through Independence Day, also set aside by the Congress (89 Stat. 211), as a time to honor America, to celebrate our heritage in public gatherings and activities, and to publicly recite the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

## Diverse Views



**What's the best piece of advice your parents ever gave you?**



**CT13 Alisa Morrow**  
*NIOC Hawaii*

"If you show up on time and do what you're supposed to, you're doing better than 85 percent of the people around you."

**MCC Donald Randall**  
*NOSC Pearl Harbor*

"Never, ever be without health insurance. It has saved me grief on many occasions."



**OS2 Zi Wang**  
*CPF*

"Join the military, just to see a different lifestyle."

**Technical Sgt. Brian Hendrix**  
*766th SCONS*

"If something is worth doing, do it right. So for me that has transpired into making sure I finish what I start, and follow through with my work. I believe it is especially important in the military to put forth maximum effort in any task that you take on and make sure it's done right."



**CTT3 John Nipper**  
*NIOC Hawaii*

"If you use the knowledge you have to help people instead of cheating them, you'll do a lot better in life."

**Senior Master Sgt. Robert Adams**  
*766th Specialized Contacting Squadron*

"I didn't tell my parents I was joining the Air Force. However, my father had a piece of advice that worked for me: just do what you're told and keep pressing forward and you'll be okay. It was a useful bit of advice because it translates to success in the military, at least for me. Whether it is supporting the command or my fellow Airmen, you just have to press forward sometimes regardless of how frustrating or difficult a situation can be."



**Lt. Cmdr. Crystal Bryant**  
*NHCH*

"Never be afraid to dream bigger. Don't ever let anyone tell you that you can't do something."

**Senior Airman Jose Rivera**  
*647th Force Support Squadron*

"The most useful piece of advice my parents gave me was to not have children at an early age. I don't think I could have had the experiences I've had in my life so far by having children at an early age. I also think by waiting until I'm older to have children, I'll be more mature and a better father to them."



*Provided by Lt. j.g. Eric Galassi and Senior Airman Christopher Stoltz*

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## 647th ABG command staff moves to building 150

Effective today, the 647th Air Base Group commander/deputy joint base commander and his staff will move from building 1110 on the Hickam side of joint base to building 150 (room 224). Building 150 is the

joint base and Navy Region Hawaii headquarters building and is located just inside Nimitz Gate, adjacent to Merry Point Landing and Ward Field.

Parking is available across the

street at the Ward Field parking lot.

New phone numbers are as follows: 647 ABG/CC, 473-1508/473-0801; and 647 ABG/CCC, 473-1531. Email addresses will remain the same.

## Bomber formation flies over Hickam



A formation of Martin B-12 and Douglas B-18 bombers is shown in this historical photo over Hickam Field. The Diamond Head extension of the taxiway was begun by grading equipment and the railroad is in place to the left of the taxiway in the photo taken on June 18, 1938, 76 years ago this month.

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# Former Women Airforce Service Pilot visits Pearl Harbor

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Kathryn Miles, former Women Airforce Service Pilot (WASP), visited areas of Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam and met aspiring women pilots during a tour June 6 that was hosted by the 747th Communications Squadron Spouses Group.

More than 70 years ago, Miles was studying to become a teacher like her parents, but the sky above was too enticing for her to ignore.

"I was offered a job in teaching typing in some little western town," Miles said. "I said, 'Thank you very much but no thank you.' I think my poor mother and dad must have shriveled up because I didn't have a job. I turned it down because I wasn't interested in that. I wanted to fly."

The WASP program consisted of civilian volunteers trained to fly a variety of aircraft during WWII. They performed non-combat missions to enable male pilots to fill combat roles in the war effort.

Out of 25,000 applicants for the WASP program, only 2,000 women were accepted for training. Miles was one of them. She traveled to Avenger Field, located in Sweetwater, Texas, and began her journey as a cadet where she became one of 1,078 women to earn their wings in this endeavor.

"My first Army plane was a Stearman PT-17 and that's a bi-plane open cockpit," Miles said. "We did our primary training in that and it was really exciting."

After qualifying in the PT-17, Miles flew a variety of other aircraft including co-piloting the B-17 bomber to flying the P-40 Flying Tiger during missions focused on towing targets for training to the instruction of new pilots.

"I had a pupil and this young man came to the airplane and said, 'Are you my instructor?'" Miles said. "Yes I am," I said. Then he



Kathryn L. Miles

said, 'Well I'm not flying with any woman,' and he looked around and stalked off."

Miles simply shrugged at the cadet and decided to speak to her chain of command.

"I went back to the commanding officer and reported what had happened and he said, 'You go back tomorrow and he'll be there,'" Miles said.

"I went back and the same student came up and didn't say a word, got in the plane, and we flew for the lesson. We came back and he got out of the plane, turned around and said, 'Well, I'll say one thing. You're the best pilot I ever flew with.'"

Miles served as a WASP from Dec. 6, 1943 until the disbanding of the program on Dec. 20, 1944. With the increase of male pilot availability and political pressures, the need for these female service pilots were thought to be unnecessary and they were released from service. They were granted no benefits.

"We had to pay everything," Miles said. "Thirty-eight of the girls died flying in the WASP and because we weren't militarized, they wouldn't pay to send the bodies home. Sometimes their families didn't have the money to send the bodies home, so we took up collections to do that but we always sent a WASP with the body."

In 1977, more than 30 years after the program was disbanded, the



Kathryn L. Miles, World War II Women Airforce Service Pilot (WASP), tours the USS Arizona Memorial on June 6, at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam. (See additional photos on page A-5.)

WASPs were granted military status and became eligible for veterans benefits.

Miles was awarded the Congressional Gold Medal as a member of the WASP on March 10, 2010, honoring her service as one of the first women to fly military aircraft for the armed forces.

Having paid for her own uniform items and travel expenses, to dealing with inequalities as a woman during her time of service, Miles is pleased to see the opportunities women receive today.

"What I have noticed most and am most thrilled about is women are able to go in and become pilots now," Miles said. "They're now accepted, and I have the greatest respect for these women pilots today who work hard. They had to be the best or they couldn't have done it."

Her tour of Pearl Harbor gave Miles a chance to commemorate those who serve in the armed forces.

"I've been to Pearl Harbor many times and, to me, it's an honor every time I go," Miles said. "I like to remember and show my respect, admiration and sorrow for those who died there."

As Miles stepped off the tour boat to show her respects at the Arizona Memorial, Cathy Macatangay, a Ninety-Nines International Organization of Women Pilots Diamond DA40 pilot, and Kathy Custer, an R22 Robinson helicopter pilot in training, introduced themselves and thanked Miles personally for paving the way.

"I didn't even realize that they had women pilots back then and so to come here today and see some-

one who flew 400 hours as a target for target practice is a real inspiration," Custer said. "She is amazing."

"If it wasn't for her and all the other female pilots that flew at that time, who knows if we would be flying today," Macatangay added. "They practically paved the way to allow women to be allowed to become pilots. It was very inspiring to meet her."

When Miles meets young women who are interested in flying or joining the armed forces, she has one piece of advice that she always encourages them with.

"If you have a goal and want to do it badly enough, it's my theory that you can do that but you have to give everything to it and try," Miles said. "Don't think your dreams are inaccessible because they're not."



# Pearl Harbor-Hickam *Highlights*



(Left) Kathryn L. Miles, World War II Women's Airforce Service Pilot (WASP), and her daughters, Beth Tillinghast and Anne Miles, tour Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam on June 6. WASPs performed non-combat missions to enable male pilots to fill combat roles in the war effort. Members of the 747th Communications Squadron Spouses Group hosted the tour.

U.S. Air Force photo by Staff Sgt. Christopher Hubenthal

(Right) U.S. Air Force Col. David Kirkendall, 647th Air Base Group commander and deputy commander of Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, tours the USS Arizona Memorial with Kathryn L. Miles, World War II Women's Airforce Service Pilot (WASP), and her daughters Beth Tillinghast and Anne Miles on June 6.

U.S. Air Force photo by Staff Sgt. Christopher Hubenthal



(Above) U.S. Pacific Fleet Band members perform with Japan Maritime Self-Defense Force (JMSDF) band members during a joint concert at the Ala Moana "Centerentertainment" Stage on June 5. The JMSDF band is visiting along with the training ships JS Kashima (TV 3508), JS Asagiri (TV 3516) and JS Setoyuki (TV 3518), which arrived in Hawaii on June 3 as part of an overseas training cruise.

U.S. Navy photo by MC1 Amanda Dunford

(Right) Machinist's Mate Fireman Garrett Minsky from Huntington Beach, Calif., wears a mark 10 safety suit aboard the Virginia-class fast attack submarine USS North Carolina (SSN-777). North Carolina is visiting Fleet Activities Yokosuka, Japan during a routine deployment to the Indo-Asia-Pacific.

U.S. Navy photo by MC3 Liam Kennedy







Cmdr. Christopher Buziak, outgoing commanding officer of the Los Angeles-class, fast attack submarine USS City of Corpus Christi (SSN 705), is piped ashore after being relieved June 6 by Cmdr. Travis Petzoldt during a change of command ceremony at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam.

## USS City of Corpus Christi holds change of command

**Story and photo by  
MC1 Steven Khor**

*Submarine Force Pacific Fleet  
Public Affairs*

Cmdr. Travis Petzoldt relieved Cmdr. Christopher Buziak as commanding officer of the Los Angeles-class, fast attack submarine USS City of Corpus Christi (SSN 705) during a change of command ceremony held June 6 at the submarine piers at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam.

Buziak said he is proud he had the opportunity to be in command of City of Corpus Christi and work with some amazing Sailors.

“It was my greatest honor to serve with you and be called skipper over the last three years,” said Buziak. “You are submariners, a different breed of man than all others. There is stress involved in being the best, in meeting the expectations of the American people, of being a defender of freedom, of being a master of your trade. I only give you one last order as your com-

manding officer: carry on.”

During his nearly 36 months in command, Buziak took his submarine and crew through a 14-month maintenance period, a western Pacific deployment, and numerous shorter under-way periods.

Retired Adm. Tom Fargo, the ceremony’s guest speaker, praised Buziak for a job well done, considering that 87 percent of the crew had never been on a western Pacific deployment.

“It’s been a great personal pleasure for me, Chris, to follow your career, which has led to the very best job our Navy has to offer—command at sea,” said Fargo, the former commander of U.S. Pacific Command.

“You made a highly effective team that clearly enjoyed what they were doing. You built a powerful atmosphere that empowered your people and, as always, when you’re running a good ship, they grow in their jobs, have confidence in their abilities, and perform to an exceptionally high standard,” Fargo said.

During the ceremony, Buziak was awarded the Meritorious Service Medal for his command of City of Corpus Christi from August 2011 to June 2014.

As Petzoldt assumed command of City of Corpus Christi, he thanked Buziak for turning over a great ship and highly enthusiastic crew.

“Thank you, City of Corpus Christi crew, for your warm welcome, and for all of the hard work you have done and I know you will continue to do,” said Petzoldt.

“You are the life of the ship I am standing on. Without you, it’s just an expensive hunk of steel. I look forward to working with each and every one of you.”

City of Corpus Christi is the second ship to be named after the Texas city and is capable of conducting anti-surface and anti-submarine operations along with guided-missile strike operations using conventional Tomahawk land attack missiles.

For more news from Commander, Submarine Force, U.S. Pacific Fleet, visit <http://www.cs.p.navy.mil/>.

## USS Hopper hosts Easter Seals Hawaii visit

**Story and photo by  
Ensign Angeline A. Jones**

*USS Hopper (DDG 70) Public  
Affairs*

The guided-missile destroyer USS Hopper (DDG 70) provided ship tours for more than 30 guests from Easter Seals Hawaii on May 29.

The guests were provided with tours of the technologically advanced warship from the wardroom and crew of the ship.

“The crew was eager and honored to be hosting a tour like this, and, I believe we gained just as much, if not more, from the experience than our visitors,” said Lt. Sean Davis, Hopper’s operations officer.

Additionally, they were briefed by Lt. Meredith Manuel, Hopper’s navigator, on some of the ship’s missions and capabilities.

“It was a real honor to have the men and women of Easter Seals Hawaii onboard. It was touching to see their eyes light up hearing about the capabilities of Hopper. We are all flattered that they chose our ship to come visit and [we] would be eager to host the Easter Seals again,” said Lt. j.g. Joshua Armour, Hopper’s training officer.

The Easter Seals organization was founded in the spring of 1934 in the state of Ohio. Over the last 100

years, the Easter Seals have provided a helping hand to individuals with disabilities and special needs and their families to help them live better lives.

The history of the Easter Seals Hawaii dates back to 1946 when Edward and Olga Sultan founded the Sultan Foundation Nursery School. The school was the first of its kind to offer early intervention programs, which is now used as an example at the national level. Eventually, the school was expanded to the Easter Seal Society for Crippled Children and later renamed Easter Seals Hawaii.

The mission of Easter Seals is to provide a variety of services to help individuals with disabilities and special needs live more independently, learn and work through life’s challenges, and achieve personal goals. This includes child development centers, medical rehabilitation, camping, recreation, employment, and job training.

USS Hopper (DDG 70) is assigned to Destroyer Squadron 31 and is part of Naval Surface Group Middle Pacific and U.S. 3rd Fleet. The ship is named after Rear Adm. Grace Hopper, a pioneering computer scientist, also affectionately known as “Grandma Cobol” after co-inventing COBOL (common business-oriented language).



Lt. j.g. Meredith Manuel gives Easter Seals Hawaii guests a tour of the pilot house.

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# Life & Leisure

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## KEIKI 'HOOKED' ON FISHING



Story and photos by Tech. Sgt. Terri Paden 15th Wing Public Affairs

The 15th Annual Friends of Hickam Keiki Fishing Tournament took place June 4 at the Ho'omaluhia Botanical Gardens in Kaneohe. During the annual event, more than 120 members of Team Hickam and their children competed against one another to take home the coveted first place trophies for the most fish caught and largest fish.

"We do this for the Airmen," Wayne Iseri, Friends of Hickam president, said of the event. "This is a great opportunity to promote the beauty of Hawaii and family."

The half-day event opened with remarks from Col. Johnny Roscoe, 15th Wing commander, who thanked the Friends of Hickam for sponsoring the free event for Airmen.

"Today is about our *keiki*, our kids, and I'm so glad to see so many active-duty parents here with them," he said. "Our kids support us so much and they need to know we have their backs too."

It wasn't long after the opening remarks before fish of all shapes and sizes were pulled out of the water. The children fished for one hour to see who could reel in the most small mouth bass, catfish, red devil fish and tilapia with their bamboo poles. The fish were then measured and released back into the water.

Though most every child caught a fish, it wasn't long before amateur fisher De Antony Moore, 8, bested his fellow fisherman by reeling in a 34½ inch catfish, the biggest catch of the day.

"This is great ... this is awesome," he said after having his fish measured. "I didn't expect to catch such a big fish. It was so huge I was surprised."

Having only caught one small fish prior to his winning catch, Moore had begun to get discouraged, but continued to fish anyway.

"It took so long to catch a fish. I was just standing there and finally this [the fish] came out," he said. "This is my favorite part of the day so far, but I am having a lot of fun fishing with my dad."

Though every child was declared a winner and given a prize before day's end, brother and sister Cody and Kalia Dela Cruz proved they had what it takes to be the best-of-the-best by each catching 26 fish.

The day was full of victory for the *keiki*, but it also had winning moments for the parents in attendance.

"We enjoy fishing; it's something we do in our down time," said Staff Sgt. Nicholas Robles, 96th Airlift Squadron boom operator. "To have the opportunity to participate in a tournament just makes it that much more fun. The best part of this day was definitely watching my son catch fish. It was great to see the expression on his face when he hooked one on his line, reeled it in, and had it measured. We'll definitely participate in this next year."

(Above): De Anthony Moore, 8, poses with his prize-winning catch, a 34½ pound catfish, during the 15th Annual Keiki Fishing Tournament held June 4 at the Ho'omaluhia Botanical Garden in Kaneohe.



(Above): More than 120 Hickam children and their parents participated in the 15th Annual Keiki Fishing Tournament.



(Left): Levi King, 5, poses with his fish as his father, Senior Master Sgt. Christian King Sr., 17th Operational Weather Squadron, snaps a picture with his camera phone.



(Above): Members and volunteers from the Friends of Hickam organization hand out goody bags and fishing poles to Hickam *keiki*.

(Left): Jackson Ward, 11, puts a piece of bread on his hook.



# Undefeated 613th AOC enters playoffs with No. 1 seed

Story and photo by  
Randy Dela Cruz

Sports Editor, Ho'okele

The 613th Air and Space Operation Center (613 AOC) got two goals from Operations Specialist 2nd Class Valentine Edward and one from Senior Airman Jeremy Reding to defeat 8th Intelligence Squadron (8 IS), 3-2, on June 8 in an intramural Blue Division soccer game at Ward Field, Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam.

The win kept the 613's record perfect at 8-0 to secure the division's number one seed heading into the playoffs, which will be held from June 14-15.

Meanwhile, the 8 IS entered last weekend's play clinging to the division's fifth and final spot and will have to wait for this week's standings to see if they are in or not.

"I didn't expect that," said Edward about the strong challenge posed by the 8 IS. "Seemed like they really wanted it. A lot of people have been trying to knock us down, but as a team we're playing pretty good at holding it and finishing it off."

The 613 got off to a quick start early in the first half when Edward got a pass from Reding and then took it to the net on a straightaway boot for a 1-0 lead.

"That was a beautiful pass from Jeremy," he acknowledged. "He knew I was going that way, and he just looped it to that corner and I just one-touched it."

Just before halftime, Reding gave the 613 a 2-0 lead on a shot that he created at the top of the box.



Senior Airman Jeremy Reding gets past Markus Blythe before kicking in a goal.

Reding circled around the defense on some nice dribbling before shooting the ball past the goalkeeper for the score.

The lead stood up through half-time, but soon after the break the 8 IS got right back into the game on a boot by Markus Blythe, a military family member, to make it 2-1.

"We knew we could score on them because we were passing

the ball well," Blythe said. "I felt like I was doing a pretty good job of pressuring their defense into trying to force them into making a mistake. That's where we were looking to attack."

The game continued to be tight until midway through the second half when Edward got his second goal of the game.

Working off of an inbound pass

from the sideline by Reding, Edward got the ball at the top of the box, maneuvered past his defender, and shot the ball in for a 3-1 lead.

Although most of the work seemed to come off of the feet of Edward, he noted that Reding made it all happen by throwing the ball right where he wanted it.

"He (Reding) actually read the

play," Edward pointed out. "He told one of our guys to go in to draw the defense in, and it gave me the opportunity to work around it."

The advantage stood throughout most of the second half, but just before the game's final whistle blew, the 8 IS got one final goal on a kick by Airman 1st Class Dylan Tauscher.

While the 8 IS will have to wait out the final standings to see if they will advance to the playoffs, Blythe said that the team would be ready if it got the call.

Playing and holding their own against the division's top team is a great confidence builder, Blythe said.

"We feel like we can match up pretty well against these guys," Blythe noted. "We'll take a 3-2 if we know we'll be playing next week, but that's what we're gearing up for."

Blythe admitted that a few blown opportunities in the game might have sealed his team's fate against the 613 this week, but if they get another chance in the playoffs, he's feeling pretty good about the team's chances to win it all.

"We feel 100 percent confident that we can take it next week," he said.

Edward, who has been to the postseason before, said he has a few things to work on, but he also believes that this could be the 613's year.

"I think we need to work on our short pass, instead of like our offense is launch over (the top)," he admitted. "We got a good team, a bunch of guys that know what they're doing."

## Honolulu Pearl Canoe Club perpetuates traditional sport at JBPHH

Don Robbins

Editor, Ho'okele

The Honolulu Pearl Canoe Club (HPCC) paddles at Rainbow Bay Marina and Hickam Beach at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam.

"The canoe club is a non-profit group run by volunteer members, perpetuating the Hawaiian sport of outrigger canoe racing on JBPHH. We are a canoe club that competes against other local clubs and has both military and civilian members perpetuating this cultural sport using the Hawaiian six-man outrigger canoes, both fiberglass and koa wood," said Elke Ahleong, a Department of Defense employee who is also an Air Force spouse and veteran and is a board member for the club.

The club has racing programs for both children and adults. HPCC was originally established in Honolulu Harbor in 1976 and

relocated to Pearl Harbor in the 1980s.

Races are also held at many different locations on Oahu, including Waikiki, Nanakuli, Kailua, Waimanalo, Kaneohe Bay and Ke'eihl Lagoon.

Membership is open to both military and civilians, ages 7 to 17 for *keiki* teams and 18 and up for adult's teams.

In addition, the club is an active member of the Oahu Hawaiian Canoe Racing Association and the Hawaiian Canoe Racing Association. Ahleong explained that the club emphasizes paddling with aloha.

"HPCC perpetuates the traditional art of Hawaiian outrigger canoe paddling," Ahleong said.

"The mission is to facilitate a cultural life experience for our members with respect to the traditions and cultural heritage of Hawaii to include traditional sports and related activities, the ocean and its relationship to

Hawaiian life and water safety," Ahleong added.

"Paddling is also an excellent full body workout that the entire family can do. Paddling is both aerobic and strength training at the same time."

*Keiki* practice takes place on Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 4 to 5 p.m.

Women's practice is on Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 5 p.m. to sunset.

Men's practice is Tuesday, Thursday and Friday from 5 p.m. to sunset.

The regatta race season for kids and adults teams stretches from June through August. Sprint races ranges from quarter-mile to half-mile races.

Long-distance season runs from July to October for adults only. Long races range from 18 miles to 41 miles in "iron" or "relay" races.

Prospective members can show up during practice times and mention that they'd like to give it a try,



Photo courtesy of the Honolulu Pearl Canoe Club

Members of the Honolulu Pearl Canoe Club paddle past Oahu's rugged south shore cliffs.

Ahleong said.

"If I were to try and pick what is the best thing about paddling with HPCC, although there are many great things and people to choose from, I think my favorite part would be becoming part of the "HPCC

paddling *ohana*.' We become like family," Ahleong said.

"If I were to sum up my experience with the club, I would say, 'It is a never-ending story.' With each season and each race and the rotation in and out of club members each year,

you will always have a multitude of stories to tell. It's awesome, and I love it all," Ahleong added.

For more information, visit [www.honolulupearlcanoeclub.org](http://www.honolulupearlcanoeclub.org) or email [honolulupearlcanoeclub@gmail.com](mailto:honolulupearlcanoeclub@gmail.com).



# Intelligence Squadron stays in the running for pennant

Story and photo by  
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Despite playing in one of the toughest divisions on base, the 324th Intelligence Squadron (324 IS) Roadkill has quietly crept up the ladder in the Red Division.

On June 9, the team kept on pace with the perennial contenders, such as the 647th Security Forces Squadron (647 SFS) and defending champions Hawaii Air National Guard (HI-ANG), by beating Commander United States Pacific Fleet (COMPACFLT) Officers, 8-5, at Ward Field, Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam.

The win raised the 324's record to 6-2, just one game in back of the division leaders, with only one week remaining in the regular season, while the Officers dropped to 3-4.

"We've got a couple of tough teams (coming up), so we'll see what happens," said 324 pitcher, retired veteran Dennis Henry. "We're playing pretty good softball for a bunch of hillbillies. We're out there without uniforms. We just go out there."

Although the Officers eventually fell to the 324, the team got out to a good start with two runs in the top of the first inning.

The lead stood up for two innings until the bottom of the third when the 324 started to get to Officers pitcher Jay Washabaugh, a



Master Sgt. Jeff Miles keeps his eyes on the ball before delivering an RBI single for the 324th Intelligence Squadron (324 IS) Roadkill.

Department of Defense civilian.

Washabaugh gave up a leadoff walk and a single before Airman 1st Class Austin Debban singled to drive in Roadkill's first run.

The 324 then tied the game up at 2-2 on a single off the bat of Airman 1st Class Steve McDonald.

In the bottom of the fourth, Washabaugh allowed back-to-back walks to

open the start of the inning and the 324 made him pay for it once again.

This time, the 324 was able to add two more runs without getting a hit by scoring on a force play at third and sacrifice fly to take a 4-2 lead.

Then after Henry held the Officers without a run for the third consecutive inning, Roadkill broke the game open by scoring four

times in the bottom of the fifth.

Big hits in the inning came off the bat of McDonald, who stroked another RBI single, and Staff Sgt. Erik Cardenas, who drove in McDonald with a double.

Master Sgt. Jeff Miles also added an RBI single during the team's breakout inning, which started the rally with two outs.

In the top of the seventh

inning, down by five runs, the Officers had their backs against the wall, but the team didn't go down without a fight.

A walk and a back-to-back singles loaded the bases without an out before Henry retired Cmdr. Mark Nowalk on an infield fly.

The batter, Lt. Cmdr. Kirk Dodson, lined a single that scored two runs to make it 8-5, but Henry was

able to settle down and get the final out on a force play.

"Defensively, these guys are incredible," said Henry about the team's solid fielding that contributed heavily to the win. "There was very few errors out there today and our shortstop played a great game."

McDonald, who came up with a couple of clutch hits to drive in two runs, said that once the team started to make contact, things fell into place.

"Seems like we finally relaxed and started to not focus on bombs, but just hit singles," he said. "We were loose and everyone finally clicked together."

Going into the game, McDonald said that he felt very comfortable at the plate after having a solid practice the day before.

"We had a good practice on Sunday morning," McDonald acknowledged. "So I felt really good going into Monday night loose. Just make contact. That's all I was aiming for."

With the team almost assured of getting into the playoffs at the end of the month, McDonald said he believes that the team should be ready to match up against the best teams on base.

"We have a good veteran in master sergeant (Miles)," McDonald pointed out. "He kind of brought the team together and we've been doing well with him coaching. We'll just keep practicing on Sunday morning and we'll be good."

# Kunia Gallos aims for three-peat in intramural soccer

Story and photo by  
Randy Dela Cruz

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While many of the names have changed from seasons past, this year's edition of the Kunia Gallos remains in the hunt for another championship crown.

On June 8, the Gallos ended the regular season on a high note by defeating the 647th Civil Engineer Squadron (647 CES), 2-1, at Ward Field, Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam.

Although both teams are expected to be in the playoffs on June 14-15, the Gallos have a much higher stake to

defend after having won the base title for the past two years and are now facing a possible three-peat.

"We're sort of a ragtag group," said Kunia striker Cryptologic Technician (Interpretive) 2nd Class Jon Stuberg. "We don't have uniforms, we don't have subs, we just run the heck out of the team."

Against the 647, Kunia struck first in with a goal by Stuberg on an assist from Amy Cunningham, a military spouse.

On the play, Cunningham moved with the ball down the right sideline and then delivered a perfect pass to Stuberg at the top of the box, who shot a rainbow that just

got under the crossbar.

"That was a good setup and, I think, lots of luck," said Stuberg about the game's first goal.

The lead stood through halftime, but early in the second half, the 647 was able to tie the score on a goal by Staff Sgt. James Montgomery.

"It was just kind of instinct," Montgomery said about the goal. "I knew that the goalie was going to be out a little bit, and I knew that I could put it over the top."

Although the game stood deadlocked for most of the second half, Kunia broke the ice and once again, it was Stuberg who tallied the lead score.

Coming back the other way, Stuberg was the beneficiary of another great pass, this time from teammate Tony Soules, a Department of Defense civilian.

Resembling the team's first goal, Soules moved down the right wing before spotting Stuberg, who took the pass and delivered the go-ahead and game-winning shot.

"I wanted to keep it low," Stuberg said about his second goal. "I squared my shoulders towards the goal, so I knew that I was going to hit it on frame no matter what."

With both teams entering the game with nearly identical records, the showdown

represented a battle of evenly matched squads.

Montgomery admitted that while the teams' records were even, the Gallos was a little too quick for the 647 this time around.

"They were just a lot faster than us I think," he said. "We just couldn't get the ball moving, but it was still a good game."

Heading into the playoffs, Montgomery said that the team has got its work cut out for itself, but a little practice in the week prior to the post-season should improve the 647's stock.

"We're fine," he noted. "We have to move the ball better, just knowing where everybody is at and getting the

proper touches at the right time."

Stuberg said that although Kunia is filled with new faces, the team is fortunate enough to have a large pool of players to choose from in order to keep the momentum going.

Even without the familiar players, such as former team captain and Cryptologic Technician (Interpretive) 1st Class Steven Bloom, Stuberg said he believes that Kunia is in a good position for a three-peat.

"I would say that, 'yeah, we're going to win it,'" he predicted. "We've got the speed and ball control, and really, we're just going to outwork everybody."



Cryptologic Technician (Interpretive) 2nd Class Jon Stuberg watches as the ball heads for the goal on his second score of the game for the Kunia Gallos.

## Fourth of July celebration will include fireworks

Navy Region Hawaii

Plan of the Week

A Fourth of July celebration will be held from 3:30 to 9:30 p.m. at Ward Field, Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam. The event will include a fireworks display at 9 p.m.

Free activities will include a petting zoo, airbrush tattoos, batting cage, pizza samples, a pre-party on Ward Field and a car show.

Other activities available for purchase include rides and inflatables, food from around the island and beverages. Participants can register to win prizes, including the grand prize of a Las Vegas getaway for two.

Featured artist 3 Doors Down will take the stage at 7:30 p.m. for a concert presented by Armed Forces Entertainment. 3 Doors Down is an American rock band formed in 1996, who rose to international fame with

their first single, "Kryptonite."

The event is open to all military-affiliated personnel and their sponsored guests. There will be 100 percent ID check at the gate.

Schedule of events is subject to change without notice.

For safety reasons, no outside food and beverage, barbecues, tents, umbrellas, animals, glass or coolers are allowed.

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# Live the Great Life

## Army earns best surfing title in All-Military Surf Classic



Mark Peer rides a wave to his first place finish in the Active Duty Men's Shortboard Division (ages 17-29).

Photo courtesy of Hawaiian Island Creations

### Reid Tokeshi

Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam  
Morale, Welfare and Recreation

Approximately 100 surfers took to the waters of White Plains Beach on June 6 at the All-Military Surf Classic, hosted by Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam Morale, Welfare and Recreation.

The event drew entries from participants of all ages to the west side of the island to test their skills in two- to four-foot surf.

Competition was divided into open and active duty categories with age divisions for both.

The U.S. Army won the top branch for 2014, preventing the Air Force from repeating last year's victory. The winner was determined by the amount of top finishers of each branch of service in the active duty division.

In addition to trophies, winners in their divisions received other prizes, including clothing and electronic accessories. A new longboard was also raffled off among all the entrants.

## Missoula Children's Theatre open auditions

### Justin Hirai

Joint Base Pearl  
Harbor-Hickam Morale,  
Welfare and Recreation

The final production of Blackbeard the Pirate will take place Saturday beginning at 11:30 a.m. at the Hickam Memorial Theater. Admission is free.

The Missoula Children's Theatre (MCT) held open auditions June 9 at Hickam Memorial Theater. A total of 120 youth participated in the group auditions in hopes of being selected for the rehearsal camp. The selected youth will participate in the production of Blackbeard the Pirate.

Commander Naval Installations Command contracts the Missoula Children's Theatre to come to Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam. This is their first time back in a few years. MCT sends two producers to run the auditions, camp and final production. They bring everything needed to create a professional theatre play, including stage settings, acting props and costumes.

The group auditions began with the youth lining up by size. Each candidate



MWR Marketing photo

Missoula Children's Theatre directors Alex Kowalchik and Kristin Gilbert run auditions at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam.

then introduced themselves and their age. They were directed to be as loud and clear as possible. The second time around they reintroduced themselves but were directed to use a sobbing or crying voice. The remainder of the audition consisted of activities to showcase candidates' acting abilities.

Three of Cary Martin's children participated in the auditions on Monday and have participated in past MCT programs. She said she likes the program.

"It's great that it gives kids the opportunity to express themselves and work with others. Also, it's a short

commitment compared to other plays or productions that rehearse for months. This way kids can get a taste of it and if they like it, they can look for other acting programs to get involved with," Martin said.

The rehearsal camp ran throughout the week and provided a learning experience for youth.

"The camp allows kids to have a new experience and make new friends. They also get to challenge themselves because they only have five days to learn the production," said Cherise Castro, child youth programs lead.

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Visit [www.greatlifehawaii.com](http://www.greatlifehawaii.com) or subscribe to MWR's digital magazine Great Life Hawaii.

**Peewee Flag Football Registration** closes today for youth ages 3 to 5 years old. The season runs from July 12 to Sept. 20. The fee is \$35. Registration is through [www.greatlifehawaii.com](http://www.greatlifehawaii.com). FMI: 473-0789.

**Single Airmen & Sailors Cosmic Bowling Night** will be held from 7 to 9 p.m. today at the Naval Station Bowling Center. Free bowling, pizza and soda are available for single, active duty Airmen and Sailors only. FMI: 473-2583.

**Friday the 13th Bowling** will be available from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m.

today at The Escape Bowling Center at Wahiawa Annex. Bowling games are discounted to \$1.50 per game per person. There is a three-game limit if there is a waiting list. FMI: 473-2651.

**Bench Press Competition** will be held from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday at the Hickam Fitness Center. FMI: 448-2214.

**Fit & Trim with Dad 5K Run** will begin at 7 a.m. June 15 at the Hickam Fitness Center. This free event is an opportunity for dads and their children to participate in a Father's Day run together. FMI: 448-2214.

**Father's Day Bowling** will be held from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. June 15 at the Hickam Bowling Center and at the Naval Station Bowling Center. Dads can bowl for free with a paying family member (up to three free games for dad). FMI: 448-9959 or 473-2574.

**Father's Day Special at the Movies** will be offered June 15 at all showings at Sharkey Theater. Fathers will receive a small bag of popcorn for free in appreciation of all they do. Fathers must be accompanied by a family member or have a picture of their children on their phones. FMI: 473-0726.

**Summer Craft Camp** will be held from 10 a.m. to noon June 17 through June 20 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.

**Ford Island Historical Tour** will be held from 8:30 to 10:30 a.m. June 18. A historian from Information, Tickets & Travel will lead this guided tour of the significant World War II battle sites on Ford Island. FMI: 448-2295.

**MWR Newcomers Luncheon** will be held from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. June 18 at the Tradewinds Club ballroom. There will be a free buffet lunch, MWR information booths, sponsor tables and giveaways, and activities for children. The event is open to all military-affiliated personnel. Participants can register online. FMI: [www.greatlifehawaii.com](http://www.greatlifehawaii.com).

**Teen Parent/Family Event** will be held from 5:30 to 8 p.m. June 19 at the Hickam Teen Center. Soup and sandwiches will be served. There is no charge for families of teens. FMI: 448-0418.



Community Calendar

JUNE

POOLS OPEN FOR SUMMER SEASON

**NOW** — 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/xALYl>.

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 health-care 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.

TWILIGHT TRIBUTE TO THE TROOPS

**SATURDAY** — USO Hawaii will hold a Twilight Tribute to the Troops appreciation event for military and their families from 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. at Sea Life Park, 41-202 Kalaniana'ole Highway. Military and their families can visit the park for free with valid military or family member I.D. The event will include giveaways and *keiki* (children's) activities and entertainment from Chief Sielu, featuring performances from his luau show. Free off-site parking is available at Bellows Air Force Station with continuous shuttle service to and from Sea Life Park, beginning at 10 a.m. FMI: [facebook.com/HawaiiUSO](https://www.facebook.com/HawaiiUSO).

BLOOD DRIVE SCHEDULE

**17, 18, 19, 23** — Tripler Army Medical Center Blood Donor Center schedule of upcoming blood drives as part of the Armed Services Blood Donor Program (ASBP).  
• 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](mailto:michelle.lele@amedd.army.mil) or [www.militaryblood.dod.mil](http://www.militaryblood.dod.mil).

HICKAM HISTORICAL TOUR

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

MOLOKAI SAINT DAMIEN TOUR

**21** — A Molokai Saint Damien Tour will be held from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. ITT's tour to Molokai Island includes shuttle to aircraft, round-trip airfare and guided tour. Participants should wear comfortable clothes and walking shoes and bring their own snacks, lunch and drinks. Retail facilities will not be available. The cost is \$325 per person. FMI: 448-2295.

LEARN TO SURF

**21** — Learn to surf at White Plains Beach class will depart at 8 a.m. from the MWR Outdoor Adventure Center office at the Fleet Store. The class starts with the basics and includes standing, paddling, wave etiquette and gear selection. Participants must be able to swim without a lifejacket. The cost is \$40, and the sign-up deadline is June 18. FMI: 473-1198.



MILLION DOLLAR ARM (PG)

Based on a true story, Disney's "Million Dollar Arm" follows JB Bernstein, a once-successful sports agent who now finds himself edged out by bigger, slicker competitors. He and his partner Aash (Aasif Mandvi) will have to close their business down for good if JB doesn't come up with something fast.

SHARKEY THEATER

**TODAY 6/13**  
7:00 PM    Godzilla (3-D) (PG-13)  
  
**SATURDAY 6/14**  
2:30 PM    Million Dollar Arm (PG)  
5:00 PM    The Amazing Spider-Man 2 (3-D) (PG-13)  
7:40 PM    Neighbors (R)  
  
**SUNDAY 6/15**  
2:30 PM    Godzilla (3-D) (PG-13)  
4:50 PM    Million Dollar Arm (PG)  
7:20 PM    Mom's Night Out (PG)  
  
**THURSDAY 6/16**  
7:00 PM    Godzilla (PG-13)

KAYAK FISHING

**21** — A kayak fishing trip will begin at 8 a.m. Hickam Harbor's Outdoor Recreation staff will take participants to coastal fishing spots. Kayak, fishing gear, bait and transportation will be provided. The cost is \$37, and the sign-up deadline is June 18. FMI: 449-5215.

LEARN TO STAND-UP PADDLEBOARD

**21** — Learn to Stand-Up Paddleboard classes will begin at 9:15 a.m. and at 10:30 a.m. at Hickam Harbor. This introductory class will cover the basics in a stress-free environment. The cost is \$25 for each session. The sign-up deadline is June 19. FMI: 449-5215.

FREE ADVANCE SCREENING

**21** — A free advance screening of the movie "Transformers: Age of Extinction" will be shown in 3D at 3 p.m. at Sharkey Theater. Assigned seating tickets will be issued at the ticket box office at 1:30 p.m. to the first 400 authorized patrons. Active duty ID cardholders can receive up to four tickets. Family members, retirees and Department of Defense cardholders can receive up to two tickets. FMI: 473-0726.

BOTTOM FISHING

**22** — A bottom fishing excursion will depart at 8:30 a.m. from Hickam Harbor. This trip is suitable for both experts and beginners and includes gear, bait, guides and boat. The cost is \$30. The sign-up deadline is June 19. FMI: 449-5215.

PADDLEBOARDING AND SNORKELING

**22** — A paddleboarding and snorkeling at Pokai Bay excursion will begin at 9 a.m. MWR Outdoor Adventure Center staff will take participants to Pokai Bay, which has a protected shorebreak with calm waters suitable for beginners. The cost is \$30. The sign-up deadline is June 19. FMI: 473-1198.

JULY

HUMAN CAMERA

**2** — The "Human Camera, Artemio" will be available to draw three-minute portraits of people and animals from 3 to 6 p.m. at the Pearl Harbor Navy Exchange mall second floor. This is a free event for authorized patrons only. FMI: 423-3287.

FIRST TEE OF HAWAII

**2,3** — The First Tee of Hawaii organization will announce their golf camp and programs from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Pearl Harbor Navy Exchange mall second floor golf department. This is a free event for authorized patrons only. FMI: 423-3287.

PICK & PAINT

**2,3** — The Hickam Arts & Crafts Center will hold a "Pick & Paint" event from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Pearl Harbor Navy Exchange, second floor books department. Participants can choose a piece, color it and take it home that day. Children and adults are welcome to attend the free event for authorized patrons only. FMI: 423-3287.

STORY-TELLING AND SUMMER READING CRAFTS

**3** — Hickam Library will hold a story-telling and craft-making event from noon to 3 p.m. at the Pearl Harbor Navy Exchange, second floor books department. This is a free event for authorized patrons only. FMI: 423-3287.

COLORING WITH SPIDERMAN

**3** — Authorized patrons can color their favorite portrait of Spiderman with web-wonder himself from 3 to 5 p.m. at the Pearl Harbor Navy Exchange mall. Picture-taking is also welcomed. This is a free event for authorized patrons only. FMI: 423-3287.

HICKAM MEMORIAL THEATER

**TODAY 6/13**  
6:00 PM    The Amazing Spider-Man 2 (PG-13)  
  
**SATURDAY 6/14**  
4:00 PM    Rio 2 (G)  
7:00 PM    The Amazing Spider-Man 2 (PG-13)  
  
**SUNDAY 6/15**  
2:00 PM    The Amazing Spider-Man 2 (PG-13)  
  
**THURSDAY 6/16**  
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Movie Showtimes





# NOSC Pearl Harbor and FCPOA host family day

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Navy Operational Support Center Pearl Harbor (NOSC PH) and the First Class Petty Officer Association (FCPOA) hosted a family day picnic during its scheduled drill weekend on June 8 at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam.

The annual event gives families and friends an opportunity to see how their loved ones support the mission of the Navy/Marine Corps team.

"Family day is a great opportunity for us to reach out to our deploying Sailors and their families. We are also doing some readiness training here today by offering information about services which are available to our Sailors that are deploying and the family that they are leaving behind," said Neil McCown, NOSC Pearl Harbor commanding officer.

"We are also happy to see that everyone is having a good time here today. We wanted to make sure every-

one had a chance to have a little fun, relax and enjoy the nice afternoon."

The family day picnic acknowledges the sacrifices and support of family members for Reserve component Sailors where lengthy mobilizations and individual augmentations have become the norm.

"I think family day is important for the families to get together because this is not just for the families. It's also readiness, to have training and to have our sponsored here to help out to get the Reservist mobilization-ready," said Senior Chief Navy Counselor Andrea Russell, command senior chief, NOSC Pearl Harbor.

Many of the service members present had already deployed in support of Operations Enduring Freedom or Iraqi Freedom and the global war on terrorism.

"It's also to let the families be assured that when we do have Sailors that are mobilized, that they have a lot of outreach programs that they can tap into to support them while their Sailors are away," said Rus-

sell. "It's important. This is huge because we don't make it without our families."

On view at the event were vehicles displayed by the Navy Seabees, Federal Fire Department, base security, a demonstration by Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam K-9 unit, and information booths.

"Throughout this whole year, we've raised funds between MWR and the First Class Petty Officer Association to raise money to have this event for the NOSC staff members, Reservists and their families to come out and enjoy a free event," said Naval Aircrewman 1st Class Philip Digregorio.

"It's good for the kids, families and the appreciation for them supporting what the Navy does and the NOSC staff do. It's a really good time, and I'm glad that it was a great turnout."

Over the course of the day, more than 200 men, women and children took advantage of the sun and warm temperatures by enjoying the entertainment, food and games.

"Family day to me is important because it brings all

the family together; it involves the spouses and kids. It shows the Navy cares, not only for the service member but the entire family," said Logistics Specialist 3rd Class Steven Unpingco. "It

boosts morale within the family and it also shows appreciation."

NOSC PH's mission is to ensure that their Reservists are always ready to be fully integrated into the active

force and rapidly deploy in support of the fleet.

Currently, NOSC PH has more than 50 Sailors on active duty orders assigned to various locations throughout the world.



Chief Boatswain's Mate Toan Le watches as a family member takes a throw in an attempt to hit the target on the dunk booth.



Culinary Specialist 2nd Class Madel Abida, assigned to Regional Operational Center (ROC), Pearl Harbor, arranges water bottles at the start of the family day picnic at Quick Field.



Sailors assigned to Naval Operational Support Center (NOSC) serve service members and their family members during the NOSC family day picnic.



# Military urged to stay safe while enjoying summer activities



U.S. Navy photo by MC1 Daniel Barker  
Boaters and swimmers meet at a sandbar near Marine Corps Base Hawaii.

**MC3 Diana Quinlan**  
*Navy Public Affairs  
Support Element West,  
Det. Hawaii*

Military leaders and safety personnel stress that it is important for all service members and their families to always keep safety in mind while enjoying summer activities.

Despite the great opportunities for activities and summer-related fun, Command Master Chief John P. Ullery, Navy Region Hawaii, emphasized the importance of maintaining safety.

“Living in Hawaii, we are fortunate to be able to participate in many outside activities year round from hiking, camping, numerous water sports and other events,” Ullery said.

“For those who enjoy hiking trips unseen dangers can occur. Trails become very slick when wet. Stay on marked trails; a couple of steps off could be a couple hundred feet drop.”

“Wear proper footwear. For water sport activities

obey posted signs and talk to the lifeguards. They may know something particular about that location,” Ullery added.

Ullery said the importance of making proper decisions and knowing personal limits when spending time outdoors and with friends or family is of paramount importance. Arrogance, peer pressure or inability to perceive potential danger may lead to disasters.

“Different people have different skill levels at sports. Someone who is an expert hiker may not swim well and vice versa. For those that are experienced, be on the lookout for possible obstacles, keep your head on a swivel, obey posted signs, and listen to those posted for safety purposes,” Ullery said.

“Don’t let peer pressure get you into a situation that you are not trained and conditioned for. Too often, people feel they can complete an event only to have others come to their aid. You may become a statistic. We need everyone out there today in

order to complete our mission.”

For military members who want to enjoy many of the activities that the Hawaii summer has to offer, Morale, Welfare and Recreation (MWR) provides many options, packages and information as well as classes and training.

“Here at MWR we provide a lot of outdoor activities if you are not comfortable doing it by yourself,” said Kyle Candilasa, MWR outdoor recreation specialist at Joint Base Pearl-Harbor-Hickam.

“We provide kayaking, snorkeling, hiking, surfing lessons and mountain biking just from this office alone. There are also marinas that provide sailing lessons, diving and spear fishing, fishing and kayak-fishing.

“If you are not comfortable going by yourself because you are new to the island, we are a good place to go to for resources, safety information, best places to visit and many other activities as Hawaiian weather is perfect for outdoor activities

year-round.”

Candilasa reiterated the importance of safety and staying vigilant in outdoors conditions. He pointed out how often the weather can change in the islands with unexpected rains, which can strand hikers or cause flash floods. Strong winds and strong currents in the water can make it important to be aware when spending time at the ocean kayaking, swimming, surfing or snorkeling.

Candilasa’s advice includes checking the news before doing any outdoors activities, knowing the weather conditions ahead of time including winds, precipitation and UV ratings.

“No matter how overcast and cloudy it may be, UV rays pass through and can be damaging to the skin in the long run,” Candilasa said. “Always apply sunscreen, reapplying one to

two hours after the initial application.”

“If hiking, things to bring are a medical kit, water and emergency supplies in case it gets dark or in case of heavy rains as well as having a fully charged cell phone,” he said. “For kayaking always have a life vest. You may think you’re a great swimmer, but you never know. It’s always good to have some type of flotation device.”

Sailors stationed at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam spoke about their personal experiences involving other military members and the necessity of looking out for one another both on duty and off.

“Hydrating is also very important. People neglect that fact and it causes health problems. Many accidents also happen due to alcohol consumption and peer pressure. The worst I’ve

## My Favorite Photo...

Tony Verceluz captured these vibrant orchids in full bloom.



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