

SECNAV launches Navy's largest solar project in Hawaii

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Secretary of the Navy (SECNAV) Ray Mabus, along with Navy and Marine Corps senior leaders, announced the launch of the Navy's largest solar power generation system project in Hawaii during a ground-breaking and blessing ceremony July 24 at Hospital Point at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam (JBPHH).

Naval Facilities Engineering Command (NAVFAC) Pacific awarded a \$334 million task order July 11 to Pacific Energy Solutions LLC, a small business in Boca Raton, Fla., for the procurement of electricity produced from renewable energy generation systems.

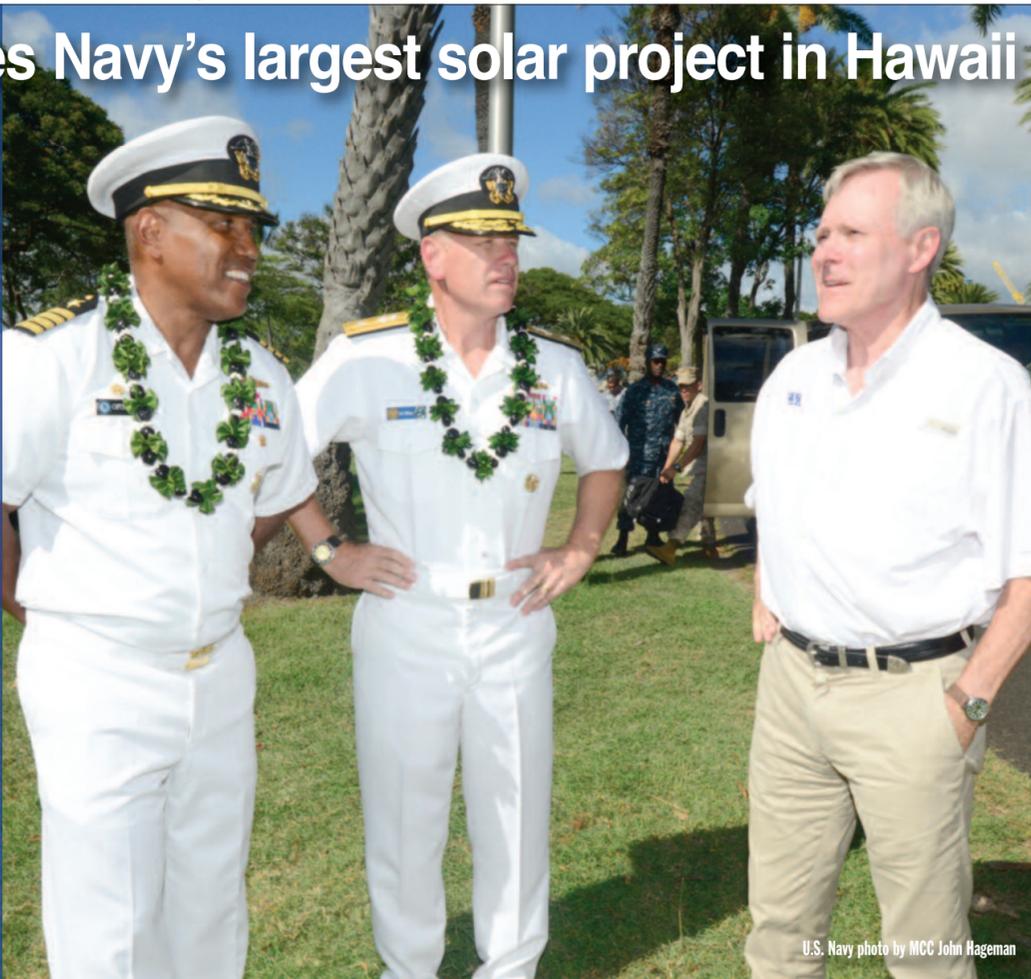
The work to be performed provides for purchase of reliable, locally generated, alternating-current power from solar power generation systems that are designed, constructed, owned, operated, and maintained by the contractor on government property.

Sites included in this task order are located on Oahu at Waipio Peninsula, Marine Corps Base Hawaii and Camp Smith.

(See page A-3 for Rear Adm. Rick Williams' commentary about energy.)

(Please see next week's Ho'okele for complete coverage of this event.)

(Left to right) Capt. Stanley Keeve Jr., commander of Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam (JBPHH), and Rear Adm. Rick Williams, commander of Navy Region Hawaii and Naval Surface Group Middle Pacific, greet Secretary of the Navy Ray Mabus as he arrives July 24 at Hospital Point at JBPHH for a ground-breaking and blessing ceremony for the Navy's largest solar power generation system project in Hawaii.



U.S. Navy photo by MCC John Mageman

Coalition, joint diving teams complete dives at USS Arizona Memorial

Story and photo by
 Staff Sgt.
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The USS Arizona Memorial marks the site where 1,177 crewmen lost their lives during World War II as a result of the Dec. 7, 1941 attacks on Pearl Harbor. Of those who lost their lives, 1,102 still remain in the wreckage. The memorial is dedicated to and honors the memory of those lost and celebrates the ultimate victory for the United States.

Divers from the U.S. Coast Guard, U.S. Navy and the Royal Australian Navy paid their respects to the historical site while sharing their knowledge and skill sets during an integration dive on July 17 as a part of the Rim of the Pacific (RIMPAC) Exercise 2014.

Royal Australian Navy Chief Petty Officer Drew Mitchell of Perth, Australia from Australian Clearance Diving Team 4 discussed the goal of conducting training with other countries during RIMPAC.

"What we want to achieve through our RIMPAC experience is the integration between services and militaries from different countries," Mitchell said. "We have the Australian navy clearance divers working with the U.S. Coast Guard divers and the mobile diving salvage unit for the duration of RIMPAC."

Navy Diver 2nd Class Aaron Jones of Mobile Diving Salvage Unit One, Team 1-3, explained the benefits of being able to dive with coalition counterparts.



Royal Australian Navy clearance divers, Australian Clearance Diving Team Four, leave the USS Arizona Memorial after completing integration dive training as part of the Rim of the Pacific (RIMPAC) Exercise 2014. Twenty-four divers from the Royal Australian Navy, the U.S. Navy and the U.S. Coast Guard shared equipment and dive knowledge during the coalition and joint exercise.

"We learn things from them; they learn things from us," Jones said. "It creates friendships and confidence within each other to work as one. We can formulate a plan, get it done, dive at the same time if we have to, and make things happen on a smooth and consistent basis."

Mitchell said that although learning from each other and becoming familiar with each other's equipment was the goal of the day, being able to train at the USS Arizona Memorial made it something very special.

"I think today was a great success," Mitchell said.

"My guys are very inter-

ested in diving wherever they can, when they can, and to be able to have the opportunity to dive on the USS Arizona Memorial is something that they will never forget. It's a once in a lifetime experience for us, so we're very grateful to our U.S. counterparts for organizing the dive for us today," he said.

Twenty-four divers were able to practice their skills in a coalition and joint environment within a one-hour timeframe. The day marked the end of a three-day long mission.

"Now that we've done the integration and we've seen the equipment that our U.S. counterparts have, it will be a lot easier for us to work together

very well if humanitarian aid was required by a country somewhere in the

world," Mitchell said. "I think it's been a great success and by doing that,

we will be able to achieve some good end goals if the situation came upon us."

Former POW to speak Aug. 1 at Sharkey Theater

Capt. Jerry Coffee, a former prisoner of war in North Vietnam, will be the speaker from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. Aug. 1 at Sharkey Theatre at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam. Coffee will address the Junior Officer Social Society of Hawaii (JOSSH) and members of regional commands in Hawaii.

The event is open to all interested personnel who have base access.

His message, "going beyond survival," delivers poignant lessons of leadership, resiliency and determination derived from his experiences as a seven-year POW in North Vietnam. For the past 20 years, Coffee has spoken to groups across the nation.

He was a former Navy pilot and retired from active duty after 28 years of naval service.

For more information, visit <http://ow.ly/zweRP>.



Capt. Jerry Coffee



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Son of fallen USS Utah Sailor pays respects
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96th ARS refueling capability keeps planes flying high during RIMPAC 2014
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Renowned BMX stunt rider teaches joint base kids
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15th MXS Munitions Flight helps bring air power to RIMPAC

Story and photo by Tech. Sgt. Terri Paden

15th Wing Public Affairs

The 15th Maintenance Squadron (MXS) C-17 Munitions Flight is working around the clock to provide munitions support for Rim of the Pacific 2014.

Since the beginning of the exercise on June 26, the flight has checked in munitions for more than 60 aircraft and provided support and infrastructure for more than 100 tons of munitions and cargo.

Master Sgt. Michael Stephens, 15th MXS Munitions Flight chief, said his team puts the "force" in Air Force.

"We're a big part of the air components' involvement in RIMPAC because we enable the fire power for all the players," he said. "Without ammo, there would just be a bunch of flying observation platforms (aircraft) around without much to do."

However, Stephens said

playing host for all the Air Force munitions during RIMPAC exponentially increases the work load.

"We started preparing for RIMPAC months ago," he said. "Ammo normally has a huge logistical footprint, and it takes a lot of coordination to plan and execute what is required to make the mission happen. Moving personnel, cargo and munitions to a location and then providing ammo to the warfighter in quick succession takes careful orchestration."

Stephens said RIMPAC has brought a larger assortment of munitions to JBPHH.

"Ammo is ammo, he said. "There are differences in munitions, but safety, building and moving munitions are about the same worldwide, so we're basically doing more of what we normally do on a day-to-day basis including issuing, inspecting and storing munitions."

In addition to the nine Airmen and civilian per-

sonnel who typically man the flight, there are 62 additional munitions personnel deployed from six units at joint base in support of RIMPAC.

"Working with the visiting units for RIMPAC has been a great success," said Stephens. "The multilateral, international integration has been almost seamless."

Senior Airman Michael Riffe, 15th MXS Munitions Flight munitions custody account manager, said the limited amount of work space has brought the team closer as they work together to get the job done.

"RIMPAC has been great for networking with my peers," he said. "I've been able to meet new people, see how things function at other bases, and pick up knowledge about things I don't normally get to see here, such as how things work at fighter bases and how everyone works toward getting the same overall mission accomplished."



Staff Sgt. Travis Briese, 391st Fighter Squadron (FS) Munitions Flight equipment maintainer, holds a Captive Air Training Missile 9-M fin in place as Staff Sgt. Paul Rinehart, 391st FS Munitions Flight munitions inspector, uses a speed wrench to remove the fin from the guidance section of the missile head July 17.



Capt. Kevin T. Kalanta (right) relinquishes command of Naval Health Clinic Hawaii to Capt. Andrew L. Findley (left) during a change of command ceremony July 16. Rear Adm. Bruce L. Gillingham (center), commander of Navy Medicine West, was the guest speaker.

Naval Health Clinic Hawaii holds change of command ceremony

Story and photo by Susan Schultz

Naval Health Clinic Hawaii Public Affairs

Naval Health Clinic (NHC) Hawaii held its change of command ceremony July 16 at the Hickam Officers' Club at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam.

Capt. Andrew L. Findley, Medical Corps, assumed command of NHC Hawaii from Capt. Kevin T. Kalanta, Dental Corps, with more than 500 staff colleagues and friends in attendance.

Kalanta took command of NHC Hawaii on June 1, 2012. As commanding officer, he led a diverse team of more than 750 active duty and civilian personnel and oversaw six clinics that provide health care to 30,000 enrolled beneficiaries.

"It is all about people and memories. NHC Hawaii has been better than I could have ever imagined, and it is because of all of you, those who have truly made a difference," Kalanta said.

Kalanta reminisced fondly about the staff and memories made during his tour. "It is the interactions with the staff on a day-to-day basis that I'll remember," said Kalanta.

He also paid tribute to his father, Quartermaster 2nd Class Edward Kalanta. His father was stationed aboard the USS Missouri and steered the

battleship into Tokyo Bay for the signing of the Instrument of Surrender on Sept. 2, 1945.

Rear Adm. Bruce Gillingham, commander of Navy Medicine West, was the guest speaker and presented Kalanta with the Legion of Merit Award. Gillingham commented on Kalanta's many outstanding achievements consistent with Navy Medicine's strategic imperatives of "readiness, value and jointness."

Kalanta's focus on patient safety and process improvement was demonstrated by NHC Hawaii's performance on the joint commission survey and medical inspector general inspection in which no direct findings were identified and several best practices were cited.

NHC Hawaii's excellence was best demonstrated by the assistance they provided to a Canadian ship that sustained a catastrophic engine room fire shortly after departing from Pearl Harbor.

In addition, NHC Hawaii recaptured care previously provided outside the walls of Navy Medicine, bringing back more than \$2 million worth of care by expertly managing physical therapy assets.

"These are the actions of a high performance team led by a leader who clearly defined the way forward, empowered his staff to take the actions

necessary to excel, and who insisted on accountability. Capt. Kalanta has truly set the standard by which other clinics will be judged," said Gillingham.

Kalanta's next assignment will be as special assistant to the Hawaii Enhanced Multi-Service Market office.

Gillingham congratulated Findley on his assumption of command.

"Capt. Findley is a leader uniquely suited for command who has demonstrated by his outstanding performance in both the hospital and deployed settings that he understands and embraces the challenges inherent to Navy Medicine and the breadth of its mission," he said.

"His most recent assignment as deputy commander for clinical services at Tripler Army Medical Center has given him unparalleled insight into the forces shaping the future of medical care on the island and the unique challenges in the U.S. Pacific Command's area of responsibility," Gillingham said.

"I am very honored and humbled for the opportunity to be your next commanding officer. I pledge that, together, we will continue to build NHC Hawaii into the best health care team in the military health systems—able to deliver world-class care—anytime, anywhere," Findley said.

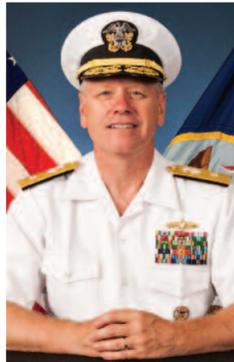


Commentary

Energy Goals II: Focus on Navy Region Hawaii

Rear Adm. Rick Williams

Commander, Navy Region Hawaii and Naval Surface Group Middle Pacific



Rear Adm. Rick Williams

Last week's commentary put a spotlight on how RIMPAC's Task Force Energy and Environment is meeting energy security goals for warfighters in the field and at sea—using new platforms, capabilities, strategies and tactics—as part of a greater U.S. 3rd Fleet strategy.

This week, I want to talk about our overall energy strategy here at Navy Region Hawaii.

Secretary of the Navy Ray Mabus is in town this week

for the launch of the Navy's largest solar power generation system project in Hawaii. Actually, as this commentary goes to press

Thursday for Friday's Ho'okele, we are getting ready to conduct the ceremonial blessing for the 17-megawatt project, which will be located at Waipio Peninsula.

With the help of Rear Adm. Bret Muilenberg, commander of Naval Facilities and Engineering Command Pacific, and his great NAVFAC team, we are putting the project in motion.

We estimate that:

- The 42-acre Waipio PV site expects to generate average savings of \$1.6 million for taxpayers during its first year of operation.

- We will avoid burning 54,000 barrels of imported oil and reduce CO2 emission by 20,000 tons.

- The PV will generate 33,400 MWH per year—enough energy for more than 5,000 average homes on Oahu.

- With this project we will generate about 14 percent of the region's electricity.

It's one of several solar fields and more photovoltaic panels for housing, all of which will help get us to our goal of 50 percent renewable energy by 2020.

That's one of our key goals.

Other goals are reducing energy consumption by 2020 and remaining in full compliance with federal mandates and executive orders—with an overarching goal of ensuring energy security as a strategic imperative.

We are on our way to achieving greater energy security on the waterfront, in our work spaces, in residences and in our facilities.

By the way, we are also



U.S. Navy photo by MCC John Hageman

Rear Adm. Rick Williams, commander of Navy Region Hawaii and Naval Surface Group Middle Pacific, views one of the solar panels that will be part of the Navy's largest solar power generation system project in Hawaii. A ground breaking and blessing ceremony for the project was held July 24 at Hospital Point at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam.

exploring the possibility and potential for liquid natural gas and using more hydrogen fuel-cell technology, like the vehicles I drive.

Our success starts with leadership at all levels, so we have an energy conservation board with representatives from throughout the community.

More than 1,500 building energy monitors are helping us achieve a change in culture—a "new normal"—in how we consume and save energy and how we generate renewable energy.

"Know Loads" is a spe-

cially trained group that is the energy advocate for Sailors and families. The Know Load team is conducting assessments and evaluations and appliance inspections in privatized housing. They are helping determine what "a good energy day" should look like.

Technology is helping, too. Through advanced metering, improvements to the power grid infrastructure, new equipment and new ways of doing business, we are tackling challenges with innovative approaches.

Partnerships with our

community, Hawaiian Electric Company and other stakeholders are most important as we continue to reduce energy consumption and increase our use of renewable energy—especially harnessing the power of the sun.

When you know our energy goals and how you fit in, it helps you become part of the team. We can—and we will—achieve our Navy's goals here in Hawaii with everyone informed, involved and committed.

Thank you for doing your part.

Bridge to close temporarily Aug. 6

All lanes of the Ford Island Bridge will be closed from 9 to 11 a.m. Aug. 6 for quarterly maintenance.

All motorists and pedestrians should plan accordingly.

The small craft gate under the bridge will be closed to boat traffic.

Diverse Views



July is National Ice Cream Month. What's your favorite flavor of ice cream and why?



SH3 Felecia Foisy
Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam

"Rocky Road, because everything you could possibly want in ice cream is in Rocky Road."

SrAirman Justin Beach
15th maintenance Squadron



"Strawberry cheesecake because knowing that I'm eating strawberries, I might be eating something healthy. Who can say no to cheese!"



A03 Michael Galvin
ACHB 14

"Orange sherbet, because my mom said my eyes would get better if I ate it because it was orange. She tricked me."

Tech Sgt. Alina Hanson
561st Network Operations Squadron, Det 1



"Red velvet ice cream is my fave! Nothing goes together better than cake and ice cream. Why not have them all in one."



STS2 Scott Braun
Pearl Harbor Naval Shipyard

"Butter pecan. It's like the ice cream standard. Screw up butter pecan and you can't make regular ice cream."

Capt. Matthew Biga
96th Air Refueling Squadron



"Mint chocolate chip. Can't go wrong with chocolate, and mint is so refreshing."



YN2 Robert Raynor
3rd Fleet

"Chocolate, because it's good."

Nicole Pruitt
15th Aerospace Medicine Squadron



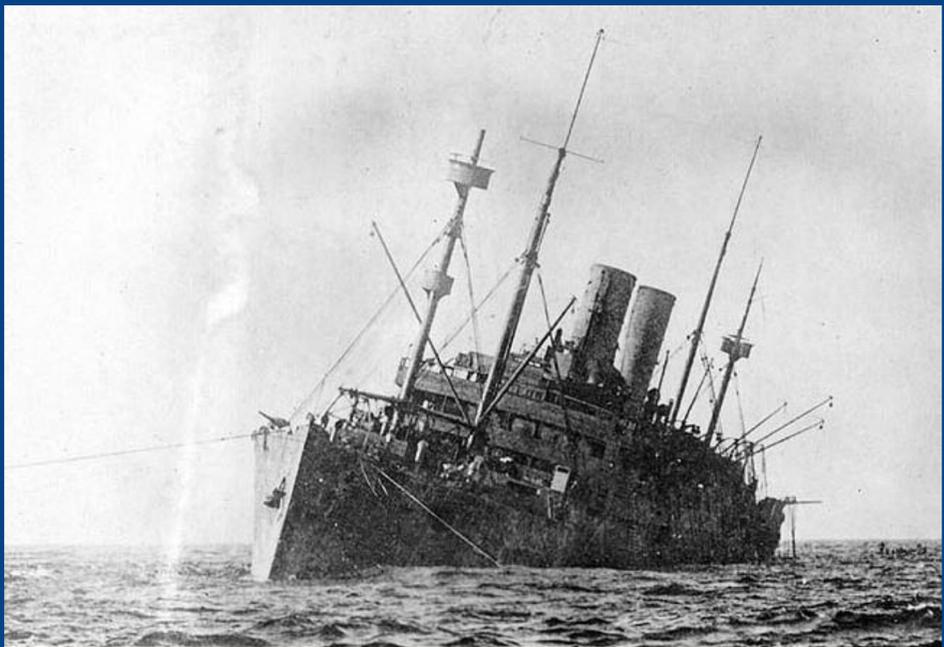
"Strawberry because it brings back memories of eating it with my dad!"

Provided by Lt. j.g. Eric Galassi and David D. Underwood Jr.

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USS Covington sinks in World War I



U.S. Naval Historical Center photograph

USS Covington (ID # 1409) is shown here sinking off Brest, France on July 2, 1918. The ship had been torpedoed the previous day by German submarine U-86 during World War I. Towing lines are shown rigged from her bow. World War I was a global European-centered war that began 100 years ago this week. The photo is courtesy of Navy Capt. William Baggaly.

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Sailors transport two advanced medium range air-to-air missiles (AM-RAAM) on the flight deck of the aircraft carrier USS Ronald Reagan (CVN 76). Ronald Reagan is participating in Rim of the Pacific (RIMPAC) Exercise 2014.

U.S. Navy photo by MC3 Torrian Neeman



U.S. Navy photo by MC2 Corey T. Jones

Republic of Korea special forces scale up the side of the littoral combat ship USS Independence (LCS 2) during a RIMPAC training mission.

Hospital Corpsman 2nd Class Fredelyne Delores (center) adjusts intravenous fluids and blood during a mass casualty drill aboard Military Sealift Command hospital ship USNS Mercy (T-AH 19).



U.S. Navy photo by MC3 Pyoung K. Yi



A U.S. Marine Corps prototype half-scale ultra heavy-lift amphibious connector (UHAC), created by Navatek Ltd. and the Office of Naval Research, prepares to enter the dock landing ship USS Rushmore (LSD 47) in the Pacific Ocean for the first time on July 11. The Marine Corps Warfighting Laboratory sponsored a UHAC demonstration during the at-sea phase of RIMPAC.

U.S. Navy photo by MC2 Amanda R. Gray

An MH-60S Sea Hawk assigned to the "Black Knights" of Helicopter Sea Combat Squadron (HSC) 4, embarked on the aircraft carrier USS Ronald Reagan (CVN 76), participates in a helicopter exercise off the coast of Kauai.

U.S. Navy photo by Ensign Joseph Pfaff



Pearl Harbor-Hickam *Highlights*

Cmdr. Joseph Gagliano, center, commanding officer of the littoral combat ship USS Independence (LCS 2) describes state-of-the-art features of the bridge during a ship tour for Rear Adm. Ajendra B. Singh, right, and Commodore Alok Bhatnagar from the Indian navy during Rim of the Pacific (RIMPAC) Exercise 2014.

U.S. Navy photo by MC2 Corey T. Jones



Military Sealift Command hospital ship USNS Mercy (T-AH 19) and China's People's Liberation Army (Navy) hospital ship Peace Ark (T-AH 866) transit together during exercise Rim of the Pacific (RIMPAC) 2014. This is the first year hospital ships have participated in RIMPAC.

U.S. Navy photo by MC3 Pyoung K. Yi

Boatswain's Mate 2nd Class Dominique Jackson, from Jackson, Miss., signals to an MV-22 Osprey, assigned to Marine Medium Tiltrotor Squadron (VMM) 161, to take off from the flight deck of the amphibious dock landing ship USS Rushmore (LSD 47) during Rim of the Pacific (RIMPAC) Exercise 2014.

U.S. Navy photo by MC2 Amanda R. Gray



Marines, assigned to the Assault Amphibious Vehicle (AAV) Platoon, Combat Assault Company, 3rd Marine Regiment, navigate AAV's past the amphibious assault ship USS Peleliu (LHA 5) through Kawaihae Harbor during Rim of the Pacific (RIMPAC) Exercise 2014.

U.S. Navy photo by MC2 Amanda R. Gray



The Ticonderoga-class guided-missile cruiser USS Chosin (CG-65) launches a Harpoon missile during a live-fire exercise as part of Rim of the Pacific (RIMPAC) Exercise 2014.

U.S. Navy photo by FC2 Andrew Albin

Ballistic missile defense briefed aboard Hopper

Story and photo by MC2 Diana Quinlan

Navy Public Affairs
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The crew of the Arleigh Burke-class, guided-missile destroyer USS Hopper (DDG 70) welcomed Frank Rose, deputy assistant secretary for space and defense policy, bureau of arms control, verification and compliance (AVC), July 18 at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam.

Rose met with Cmdr. David Snee, commanding officer, aboard the ship where they discussed the future of BMD [ballistic missile defense] assets, its integration aboard naval ships, and toured various spaces including wardroom, combat information center and the bridge.

"The primary purpose of my visit is to consult with my Navy colleagues on cooperation in missile defense," said Rose. "And I received a fantastic and informative visit aboard USS 'Amazing Grace' Hopper."

During his visit, Rose dis-

cussed the operations of the Pacific-based destroyers such as USS Hopper, their capabilities, and role with the current defense systems as well as possible upgrades to newer systems.

"It was an opportune visit, and we were fortunate to host Mr. Rose and give him a brief on what we did on our most recent deployment to the Arabian Gulf," said Snee.

"We talked about our collection missions and BMD missions as well as high-visibility Missile Defense Agency (MDA) tests conducted last month," Snee added.

He also discussed the importance of a naval presence in the Pacific that is capable of conducting defense missions with proper support and training of the crew.

"In the Pacific theater, we not only conduct BMD missions but also air defense, submarine warfare, anti-surface warfare—we bring all the capabilities in this one ship to the region," he explained.

"We are in a 'no fail' business. When the ships are called to do a BMD mission



Frank Rose (center), deputy assistant secretary for space and defense policy, bureau of arms control, verification and compliance, discusses use of the ballistic missile defense (BMD) assets with the officers of the guided-missile destroyer USS Hopper (DDG 70).

we cannot fail in what we do, and that requirement is near and dear to the crew onboard. It trickles down to all the jobs on the ship, from cooking to engineering. The crew members all understand how important our mission is. You get only one opportunity to track a ballistic missile and shoot it down, and if you have missed that opportunity a lot of people can die," Snee said.

The U.S. presence and its future in the Pacific were a crucial part of Rose's visit to Hawaii.

"It is critical to our defense posture in this region. We currently have ships with Aegis BMD capability in the Pacific," said Rose.

"Given the importance of capabilities to the mission in the region, Secretary of Defense Hagel has directed that

additional ships be sent here in the next couple of years."

"Creating the new strategic environment depends on strong cooperation with our allies and partners. In order to make this vision a reality, President Obama has made international cooperation on missile defense a key priority, and we are pursuing a region-by-region approach," he said.

Upon completion of his visit, Rose shook hands and thanked the Sailors stationed aboard USS Hopper for the important job that they do in the service of their nation.

USS Hopper is named for Rear Adm. Grace Hopper, a naval officer and a pioneering computer scientist. The ship is assigned to Destroyer Squadron 31, deploying to the U.S. 5th and U.S. 7th Fleet areas of responsibility.

The Aegis BMD system was developed by the MDA in cooperation with the Navy. It is a sea-based element and provides warships with the capability of intercepting and destroying short and medium-range ballistic missiles.

Rose's primary task is advising on key issues related to arms control and defense policy. These issues include ballistic missile defense (BMD), space security policy, and conventional arms control. His responsibilities also include liaison with the U.S. intelligence community on issues related to the verification of arms control treaties and agreements.

F-16 Fighting Falcons support Rim of the Pacific 2014



U.S. Air Force photo by Tech. Sgt. Mario Dorado

Pilots from the 457th Fighter Squadron at Naval Air Station Fort Worth Joint Reserve Base Carswell Field, Texas, walk toward the F-16C Fighting Falcons parked on the flightline at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, in preparation for a training mission in support of Rim of the Pacific 2014 on July 15.

Son of fallen USS Utah Sailor pays respects

Story and photos by
Brandon Bosworth

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Lt. j.g. John G. Little III wanted nothing more than to be there when his first child was born. Unfortunately, Little's wife was on the mainland, and he was unable to make it back home to witness the birth of his son, John G. Little IV.

It would be three months until Little was able to secure leave and return home to see and hold his infant son for the first time. It would also be the last time.

The year was 1941. Lt. j.g. John G. Little III was stationed aboard the USS Utah in Hawaii. His son was born in May of that year. Little held his son for the first time a few months later. On Dec. 7, Lt. j.g. Little was killed during the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor.

John G. Little IV never knew the man who gave him his name. But that didn't stop him from taking time out of his Hawaii vacation to visit the USS Utah Memorial on July 17 and pay respects to his fallen father.

Though he never knew him, over the years Little has learned a bit about his late father's life. It wasn't always easy.

"My mother wouldn't talk about him," he said. "She just dearly loved him. It wasn't until she passed away that I started to get information



John G. Little IV and his wife, Mary, look at the wreckage of the USS Utah during a visit to USS Utah Memorial on July 17. Little's father served aboard the Utah and was killed during the Dec. 7, 1941 attack on Pearl Harbor.

John G. Little IV talks with Jim Taylor, Pearl Harbor survivor liaison.

from other family members." "My father was raised by his grandmother after his parents died of an influenza epidemic in Memphis," Little said.

Little also learned a little about his father's death at Pearl Harbor.

"When the attack happened, he went on deck to check on his men," he said. "As he came up to topside was when the strafers hit."

Of USS Utah's crew, an estimated six officers and 52 enlisted men were killed during the Dec. 7 attack. The USS Utah Memorial was officially authorized by the 91st Congress in October 1970, and dedicated on Memorial Day 1972. It is located on Ford Island, near the sunken wreckage of the ship.

While he never knew his father, Little has met many of his father's shipmates.

"I go to USS Utah survivors' reunions sometimes," he said. "They all want to tell me their stories. One of them was the mess attendant who served my father's coffee the morning of the attack."

While Little was fortunate to have a stepfather he dearly loved, standing at the USS Utah Memorial, he can't help but think about the parent he lost at a very early age.

"I was six months old when he died," he said, looking out at the wreckage of the Utah. "I wish I'd known my father. He's still down there."

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USS Paul Hamilton supports Operation DEFY

Ensign Ashleigh Share

USS Paul Hamilton (DDG 60) Public Affairs

Twenty-six Oahu children participating in Operation DEFY (Drug Education for Youth) visited the Pearl Harbor-based, guided-missile destroyer USS Paul Hamilton (DDG 60) on July 16 for a guided tour that included five interactive stations.

Operation DEFY is a leadership and mentorship program sponsored by the Department of Defense and hosted by US Pacific Command. Their mission is, "to provide commanders with a drug demand reduction program that facilitates and enhances family readiness to promote mission accomplishment. The program develops youths through drug education, leadership and character development, pos-



U.S. Navy photo by ISI (SW/IDW) Jarrod A. Fowler
A child throws a heaving line from the forecastle to the pier on USS Paul Hamilton during an Operation DEFY visit to the ship.

itive role model mentoring, and community outreach to enhance the quality of life of military personnel and their families."

The DEFY visitors and chaperones were greeted onboard by Paul Hamilton crew members and led through an introduction and safety walk-through before beginning the interactive demonstration and training tour.

The children visited five activity stations, each with a different area of operational focus across the spectrum of surface warfare capabilities. These included damage control and engineering; visit, board, search and seizure; crew-served weapons; the bridge and the forecastle.

"The thing that struck me most about these kids was that they were so excited about the things we sometimes take for granted on the ship," said Lt. Erik

Guiremand, the ship's navigator, who welcomed the group aboard.

The children were able to visit a main engineering space, learn about the .50 caliber and M240 weapons, touch and use various navigation instruments on the bridge, and even toss heaving lines from the forecastle, all while interacting with Sailors who volunteered to run the training stations.

While sitting in the captain's chair on the bridge, one participant remarked, "I could get used to this. I could do this my whole life."

Upon the completion of the activity tour, the children were awarded honorary introduction to surface warfare stickers and certificates of completion to commemorate their successful completion of all the training events during their time aboard USS Paul Hamilton.

96th ARS refueling capability keeps planes flying high during RIMPAC 2014

Tech. Sgt. Terri Paden

15th Wing Public Affairs

With more than 200 aircraft participating in Rim of the Pacific 2014, the 96th Air Refueling Squadron is playing an integral role in this year's exercise.

The 96th ARS is partnering with the Hawaii Air National Guard's 203rd Air Refueling Squadron, as well as the 465th Air Refueling Squadron from Tinker Air Force Base, Okla., the 909th Air Refueling Squadron from Kadena Air Base, Japan, and the 117th Air Refueling Squadron from Forbes Field Air National Guard Base in Topeka, Kansas to provide air refueling support to all RIMPAC air assets.

"The KC-135 Stratotanker plays a very essential role in RIMPAC," said Lt. Col. Reese Evers, 96th ARS operations officer. "The projection of air power is vital, especially in the Pacific theater, and that couldn't happen without the

air refueling capability."

With so many aircraft involved in the exercise, Evers said the KC-135s are needed on a daily basis since the versatile aircraft can be reconfigured to refuel most airframes.

"If it happens that a foreign aircraft ends up on our tasking order for the day, then we will refuel it," said Evers. "That is our mission and we know the procedures to safely get our mission accomplished, regardless of what kind of aircraft it is. If we do have the opportunity to refuel a foreign aircraft, I would also consider that to be another RIMPAC success."

In addition to providing the unit with the opportunity to strengthen their total force relationships and the chance to refuel a number of different airframes, flying training missions for RIMPAC also gives pilots in the 96th ARS the opportunity to upgrade their flying status.

"We're going to use RIMPAC flying hours to upgrade a few copilots to aircraft commanders,"



U.S. Air Force photo by Staff Sgt. James Richardson
A U.S. Air Force KC-135 Stratotanker from the 96th Air Refueling Wing at joint base refuels a F-22A Raptor from the 199th Fighter Wing during the Rim of the Pacific exercise July 18 over Hawaii.

said Maj. Kelly Church, 96th ARS assistant director of operations. "We're using this opportunity to cultivate our young captains and grooming them to command a jet."

Church said RIMPAC is an opportunity for pilots to get a broader training experience than they might get doing their daily training missions.

"This is a really good experience for them," he said. "Flying during RIMPAC, the airspace will be busier than anything they've ever experienced due to the number of aircraft that are here now."

Extra flying hours aside, Evers said RIMPAC is really about the 96th ARS doing their part to support the mission.

"During the largest Navy exercise in the world, it would be easy for the Air Force aspect to get overlooked, but every day there is a KC-135 launching in support of RIMPAC, and this is just an extension of what we do every day, which is projecting combat airpower throughout the Pacific region," he said.

Life & Leisure

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RIMPAC visitors explore Hawaii



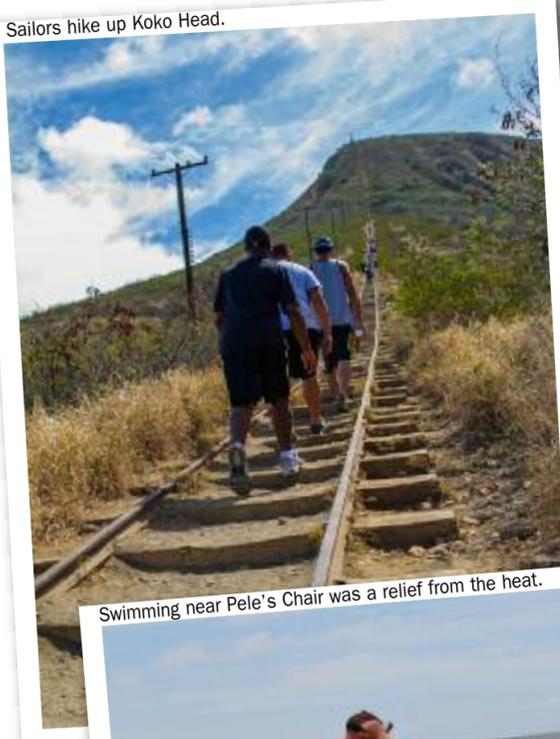
Story and photos by Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam Morale, Welfare and Recreation

RIMPAC visitors learn stand up paddleboarding at Hickam Harbor.

Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam Morale, Welfare and Recreation (MWR) helped the visiting Rim of the Pacific (RIMPAC) Exercise 2014 sailors make the most of their free time before the exercises began with a variety of excursions and activities. Participants went to luaus, took surfing and stand up paddleboarding lessons, explored

the landscape with hiking and biking tours and much more. MWR's athletic department held sports tournaments with dozens of teams entered. In the end, the USS Ronald Reagan (CVN 76) won the RIMPAC Cup and bragging rights for earning the most cumulative points from all the tournaments.

Sailors hike up Koko Head.



Visitors learn the Hawaiian sport of surfing at Hickam Harbor.



Swimming near Pele's Chair was a relief from the heat.



RIMPAC participants ride on zip lines in Kaneohe.



RIMPAC visitors take the plunge at Wet'n'Wild Water Park.



Hikers experience the view from the Makapu'u lookout.



Pearl Harbor Futbol Club stands alone at division's top

Story and photo by Randy Dela Cruz

Sports Editor, Ho'okele

The defending Summer League champs Pearl Harbor Futbol Club (PHFC) came through their first test of the season with flying colors by beating Naval Health Clinic Hawaii (NHCH), 3-0, in a matchup of the undefeated Summer League teams on July 19 at Quick Field, Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam.

Pearl Harbor got two goals from Army Spc. Jose Hernandez and one from team captain Department of Defense (DoD) employee Moussa Niang to raise the team's early-season record to 2-0, while NHCH dropped out of the two-way tie for first place and now holds a mark of 1-1.

Niang said that despite having a squad full of new players, he likes what he sees so far from the defending champs.

"This season we have a whole different crew," he pointed out. "What we've done is start practicing again on Tuesdays, just to



Troy Switzer, DoD civilian, heads down a ball during a Summer Soccer League matchup between Pearl Harbor Futbol Club (PHFC) and Naval Health Clinic Hawaii (NHCH). Switzer had one assist and teammate Army Spc. Jose Hernandez scored two goals to help PHFC remain undefeated with a 3-0 win over NHCH.

get to know each other and play as a team. They play awesome. I've got no complaints so far."

Hernandez, who is among the new faces on the team, helped PHFC get off on the right foot when he found himself in the right place and booted in a straightaway kick down the center of the box for the 1-0 lead.

"It was just wide open and I went for it," Hernandez said. "I just happened to be at the right spot. The goalie kicked the ball and it bounced off the defense, and I was just there by myself."

Later in the first half, Hernandez found himself at the right spot once again.

This team, the PHFC striker got out on a break and streaked down the middle of the field before teammate Troy Switzer, DoD civilian, placed a perfect pass from the left wing to Hernandez, who kicked in his second goal of the game to give PHFC a 2-0 lead going into intermission.

"We hadn't really worked on it," said Hernandez about his collaboration with Switzer. "It just kind of happened as we went."

In the second half, Pearl Harbor continued their attack to the middle of the field and shortly after halftime, the team upped the lead to 3-0.

Niang, who spent most of the first half on the sideline coaching the team, got into the game and immediately made his presence known.

Breaking away down the center of the field, Niang found himself in a one-on-one situation with the goalkeeper and quickly sidestepped the defense before placing in the team's final score of the game.

Hernandez said that getting off to a quick start against a solid team such as NHCH was crucial to the final outcome of the game.

Although this is only his first season with Pearl Harbor, Hernandez said that he really likes the makeup of the squad and thinks that the sky is the limit for the defending champions.

"This is only my second game playing with them," he said. "I like playing with these guys. They are all good and know what they're doing."

Niang, who has been a member of several championship teams in the past, was the leader of Pearl Harbor's title squad last summer.

A strong judge of talent, Niang said that even with a new crew, he believes that Pearl Harbor has everything it needs to repeat.

"I have a good feeling, and I feel that we're going to keep the championship in house," he said. "We need to keep playing like we're playing, keep showing up for practice, and play like there is no other game for us."

Vacation Bible School at joint base finishes 2014 session

Story and photo by Brandon Bosworth

Assistant Editor, Ho'okele

The 2014 Vacation Bible School (VBS) session at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam concluded today.

The session began July 21. Classes were held at both Pearl Harbor Memorial Chapel and Hickam Chapel. Classes for children ages K through second grade were held on the Hickam side, and classes for children ages third through sixth grade were held on the Pearl Harbor side.

"It was a joint effort by both

chapels," said Patti Cihak, Hickam Chapel Protestant religious education coordinator. "We came together as a joint base and were able to reach more of the community."

Every year, VBS features a different theme. The theme this year was "SonTreasure Island: Discovering the Treasure of God's Love."

"The theme was good," said Chaplain Lt. James Ragain, Pearl Harbor Memorial Chapel. "It fit Hawaii."

Each day of VBS, children learned Bible verses, heard Bible stories, sang songs, did crafts and played games. More than 200 chil-

dren participated.

Vacation Bible School isn't just about fun activities for kids. It's also about giving back to the community.

"We did another school supply drive as part of VBS this year," said Ragain. "The kids gathered up a ton of supplies for those who need them."

Ragain hopes the success of this year's joint effort between Pearl Harbor Memorial Chapel and Hickam Chapel can be repeated for 2015 Vacation Bible School.

"It's been great," he said. "We've been able to really consolidate our volunteer resources and reach more children."



Children participate in craft activities at Hickam Chapel, Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, during Vacation Bible School.

Renowned BMX stunt rider teaches joint base kids

Story and photos by Randy Dela Cruz

Sports Editor, Ho'okele

From July 21-25, BMX riders and skateboarding kids from Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam were treated to a camp that was run by world-class BMXer Brian "Yella" Gavagan at the Hickam Outdoor Skate Park.

Gavagan, whose list of accomplishments in the world of professional BMX rivals the top competitors from all over the globe, came to JPBHH and offered youth from ages 12-18 a chance of a lifetime to learn the basics of skateboarding and BMX riding from one of the best that the sport has ever seen.

Besides owning and leading

the Yellow Designs Stunt Team, Gavagan has competed in the X Games, World Cup and Vans Triple Crown Series.

Back in season six of the NBC's "America Got Talent," a reality television show, Gavagan appeared with three other members of the Yellow Designs Stunt Team and

thrilled a worldwide audience with their acrobatic ramp and ground performance that helped them reach the



More than 40 kids from Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam participated in a bike and skateboard camp that was held at Hickam Outdoor Skate Park. Run by professional BMX stunt rider and owner of Yellow Designs Stunt team Brian Gavagan, the camp was held daily from July 21-25.

quarter-finals. Gavagan was assisted at the five-day camp by professional skateboarder and Big Island resident Ryan Daniel Selfried. While Gavagan has taught and competed around the world, com

ing to a military base to teach children of the armed forces was a first-time event for him and Selfried.

"This is my first time actually doing a military base," he said. "I live in Denver, and we teach private lessons and we also do day camps. So coming over to a military base is a really great opportunity."

Over the five days, Gavagan worked with BMXers and Selfried lent his expertise to the skateboarders in

a progressive camp that started with basics, safety and skate-park etiquette.

For Selfried, who works as a surfing tour guide in Indonesia, the sounds of the kids and their enthusiasm for the sport brought him right back to his roots.

"I remember the feeling when somebody taught me something and it's a real good feeling," Selfried said. "I get a kick out of it. You see some kids who are nervous about doing some-

thing, and you help them out and get them past that hump. Makes me feel like I just did it again."

In looking over the equipment used by the kids and the outdoor skate park at Hickam, Gavagan said that he is amazed at how much the sport has advanced from the time he was a child.

Recounting about how he never had the advantage of someone explaining different aspects of the sport to him when he was a kid, Gavagan said he understands how important it is to give back whenever he has the chance.

"It's a great feeling," he said. "I think about how much work and trial and error it took for me because there wasn't anything like instructors and camps when I was a kid. It was hardly a sport. So it's pretty amazing, after all these years, to come to this. Giving instruction to these kids is really a nice way to get these kids on the fast track to learning. What would typically take these kids a month through trial and error, they could learn in a day of being with us."

As a youngster just learning about BMX, Gavagan said that he never thought he would ever get to travel the world teaching and performing the sport he loves so much.

In looking at the more than 40 kids attending the camp, Gavagan said he felt privileged to be teaching

the next generation of BMX riders and skateboarders and wonders if any of them will follow in his footsteps.

"Some of these kids may go on to be pro expert or pro-level riders," Gavagan said. "We may just be planting the seed for that."

And if there ever was fertile ground to spring forth a new crop of talented riders, then JPBHH, said Gavagan, just might be the place.

"To come to a base that has two skate parks, we were so stoked," he noted. "It's pretty rare to have a skate park on a base, I think, so that's really great. These kids have it really good."



624th Region Support Group outlasts JPAC in three sets

Story and photo by Randy Dela Cruz

Sports Editor, Ho'okele

Following an early timeout in the first set, the 624th Region Support Group (624 RSG) rallied together to overcome and outlast Joint Prisoner of War/Missing in Action Accounting Command (JPAC) in three sets, 22-25, 25-15 and 15-12, in a season-opening Blue Division intramural volleyball matchup on July 17 at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam Fitness Center.

Down by a score of 9-3 in the first set, the 624 RSG called a timeout and regrouped to turn the game around before going on to capture their first win of the season.

Although the RSG ended up losing the first set in a nail-biter, the team easily put JPAC away in the second set and then wrapped things up with a strong third set.

"Basically, we just started to get the jitters out," said 624 RSG outside hitter Senior Airman Warren Duke. "It was our first game, so everyone was nervous. Once we got through the nerves, we played better



Senior Airman Warren Duke goes up to slam a kill between the defense of Master Sgt. Rick June and Sgt. 1st Class Dharwin Delama of Joint Prisoner of War/Missing in Action Accounting Command (JPAC). Duke helped the 624th Region Support Group (624 RSG) defeat JPAC in three sets in a season-opening Blue Division intramural volleyball game.

and relaxed out there."

The game was a complete turnaround for the RSG after the team struggled against a tough frontline by JPAC.

Capt. Jason Kappes, hitter for JPAC, led the attack by coming up with three kills and a block in leading the team to a 7-3 advantage.

A long hit and a netball raised the JPAC lead to 9-3, which forced 624 RSG to take a timeout and talk things over.

The break seemed to have worked as RSG began to piece things together and eventually took the lead at 16-15 after two service aces by Senior Airman Situe Lumas and a long hit.

JPAC, however, outscored RSG, 7-1, to take a 23-17 lead before holding on to win the first set.

Even though the RSG failed to keep the rally going in the first set, the team seemed to have built enough momentum to take control of the game.

Tied at 6-6, RSG scored the next five points to take

an 11-6 lead and then later used an 7-0 run to take a commanding 20-8 lead before winning set two.

While Duke was pretty quiet in the first set, the RSG hitter started to really smack the ball down in the second.

Duke led the charge in the second by slamming down three kills to go along with one block and a service ace.

"It was just more of we came together as a team," Duke said. "We started talking more and finally got used to everybody. A couple of starting people out there weren't here last year, so as soon as we got used to everybody, we kind of meshed a little bit."

Unlike the second set, the third set was tight all the way until the end.

After Master Sgt. Ronald Wabinga got the RSG off to a good start with four service aces, another service ace by Tech. Sgt. Dennis Dedicatoria put the team up by two at 9-7.

However, JPAC recorded the next two points to lock things up at 9-9.

Duke again led the efforts of RSG, as he broke the stalemate with a kill and later added another kill to give his team a 13-10 lead.

Although JPAC pulled to

within a point at 13-12, back-to-back miss hits by JPAC hitters sealed the victory for the RSG.

"The problem was that we struggled with our passing," Kappes said in explaining his team's loss. "Our passing was nails in the very beginning and we were getting good hits and sets off of it, but then they (624 RSG) started putting pressure on our defense and our passes just fell apart."

Kappes explained that the team was missing a few key starters and that also factored into JPAC's defeat.

"Half our team is deployed," he said. "I'm pretty encouraged with how well we came together, but you could tell our practice time was missing. We'll work on it and get better."

Duke said he is also encouraged by the way the RSG hung on to get the win. As the team gets more time on the court, Duke believes that the team will also get better.

"What we take from this game is experience," he said. "You know, a lot of our games is not going to go three games, so every time we can get three games, that's a good situation for us - especially for when we get into the playoffs."

Biggest Little Airshow to be held on Aug. 16, 17



Photo courtesy of Pacific Aviation Museum Pearl Harbor

Pacific Aviation Museum Pearl Harbor

The Biggest Little Airshow in Hawaii will be held from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Aug. 16 and 17 at Pacific Aviation Museum Pearl Harbor.

The event will include a morning airshow from 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.; a live remote broadcast from 10 a.m. to noon (Saturday only); candy bombers from 12:30 to 12:40 p.m.; a full-scale warbirds fly-by from 12:50 to 1:10 p.m.; an afternoon airshow 1:30 to 4 p.m.; and candy bombers from 4 p.m. to the close of the airshow. There will be music, food, retail and entertainment booths, exhibits and lots of airplanes.

For two days, Ford Island will feature remote-control flying and static aircraft and full-size aircraft on display,

"candy bombings" over historic Ford Island Runway for the keiki, hands-on modeling stations, children's rides and activities, and open access to hangar 79 to see the museum's aircraft exhibits and restoration shop. There will also be streaming broadcasts of the 2014 Red Bull Air Race World Championship.

Local performers, mainland pilots from the Academy of Model Aeronautics, and remote-control flyers from Japan will perform remote-control aviation feats for two days, flying their 1-to-5 scale planes in the skies above the museum.

Specialty acts that will perform will include pattern, 3-D fixed wing and helicopter aerobatic flights, South Pacific battles and Skycam drone helicopters. Remote-control aircraft will be in the air and on

static display including jets, helicopters, F-22s, warbirds, B-17s, P-38s, Corsairs, OV-10s and more.

Admission to the airshow is \$5 per person (including entry to hangar 79), \$15 per family (limit six entries per family). The event is free with museum general admission and free to museum members.

Tickets for the airshow only and tickets for the entire museum visit that day are available online at www.PacificAviationMuseum.org. Museum admissions may also be purchased at the museum and at the Pearl Harbor Visitor Center ticketing desk. Shuttles depart every 15 minutes, 7:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. from the Pearl Harbor Visitor Center, round trip to the museum.

For more information, call 441-1007.

The Biggest Little Airshow in Hawaii will feature remote-control flying aircraft.



Live the Great Life

ITT introduces new Ford Island and battleship tour

Justin Hirai

Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam
Morale, Welfare
and Recreation

The joint base Morale, Welfare and Recreation Information, Tickets & Travel (ITT) Office recently announced the start of its new Ford Island and Battleship Tour, which is available on Wednesdays from 8 a.m. to noon.

The tour combines ITT's Ford Island tour with the Battleship Missouri Memorial. Round trip transportation from the Hickam ITT office aboard an open-air trolley is included, weather permitting.

The tour's first stop is the Battleship Missouri Memorial where participants receive a guided tour by one of the Missouri's trained tour guides. The guided tour is about half an hour, and afterward, participants will have some time to enjoy the ship on their own.

Following the Missouri tour, historian Jessie Higa will lead a guided tour of

historic sites on Ford Island.

Higa will speak at the USS Oklahoma Memorial and during the remainder of the tour.

Higa has been providing tours for MWR ITT since 2009 and is a volunteer liaison for the Hickam Field-Pearl Harbor survivors and their families.

"I don't like to just give facts. I like to share the stories of the people who were here. It's the little anecdotal stories of people that make the history of the places or buildings," Higa said.

Her stories cover topics like the Pan Am Clippers, Amelia Earhart's attempted voyage, the old fire station and library on Ford Island and hanger 6.

The tour also includes a stop at the Navy Club Memorial.

In addition, the tour features a drive through the private housing area of Ford Island where the John Wayne House, featured in the 1965 movie, "In Harm's Way" is located. Patrons can also see the Zuber



MWR Marketing photo

Tour guide Jessie Higa and a group of tour participants visit the USS Utah Memorial.

House, which was the home of Joan Zuber during the attack on Pearl Harbor. She is the author of "The Children of Battleship Row," which has been featured on NBC's "Today" Show and PBS Radio. Other tour stops include the USS Utah Memorial and the USS

Nevada Memorial at Hospital Point.

Along the tour route, Higa will also make stops at other buildings and sites not commonly known for their roles in the history of Ford Island. Her stories will discuss the lives of not only the Sailors, but also of

the spouses and children who lived on Ford Island during the attack on Pearl Harbor.

"The tour is just really interesting because of Jessie's stories," said Sherri Fong, tour participant.

The Ford Island and Battleship Tour price is \$38 for

adults and \$30 for children (ages 3-11). For more information on this or other tours provided by ITT, call the nearest office: Hickam, 448-2295; Pearl Harbor NEX, 422-2757; Fleet Store, 473-0792; Barbers Point, 682-2019; Wahiawa Annex, 564-4445/4446.

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Dollar-Fifty Bowling will be held from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. tonight at the Escape Bowling Center at Wahiawa Annex. Bowling games are \$1.50 (limited to three games of bowling if there is a waiting list). FMI: 473-2651.

Chinatown Food & Historic Tour will be held from 8:45 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday. Participants can discover the history of Honolulu's Chinatown, sample Chinese

food and have a traditional *dim sum* lunch. The tour departs from the Information, Tickets & Travel Hickam office. FMI: 448-2295.

Free Golf Clinic will begin at 9 a.m. Saturday at Mamala Bay Golf Course. FMI: 449-2304.

Cycling Skills 101 Workshop will be held from 9 to 11 a.m. Saturday at the Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam Fitness

Center. This free workshop will cover safe cycling practice and bike handling skills. The class is limited to 10 individuals. Registration is available online at hbl.org/workshops. FMI: 471-2019.

Hickam Historical Tour will be held from 9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Aug. 1 with visits to the original World War II-era Hickam Field buildings. The tour departs from the ITT Hickam office and from 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.

Youth Sports Registration period ends Aug. 1 for Fall NFL Flag Football and Fall Volleyball. Flag football is open to youth ages 5 to 15 years old, and volleyball is open to youth ages 7 to 14 years old. The fee is \$70 for each sport. Registration is available through www.greatlifehawaii.com. FMI: 473-0789.

Stand-up Paddleboard classes will begin at 9:15 a.m.

and at 10:30 a.m. Aug. 2 at Hickam Harbor. This introductory class will cover the basics of stand-up paddleboarding. The cost is \$25 for each session. The sign-up deadline is July 30. FMI: 449-5215.

Waimano Pools Hike will begin at 9 a.m. Aug. 3. MWR Outdoor Adventure Center staff will take participants on a trail through a strawberry guava forest with the sound of a waterfall in the background. This is a moderate to strenuous hike. The cost is \$15. The sign-up deadline is July 30. FMI: 473-1198.

Spearfishing Excursion will begin at 9 a.m. Aug. 3 at the MWR Outdoor Recreation-Hickam Harbor office. Participants need to 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 July 31. FMI: 449-5215.

Super Garage Sale will be held from 8 a.m. to noon Aug. 9 at Richardson Field. Admission is free. Parking will be at Rainbow Bay Marina. Overflow parking will be at Aloha Stadium for a fee. FMI: www.greatlifehawaii.com.

Community Calendar

JULY

FEDS FEED FAMILIES

NOW — Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam (JBPHH) is participating in the annual Feds Feed Families program through Aug. 31. The program is a charitable campaign by the U.S. Department of Agriculture that collects canned goods and non-perishable food items for those in need. Collection boxes for the food items have been placed at several locations around JBPHH including base chapels, the Naval Surface Group Mid-Pacific administration building, and the third floor of building 150. Individual commands can place their own collection boxes. FMI: Chief Religious Program Specialist Kimberly Bell at 473-4512 or www.fedsfeedfamilies.gov.

BLOOD DRIVE SCHEDULE

29, 30, AUG. 4, 5, 12 — Tripler Army Medical Center Blood Donor upcoming drives:
 • July 29, 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., SEAL Division Team-1 SDVT-1 classrooms.
 • July 30, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., Club 14, U.S. Coast Guard Sector Honolulu, Sand Island.
 • Aug. 4, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., USS Port Royal, Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam.
 • Aug. 5, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., 2nd Brigade, building 2097, Schofield Barracks.
 • Aug. 12, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., NEX, Tripler Army Medical Center. FMI: 433-6699 or 433-6148 or email michelle.lele@amedd.army.mil.

ACING THE INTERVIEW

29 — An Acing the Interview Class will be offered from 1 to 3 p.m. at Military and Family Support Center Hickam. The class will discuss what to bring for the interview, various interview formats, and preparation on how to ask and answer questions effectively. FMI: 474-1999 or www.greatlifehawaii.com.

FREE SOFTBALL CLINIC FOR GIRLS

29 — Operation Military Kids will hold a free softball clinic for girls ages 8 to 18, instructed by two-time Olympic gold medalist Crystl Bustos, from 1 to 4 p.m. at Lynch Field Baseball Complex. The complex is at 620 Main St., Honolulu, off Nimitz Highway at the corner of Valkenburgh Street. The clinic is open to military youth from all military branches of active duty, National Guard and Reserve service members. Limited spots are available and registration is required. Completed forms should be submitted to omk@ctahr.hawaii.edu or faxed to 956-9082. FMI: www.ctahr.hawaii.edu/4h/OMK/education.htm or call 956-4125.

AUGUST

ADVANCE SCREENING

2 — A free advance screening of "Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles in 3D" will begin at 2:30 p.m. at Sharkey Theater. The ticket booth and doors will open at 1 p.m. The event is free to the first 400 authorized patrons. FMI: 473-2651 or www.greatlifehawaii.com.

TEMPORARY BRIDGE CLOSURE

6 — All lanes of the Ford Island Bridge will be closed from 9 to 11 a.m. for quarterly maintenance. All motorists and pedestrians should plan accordingly. The small craft gate under the bridge will be closed to boat traffic.

FINANCIAL PLANNING FOR RETIREMENT

6 — A Financial Planning for Retirement class will be held from 1 to 3 p.m. at Military and Family Support Center Pearl Harbor. The class will discuss long-term planning for retirement and how to calculate what is needed to live a life of financial freedom at retirement age. FMI: 474-1999 or www.greatlifehawaii.com.

CONFERENCE REGISTRATION

7 — The 2014 Joint Spouses Conference registration will begin at 7 p.m. Aug. 7. The conference will be held Sept. 27 at Marine Corps Base Hawaii Kaneohe Bay. FMI: www.jschawaii.com or [Facebook.com/jointspousesconferencehawaii](https://www.facebook.com/jointspousesconferencehawaii).

NEWCOMERS LUNCHEON

13 — The joint base Morale, Welfare and Recreation (MWR) Newcomers Luncheon will be held from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Tradewinds Club on the Hickam side of the base. The event will include a buffet lunch, MWR information booths, children's activities and prizes. The event is for military affiliated personnel to the base and Oahu. FMI: 473-2570 or www.greatlifehawaii.com.

OPERATION HELE ON

15 — Operation "Hele On" is an annual youth deployment day that gives children of Air Force and Navy families an opportunity to go through a mock deployment processing line at a simulated Air Force base and includes events such as issuing of dog tags, an obstacle course, demonstrations by an Air Force bomb squadron, military working dogs and more. This year's event will be held from 7:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. Aug. 15 (a state holiday) at Military and Family Support Center Pearl Harbor. Registration will be open on www.greatlifehawaii.com through Aug. 1. There will be an application fee of \$5. FMI: 474-1999/0096 or 474-0109.

HALF-MARATHON

30 — The eighth annual Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam Half-Marathon will begin at 6:15 a.m. The start and finish will be at Hickam track. Registration is \$30 now through Aug. 13 and includes a T-shirt. Late registration is from Aug. 14 to 22 but does not include a T-shirt. Prizes will be awarded to the top three finishers in each category. FMI: 448-2214 or www.greatlifehawaii.com.

RIMPAC SPORTS EVENTS

NOW — Joint base Morale, Welfare and Recreation RIMPAC sports events include:

- Sailing beginning at 9 a.m. on July 31 at Rainbow Bay Marina.
- Indoor volleyball at 9 a.m. Aug. 1 at Naval Station Gym.
- Soccer, July 31 to Aug. 1 at Ward Field.
- Basketball, July 31 to Aug. 1 at JPBHH Gym.
- Softball, July 31 to Aug. 1 at Millican Field.
- 5K run beginning at 9 a.m. Aug. 1.



JERSEY BOYS (R)

Jersey Boys is a musical biography of the Four Seasons—the rise, the tough times and personal clashes, and the ultimate triumph of a group of friends whose music became symbolic of a generation.

Movie Showtimes

SHARKEY THEATER

TODAY 7/25
 7:00 PM Tammy (R)

SATURDAY 7/26
 2:30 PM How to Train your Dragon 2 (PG)
 5:00 PM Edge of Tomorrow (PG-13)
 7:10 PM 22 Jump Street (R)

SUNDAY 7/27
 2:30 PM How to Train Your Dragon 2 (3-D) (PG)
 5:00 PM Tammy (R)
 7:00 PM Jersey Boys (R)

HICKAM MEMORIAL THEATER

TODAY 7/25
 6:00 PM How to Train your Dragon 2 (PG)

SATURDAY 7/26
 4:00 PM How to Train your Dragon 2 (PG)
 7:00 PM Think Like a Man Too (PG-13)

SUNDAY 7/27
 2:00 PM How to Train your Dragon 2 (PG)

THURSDAY 7/31
 7:00 PM Think Like a Man Too (PG-13)



Service member replaces coins and cards with shoes

Story and photos by
Senior Airman
Christopher Stoltz

Joint Base Pearl Harbor-
Hickam Public Affairs

Senior Airman (staff sergeant-select) Andrew Anglo is stationed at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam. As an air mobility command senior controller for the 735th Air Mobility Squadron, Anglo performs numerous tasks throughout his day.

Whether he is tracking inbound and outbound aircraft, providing information support or briefing his commander, Anglo finds himself with less than an abundant amount of free time.

However, in the free time he does have, Anglo likes to play basketball with his friends, watch sporting events on television, and spend hours feeding his self-proclaimed addiction—shoes.

What makes Anglo different than most shoe collectors is the sheer number of pairs he owns—nearly 130.

“I’ve always been into shoes,” he said. “Being from Washington D.C., shoes were always a part of the culture where I grew up. What you wore was representative of your personality. Michael Jordan, as we all know, was and is still the most popular player. Kids everywhere wanted his latest signature shoe, the Air Jordan. It’s the



Senior Airman Andrew Anglo owns nearly 130 pairs of shoes.

same way today.”

However, not all of the “kids” still share Anglo’s sentiment, or his penchant for collecting footwear.

“There are many people who say collecting shoes is a waste of time,” he said. “It’s a hobby of mine. Everyone collects or spends their money on something: cars, toys, electronics, coins, baseball cards, stamps, purses or watches. What’s wrong with collecting shoes?”

The major difference in shoe collecting, according to Anglo, is the nostalgia that comes with finding a pair of shoes that were memorable in the past.

“Whether it was the pair

Michael Jordan wore when he dunked from the free-throw line in the 1988 dunk contest, his last shot with the Chicago Bulls, or even the cleats NFL-player Barry Sanders wore when he rushed for more than 2,000 yards in a season, the importance of the shoe and the event associated with it is important to me,” he said.

Anglo isn’t alone in his “addiction” and love of the nostalgia these shoes often bring. Shoe companies often re-release “retro” versions of their shoes in limited numbers, which almost always sell out.

According to a study by Princeton Retail Analysis, the athletic shoe industry was a 21-billion dollar industry in 2013.

While many people still purchase pairs of shoes to actually wear, including Anglo, “sneakerheads” usually wear their prized possessions for special occasions, if at all. This is usually in an attempt to retain the value of their sneakers.

The industry has also

spawned subcultures of sneakerheads who buy, sell and trade high-volumes of shoes with individuals who share the same interest. However, in the past, finding fellow sneakerheads was a difficult task, and shoe seekers were limited to in-person interaction or auction websites to increase their collection.

Anglo suffered the same problem and decided to do something about it. In May 2011, he created a group on Facebook, known as the “Honolulu Sole Searchers.” The group, which has nearly 12,000 members, including nearly 3,000 members from JBPHH, provides the sole searchers a portal to network and communicate with their peers.

“I created HSS shortly after I PCSd to Hawaii,” he said. “I created it mainly because I missed out on a few limited releases I really wanted. I tried looking for specific shoes initially through websites like Craigslist, but communica-

tion was a hassle. After seeing the big community of people who collected shoes in Hawaii, I just wanted to help build a place where everyone could buy, sell or trade shoes easily.”

He said the group has served its main purpose, it has also served another role—helping sneakerheads network and create friendships.

“Personally, I have met a lot of great friends through HSS that I hang out with in my off time, including a group of people I play basketball with bi-weekly,” said Anglo. “HSS has done things for the local community, including providing charitable donations to the Red Cross and for causes like the tsunamis in the Philippines, and that is something I want to continue and contribute toward, too.”

Although social media websites like Facebook, Twitter and Instagram have made finding, selling and trading shoes easier for many people, it has also

helped fuel the culture to a point where it is nearly impossible for the average consumer to obtain a limited release of a shoe from various vendors.

“It’s a double-edged sword,” he said. “In some regards I am happy collecting ‘kicks’ has become more popular recently. But honestly, I hope the movement starts to lose steam, mainly because it has become crazy lately with newer releases. You see it on the news—people camping in line in front of stores for days, on-line releases sold out in minutes after its release and even online raffles being implemented.”

Part of the problem, according to Anglo, is the rapidly-growing business of reselling shoes along with an abundance of new collectors.

“There are a lot of different kinds of people that buy shoes,” he said. “You have the kind of people that purchase them simply to make a profit by reselling or who want to impress their friends and get ‘likes’ or attention on social media, the people that only want the most limited and expensive shoe, or the collectors that purchase them because of what the shoe means and its significance.”

Anglo said he is very lucky to have a wife that supports his habit. She said she knows he is not wasting his money, especially because his collection brings him happiness.

“I collect shoes because I love them. Shoes are equivalent to art for me. You could look at a coin, or a baseball card and say, ‘I remember where I purchased this.’ The difference is, I can look at my collection and each pair will tell a different story, a moment in time I can recall and relive every time I open a box,” Anglo said.



Senior Airman Andrew Anglo, a senior controller for the 735th Air Mobility Squadron, checks on one of the many pairs of shoes in his collection.

Mark Twain's colors: 'Following the Equator'

Review by Bill Doughty

This is a book by one of America's greatest writers. Mark Twain's "Following the Equator" takes the reader not just to different places around the globe but also back in time. Volume I covers the Pacific Ocean—to Hawaii and Fiji, to Australia and New Zealand. Volume II continues into the Indian Ocean from Ceylon (now Sri Lanka) and India to Africa.

"Following" is fun, fantasy and philosophy. It's storytelling, daydreams and nostalgia.

"On the seventh day out we saw a dim vast bulk standing up out of the wastes of the Pacific and knew that that spectral promontory was Diamond Head, a piece of this world which I had not seen before for twenty-nine years. So we were nearing Honolulu, the capital city of the Sandwich Islands—those islands which to me were Paradise; a Paradise which I had been longing all those years to see again. Not any other thing in the world could have stirred me as the sight of that great rock. In the night we anchored a mile from shore. Through my port I could see the twinkling lights of Honolulu and the dark bulk of the mountain-range that stretched away right and left."

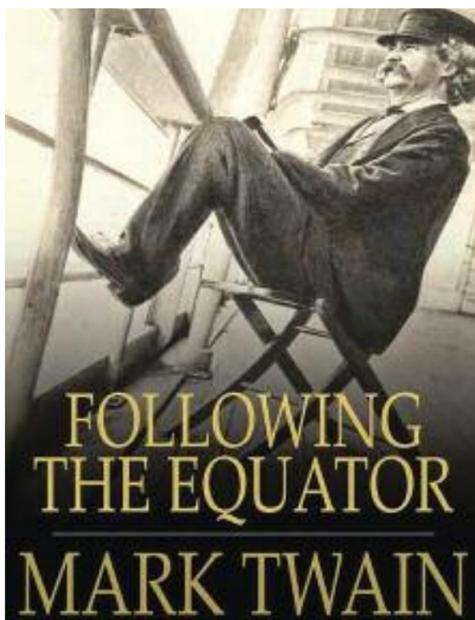
More than a century later, during this summer of 2014, thousands of Sailors from nearly two dozen countries are discovering Diamond Head and Honolulu during the world's largest maritime exercise: Rim of the Pacific (RIMPAC 2014). They may be seeing the same kinds of vistas as Twain describes:

"We had a sunset of a very fine sort. The vast plain of the sea was marked off in bands of sharply contrasted colors; great stretches of dark blue, others of purple, others of polished bronze; the billowy mountains showed all sorts of dainty browns and greens, blues and purples and blacks, and the rounded velvety backs of certain of them made one want to stroke them, as one would the sleek back of a cat. The long, sloping promontory projecting into the sea at the west turned dim and leaden and spectral, then became suffused with pink—dissolved itself into a pink dream, so to speak, it seemed so airy and unreal. Presently the cloud-rack was flooded with fiery splendors, and these were copied on the surface of the sea, and it made one drunk with delight to look upon it."

Twain transited the Pacific in 1895, the same year that then-Capt. Alfred Thayer Mahan, intellectual father of the industrial-age Navy, commanded USS Chicago and sailed the Atlantic. Twain's "Following" was published in 1897, the same year as Mahan's "The Interest of America in Sea Power, Present and Future" and "The Life of Nelson: The Embodiment of the Sea Power of Great Britain."

Twain visits Nelson, New Zealand. Two years earlier that country established women's right to vote, a right that would take 25 more years to become a reality in the United States, much to Twain's chagrin.

The shadow of Captain Cook, Admiral Nelson and Great Britain looms throughout Twain's travels. Just



three decades after the Civil War, he eviscerates imperialism and racism. Using a virtual magnifying glass, he examines his world—introspectively and actually.

He describes the duckbill platypus in Australia, the crow in India and a chameleon in Africa. He is enthralled with funeral rituals, religious traditions and how people treat each other. His greatest reverence is for nature. To Twain, the Taj Mahal is no more beautiful than an ice-storm, "Nature's supremest achievement in the domain of the superb and the beautiful":

"The ice-storm occurs in midwinter, and usually its enchantments are wrought in the silence and the darkness of the night. A fine drizzling rain falls hour after hour upon the naked twigs and branches of the trees, and as it falls it freezes. In time the trunk and every branch and twig are incased in hard pure ice; so that the tree looks like a skeleton tree made all of glass—glass that is crystal clear. All along the under side of every branch and twig is a comb of little icicles—the frozen drip. Sometimes these pendants do not quite amount to icicles, but are round beads—frozen tears.

"The weather clears, toward dawn, and leaves a brisk, pure atmosphere and a sky without a shred of cloud in it—and everything is still, there is not a breath of wind. The dawn breaks and spreads, the news of the storm goes about the house, and the little and the big, in wraps and blankets, flock to the window and press together there, and gaze intently out upon the great white ghost in the grounds, and nobody says a word, nobody stirs. All are waiting; they know what is coming, and they are waiting—waiting for the miracle. The minutes drift on and on and on,

with not a sound for the ticking of the clock; at last the sun fires a sudden sheaf of rays into the ghostly tree and turns it into a white splendor of glittering diamonds. Everybody catches his breath, and feels a swelling in his throat and a moisture in his eyes—but waits again; for he knows what is coming; there is more yet. The sun climbs higher, and still higher, flooding the tree from its loftiest spread of branches to its lowest, turning it to a glory of white fire; then in a moment, without warning, comes the great miracle, the supreme miracle, the miracle without its fellow in the earth; a gust of wind sets every branch and twig to swaying, and in an instant turns the whole white tree into a spouting and spraying explosion of flashing gems of every conceivable color; and there it stands and sways this way and that, flash! flash! flash! a dancing and glancing world of rubies, emeralds, diamonds, sapphires, the most radiant spectacle, the most blinding spectacle, the divinest, the most exquisite, the most intoxicating vision of fire and color and intolerable and unimaginable splendor that ever any eye has rested upon in this world, or will ever rest upon outside of the gates of heaven."

Twain can be serious, but the author of "Tom Sawyer" and "Huckleberry Finn" was in his orbit when he used whimsy and wit to describe his world.

His power of observation extends to other languages, accents and people, often in sharp, tongue-in-cheek ways, such as his description of a Boer traveler on a train in South Africa:

"One man had corduroy trousers of a faded chewing-gum tint. And they were new—showing that this tint did not come by calamity, but was intentional; the very ugliest color I have ever seen. A gaunt, shakly country lout six feet high, in battered gray slouched hat with wide brim, and old resin-colored breeches, had on a hideous brand-new woolen coat which was imitation tiger-skin—wavy broad stripes of dazzling yellow and deep brown. I thought he ought to be hanged, and asked the station-manager if it could be arranged. He said no; and not only that, but said it rudely; said it with a quite unnecessarily show of feeling. Then he muttered something about my being a jackass, and walked away and pointed me out to people, and did everything he could to turn public sentiment against me. It is what one gets for trying to do good."

When Samuel L. Clemens as Mark Twain ends his 13-month global circumnavigation and feels very proud, his pride is quickly extinguished when he is forced to consider his place and time in the Cosmos after hearing about the latest astronomical discovery. "Human pride is not worth while; there is always something lying in wait to take the wind out of it."

Read "Following the Equator" to discover more—in time.

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Tools help users reduce PII breaches

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Members of 24th Air Force at Joint Base San Antonio-Lackland, Texas are refurbishing an old email tool to help Air Force users reduce breaches of personally identifiable information, or PII.

The digital signature enforcement tool, or DSET, which currently prompts users to provide a digital signature when an email contains an active hyperlink or attachment, is being reconfigured to scan emails and attachments for PII. DSET was first introduced to Microsoft Outlook in 2009 by the Air Force Life Cycle Management Center. "DSET was originally designed to mitigate risk from socially-engineered email or phishing attacks. Now it provides some protection of messages transmitting PII," said Alonzo Pugh, a cyberbusiness system analyst for 24th AF. "The tool provides awareness for users of risks before the email leaves the workstation, giving users the chance to correct the identified risk."

PII includes items such as an individual's social security number, driver's license information and financial information. Breaches occur when this information is inadvertently released. User

awareness is one of the biggest issues associated with PII breaches, Pugh said.

"When users release PII that is not protected, that puts information at risk for being intercepted by adversaries," he said. "These adversaries can then use that information to target users to gain access the network. Air Force network users must do their due diligence when sending an e-mail containing PII. They need to make sure the information is protected."

DSET capability should encourage users to be more involved in the process of preventing PII breaches, Pugh said. "The user is afforded the ability to take action in checking their emails to make sure they are not inadvertently releasing PII and given the opportunity to protect it. DSET makes users more aware that they need to double check their emails and ensure that they are in accordance with policy. The responsibility for preventing breaches ultimately falls on them."

The tool itself is straightforward to use, Pugh said, and will give users simple prompts to follow in sending emails. In addition, there is a function allowing information which was falsely identified as PII to still be sent.

"While our software solution will support the Air Force's efforts to reduce PII

breaches, it is still important for personnel to be aware and vigilant with their handling of documents containing PII," said Col. Eric Oliver, the 24th Air Force director of cyber systems.

The tool's new usage is still in its initial stage, focusing on social security numbers. Developers hope that DSET will ultimately be able to scan for a variety of PII to prevent future breaches.

"It is imperative that we protect one another as we move each Air Force mission forward," said Maj. Gen. J. Kevin McLaughlin, the 24th Air Force commander. "Avoiding the release of PII is part of being a good wingman, but it is also part of protecting the network and accomplishing the Air Force mission."

In preparation for the release of DSET, patrons can access training for the new tool using the following link: <http://ow.ly/zyDWU>.

Additional training on how to encrypt Microsoft Office documents can be accessed at: <http://ow.ly/zyE1k>

Users have multiple tools at their disposal to protect PII if encrypting e-mail is not feasible, but if electronic transmission of sensitive PII is operationally required, users can leverage approved Department of Defense file exchange services at: <https://safe.army.mil/safe/>.

My Favorite Photo...

Brooding sky and sea of the rugged Kohala coast, Pololu Valley, Hawaii.

Photo by Rico Onaha Hutter



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Commissary set for reset mid-Aug

Pearl Harbor Commissary

The Pearl Harbor Commissary will be open from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Aug. 17.

The commissary will then close at 2 p.m. Aug. 17 and remain closed through Aug. 19 while it undergoes a "commissary reset." The reset is part of the Defense Commissary Agency's ongoing effort to enhance the shopping experience. The commissary will reopen at 9 a.m. Aug. 20.

"We hate to inconvenience our customers with the closure, but this is something we'll all appreciate when it's done," said Eyvinne Umemoto, store director.

The reset is part of an agency-wide program that systematically changes how products are displayed on shelving throughout a commissary system in order to better serve customer shopping patterns. The goal is to give commissaries worldwide a more customer-friendly product flow and a layout that is as consistent as possible from location to location, according to Tracie Russ, deputy director of sales.

"Although we have to take into consideration that no two commissaries are constructed exactly alike, a customer-friendly product flow means dog food will be next to pet supplies instead of the charcoal, peanut butter is best found next to the jam, and you shouldn't have to cruise three different aisles to find all your cleaning products. It's a simple matter of making the commissary layout more sensible by 'resetting'

the store," she said.

DeCA is intent on making the commissary shopping experience faster and easier—making the commissary the place to shop every day, not just on pay day. One of the priorities is to help busy, active-duty shoppers make a quick run through their commissary and get home more quickly.

"The whole idea, in a nutshell, is to get convenience into the shopping experience," said Russ. Consistency is also part of the reset equation. For example, why shouldn't you be able to go to different commissaries and find basically the same layout?

"We try not to inconvenience the customers while resetting stores," said Russ, "but with our larger store (Pearl Harbor) the store will need to close for two and a half days in order to remove all of the merchandise, tear down the old shelving, replacing with all new shelving, and restocking the entire store. Our customers usually like the new layout once they get used to it. Sales increases always follow a store reset, and that's an indication that the user-friendly product flow is a good change."

To make changes easier for customers to follow, stores will have aisle layout maps available as well as generic item locators on their Web pages. Store Web pages are under the locations link at <http://www.commissaries.com> along with store hours, contact information, store news and special customer service features.

Water work to affect traffic at joint base

Hickam Communities

From now through Sept. 30, a new water main will be installed from the intersection of Beard Avenue and Eighth Street (the south side of the

Boulevard) to Freedom Tower. The work began July 21.

The Eighth Street south side of the boulevard will be closed from Manzelman Circle to Beard Avenue, including the southern

section of Manzelman Circle from Julian Avenue to Eighth Street and about 14 parking stalls along the southern perimeter of Freedom Tower.

There will be no water outages. Workers with

flags will be on site to direct drivers safely through the area.

Motorists should heed all lane closure signage and traffic cones, which will be posted throughout the repair work.

Story Ideas?



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Survey designed to make PCS moves smoother

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NAVSUP Global Logistics Support

The Navy's Household Goods (HHG) directorate at NAVSUP Global Logistics Support (GLS) launched an all-Navy customer survey in a continuing campaign to gauge the moving experience and provide a better quality household goods move in the future.

All service members and their spouses who moved recently, or within the last year, are encouraged to log on and take the short survey. The online survey can be completed in less than 20 minutes.

The survey is located at: https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/dps_pcs_move.

"If you've experienced a household goods move, this is the best opportunity to tell us—the Navy—how we are doing and what we can do to improve the process," said Deloma Miley, household goods program analyst.

"Be honest, we can take it. More than that, the results will improve your move in the future and the moves of your friends and family who experience future PCS (permanent change of station) moves."

The survey comes on the heels of three scheduled household goods focus group sessions.