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With two storms poised to deliver a “one-two punch” to the islands, residents are cautioned to get their emergency kits ready and prepare to batten down the hatches. It’s a rare

event for Hawaii to be threatened by two tropical disturbances bearing down on the islands, and it’s also a rare event for one of the big storms to actually hit the state. But it has happened. Remember Iniki? Emergency preparedness officials warn against complacency and

emphasize that it isn’t a matter of if—it’s a matter of when. As early as Aug. 4, the Navy at joint base stood up an emergency operations center. Personnel at the center continue to monitor the hurricanes and to coordinate needed support for tenant commands.

Navy officials also announced Thursday that Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam would be closed Friday except for essential personnel. With Hurricanes Iselle and Julio expected to affect the island chain, the National Weather Service predicts that Hawaii will be

ravaged by high surf, flooding, heavy rains and higher than normal winds as the storms pass by. “Although the actual impact from approaching hurricanes and tropical storms may vary greatly and be difficult to project, Hurricanes Iselle and Julio remind us of one sure thing—

the Hawaiian Islands can experience potentially destructive weather at any time, particularly during the hurricane season from 1 June to 30 November,” said Shawn Morrissey, deputy operations officer for Navy Region Hawaii.

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RIMPAC 2014 concludes with enhanced cooperation among 22 nations



Forty-two ships and submarines representing 15 international partner nations maneuver into a close formation during Rim of the Pacific (RIMPAC) 2014. Twenty-two nations, more than 40 ships and six submarines, more than 200 aircraft and 25,000 personnel participated in the exercise which concluded Aug. 1.

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The world’s largest international maritime exercise, Rim of the Pacific (RIMPAC) 2014, concluded Aug. 1. Twenty-two nations, 49 surface ships, six submarines, more than 200 aircraft, and 25,000 personnel participated in the exercise, held in and around the Hawaiian Islands and southern California. Hosted by U.S. Pacific Fleet, RIMPAC 2014 was led by U.S. Vice Adm. Kenneth Floyd, commander of the U.S. 3rd Fleet (C3F), serving as the combined task force (CTF) commander. RIMPAC is designed to

enhance cooperation of the combined forces and improve individual war fighting competencies. “The relationships that are forged at RIMPAC span oceans and years,” said Floyd. “RIMPAC is a unique opportunity for us to get to know each other, to train together, and provide some level of trust when we are out on the high seas together in the future. It is the only exercise that can do so to this scale.” This year’s exercise included units and personnel from Australia, Brunei, Canada, Chile, Colombia, France, India, Indonesia, Japan, Malaysia, Mexico, Netherlands, New Zealand, Norway, People’s Republic of China, Peru, the Republic

of Korea, the Republic of the Philippines, Singapore, Tonga, the United Kingdom and the United States. The training syllabus included amphibious operations, gunnery, missile, anti-submarine and air defense exercises as well as military medicine, humanitarian assistance and disaster response, counter-piracy, mine clearance operations, explosive ordnance disposal, and diving and salvage operations. Royal Australian Navy Rear Adm. Simon Cullen, CTF deputy commander, said RIMPAC helped international participants hone the skills that are critical to ensuring the safety of sea lanes and security on the world’s oceans.

“This was an opportunity for the participating nations to take advantage of the excellent training infrastructure and ranges that are available in the Hawaiian Islands,” Cullen said. “It enabled individual units to conduct training that they could not otherwise have in their own waters.” RIMPAC 2014 marked the first time that Japan led the scenario-driven humanitarian assistance/disaster relief (HA/DR) response portion of the exercise. It facilitated training and certification for expeditionary forces to respond to foreign disasters as a crisis response adaptive force. Japan Maritime Self-Defense Force Rear Adm. Ya-

suki Nakahata served as commander of HA/DR operations. “Through this exercise, we were able to show a well-coordinated effort similar to the United Nations or a civil/military coordination center and conduct our mission with all pertinence. This is a great step forward for all of Japan and a great impact to an international society,” Nakahata said. RIMPAC 2014 had two new participants this year, Brunei and the People’s Republic of China. Additionally, RIMPAC participants who sent a ship for the first time to participate in RIMPAC 2014 included Colombia, India, Indonesia and Norway.

This year also marked the first time hospital ships participated in RIMPAC. The Chinese hospital ship, Peace Ark, and USNS Mercy (T-AH 19) conducted personnel exchanges, military medicine exchanges and medical evacuation and mass casualty training, further highlighting the valuable capability hospital ships bring to the Pacific. With the theme of “capable, adaptive partners” participating nations at RIMPAC 2014 demonstrated the flexibility of maritime forces to meet regional and global challenges for mutual benefit. For more news from Rim of the Pacific, visit www.navy.mil/local/rimpac/.



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Japanese Sailors show appreciation through base cleanup



(Above left and right): Sailors stationed aboard the Japan Maritime Self-Defense Force (JMSDF) helicopter destroyer JS Ise (DDH 182) and guided-missile destroyer JS Kirishima (DDG 174), in cooperation with Sailors stationed at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam (JBPHH), conduct a joint base cleanup Aug. 5. The cleanup was organized by Japanese Sailors to show gratitude for the hospitality provided by JBPHH during Rim of the Pacific (RIMPAC) Exercise 2014.

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5 as a form of gratitude for the hospitality during Rim of the Pacific (RIMPAC) Exercise 2014. More than 30 Japanese officers and enlisted sailors along with U.S. Navy Sailors gathered together in the early morning outside of the Makalapa Clinic where Command Master Chief Kazuyuki Morita, senior enlisted aboard JS Ise, greeted JBPHH Command Master Chief Jack Johnson and service members of both navies. “As a Japanese sailor, I

wanted to do something for a long time to show appreciation to the host country but was unsure how to make this happen,” said Morita, who provided his input through a translator. “It is a Japanese tradition, or spirit, that wherever you go, you want to make sure to leave the place you have visited clean, so this is what we’ve decided to do.” Morita reflected on the importance of building good rapport on a personal and cultural level.

“Showing this Japanese spirit not only helps strengthen the connection as part of [RIMPAC] exercise, but also, outside of the exercise—just people to people—it establishes good nature and trust,” he said. “Today, Japanese and American navies bonded together to build up a good relationship.” Johnson described the events leading to the joint cleanup. “I received a phone call from Command Master Chief Kazuyuki Morita of

the JS Ise and he asked if Japanese sailors could do a segmental base cleanup to show their gratitude for all the hospitality that joint base has provided during the RIMPAC,” said Johnson. “I thought it was a great idea and suggested to make it a joint venture, so we can bond our relationships even more.” Johnson also addressed the need for such events and gratitude for Japanese Navy’s outreach in building bridges between the two nations.

“Japan is always very hospitable to us when we pull into their ports and when our Navy has the opportunity to return that hospitality, we always do the best we can do,” he said. “Such event as today is a great opportunity to build bridges and friendships.” Sailors from both navies intermingled as they covered both sides of North Road, continuing down Pearl Harbor Boulevard toward the shipyard. As they went, Sailors collected any trash left by the side of the road as they conversed about cultures and their families as well as places of interest in Hawaii. Despite the cultural and language barriers, both sides found something in common and learned something new from each other as they went. Upon reaching their final destination, Sailors came together to thank each other on cooperation and exchanged small mementoes and gifts of appreciation. “This was a great opportunity, and this event leads to a good friendship between the U.S. and Japan,” said Lt. j.g. Tanji Sasabe, stationed aboard JS Ise. “I hope that we would do this type of events more often.” The JS Ise is similar to light aircraft carriers operated by the world navies, and it is classed and operated primarily as anti-submarine warfare vessel, which utilizes an air wing of SH-60K helicopters to screen and escort convoys or maintain ocean areas clear of submarine threats.

Former Vietnam POW shares inspiration with junior leaders

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Former Navy pilot and prisoner of war (POW), retired Capt. Jerry Coffee, spoke with service members at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam and other regional commands during an Aug. 1 presentation at Sharkey Theater that was organized by local junior officers. Coffee, who spent seven years as a POW in North Vietnam, shared his key message of keeping the faith before an audience of Navy, Air Force, Marines, Army, civilian personnel and families and friends from the local area. For the past 20 years, Coffee has used his experiences as a POW to help inspire thousands across the nation and to deliver his life lessons of leadership, resiliency and determination in the face of overwhelming adversity. Lt. Matthew Beaudette, foreign engagement officer at Submarine Force, U.S. Pacific Fleet and one of the event co-organizers, noted that a chance to hear from such an inspirational speaker was invaluable, as Coffee explained in detail the events that shaped his life and what it meant to be an American. “All those years, the communists tried to break my spirit, my confidence and my faith, and they couldn’t,”

said Coffee. “The reason they couldn’t do it? Believe me, a great part is right in front of me today,” he said, recognizing the hundreds of service men and women in the packed auditorium. Coffee thanked the audience and stressed the importance of their leadership. “Who you are and what you represent, what you symbolize – that is what came through to me every single day and has helped me survive day-to-day. Who you are and what you do—thank you for that commitment, thank you so much for volunteering to take good care of our country, and thank you for the sacrifices that you have prepared to make.” Coffee divided his key message of faith into four aspects: keeping faith in one’s self, keeping faith in one another, keeping faith in America, and keeping faith in God. Coffee used these aspects of faith as his key to staying alive as a POW. Coffee first talked about the faith in one’s self and discussed using humor as a tool to get him through his long days in prison, to survive, and to return with honor. He urged the audience to adopt an atmosphere of humor in their daily activities at work and at home. One way Coffee used humor to aid him in his struggles was by writing poems in his cell. He had the



U.S. Navy photo by MC1 Jason Swink
Former Navy pilot and prisoner of war (POW), retired Capt. Jerry Coffee, spoke with service members from across Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam and other regional commands during an Aug. 1 presentation at Sharkey Theater.

audience chuckling with his first poem about biting off the head of a bug in his sandwich while in prison. “It was awesome, pretty inspirational, how he survived,” said Navy Chief Hull Technician Ryan Cooper, assigned to the Pearl Harbor Naval Shipyard. Coffee spoke of keeping faith in one another and the challenges of communicating with fellow captives without actually talking to them. One of the main ways he and his fellow POWs communicated with each other was by using tap code. Using a series of knocks,

and random sounds they made, the former POWs were able to communicate and help each other get through years of confinement in the infamous Hanoi prison. Coffee believed that faith in one another and being able to communicate with each other while incarcerated was vital to survival. The former POW talked about the value of keeping faith in America. He said that despite hearing a lot of bad news about America through loudspeakers in prison every day, he kept faith in the country and

used the “America’s fighting man” code of conduct to live by. It is these words that helped Coffee never give up hope. “I will always remember, I am an American fighting man, responsible for my actions, and dedicated to the principles that made my country free. I will trust in my God and the United States of America,” said Coffee in referring to the code. The most personal aspect of his presentation is his faith in God. He talked about seeing the first two English words written on the wall in prison with an

equal sign between them. It meant “God equals strength.” Coffee drew strength and inspiration through those words because it meant that he was never ever totally alone. Every Sunday, two knocks echoed in the prison walls early in the morning which meant church call, and every man stood in his cell and recited to himself the Pledge of Allegiance of one nation under God. Coffee said faith in God gave him the courage and strength to continue every day. Capt. John Russ, chief of staff for Submarine Force, U.S. Pacific Fleet, said it was great for Coffee to take time out of his schedule to talk to the military here in Hawaii. “To get leadership training like this from a person who had this kind of experience is fantastic,” said Russ. “I know all the junior officers, like I did, learned some great lessons, and it is a great way to look at life.” Midshipman 1st Class Adam Shamma, in Hawaii on temporary duty from the U.S. Naval Academy, said this was his second time hearing Coffee speak. “He always does a good job of summing up his experience and making it relevant to the people in the audience,” said Shamma. “He makes his experience applicable to us and especially to someone like me in the Naval Academy.”

Hurricane Hunters fly into Hurricane Iselle for life-saving data

403rd Wing Public Affairs

Airmen with the 53rd Weather Reconnaissance Squadron, also known as the Hurricane Hunters, deployed to Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam from Keesler Air Force Base, Mississippi on Aug. 5 to collect weather data in Hurricane Iselle as it approaches the Hawaiian Islands. The team of Reservists flew into Iselle Tuesday evening and the morning of Aug. 6 to collect weather data to assist forecasters in determining the status of the storm, which at the time was a Category 1 hurricane. The data the Hurricane Hunters provide to the National Hurricane Center in

Miami and the National Weather Service’s Central Pacific Hurricane Center in Honolulu increases the accuracy of the forecast up to 25 percent, said Maj. Jon Brady, a 53rd WRS aerial reconnaissance weather officer, or ARWO. “Measuring the conditions within the storm provides emergency managers with the best information possible to assist them with determining the impact, issuing evacuation notices, and saves lives by letting the public know what to expect,” Brady said. The Category 1 hurricane was expected to reach the Big Island in the afternoon of Aug. 7 and impact the islands throughout the weekend, according to the NWSCPH. Hurricane

Julio is about two to three days behind Iselle and is expected to follow in the same path. The Hunters plan to fly reconnaissance mission into Hurricane Julio once Iselle passes and is no longer the main threat to the island chain, Brady said. People in the areas that could be affected by this storm are urged to monitor local weather reports, he added. According to Lt. Col. Roy Deatherage, an ARWO and the mission commander for the squadron’s forward-deployed operation center, squadron personnel will continue to operate from the island until approximately Aug. 13.



U.S. Air Force photo by Tech. Sgt. Ryan Labadens
Members of the 53rd Weather Reconnaissance Squadron participate in a recent mission. Airmen with the 53rd WRS, also known as the “Hurricane Hunters,” deployed to Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam this week to collect weather data in Hurricane Iselle.

RIMPAC Exercise 2014: The evolution of cohesiveness

Rear Adm. Simon Cullen, Royal Australian Navy

Deputy Director of the RIMPAC 2014 Combined Task Force

(Editor's note: The following was taken from the Navy Live Blog.)

It has been an absolute honor and privilege to be the first Australian deputy director of the Exercise Rim of the Pacific (RIMPAC) Combined Task Force. Holding a leadership role in an exercise involving around 25,000 professional service men and women from 22 nations is a career milestone that I'll always hold dear.

Arriving in Hawaii in June, I hoped that my service history would hold me in good stead to make a valuable contribution to this, the biggest iteration of Exercise RIMPAC ever conducted. Having been fortunate enough to complete

several wonderful exchange and staff postings to the United States over the years, I believe myself to be fairly fluent in the local military dialect—and American-acronym savvy, so to speak. Thankfully, my experience did serve me well and assuming this important leadership position felt like a fairly seamless transition.

This has been my fourth RIMPAC, and the changes I have seen over the past eight years have been immense. For a start, I certainly didn't serve in such an esteemed position when I first came to Pearl Harbor as a young officer in the Royal Australian Navy.

The change that is most encouraging is the cohesiveness of the Pacific Rim coalition. The coalition has made extraordinary progress over the years and is now much more cohesive than it was when I first experienced RIMPAC. This cohesiveness is extremely important to us



The Royal Australian Navy Durance-class multi-product replenishment oiler HMAS Success (OR-304) departs Pearl Harbor for the at-sea phase of Rim of the Pacific (RIMPAC) Exercise 2014.

all, particularly as we work together in the future to promote security and stability in the region.

The focus on humanitarian assistance and disaster relief this year has been a great success, and this is a model that I would like to see grow in prominence at future RIMPACs. The serial represented a scenario that is relevant to all of us in the Pacific region, as all of the participating RIMPAC nations will no doubt be called upon to work together in a humanitarian assistance or disaster relief capacity again in the not too distant future.

The Pacific region has a history of natural and man-made disasters, and what defines us is how we pull together to respond.

For this reason especially, it was great to see China and Brunei participate in RIMPAC for the first time in 2014. Both are important nations in our region, and the chance to enhance our interoperability and friendships with the defense forces of these countries can only serve to give us confidence in our collective capability to respond to any challenging situation.

For me, and many mem-

bers of the Australian contingent, the close engagement enjoyed with officers from Chile was a rare treat and a great experience. Chile had a significant number of officers working in the Pacific Warfare Center throughout the course of the exercise, and their professionalism and skill ensured that all who they worked with held them in high regard. I would certainly encourage Chile to participate in the next iteration of RIMPAC, as their presence this year was certainly positive.

The inclusion of the hospital ships, USNS Mercy from the United States and PLAN Peace Ark from China, was also a very welcome inclusion in RIMPAC 2014, and I hope their participation continues in the years to come.

This year, as well as performing the role of deputy director of the RIMPAC Combined Task Force, I was also the commander of the Australian National Command Element. From an Australian perspective, we gained extraordinary benefit from our involvement in the amphibious aspects of the sea phase.

The Australian Defence

Force will soon commission our nation's first landing helicopter docks, and we will enjoy great advantage from the experience our people have gained through leading the RIMPAC Expeditionary Strike Force from onboard USS Peleliu and from the combined training our soldiers have conducted with infantry troops and Marines from across the Pacific Rim.

RIMPAC has grown and evolved into an extraordinary exercise and our hosts, the United States of America, deserve our sincere thanks for conducting yet another enormously successful and constructive iteration of the world's largest naval exercise. I believe every nation that participated in RIMPAC this year will leave with something of value that they didn't have when they arrived, be it knowledge, experience or new friendships.

Not only has it been a pleasure to see our military interoperability evolve over the four RIMPACs that I have attended, it has also been quite fun to watch the cultures of the various RIMPAC partner nations evolve as well. When I first attended an official function

aboard a Republic of Korea Navy ship during a RIMPAC harbor phase many moons ago, I enjoyed a display of traditional dress, drums and tambourines.

This year, I must report that times have changed. While I certainly still enjoyed the hospitality aboard ROKS Soeae Ryu Seong-ryong, I was rather surprised to see that the style had progressed from the more traditional affair to a *gangnam* style disco. Perhaps this anecdote shows my age, but it was great to see everyone having fun together before the sea phase began.

RIMPAC 2014 has been a great success, and I hope all of the participating nations take on board the lessons learned during the exercise and continue to strive for better interoperability with all of their partners in the Pacific region.

The ocean we share, the Pacific Ocean, is the world's largest, and all of our prosperity relies on our collective subscription to the RIMPAC theme: Capable, Adaptive Partners. Thank you to all of the participating nations for contributing to the success of RIMPAC 2014.

Diverse Views



What is the most exciting thing you've ever done?



LN1 Erica Keels
DSO Pacific

"Skydiving, just because I felt like I was testing myself."

Staff Sgt. Amanda Villa
15th Medical Operations Squadron

"One of the most exciting things I have done is shark diving off the North Shore. It was early morning. The sun was rising and it was us, a cage and a bunch of sharks in the middle of the ocean. Super awesome!"



Lt. Cmdr. Judy Hanhila
Naval Health Clinic Hawaii

"R and R after deployment. Going to Qatar, seeing other places, getting to see other cultures, and hanging out with friends."

Maj. Bertha MacMillan
PACAF

"In return for making ID cards after-hours for some of the members of the Golden Knights parachute team, they offered to give me and some of my staff an incentive tandem jump. It was amazing! My husband may be an Airborne Ranger, but on that day it was me doing something I said I would never do, jump from a perfectly good airplane."



MM1 Charles Gazda
Pearl Harbor Naval Shipyard

"Going to halfway nights. It's probably the most memorable stuff I'm allowed to talk about."

Master Sgt. Phil Edwards
613 Air and Space Operations Center

"The most exciting moment of my life so far was the moment I saw my new baby boy Dean for the first time. That one will be tough to beat."



Chief Master Sgt. Raymond Clayborne
692nd Intelligence, Surveillance and Reconnaissance Group

"The most exciting thing that I have done since joining the Air Force is deploy to Italy, Iraq and Bosnia-Herzegovina. These deployments were defining moments in my career as a senior airman and staff sergeant. Worked closely with other U.S. sister service members and coalition forces."



FT2 Vince Johnson
USS Tucson (SSN 770)

"Skydiving."

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

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Bougainville Sailors celebrate surrender



Official U.S. Navy photograph

USS Bougainville (CVE-100) crewmen celebrate after listening to the announcement of Imperial Japan's surrender on Aug. 14, 1945, ending World War II. The surrender took place 69 years ago this month. Their ship was then transporting aircraft to the central Pacific.



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Teamwork is key to anti-submarine warfare for RIMPAC participants

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The recently held Rim of the Pacific (RIMPAC) 2014 exercise provided anti-submarine warfare force U.S. 3rd Fleet (CTF-34) with the opportunity to bring together a cooperative training environment for multinational anti-submarine warfare (ASW).

Liaison naval officers (LNOs) from Australia, Republic of Korea, Canada and Japan stood watch with CTF-34 staff, helping to coordinate various air, surface and subsurface assets taking part in the complex task of multinational anti-submarine warfare.

"Theater ASW requires a team and teamwork, not only among the surface, air, and subsurface warfare communities, but also with our coalition partners," said Rear Adm. Phil Sawyer, commander of Submarine Force, U.S. Pacific Fleet.

"During RIMPAC, we have benefited tremendously from working with ASW forces from Australia, Canada, Chile, Japan, New

Zealand and the Republic of Korea, each of whom brings unique skills and perspectives to the table," said Sawyer.

"Exercising together has improved interoperability and has allowed us to build enduring relationships that will pay dividends well into the future," he said.

Lt. Cmdr. Tomoyuki Amanuma, Japan Maritime Self Defense Force (JMSDF) LNO, provided maritime patrol reconnaissance aircraft expertise while learning valuable interoperability and partnership concepts.

"The ability to work in coalitions is a very big deterrent to those who would use undersea warfare for aggression," said Amanuma. "Just one country or one navy cannot keep the peace for all nations. It is important for all nations to cooperate."

Royal Australian Navy LNO Lt. Martin Talbot said he appreciated the chance to rotate through various positions.

"It's all well and good to read about it in a publication," said Talbot. "To actually come here and see how it's done firsthand and see

what the jobs do and how the various watch captains input into the whole scenario really ties in the publications and doctrines."

As with the overall RIMPAC exercise, the ASW portion provides an important training opportunity to enhance interoperability between participating forces, improve readiness, and strengthen military-to-military partnerships.

Republic of Korea (ROK) LNO Lt. Jung Hoon Seo, who was participating in his first RIMPAC exercise, said he hopes more of his colleagues can participate in future exercises like RIMPAC and continue to build relationships that add to the peace and stability of the region.

"Each of the nations' submarines operate differently, and exercises like this help up us come to a better understanding of each other's intentions," said Seo.

"RIMPAC's theater anti-submarine warfare exercise is all about gaining experience. Each different country brings a different set of skills," said Talbot.

"So tying it all in internationally, we can take various bits of information from



U.S. Navy photo by MC1 Steven Khor

Rim of the Pacific (RIMPAC) exercise participants, Command Master Chief Adam Powars (left) of undersea warfare operations; Flight Lt. Marty Young, future operations watch officer of Command Task Force (CTF) 174 for the Royal Australian Air Force; and Lt. Cmdr. Tomoyuki Amanuma, liaison naval officer for the Japan Maritime Self Defense Force; discuss operations for the exercise July 25 at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam. The exercise concluded Aug. 1.

each country and come up with an international way of doing business."

Anti-submarine warfare is a core war-fighting skill used to counter any potential adversary submarine threat and is a component of a large-scale maritime

operation such as RIMPAC.

"It's very important; none of the surface ships can get to where they are going without the waters being clear of submarines, and that's what CTF-34 is all about," said Talbot.

The mission of CTF-34 is

to execute theater anti-submarine warfare and fulfill a training support role to plan and conduct theater ASW exercises, providing tactical command and control of assigned ASW assets during operations and exercises.

647th Force Support Squadron fuels RIMPAC personnel

Maj. Joe Blubaugh

15th Wing Public Affairs

The aircraft ramp at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam was noticeably busy throughout RIMPAC 2014. While it took a lot of extra fuel to keep the aircraft flying throughout the exercise, it also required a lot of extra effort to make sure all the personnel supporting those aircraft were able to get the fuel they needed. That was the job of the 647th Force Support Squadron (FSS).

Responsible for both the Hale Aina Dining Facility and the Mokulele Flight Kitchen, the squadron saw their ops tempo nearly double during the exercise. Through the two facilities, the squadron normally serves approximately 1,000 meals during a normal week, a number that doubled during the month-long exercise. All of those extra meals meant a lot more time in the kitchen for the staff at each facility.

"The managers of each facility have had to balance their force to accomplish the mission," said Master Sgt. Bud Wendel, section chief of food service.

That force is made up of a civilian contract team, 647th FSS military members and several members of the Hawaii Air National Guard.

Tech. Sgt. LaTonya Robinson, dining facility manager at the Hale Aina, said staffing her facility was the biggest challenge. "I had to push people a little harder, but everybody has maintained a positive attitude and understood the mission comes first."

It was a different challenge at the flight kitchen, said Staff Sgt. Leticia Anderson, the facility's store-room manager. The flight kitchen is responsible for providing meals for aircrews, duty passengers and space available passengers, as well as for the flight line workers who pick up lunch when they don't have time



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

Airman 1st Class Jaleesa Randle, 647th Force Support Squadron, prepares lasagna for lunch at the Hale Aina Dining Facility at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, on July 25.

to leave their positions.

"Our biggest challenge is the uncertainty of how many people we will be serving day-to-day. It fluctuates drastically," said Anderson, who estimated the kitchen was serving approximately twice the number of meals as normal during RIMPAC.

"We know we have a mission that needs to get done and we push through it," said Anderson. "It can make for a long day, but we have the satisfaction of knowing the mission is getting accomplished."

Maj. Chris Hauver, 647th FSS Commander, said the exercise was a great tool for him as it stressed the system and provided outstanding training, all while showcasing his staff's ability to surge to accomplish the mission.

"No exercise happens without awesome support," said Hauver. "Through nutritious meals and excellent customer service, our food service team has fueled RIMPAC."

Submarine USS Houston changes command, welcomes McGinnis



Cmdr. Scott McGinnis addresses the crew of the Los Angeles-class, fast attack submarine USS Houston (SSN 713) after relieving Cmdr. Paul Davis as commanding officer during a change of command ceremony held July 31.

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A time-honored change of command ceremony was held July 31 for the Los Angeles-class, fast attack submarine USS Houston (SSN 713) at the submarine piers

at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam.

Cmdr. Scott McGinnis relieved Cmdr. Paul Davis as commanding officer of USS Houston.

Davis expressed how proud he is that he had the opportunity to be in command of the submarine and working with some amazing Sailors.

"It has been the highest

honor to have served alongside you and sailed in the briny depths with you," said Davis.

"Your tenacity, your perseverance and your skill has made this tour exceptional for me. In the face of insurmountable odds, you have refused to lose. You have steadfastly acknowledged that you won't be defeated and either found a solution

or forged one. I am, and will always remain, grateful for that."

In command for more than two years, Davis took his submarine and crew on a western Pacific deployment, conducting missions vital to national security and fleet exercises supporting the fleet commander's operational and engagement strategy.

The ceremony's guest speaker, Capt. Jeff Trussler, deputy director of maritime projects for research and development support activity, praised Davis for an amazing job in command.

"Well done, Paul Davis and the crew of the mighty warship Houston!," said Trussler. "Paul has proven himself to be one of those great leaders. He has taken

the toughest job the submarine force has to offer and done superbly."

During the ceremony, Davis was awarded the Meritorious Service Medal for his successes in command of Houston from February 2012 to July 2014.

As McGinnis assumed command of Houston, he thanked Davis for turning over a great ship and an even greater crew.

"I am honored by your presence here today and privileged to be USS Houston's commanding officer," said McGinnis. "To the Houston crew and families, I have been thoroughly impressed by your performance."

"There is no crew I would rather be leading into battle should the call come, and I cannot wait to put to sea with you, tackle our future challenges, and accomplish the country's tasking together," McGinnis said.

Houston is the fourth U.S. Navy vessel named in honor of the city of Houston, Texas. It is a Los Angeles-class submarine, 360 feet long and displacing 6,900 tons. It can be fitted with Mk-48 torpedoes and Tomahawk missiles.

The state-of-the-art submarine is capable of supporting a multitude of missions, including anti-submarine warfare, anti-surface ship warfare, strike, naval special warfare involving special operations forces, and intelligence, surveillance, and reconnaissance.

RIMPAC 2014

Highlights



The aircraft carrier USS Ronald Reagan (CVN 76) is underway in close formation on July 25 as one of 42 ships and submarines representing 15 international partner nations.

U.S. Navy photo by MC1 Shannon Renfro

A line handler from Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam tosses a line to a Sailor aboard the littoral combat ship USS Independence (LCS 2) following the ship's return July 26 from participating in the at-sea phase.

U.S. Navy photo by MC2 Tiarra Fulgham



U.S. Marines drive an amphibious assault vehicle ashore during a simulated beach assault July 28.

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

A landing craft air cushion assigned to Amphibious Craft Unit (ACU) 5 heads to the harbor on July 22 from the amphibious assault ship USS Peleliu (LHA 5).

U.S. Navy photo by MC2 Daniel Viramontes



The Military Sealift Command dry cargo and ammunition ship USNS Carl Brashear (T-AKE 7) holds course alongside the amphibious assault ship USS Peleliu (LHA 5) during a refueling at sea Aug. 4. Peleliu is scheduled for deployment to the western Pacific region.

U.S. Navy photo by MC3 Will Gaskill

Beetle causes removal of palm trees at Mamala Bay Golf Course

Lt. j.g. Eric Galassi

Navy Region Hawaii
Public Affairs

For the next several weeks, a contractor will remove palm trees on the grounds of Mamala Bay Golf Course at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam (JBPHH).

When the work is completed, approximately 180 trees will be removed from JBPHH. Seventy-eight trees have already been removed including 68 palms from the Fort Kamehameha housing area.

One hundred and four trees are being removed from Mamala Bay Golf Course due to damage from the invasive coconut rhinoceros beetle (CRB).

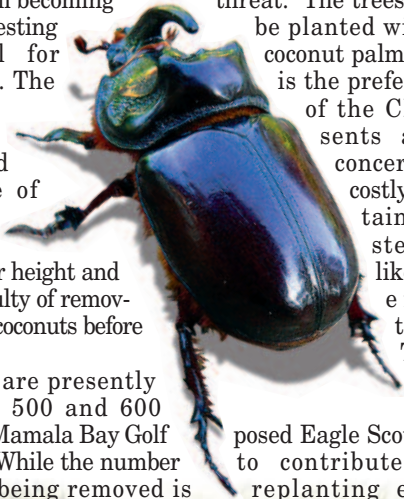
The remainder of the trees were selected for removal because they are either dead or present a safety hazard.

It is necessary to remove these trees to prevent them from becoming food or nesting material for the CRB. The potential danger created by some of the trees comes from their height and the difficulty of removing their coconuts before they fall.

There are presently between 500 and 600 trees on Mamala Bay Golf Course. While the number of trees being removed is significant, it is necessary to

protect the remaining trees from CRB infestation.

JBPHH intends to plant trees to replace those being cut down, but the first priority is to remove the existing threat. The trees that will be planted will not be coconut palms, as that is the preferred food of the CRB, presents a safety concern, and is costly to maintain--but instead will likely be evergreen trees. There is also a proposed Eagle Scout project to contribute to the replanting effort at JBPHH.



A ribbon signifies this coconut palm is scheduled for removal from Mamala Bay Golf Course.

U.S. Navy photo by Brandon Bosworth

15th Maintenance Operations Center is eyes and ears of flightline during RIMPAC

Tech. Sgt. Terri Paden

15th Wing Public Affairs

Many joint base units played a hand in the success of Rim of the Pacific 2014, working tirelessly to ensure the more than 200 participating aircraft and personnel had adequate parking, fuel and access to maintenance equipment and facilities. However, one unit in particular worked around the clock to coordinate and manage the actions needed to keep the mission going.

The 15th Maintenance Operations Center (MOC) typically works its coordination magic for the C-17 Globemaster IIIs assigned to joint base but stepped up for RIMPAC to handle the requests for maintenance servicing and job control for most of the aircraft involved in the exercise.

"We are the central point for maintenance, so we had to orchestrate a lot of moving parts for RIMPAC," said Master Sgt. Richard Montano, MOC NCO in charge.

Though dealing with transient aircraft is a part of the MOC's day-to-day operations, Montano said the amount of transients in-

creased from an average of 10 aircraft per day to nearly 50.

"It was intense," he said. "We had times where we really had to struggle for parking and at times the wait for maintenance actions was a little longer than usual due to the volume of aircraft, but luckily all of the aircraft flew very well."

In addition to juggling the workload, Montano said the exercise proved to be an educational experience for him.

"The most interesting thing was the diversity in the units we had here," he said. "We had to make sure they understood our processes and our airfield operating procedures but we also had to understand their needs. I learned something new every day about a different aircraft and what it needed to fly."

Staff Sgt. Ryan Hubbard, MOC weapons system coordinator, who participated in RIMPAC for the second time, said working during RIMPAC was much like his day-to-day operation but on a much larger scale.

"RIMPAC is really busy," he said. "You don't know how to plan for the amount

of work the surplus of jets brings. I was more prepared this time because I knew what to expect, but it doesn't change the amount of work or the amount of calls for support you'll take in a day. You just have to plan to be busy."

Though RIMPAC came with its fair share of hard work, Hubbard said he is just happy to know at the end of the day it pays off.

"We can see the results of our work," he said. "Every time there's a plane taking off, you know something's going right because you did something right."

Memorial sites closed due to storms

Due to the two impending storms, the USS Arizona Memorial and Pearl Harbor Visitor Center is reducing visitor services for the next few days.

Both sites will be closed today.

For updates, visit www.nps.gov/valr/index.htm.

In addition, the USS Missouri Memorial announced that it is closed today due to Hurricane Iselle.

Ronald Reagan receives replenishments



An MH-60S Sea Hawk helicopter assigned to the Black Knights of Helicopter Sea Combat Squadron (HSC) 4 transports ammunition from the aircraft carrier USS Ronald Reagan (CVN 76) during a vertical replenishment on Aug 4 with the Military Sealift Command dry cargo and ammunition ship USNS Carl Brashear (T-AKE 7). Ronald Reagan departed Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam after participating in Rim of the Pacific (RIMPAC) Exercise 2014.

U.S. Navy photo by MCSN Cody Hendrix

Training and safety were key for 647th EOD during RIMPAC exercise

Maj. Joe Blubaugh

15th Wing Public Affairs

One impact of having a multinational force participating in a large-scale exercise like RIMPAC—a maritime exercise involving 22 nations and 25,000 personnel—is the diverse types of ordnance that is brought to the host location.

That challenge has been met by the 647th Explosive Ordnance Disposal Flight, which is responsible for any ordnance that comes onto the Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam flight line.

Ordnance covers a wide range of items such as munitions, but it also covers other hazardous items on an aircraft such as ejection seats. During the RIMPAC planning phase, EOD received a list of all ordnance that would be brought to the exercise, from both U.S. and foreign military. Staff Sgt. Giselle Compton, EOD equipment section NCOIC,

said it was critical to get the information in advance.

"We had to research every item we weren't familiar with, so we were able to support the units when they arrived," Compton said.

In addition to researching unfamiliar ordnance, EOD also covered the responsibilities of their on-base Navy EOD counterparts while they were off-island participating in the exercise.

In addition to the additional workload, RIMPAC gave flight members ample opportunity to train with their U.S. and foreign counterparts as well as local civilian authorities. Senior Airman Vincent Irr, EOD flight training manager, said the time spent with those counterparts was time well spent.

"The perspective we've received from other countries and other services has been invaluable," Irr said. "We have our way of doing

things, and it's good to get a fresh perspective. It's also great to get other contacts within the EOD community for future collaboration."

One training the flight attended was a post-blast scenario that focused on collecting evidence and the proper way to hand the evidence over to the proper authorities. The training also focused on collecting evidence at an unexploded ordnance cache.

"We were able to give our counterparts ranges, facilities and aircraft so they could conduct realistic training," Irr said.

Flight personnel were also able to train with local airport authorities and Hawaiian Airlines at the Honolulu International Airport. Additional EOD teams from the Navy, Australia, Canada, South Korea and the Netherlands participated in the training that included aircraft familiarization and use of bomb equipment on an aircraft.

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Storms

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“Although it is important to be prepared throughout the year, it is especially important to have an emergency plan and kit during the hurricane season. Visit the ‘Ready Navy’ website for tips on preparing for disasters and building an emergency kit,” he said.

As Ho’okele went to press Thursday, Hurricane Iselle was about 150 miles off the coast of the Big Island with the island starting to feel the outer winds and rain bands from the storm. Landfall was expected Thursday evening for the Big Island. By Friday morning, the island of Oahu will feel the onset of tropical storm force winds and rain from Hurricane Iselle as it moves across the island chain.

Still about 1,100 miles from Hawaii on Thursday afternoon, Hurricane Julio was a Category 2 storm. On its current forecast track, it is expected to move north of the Big Island late Saturday into Sunday.

As the storms approached the island chain, local retailers reported that store shelves were quickly depleted of basic supplies as anxious, hurricane-watching shoppers attempted to collect such items as bottled water, food staples, paper supplies, flashlights and batteries.

Capt. Stanley Keeve, commander of Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, advised residents to remain vigilant and listen to local news for updates.

“With the impending high winds as the storms approach, it’s important to gather your belongings around the exterior of your house. Things like your lanai furniture, propane tanks and grills, children’s

toys and bikes, garbage cans and doormats should be removed from the outside of your house during the high winds,” Keeve said.

“Also ensure that you, your family and your pet(s) are prepared for the upcoming severe inclement weather,” he advised.

Storm preparations were also ongoing at the Navy installation at Pacific Missile Range Facility (PMRF), Barking Sands, Kauai as the storms approached.

“Heavy weather preparations are in full force here at PMRF,” said Capt. Bruce Hay, commanding officer at PMRF, Kauai.

“The team here is very seasoned with lots of experience from past events like Hurricane Iniki, and we are ensuring we do not relearn the lessons of those past events,” he said.

“Even with the forecasts showing a weakened storm when it gets to Kauai, we are not taking any chances. We are stopping operations Wednesday evening to complete all of our preparations. High value equipment is being moved to safe storage, emergency equipment is being tested, and readied and post-storm recovery options being discussed,” Hay explained.

Hurricanes have directly hit Hawaii only three times since 1950 although the state has been affected by more than 100 tropical disturbances during that time.

The last time a hurricane directly hit the islands was in 1992 when Hurricane Iniki struck the island of Kauai. Six people were killed and more than 1,400 homes on the island were destroyed. The storm caused more than \$2.3 billion in damages in its wake.

Another victim of the storm was the famed Coco

Palms resort where scenes from the Elvis Presley movie, “Blue Hawaii,” were filmed. The resort has been closed since then.

Disaster preparedness officials caution that allowing yourself to believe that, “it won’t come here” or “there hasn’t been a hurricane here in years so why worry,” or buying into the “it can’t happen to me” philosophy could be dangerous. They advise that the best thing is to be aware and to be prepared.

“We’ve been lucky so far. So we just need to really take this threat seriously and make sure everybody is prepared,” said Eric Lau, meteorologist for the National Weather Service in Honolulu.

For more information about evacuation shelters, visit the Hawaii State Civil Defense website at www.scd.hawaii.gov and review closest shelter locations.

JBPHH personnel and their families should monitor the Navy Region Hawaii and JBPHH Facebook and websites for updates, listen to recorded messages on the JBPHH Straight Talk Line at (808) 421-4000, and tune in to Joint Base Television (Oceanic Ch. 2) on base.

Residents should remain vigilant and listen to local news for updates.

For more weather information, visit the National Weather Service Forecast Office at <http://www.prh.noaa.gov/hnl/>.

Additional information is available by checking the pullout of hurricane preparedness information which was published on pages A4 and A5 of the May 30 edition of Ho’okele at <http://ow.ly/A5A2m>

Disaster preparedness information is also available at <http://go.usa.gov/NV7B>.

Where to find hurricane preparedness information:

Get emergency updates on Facebook:

- Navy Region Hawaii - www.facebook.com/NavyRegionHawaii
- JBPHH - www.facebook.com/JointBasePearlHarborHickam

Navy Region Hawaii website: www.cnic.navy.mil/hawaii

JBPHH website: www.cnic.navy.mil/PearlHarbor-Hickam

Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam TV (Channel 2): Hurricane information on Joint Base TV 2 will be on the text crawl 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

Department of Emergency Management (DEM): Information is available on the DEM website at www.honolulu.gov/dem or by calling 723-8960. Residents can also call the DEM office and request a free packet of hurricane readiness information.

FEMA: ready.gov

JBPHH Office of Emergency Management: Call 421-4000 or 448-2741 for emergency preparedness information.

CNIC Ready Navy: http://www.ready.navy.mil/build_a_kit/emergency_kits.html

Important telephone numbers:

Emergency, police, fire ambulance – **911**

State Department of Emergency Management – **723-8960**

Hawaii State Civil Defense – **733-4300**

National Weather Service (weather advisories) – **973-5286**

Military and Family Support Center – **474-1999**

Navy Marine Corps Relief Society – **473-0282**

Air Force Aid Society – **449-0300**

JBPHH Straight Talk Line – **421-4000**

HECO Service Center – **548-7311**

(to report power outages, downed power lines, trees on power lines)

Board of Water Supply trouble line – **748-5000**

Hawaiian Telcom repair service – **643-6111**

Hawaii Gas emergency service – **526-0066**

Street lights out - City – **768-5300**, state – **831-6714**, state (after hours) - 485-6200

Time Warner Oceanic – **643-2100**

NAVFAC Hawaii emergency desk – **449-3100**

JBPHH Storm Advisory

- No evacuations are planned for JBPHH housing areas at this time. Off-base residents should be aware of locations of nearest evacuation shelters in the event that evacuation should be necessary.
- The Nimitz Gate and O’Malley Gate will remain open 24 hours. Other gates may be closed as conditions warrant.
- If wind speeds exceed 40 knots, access to the Ford Island Bridge will be limited to privately-owned vehicles and may be closed to vehicles such as buses and trailers.
- The USS Arizona Memorial and USS Missouri Memorial will be closed Friday.
- Residents may call NAVFAC Hawaii emergency department at 449-3100/3101 or the emergency operations center at 449-2583/3262/2570 to report immediate hazards to property, roads or utilities.

Commissary and NEX to be closed Friday

The Navy Exchange (421-3513 for updates) and Pearl Harbor Commissary will be closed Friday and will reopen for normal hours Saturday.

Pacific Partnership completes Philippines mission

MC2 Karolina A. Oseguera

Pacific Partnership 2014

With wind and rain from the outer bands of Typhoon Rammasun pelting the area, Pacific Partnership 2014 (PP14) held its closing ceremony in a local establishment that still bears the scars from Typhoon Haiyan.

Although the weather was less than ideal, those in attendance were determined to give Pacific Partnership a proper ceremony.

“I’m amazed at the resiliency of the people here,” said U.S. Navy Capt. Brian Shipman, Pacific Partnership’s mission commander. “Even after all they’ve been through, they continue to persevere, they continue to rebuild, and they continue to smile.”

Among the speakers at the ceremony were the Philippine Army’s Maj. Gen. Lysander Suerte, deputy chief of staff for civil-military operations; Brig. Gen. Rolando Malinao, assistant division of the 8th Infantry Division; and Alfred Romualdez, Tacloban’s mayor. The three thanked all involved with this year’s PP14 mission and expressed the importance of continued engagements with partner nations.

“The Philippines has been the most enjoyable and successful engagement because not only are we passing on subject matter expertise with our Filipino colleagues, but given the devastation of the typhoon, we have been able to help the community with our

medical and engineering engagements,” said Australian Army Lt. Col. John Cronin, Pacific Partnership 2014 chief of staff.

The 10-day PP14 Philippines mission conducted professional medical exchanges, provided basic medical, dental and optometry clinics, medical knowledge exchange seminars and veterinary surgical and vaccination services, as well as four engineering projects.

“We had veterinarian technicians working to prevent rabies illness, preventative medicine specialist that helped promote public health, and we also gave lectures on different topics,” said Cmdr. Steven Romero, the PP14 medical officer in charge.

Symposiums and subject matter exchanges addressed emergency medicine, infectious disease, cardiology, pediatrics, microbiology, occupational medicine physical therapy and biomedical engineering.

“I have seen a really grateful response,” Cronin said of the local community and the mission’s Philippine hosts. “I am grateful that we have been working with them and for them in projects that they needed.”

This was the last phase of PP14, which also provided assistance in Vietnam and Cambodia, operating from the Japan Maritime Self-Defense Force ship JS Kunisaki (LST 4003). A simultaneous airborne phase took

place earlier in Indonesia and Timor-Leste.

Pacific Partnership is in its ninth iteration and is the largest annual multilateral humanitarian assistance and disaster relief preparedness mission conducted in the Asia-Pacific region.



U.S. Navy photos by MCC Greg Badger



(Top right): Petty Officer 2nd Class Yasuhito Sieke of the Japan Maritime Self-Defense Force checks the vital signs of a child during a Pacific Partnership medical project.

(Right):The U.S. Pacific Fleet Band performs in Tacloban during Pacific Partnership.

Life&Leisure

Norwegian Navy is going home as soccer champs

Story and photos by
Randy Dela Cruz

Sports Editor, Ho'okele

Getting out to a fast start with two goals off the foot of 2nd Lt. Thomas Tinnesand, HNoMS Fridtjof Nansen (F310) finished off USS Lake Erie (CG 70), 6-1, to win the second Rim of the Pacific Exercise 2014 soccer tournament championship Aug. 1 at Ward Field, Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam.

In gaining the title, Fridtjof Nansen accomplished what they couldn't do in the first RIMPAC tournament, where the team was defeated by USS Ronald Reagan (CVN 76) in the championship final.

"We really looked forward to coming here to play soccer," said Lt. Marius Johansen. "We were a little unfortunate in the tournament before RIMPAC exercise, losing to Reagan in the final. We knew we had to come back here after the exercise and take home our trophy."

Early in the first half, Fridtjof Nansen was able to isolate Tinnesand repeatedly and it paid off with two goals for a 2-0 advantage.

Johansen said the quick

lead was huge in settling down his team and helped them maintain momentum throughout the game.

"I remember one of our matches in the previous tournament. We were creating chances and chances, but just couldn't get a goal," he said. "It was very good to have Thomas on our team. He's a very fast player. We can play him in the room behind the defense and have him outrun them."

Lake Erie got one of the goals back when Ensign Austin Kim booted in a long shot from the left wing to make it a one-score game at 2-1.

However, Lt. Arne Skjerpe picked up his first goal just before halftime to put Fridtjof Nansen back up by two at 3-1.

In the second half, the Norwegian squad, as they did in the first half, used their quickness to consistently beat Lake Erie to the ball.

The constant pressure not only shut down Lake Erie's offensive attack but also created more shots for Fridtjof Nansen.

Johansen explained that while the players can't play soccer on the ship, he and his teammates do everything they can to keep fit.

"We have tried it on a couple of occasions on the helo deck, but it's not as much fun as playing here," he stated. "But what we can do on the ship is running the treadmill at least keeping in shape in order to make the games better."

Soon after intermission, Skjerpe knocked in his second goal of the game to put his team ahead by three at 4-1.

As a sign that the day belonged to Fridtjof Nansen, the team got its fifth goal of the game when Tinnesand's shot on goal ricocheted off the back heel of teammate Lt. Christian Larssen and into the net.

Finally, Johansen got into the scoring column to finish off Lake Erie for good.

Johansen said that the trip back home is sweeter with the soccer koa plaque in hand, but even if the team fell short once again, he will always remember his time in Hawaii and RIMPAC.

"Meeting all the other nations, that's been great to me," he admitted. "I was lucky enough to do a day aboard a Chilean frigate, which was really, really nice. We had great fun on the actual exercise. The resources put into an exercise like this are immense. It's nothing like our exercises back home. And of course, the soccer."



Photo illustration

Big inning for Cape St. George beats Michael Murphy

Story and photos by
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Up by four runs in the top of the sixth inning, USS Cape St. George (CG 71) scored 12 times to earn a 24-11 victory over USS Michael Murphy (DDG 112) on Aug. 1 in a final four showdown during the second Rim of the Pacific Exercise 2014 softball tournament at Millican Field, Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam.

Cape St. George saw two leads evaporate before going out to take a 12-8 lead and then mounting the 12-run rally in the sixth inning that put the game away.

The win advanced Cape St. George to the championship final, where it dropped a 12-3 decision to Commander Submarine Force U.S. Pacific Fleet (COMSUBPAC).

Due to the tournament's schedule, Cape St. George had to face COMSUBPAC immediately after their win over Michael Murphy.

While the team's bats went cold in the final, Cape St. George had their batting clothes on against Michael Murphy.

"That's the thing about softball. It's hit or miss," said Cape St. George lead-off hitter Fire Controlman 1st Class Brandon Page. "You get hot and luckily we stayed hot. Michael Murphy is a very good team. We were watching them the game before and they were smashing the ball. This time the ball didn't roll that way."

Right away, Page got things started in the top of the first inning by lining a leadoff single.

Teammate Operations Specialist 2nd Class Wes Sheldon followed up with a double to drive in the first run of the game.

A sacrifice fly scored Sheldon after he moved up a base on a ground out before Chief Fire Controlman Graig Olivier crushed a pitch over the right-field fence for a home run and a 3-0 lead.

In the bottom half of the inning, Michael Murphy answered the call by loading the bases on a hit and two walks before Fire Controlman 3rd Class Nick Zeller picked up an infield hit to drive in a run.

Michael Murphy got two more runs on a sacrifice and another hit to tie the game at 3-3 after one inning and then went ahead 4-3 with a sacrifice in the



(Above) Chief Navy Counselor Jason Mullenburg, catcher for USS Cape St. George (CG 71), takes a stab at a runner in a close play at home plate.

(Right) Defense also played a part in Cape St. George's win over Michael Murphy. Cape St. George even turned in an inning-ending double play.

bottom of the second.

The lead seesawed back to Cape St. George when the team crossed home four more times to take a 7-4 advantage.

Again, Page sparked Cape St. George by getting a leadoff walk and then tying the score on a single.

In the inning, Olivier picked up another RBI on a single as did Chief Navy Counselor Jason Mullenburg.

As they did in the bottom of the first, Michael Murphy rebounded to tie the score up with three runs in the bottom of the third.

However, in the top of the fourth, Cape St. George seized the momentum back right away when Cryptologic Technician (Technical) 1st Class Dustin Brzeczniak launched a deep fly over the right-center fence for a leadoff homer and an 8-7 lead.

A sacrifice fly by Sheldon and an infield error added

two more runs to give Cape St. George a 10-7 lead.

The game remained tight until the sixth when Cape St. George exploded for a dozen runs to put the game away.

In the top of the sixth, Cape St. George paraded 18 batters to the plate and had the bases loaded four times.

"We really knew that we had to get on top of these guys," Olivier said. "They kept on putting runs and kept the pressure up, so we had to put the pressure back on them."

Olivier said that once he and his teammates got on a role, there was no shutting them down.

"We're real solid all the way through our lineup," Olivier stated. "Even the guys that are on the bench. Everybody can come up here and sock a single, pull one out for a double. Everybody just plays fundamental softball."



Woman completes 'Row of Life'



U.S. Navy photos by MC2 Laurie Dexter

(Left) Angela Madsen (left) speaks with Chief Warrant Officer Brian Archer, Commander Navy Region Hawaii port service officer, after her arrival at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam after completing a 2,500-mile "Row of Life" across the eastern Pacific from Long Beach, Calif. aboard her boat "Spirit of Orlando." Madsen sustained an injury during her service in the U.S. Marine Corps that left her paraplegic.

(Above) Angela Madsen (right) and Tara Remington arrive at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam after the row.

Runnin' Ronald Reagan blazes past Lake Erie

Story and photo by
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USS Ronald Reagan (CVN 76) jumped out to a double-digit lead after only one minute and 10 seconds of play and never looked back in defeating USS Lake Erie (CG 70), 51-33, to win their second Rim of the Pacific Exercise 2014 basketball championship Aug. 1 at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam Fitness Center.

A slam dunk at the 16:50 mark of the first half by Gunner's Mate 3rd Class Dominique Moore gave Ronald Reagan a 13-2 lead and set the tone for the rest of the game.

"This is how we run," said Seaman Apprentice Garry McKnight about the team's runaway victory. "We press a lot, we play a lot of defense, everybody's bought into what we do. We don't do a lot of strategizing. We just play."

While the team did away with the customary Xs and Os, Ronald Reagan's talent and quickness made up for their lack of system.

Attacking from baseline to baseline, Ronald Reagan forced numerous turnovers en route to the lopsided win.

Following Moore's dunk, teammate Aviation Ordnance-man 3rd Class Sohn Walker threw down another slam for a 15-2 advantage.

Just under the 10-minute mark, Ronald Reagan headed toward their first 20-point lead when Air Traffic Controller 3rd Class Lekeldrick Bridges zeroed in on a shot from beyond the arch for three to up the team's lead to 17 at 23-6.

Then with 5:45 remaining before halftime, Ronald Reagan got a lay up from McKnight to boost the advantage to 21 at 27-6.

After taking a 35-17 lead into the break, Ronald Reagan continued to dominate throughout the second half.

Just before the 13-minute mark, Moore sank a three-pointer to put the team's lead back up to 20 at 44-24 before



coasting to its second RIMPAC title.

Co-head coach Logistics Specialist 1st Class Dwight Gooding said that while Ronald Reagan's offensive output may have been impressive, the team couldn't have done it without its gritty defensive effort.

Gooding's co-head coach is Chief Air Traffic Controller Charles Camp.

"Just like in any sport, defense wins championships," Gooding said. "When we came for the first RIMPAC tournament, defense is what helped us win the championship. So we said that we're not going to change the game plan. Just go out there and play defense and that's what we did."

Although Ronald Reagan didn't have a base offense, such as a zone or triangle, the team's attack was smooth in transition and at half court.

Gooding said that familiarity and the willingness to give 100 percent every time the team takes the court makes up for any shortcoming.

"We've been playing (together) for almost two years," Gooding pointed out. "We pretty much know to grab that rebound and look for the outlet. We're a running team and that's what we got to do."

McKnight also added that it also helps when he and his teammates make sure to never underestimate any of their opponents.

Regardless of who they are facing, McKnight said they enter every game as though their opponent is every bit as good as them.

"Whether we're more athletic than them, whether we play better than them, whether we're an all-around better team, we always treat them as though they are equal to us," McKnight said. "We go into every single game as if it was a championship game."

Seaman Apprentice Garry McKnight goes up for two points during the RIMPAC basketball tournament.

Sea Cadets celebrate graduation aboard Battleship Missouri Memorial

Capt. Stanley Keeve Jr., Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam commander, addresses cadets and families during a recent U.S. Naval Sea Cadet Corps Recruit Training Command graduation ceremony, held aboard the Battleship Missouri Memorial. Recruit Training Command Hawaii is a two-week course of instruction that represents the initial training experience for all Sea Cadets.

U.S. Navy photo by
SrA Christopher Stoltz



Rules govern election-time behavior for military, civilian personnel

Lt. Cmdr. Robert Carr

Navy Region Hawaii Public
Affairs

As voters get ready for the 2014 primary election here on Aug. 9, and general elections in November, there are some rules that military and civilian personnel should know.

Active duty members and civilian employees are encouraged to carry out their obligations as citizens, including registering to vote and voting. They may also sign nominating petitions for candidates and express their personal opinions about candidates and issues in a non-official capacity.

Lt. Cmdr. Jason Ayeroff, Navy Region Hawaii voting assistance officer, said all personnel at Navy Region Hawaii, including active duty and Reserves, civil-

ian employees, family members and retirees are strongly encouraged to register and vote in elections.

"But it is also important that we keep in mind the various limitations on the types of political activities that personnel, particularly uniformed personnel, can participate in," Ayeroff said.

"The purpose of these rules is to prevent actual or perceived partisanship that could undermine the legitimacy of the military by associating DoD with partisan politics."

The rules for military personnel come from DoDD 1344.10 (Political Activities by Members of the Armed Forces), DODI 1334.1 (Wearing of the Uniform), and 18 U.S.C. 609 (Use of Military Authority to Influence Vote of Member of Armed Forces). The following high-

lights some of these rules:

Active duty members may:

- Join a partisan or nonpartisan political club.
- Make monetary contributions to a political organization, party or committee.
- Display a political bumper sticker on their private vehicle.
- Attend partisan and nonpartisan political fundraising activities, meetings, rallies, debates, conventions or activities as a spectator when not in uniform and no inference or appearance of official sponsorship, approval or endorsement can reasonably be drawn.
- Write a letter to the editor of a newspaper expressing personal views, but they must include a disclaimer that their views do not reflect the position of the Department of Defense if the letter identifies the person as a member of the armed forces.

Active duty members may not:

- Participate in partisan political fundraising activities, rallies, conventions, management of campaigns, or debates.

- Serve in any official capacity with a partisan political club.

- Speak before a partisan political gathering or gathering.
- Distribute partisan political literature or conduct a political opinion survey.
- Perform any duties for a partisan political committee or candidate.
- Attend partisan political events as an official representative of the armed forces.
- Use official authority or influence to interfere with an election, solicit votes, or solicit contributions.

- Participate in any radio, television or other program as an advocate for or against a partisan political party, candidate or cause.

Rules for DoD civilian employees are generally less restrictive than those for uniform personnel. For example,

Civilian employees may:

- Be active in and speak before political gatherings and serve as officers of political parties or partisan groups.

- Manage campaigns, distribute literature, write political articles, or serve as a spokesperson for a party or candidate.

Civilian employees may not:

- Engage in fundraising for political candidates, political parties or partisan groups.
- Engage in any political activity in federal workplaces.

"For both civilians and active duty members, it is also important to remember that even if an activity is not expressly prohibited by the rules, engaging in that activity should still be avoided if it may reasonably be viewed as associating DoD or DoN with a partisan political activity," Ayeroff said.

If you have any questions about what you can or cannot do during this election season, contact your command's staff judge advocate or legal officer prior to engaging in the activity. For additional information concerning DoD policy on political campaigns and elections, visit the Ethics Resource Library at http://www.dod.mil/dodgec/defense_ethics/.





Live the Great Life

Early deadline nears for half-marathon

Helen Ko

Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam Morale, Welfare and Recreation

In three weeks, runners will be able to test their endurance in the Hickam Half-Marathon. About 450 runners are expected to participate in this year's event, which will begin at 6:15 a.m. Aug. 30 at Hickam Track. The event is offered by the Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam Morale, Welfare and Recreation fitness program.

Now in its eighth year, the goal of the half-marathon is "to promote healthy lifestyles for everyone."

"Exercise releases endorphins and other feel-good chemicals in your brain to put you in a better mood. "Improving your health through exercise also means improving your self-image, helping you to achieve a healthier physical and social lifestyle by increasing your self-confidence," said B.J. Bentley, Hickam Fitness Center Manager. "Fitness is



Hundreds are expected to run or walk the 13-plus mile route of the Hickam Half-Marathon.

MWR Marketing photo

also known to assist children in learning. A child who is physically fit absorbs and retains new information more effectively than children who are out of shape as stated from the Physical Fitness Digest," said Bentley. Early registration for the

half-marathon runs until Aug. 13 and costs \$30 (which includes a T-shirt). Late registration is from Aug. 14 to 22 for \$40 (no T-shirt).

Prizes will be awarded to the top three finishers in each category: youth (age 17

and younger); men and women (ages 18-29, 30-39, 40-49, 50-59, and 60-plus); and overall men and women.

For more information or to download an application, visit greatlifehawaii.com or call 448-2214.



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Patrons on Hickam Beach can now text their food order to Sam Choy's on Saturdays.

Restaurant announces option for beachgoers

Reid Tokeshi

Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam Morale, Welfare and Recreation

Sam Choy's Island Style Seafood Grille & Hapa Bar at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam has launched its Sun, Surf and Take Out Menu, available from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. every Saturday.

The program allows customers to text their order to the restaurant, then walk over to pay and pick up. Sam Choy's is located next to Hickam

Beach, and the service is designed for beachgoers who have worked up an appetite.

A special take out menu has been created for those who want to enjoy their food on the beach. The menu can be found at www.samchoysseafoodgrille.com or in the restaurant section of MWR's website, www.greatlifehawaii.com.

The offer is available now, and orders can be texted to 639-8439. For more information, visit Sam Choy's Island Style Seafood Grille at Hickam Harbor, or call 422-3002.

Your Weekly Fun with MWR

Visit www.greatlifehawaii.com or subscribe to MWR's digital magazine Great Life Hawaii.



Beginning Origami class for students ages 10 years and older will be held from 12:30 to 2:30 p.m. every Saturday from Aug. 9 to 30 at the Hickam Arts & Crafts Center. Students can learn the basics of the Japanese art of paper folding. Tuition is \$40. FMI: 448-9907.

Mamala Bay Junior Golf Camp for youth ages 7 to 16 years old will be held Tuesdays and Thursdays from Aug. 12 to 21 at Mamala Bay Golf Course. Classes will be conducted by age group. A final playing experience will take place at 3:30 p.m. Aug. 22 at the Ke'alahi Par 3 Golf Course. Space is limited to 12 students per age group to maintain a 6:1 student-to-teacher ratio. The cost is \$79. FMI: 449-2304.

Ford Island and Battleship Tour will be held from 8 a.m. to noon Aug. 13. This tour focuses on the battleships docked on Ford Island. The tour will include the Battleship Missouri Memorial and the USS Nevada Memorial at Hospital Point. Round-trip transportation from the ITT-Hickam office is included. FMI: 448-2295.

Preschool Story Time will be held from 9 to 10 a.m. Aug. 13 at Hickam Library. The theme of this free program will be "Sense of Smell." FMI: 449-8299.

MWR Newcomers Luncheon will be held from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Aug. 13 in the ballroom at the Tradewinds Club. There will be a free buffet lunch, MWR information booths, spon-

sor tables and giveaways, and activities for children. The event is open to military-affiliated personnel. Participants can register online. FMI: www.greatlifehawaii.com.

Back to School BOGO Bowling will be held from 1:30 to 4:30 p.m. Aug. 13 at the Naval Station Bowling Center. Patrons can purchase one bowling game and get one game free. Shoe rental is free. FMI: 473-2574.

Kids' Book Club will begin at 2 p.m. Aug. 13 at the Hickam Library for youth in fourth and fifth grades. The club will discuss "Three Times Lucky," a mystery by Sheila Turnage, and members will take home a copy of "Charlotte's Web" by E.B. White. FMI: 449-8299.

Peacock 5K Run will begin at 7 a.m. Aug. 14 at the Wahiawa Annex Fitness Center. This free event is open to all eligible patrons. FMI: 653-5542.

Military Spouse Appreciation Day will be held from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Aug. 14 at the Hickam Bowling Center. Military spouses can bowl for \$1.50 per game, and shoe rental is free. Participants must show military I.D. FMI: 448-9959.

Free Golf Clinic will begin at noon Aug. 14 at Navy-Marine Golf Course. FMI: 471-0142.

Mongolian Barbecue will be offered from

5:30 to 8 p.m. Aug. 14 on the lanai of the Historic Hickam Officers' Club. A variety of meats, vegetables and sauces will be available for 85 cents per ounce, and rice, noodles, soup, beverages and fortune cookies are included. FMI: 448-4608.

Hickam Historical Tour will be held from 9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Aug. 15 with visits to the original World War II 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.

Snorkeling at Three Tables excursion will begin at 9 a.m. Aug. 16. Hickam Harbor's MWR Outdoor Recreation staff will lead a trip to the North Shore. Participants should bring a lunch, water and sunscreen. The cost is \$30. The sign-up deadline is Aug. 13. FMI: 449-5215.

Mountain Biking Mokuleia excursion will begin at 8:30 a.m. Aug. 17. The MWR Outdoor Adventure Center staff will lead an intermediate-level ride on a trail with some difficult terrain. Participants should bring nutritious snacks and ice water. The cost is \$25 including a bicycle (or \$20 without). The sign-up deadline is Aug. 14. FMI: 473-1198.

Learn to Stand-up Paddleboard classes will begin at 9:15 a.m. and at 10:30 a.m. Aug. 17

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 Aug. 14. FMI: 449-5215.

"Hats Off To You" Teen Social will be held from 4 to 8 p.m. Sept. 6 at the Hickam Teen Center for ages 13 to 18. The cost is \$5 per youth. Teens are invited to wear their best, coolest, funniest hat. The event will also include food and games. FMI: 448-0418.

Float Night will be held from 5 to 7 p.m. Sept. 12 at Scott Pool. This is a free event for those who have passed the swim test or are 12 years and older. FMI: 473-0394.

MWR Newcomers Luncheon will be held from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Sept. 17 at the Tradewinds Club ballroom. The event includes a free buffet lunch, MWR information booths, sponsor tables, giveaways and activities for children. The event is open to all military-affiliated personnel. FMI: www.greatlifehawaii.com.

Created Equal Documentary Film & Discussion: "The Abolitionists" will begin at 1 p.m. Sept. 20 at the Hickam Library. This is the final film in the Created Equal series sponsored by the Hawaii Council for the Humanities. Discussion after the free screening will be led by Mitch Yamasaki of Chaminade University. FMI: 449-8299.

Super Garage Sale on Saturday is canceled

Reid Tokeshi

Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam Morale, Welfare and Recreation

MWR has announced that the Aug. 9 Super Garage Sale is canceled due to forecasted rains, high wind and potential hazardous conditions. Those who registered to participate as a seller at the event have the option of a refund

on their registration fee or having it roll over toward the next scheduled Super Garage Sale on Nov. 15.

Full refunds will be given at the Fleet Store Information, Tickets and Travel (ITT) office from Aug. 11 to Sept. 8 close of business. A photo ID and receipt will be needed as only the purchaser of the stall can receive the refund.

Any refunds requested after Sept. 8 will not be approved.

"We ask all registered patrons to please call us at 473-2431 to notify us that they have been updated," said Lara Katine of MWR special events. Katine added that a decision on whether to opt for a refund or roll over will not be required at the time of the call. Patrons can also email info@greatlifehawaii.com.

Registration for the next Super Garage Sale on Nov. 15 begins on Sept. 15.

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Contact the Ho'okele editor for guidelines and story/photo submission requirements.



Community Calendar

AUGUST

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.

GALLERY SHOWCASE SUBMISSIONS

NOW — The Hickam Arts & Crafts Center is now accepting entries for the 2014 Gallery Showcase. The opening reception will be held Oct. 15. The showcase is open to active-duty military and their family members, Department of Defense civilians, contractors, Reservists and retirees. Categories include artist-craftsman, photography or digitally created. FMI: email donna.sommer@navy.mil or 448-9907.

BLOOD DRIVE SCHEDULE

12, 13, 14 — Tripler Army Medical Center Blood Donor upcoming drives:

- Aug. 12, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., NEX, Tripler Army Medical Center.
- Aug. 13, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., Schofield Barracks Exchange.
- Aug. 14, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., USS Chosin, Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam.

FMI: 433-6699 or 433-6148 or email michelle.lele@amedd.army.mil.

PRE-TEEN BACK TO SCHOOL BASH

16 — A Pre-Teen Back to School Bash will be held from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Makai Recreation Center, building 1859, for ages 9 to 12 years old. The cost is \$5. The event will include tug of war, water games, food and music. FMI: 448-0418.

WOUNDED WARRIOR CANOE REGATTA

16 — The sixth annual Wounded Warrior Canoe Regatta will begin at 8:30 a.m. in the waters behind Hale Koa Hotel and the U.S. Army Museum in Waikiki. There will be 12 teams competing in the wounded warrior division, 33 teams in the military division for active duty, National Guard, Reserves and veterans, nine teams in the youth division, and a VIP exhibition heat at 10 a.m. FMI: Matt McCarville at 525-7902 or Matthew.McCarville@morganstanley.com.

BIGGEST LITTLE AIRSHOW

16, 17 — The Biggest Little Airshow in Hawaii will be held from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. 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 from 1:30 to 4 p.m., and candy bombers at 4 p.m. The event will also include music, food and entertainment booths. The event is open to the public. FMI: 441-1007 or www.pacificaviationmuseum.org.

CREATED EQUAL DOCUMENTARY

23 — A free documentary film showing and discussion of “The Loving Story” will begin at 1 p.m. at the Hickam Library. Richard and Mildred Loving were arrested in 1958 for violating Virginia’s ban on interracial marriage. This is the third documentary of the Created Equal film series, made possible by the Hawaii Council for the Humanities. Discussion after the screening will be led by literary scholar Jack Taylor III from the University of Hawaii at Manoa. FMI: 449-8299.

WOMEN'S EQUALITY DAY ACTIVITIES

26 — A Women’s Equality Day event will be held from 8:30 to 9:30 a.m. at the Pearl Harbor Memorial Chapel. The event is sponsored by Navy Region Hawaii. Guests should be seated by 8:15 a.m. The guest speaker will be Coralie Chun Matayoshi, chief executive officer of the American Red Cross, Pacific Islands Region. The Silver Dolphin Bistro Galley will also have a special menu from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. on the same day in recognition of Women’s Equality Day. The cost of the meal is \$4.65. The meal will be open to active duty military, Department of Defense civilians, retirees and family members of active duty military with valid ID cards. FMI: 473-2948.

COACHES MEETING

27 — An Intramural Flag Football coaches’ meeting will begin at 1 p.m. at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam Fitness Center. The league is limited to active-duty commands from JBPHH. Any additional active-duty members not belonging to a command team will come from a players’ pool. FMI: 473-2494 or 473-2437.

CRUD TOURNAMENT

29 — A free Crud tournament will be held from 6 to 10 p.m. at the Koa Lounge. Participants of all branches and skill levels are welcome. Crud is a team game played on a billiards table with players using their hands instead of pool cues. No experience with the game is necessary. FMI: 448-4608.

SEPTEMBER

14, 20 — Under the Blood Red Sun Day, a day to join author Graham “Sandy” Salisbury, will be held from noon to 5 p.m. Sept. 14 at the Pacific Aviation Museum. The event will celebrate the 20th anniversary of this childhood book and a film screening of the new movie of the same name. Another special screening of the film will be held at 6:15 p.m. Sept. 20 at the World War II Valor in the Pacific National Monument. FMI: www.Pacificaviationmuseum.org or Amanda_Carona@nps.gov.



PLANES: FIRE AND RESCUE (PG)

When world-famous air racer Dusty learns that his engine is damaged and he may never race again, he must shift gears and is launched into the world of aerial firefighting. Dusty joins forces with veteran fire and rescue helicopter Blade Ranger and his team, a bunch of all-terrain vehicles known as The Smokejumpers. Together, the fearless team battles a massive wildfire, and Dusty learns what it takes to become a true hero.

Movie Showtimes

SHARKEY THEATER

TODAY 8/8

7:00 p.m. Earth to Echo (PG)

SATURDAY 8/9

2:30 PM Planes: Fire and Rescue (3-D) (PG)
4:30 PM How to Train Your Dragon 2 (PG)
6:40 PM Tammy (R)

SUNDAY 8/10

2:30 PM Planes: Fire and Rescue (3-D) (PG)
4:30 PM Transformers: Age of Extinction (PG-13)
7:20 PM The Purge: Anarchy (R)

THURSDAY 8/14

7:00 PM Tammy (R)

HICKAM MEMORIAL THEATER

TODAY 8/8

6:00 p.m. Transformers: Age of Extinction (PG-13)

SATURDAY 8/9

4:00 p.m. How to Train your Dragon 2 (PG)
7:00 p.m. Deliver us from Evil (R)

SUNDAY 8/10

2:00 p.m. How to Train your Dragon 2 (PG)

THURSDAY 8/14

7:00 p.m. Transformers: Age of Extinction (PG-13)



Upcoming MFSC classes scheduled to help Sailors, Airmen, families

Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam

Military and Family Support Center

Military and Family Support Center (MFSC) is the service center for Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam. There is no charge for classes unless otherwise specified. The classes are for active duty, family members, Reservists, retired military personnel and Department of Defense employees, except as noted in the individual program descriptions. Schedules are subject to change.

- August classes include:
- Million Dollar Sailor/Airman class will begin at 7:30 a.m. Aug. 12 and continue on Aug. 13 at MFSC Wahiawa, 500 Center St., building 392. The class is designed for junior Navy and Air Force personnel to discuss budgeting techniques, credit management, savings and investment options and other information.
 - Stress Management class will be held from 8 to 11 a.m. Aug. 12 at MFSC Pearl Harbor, 4827 Bougainville Drive, Honolulu. The class will discuss how stress affects personal and professional lives, how to decrease stress, how to interrupt the stress cycle and use relaxation techniques.
 - Discipline and Your Children workshop will be held from 10 a.m. to noon Aug. 13 at MFSC Pearl Harbor, 4827 Bougainville Drive, Honolulu. The workshop is designed to help parents learn alternatives to ineffective discipline methods and the long-term effects and dangers of spanking/corporal punishment.
 - Smooth Move workshop will be held from 8 to 11:30 a.m. Aug. 14 at MFSC Hickam, 655 Vickers Ave., building 1105. This workshop features speakers to provide a better understand-

ing of the permanent change of station (PCS) process.

- Employment in Hawaii workshop will be held from 9 to 11 a.m. Aug. 18 at MFSC Pearl Harbor. Participants can learn to analyze the local job market, and how to local federal, state and civilian job opportunities.
- Million Dollar Sailor/Airman class will begin at 7:30 a.m. Aug. 19 at MFSC Pearl Harbor and continue on Aug. 20.
- Couples Class: Mastering the Art of Relationship Skills will be held from 10 a.m. to noon Aug. 19 at MFSC Pearl Harbor. The class will include information on improving communication skills, different “love

languages,” relationship stages and struggles, and differences in personality types.

- Sponsor Training class will be held from 9 to 11 a.m. Aug. 20 at MFSC Pearl Harbor. The class gives the new sponsor information, resources and tools needed to assist incoming personnel and families.
- Financially Savvy Retirees class will be held from 9:30 to 11 a.m. Aug. 20 at MFSC Pearl Harbor. Topics of discussion will include the differences between a will and a trust, and how to secure assets for loved ones or distribute the assets.
- New Moms and Dads class will be held from 5 to 8 p.m. Aug. 20 at MFSC

Hickam. New and soon-to-be parents (or those thinking about becoming parents) can learn about the roles, responsibilities, demands and joys of being parents.

- Exceptional Family Member Program (EFMP) Walking Group will be held from 9 to 11:30 a.m. Aug. 22 at the Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam sidewalk trail on the Hickam side of the base behind the Hickam Officer's Club and the Wright Brothers Restaurant. The event for special needs families will include Navy and Air Force facilitators and community outreach organizations.
- Anger Management class will be held from 8 to 11 a.m. Aug. 26 at MFSC Pearl

Harbor. The class is designed for people who want to better control their anger in either work, social or family settings.

- Job Fair Success workshop will be held from 1 to 3 p.m. Aug. 27 at MFSC Hickam. The workshop is designed to provide specific employer-based information on how a job candidate can effectively prepare for a job fair.
- Writing Your Best Resume workshop will be held from 1 to 3 p.m. Aug. 27 at MFSC Pearl Harbor. The workshop is designed to identify specific resume formats, important information including how to target the resume to the job announce-

ment.

- Hawaii Troops to Teachers information seminar will be held from 9 to 11 a.m. Aug. 28 at MFSC Pearl Harbor. Troops to Teachers is a collaboration between the U.S. Department of Education and the Department of Defense. Troops to Teachers is designed to relieve teacher shortages, especially in math, science, special education and other high-needs subject areas. It is designed to assist military personnel in making successful transitions to second careers in teaching.
- For more information the classes, call 474-1999 or visit <http://www.greatlife.hawaii.com>

My Favorite Photo...

Jim Murray of Naval Supply Systems Command Fleet Logistics Center (FLC) Pearl Harbor Public Affairs took this photo at upper Makua Cave.



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Team works to solve POV shipment issues

Mark Diamond

Military Surface Deployment and Distribution Command

SCOTT AIR FORCE BASE, Ill. (AFNS)—Military Surface Deployment and Distribution Command and U.S. Transportation Command stood up a team of transportation experts last week to quickly address the most significant challenges and concerns military customers are facing when shipping their privately owned vehicles.

On May 1, International Auto Logistics, known as IAL, assumed responsibility for the Global Privately Owned Vehicle Contract, also known as GPCIII. Under the terms of the contract, IAL is responsible for processing, transporting and storing vehicles owned by military personnel and Department of Defense civilian employees bound for, or returning from, overseas duty assignments.

SDDC officials acknowledge the transfer to the new POV contractor did not go as smoothly as it could have. They want customers to know that SDDC is aware of and understands the issues some of them have experienced while shipping their privately owned vehicle, adding that solving those issues is the command's number one priority.

They also want their customers to know what SDDC and U.S. Transportation Command are doing to help resolve these issues and facilitate a smoother and more effective transition to the new contractor.

SDDC serves as the POV program manager, whereas Transcom is the global POV contract administrator. These two commands work closely together in managing and monitoring this critical quality of life contract.

“We are well aware that our



Image courtesy of PCSMyPOV

customers continue to experience challenges in shipping their vehicles,” said Navy Capt. Aaron Stanley, personal property director for SDDC.

The Transcom contracting office and the SDDC program management office continue to provide program oversight while daily performance is monitored by contracting officer's representatives, or CORs, assigned to vehicle processing centers.

Stanley said about three dozen CORs are globally dispersed to provide daily oversight of IAL operations. “According to the CORs, IAL is responding to their feedback and has begun to make improvements,” he added.

“That said, we believe that one unhappy customer is one too many. We want to assure our military and civilian partners and their families that SDDC,

U.S. Transcom and IAL are actively taking steps to improve the POV shipping process for them.

“We will continue to use their feedback and observations as we work to deliver their vehicles during the busy peak moving season, and we apologize to those who have experienced frustrations during the initial months of the new contract,” he continued.

Stanley said that although these challenges won’t go away overnight, service members should know the steps they can take to help ease the stress of shipping their vehicles. Military personnel and DoD civilian employees who are experiencing delays with their vehicle arrival time should call IAL at 1-855-389-9499 and choose option 2, or visit IAL’s website at <http://www.pcsmypov.com>, he said.

after the initial seven-day period will be reimbursed by IAL via an “inconvenience claim.”

For military claims, eligible personnel may rent a car at government expense for up to seven days if their privately owned vehicle that is transported at government expense does not arrive at the authorized destination by the required delivery date. Reimbursement is limited by law to \$30 per day with a maximum reimbursement of \$210. Stanley said that authority expires on the date their POV is available for pick-up at destination.

“If a member is inconvenienced because of a missed required delivery date, temporary lodging and rental car expenses beyond the initial seven-day period are IAL's responsibility,” he said. “IAL will review each claim on a case-by-case basis and, based on the circumstances, reimburse the member accordingly.”

According to the IAL website, there are three options for filing a claim, including “Site Settlement,” “IAL Claims,” and “Inconvenience Claims,” with each option offering a different level of service and convenience. For more details on each option, visit the website's FAQ section

Stanley said that in an effort to further reduce the customer's financial burden, if a customer is inconvenienced because of a missed delivery date and cannot pay for a rental car, IAL has coordinated with Avis and Budget for direct billing from those rental car companies to IAL.

“As a military service member who has conducted many military moves during my career, I understand the stress involved in moving,” he added. “Rest assured, SDDC will continue to do what we can to help lessen that stress on our military personnel and their families.”