

Commemoration ceremonies honor veterans

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HONOLULU – Veterans, along with friends and family members, gathered with service members Nov. 11 to commemorate Veterans Day at four distinct and historic locations throughout Oahu, Hawaii.

Veterans Day, which originally began as Armistice Day in November 1919, is a day of remembrance and gratitude to the men and women who have paid the ultimate price in defense of their country, as well as commemorating those who served, currently serve and will be serving the nation.

The day opened with a morning ceremony at the National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific (Punchbowl), which served as a way to reflect and commemorate the sacrifices of veterans.

“For 239 years, the men and women of our nation have stepped forward to serve in our armed forces and to defend our freedoms,” said keynote speaker Adm. Harry B. Harris Jr., commander of U.S. Pacific Fleet.

“They have risked their lives for the land, for the people, and for the ideals that we all cherish. Our battles, our victories, indeed our very way of life, are owed not to great moments or important dates. They are owed to the actions and sacrifices of these men and women, who were willing to step into the breach for their country and for the cause of freedom,” Harris said.

“Our nation draws her strength from these brave warriors who willingly give of themselves, as it has been for 239 years,” said Harris. “And our nation will continue to draw her strength from those brave Americans who will serve in the future, an unbroken chain, linking Americans, generation to generation.”

The ceremony included a wreath-laying presentation, offered by various veteran service organizations, and a ceremonious gun salute by the 25th Infantry Division Honor Guard.

“No words can repay the debt of gratitude we owe to our veterans, who stood up for freedom,” said retired Brig. Gen. Irwin K. Cockett Jr. “But we can honor the memory of our veterans best by remaining the best kind of Americans we can be and keeping our nation strong and secure.”

Another ceremony was held for the submarine veterans, active-duty military and families and friends of the Pacific Submarine Force, who came together to honor all Americans who have served. The ceremony was held at the USS Parche Submarine Park and Memorial at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam.

With an emphasis on submarine veterans, the ceremony's guest speaker, Capt. John Russ, chief of staff of Submarine Force, U.S. Pacific Fleet, spoke about honoring American veterans past and present, including Sailors aboard deployed submarines, and those aboard submarine tenders, maintaining, repairing, re-



Photo illustration

supplying and supporting the fleet, to the families that are always sacrificing in their own way in service to the nation.

“Today, American veterans on active duty serve our country across the globe, on the ground in Iraq and Afghanistan, in the western hemisphere, in Europe, and in Asia on and under the sea and ocean,” said Russ. “American veterans are on duty, standing the watch because being there matters.”

The ceremony included a posting of the 50 state flags by the Radford High School Naval Junior Reserve Officers Training Corps, post-

ings of colors by the National Sojourners, a tolling of the bells for the 52 submarines and their crew that were lost in World War II and a series of wreath presentations.

Later in the afternoon, the National Park Service World War II Valor in the Pacific Monument held a USS Arizona Memorial dedication wall ceremony. Over the years, weather and salt-water have affected the Shrine Room wall, causing stains and erosion, but donations and assistance from non-profit organizations have made the new wall possible.

American Veterans (AMVETS), a veterans service organization, raised more than \$450,000 to replace the inscribed marble panels and refurbish the memorial.

Located inside the Shrine Room of the memorial, the dedication wall serves as a headstone for the 1,177 men who died aboard the USS Arizona during the attack on Pearl Harbor.

At the ceremony, guest speaker Rear Adm. Rick Williams, commander of Navy Region Hawaii and Naval Surface Group Middle Pacific, remarked to those in attendance on the

unique opportunity to be surrounded by the historic memorials present at Pearl Harbor.

“I really love coming to the Arizona because every time I come here, it feels like Veterans Day every day,” said Williams.

“It is very special where you have a base that is operational and you have historic societies, our living monuments and our memorials, working and living and operating all together—there is no other place like it in the whole world,” he said.

Williams thanked veterans; Capt. Stanley Kieve Jr., commander of Joint

Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam; and service members in attendance for their dedication to their duty, as well as touched on the importance of remembering those who laid down their lives so future generations can make their mark.

“As our shipmates rest silently below, a day doesn't go by where their spirit doesn't ring very loudly in all of our hearts, especially our Sailors here in Pearl Harbor,” Williams said. “And we do march to their drumbeat, we do get inspired by this very impor-

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Fabrication begins for future USS Daniel Inouye

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BATH, Maine (NNS)—Bath Iron Works (BIW) celebrated the start of fabrication of the future USS Daniel Inouye (DDG 118) during a ceremony Oct. 31 at BIW shipyard.

This first major ship milestone symbolizes that the first 100 tons of steel for the ship have been cut.

“Construction on Arleigh Burke-class (DDG 51) destroyers is in full swing on the east and gulf coasts,” said Capt. Mark Vandroff, DDG 51-class program man-



Daniel Inouye

ager, Program Executive Office (PEO) Ships.

“The restart DDG 51s benefit from a mature and stable design with increased air and missile defense capabilities. These build on a legacy of success, providing outstanding combat capability and survivability characteristics,” Vandroff said.

The ceremony came just a day after BIW ceremoniously laid the keel for the future USS Rafael Peralta (DDG 115) and a month following the start of fabrication on the future USS Paul Ignatius (DDG 117) at the Huntington Ingalls Industries (HII) ship-

yard in Pascagoula, Miss.

USS Daniel Inouye will be equipped with the Navy’s Aegis combat system, the world’s foremost integrated naval weapon system. This system delivers quick reaction time, high firepower and increased electronic countermeasures capability for anti-air warfare.

The ship is part of the Navy’s latest flight of destroyer, Flight IIA, which enables power projection, forward presence and escort operations at sea in support of low intensity conflict/coastal and littoral offshore warfare as well as

open-ocean conflict.

First-in-class ship, USS Arleigh Burke (DDG 51), was laid down at the BIW shipyard in 1988. Since, BIW and HII have laid keels for an additional 67 Arleigh Burke-class destroyers including Daniel Inouye.

Destroyers have been a mainstay of the Navy’s surface fleet since the first U.S. Navy destroyer, USS Bainbridge, was commissioned in 1902. Able to operate independently or as part of carrier strike groups, surface action groups, amphibious ready groups, and underway replenishment groups, to-

day’s destroyers provide the fleet with multimission offensive and defensive capabilities.

As one of the Defense Department’s largest acquisition organizations, PEO Ships is responsible for executing the development and procurement of all destroyers, amphibious ships, special mission and support ships, and special warfare craft. Currently, the majority of shipbuilding programs managed by PEO Ships are benefiting from serial production efficiencies, which are critical to delivering ships on cost and schedule

Pearl Harbor survivor laid to rest among shipmates

Story and photo by MC3 Johans Chavarro

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HONOLULU — A burial ceremony in honor of Pearl Harbor survivor Signalman 1st Class Paul Goodyear was held Nov. 10 at the National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific (Punchbowl).

The event at the historic Punchbowl Cemetery was attended by Sailors, friends and family members of Goodyear, who passed away May 23 at the age of 96.

Presiding over the ceremony was Jim Taylor, Pearl Harbor survivors liaison, who gave an overview of Goodyear’s life and spoke about Goodyear’s experiences the morning of Dec. 7, 1941.

Born May 6, 1918 in Belleville, Mich., Goodyear joined the Naval Reserve at the age of 21 in September 1940. After attending signalman school, Goodyear reported to his first command, the battleship USS

Oklahoma (BB 37), on March 1941.

Working on the signal bridge aboard USS Oklahoma the morning of Dec. 7, Goodyear was one of the first Sailors aboard ship to realize an attack was occurring when he witnessed a Japanese bomb strike a hangar at Ford Island about a half-mile away.

After the call to abandon the ship was made, Goodyear went on to aid in the defense of the battleship USS Maryland (BB 46).

“He would not want to be called a hero,” said Taylor. “He would tell you the real heroes are buried over there, the ones who didn’t make it through the war, the ones who didn’t make it home to live a long life. He would not say he was a hero. He would say he was just doing his job.”

Goodyear was reassigned to the battleship USS Indiana (BB 58) following USS Oklahoma’s capsizing. He served aboard USS Indiana until 1943 when he was assigned to the staff of battleship division eight aboard battleship USS Mas-



A Sailor from Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam Honors and Ceremonies presents Gloria Smith with the flag during the burial honors ceremony for close friend and Pearl Harbor survivor Signalman 1st Class Paul Goodyear at the National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific (Punchbowl). USS Oklahoma survivor Ed Vezey is seated next to Smith.

sachusetts (BB 59), where he served until the end of World War II.

Goodyear went on to become a driving force in the creation of the USS Oklahoma Memorial on

Ford Island.

Ed Vezey, Pearl Harbor survivor and shipmate of Goodyear, also attended the ceremony and said Goodyear never stopped being a shipmate to the crew

of USS Oklahoma.

“There are two words that characterize Paul [Goodyear], ‘shipmate’ and ‘caring,’” said Vezey. “Paul cared. He cared not only for his friends, but he

cared for the rest of us. He was our nominal leader to those of us who called ourselves USS Oklahoma survivors. He knew all of [us] by first name, knew most of [our] parents, family and kept in touch with [us]. He got [us] all together from time to time and we had some wonderful times in those reunions. He just couldn’t stop caring about the USS Oklahoma and all its crew,” Vezey said.

At the end of the ceremony, Goodyear received full military honors for his dedication and service, including a rifle salute by the Joint Base Honors and Ceremonial Guard and the playing of Taps by a Navy bugler. His close friend, Gloria Smith, was presented with the national ensign during a flag presentation.

More than 13,000 Soldiers and Sailors who died during World War II are laid to rest in the Punchbowl Cemetery, whose Hawaiian name, “Puowaina,” means “hill of sacrifice.”

Commentary

Lessons on working together from the past, present and into the future

Rear Adm. Rick Williams

Commander, Navy Region Hawaii and Naval Surface Group Middle Pacific

Laulima is a word that represents “many hands working together for a common goal” in the Hawaiian culture.

This past Saturday, I attended the *makahiki* festival on Hickam Beach at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam and observed *laulima* in action. It was great to see so many people from diverse cultures gathering together in an informal setting and enjoying the warm sun, good food, friendly competition and spirited conversation.

Members of our local Navy and Air Force community had the opportunity to meet local Hawaiian civic and cultural leaders to learn more about each other and discover common goals and values sometimes hidden by perceived cultural differences.

Hawaiian cultural practitioner Shad Kane, the coordinator of the event and a Navy vet himself, described the *makahiki* as a traditional Hawaiian festival that provided an opportunity for the Hawaiian community to come together in the interest of building new relationships and nurturing old ones.

In ancient Hawaiian histo-



Rear Adm. Rick Williams

ry the Hawaiian people would come together in their various regions during the harvest season and celebrate the bounty of the year. It was a time to build relationships with games, food and interaction between nobility and the people. It was the only time the fisherman, farmer and artisan could safely interact on a one-on-one basis with their chief.

Everyone recognized that the whole community survived because of the role that each individual played in providing the necessary means of sustenance in their agrarian society. These relationships would prove beneficial in times of peace, when the whole community would rely on the product that each member provided, and in times of war when the chiefs and their military lieutenants would lead these same people into battle.

One of the benefits of a cultural immersion event like the *makahiki* is the opportunity it affords for learning new lessons and gaining a new perspective on experiences common to every culture.

This week marks the 72nd anniversary of the decisive naval Battle of Guadalcanal, when Imperial Japan's nearly successful attempt to bombard the American Marines off of Henderson field and off of Guadalcanal from the sea was soundly defeated by American naval forces.

In the months leading up to November of 1942, the U.S. Navy suffered repeated defeats in the waters around Guadalcanal as the Japanese forces exhibited superior capability in many

aspects of equipment, tactics and night fighting doctrine to establish sea-control in the opening days of the campaign.

Our naval forbearers would soon apply lessons learned from those defeats and seize the day.

Though the battle that had begun in August of 1942 would not end until February of 1943, the U.S. Navy's persistence despite heavy losses ultimately won the day, and we know now that following the naval Battle of Guadalcanal, the Japanese began formulating plans for retreat from the Solomon Islands.

As Adm. Halsey wrote: “We seized the offensive from the enemy. Until then he had been advancing at his will. From then on he retreated at ours.”

I can't help but reflect on the *laulima* exhibited by our nation's armed forces in that critical season of our history.

The struggle for Guadalcanal would prove to be a watershed moment in the Pacific theater when America's diverse military forces would be forced in the heat of battle to work together to develop the necessary joint objectives, techniques and tactics that would defeat their common enemy.

The lessons learned from Guadalcanal and the joint spirit that it engendered, though imperfect, would be tailored and molded throughout the remainder of the war and lead to an eventual overwhelming victory against a tough and determined enemy.

That same spirit also tran-

sends international lines today.

At a recent maritime security challenge conference in Victoria, British Columbia, Adm. Harris reflected on the importance of multi-national exercises like RIMPAC that establish dialogue and cooperation between the military forces of the nations of the Pacific Rim where so much of the world's maritime trade occurs—in other words, nations where peaceful interchange and maritime security represents a common goal. As Harris stated, “There are three great ships that sail the high seas—friendship, partnership and leadership.”

Each year the *makahiki* helps us discover new friendships, re-establish old ones and learn the benefits of *laulima* from a new perspective.

Veterans Day teaches lessons of history

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tant memorial and living monuments that help us stay the course.”

In the evening, a special sunset ceremony aboard the Battleship Missouri Memorial brought the Veterans and Armistice Day observances to a close.

“This special day—this Veterans Day aboard the Battleship Missouri, we understand the common thread of humanity, love and devotion that runs through our families and all families, including the entire family of veterans to whom we owe so much,” said Williams, who was also the guest speaker at the Missouri event.

“You veterans teach us the lessons of history so we don't repeat the mistakes of the past. You remind us of the importance of service and sacrifice. You embody the words written 200 years ago this year, in defense of the nation: “Land of the free; home of the brave,” Williams said.

Retired Vice Adm. Robert K.U. Kihune recounted the story of Mike Christian, a naval flight officer who was shot down and captured during the Vietnam War.

Using a contrived bamboo needle and some red and white collected cloth, Christian sewed together an American flag on the inside of his shirt to avoid its detection by the Vietnamese guards. But when the coast was clear, Christian would take off his shirt, turn it inside out and hang it on the wall of the cell so all the prisoners could see the American flag and recite the Pledge of Allegiance.

Kihune explained that Christian's handmade flag was more than just pieces of cloth sewn together. To Christian and the other prisoners of war it represented the ideals of patriotism, liberty and commitment to country.

“To most of us today, the Pledge of Allegiance is not an important part of our day,” said Kihune. “But to these prisoners of war, to these American veterans, it was the most important

and meaningful event of their day. It was their beacon of hope to stay alive because of their love for their families and their countries.”

Following the playing of “America the Beautiful,” a flag was presented to Navy veteran John O'Neill for his contributions to the USS Missouri Memorial Association. The historic flag and plaque were previously displayed on the destroyer USS Nicholas (DD 449), famous for its role in transporting dignitaries to the battleship USS Missouri during the signing of the Japanese Instrument of Surrender.

Sailors stationed throughout Pearl Harbor then performed a special Hawaii Medal of Honor tribute.

More than 300 flowers were released into the waters of Pearl Harbor, each signifying a Hawaii Medal of Honor recipient who made the ultimate sacrifice.

The ceremony concluded with a fly-over by a vintage World War II plane, courtesy of Pacific Warbirds.

Diverse Views



How can we best support wounded warriors?



CS2 Alejandro Dominguez
Executive Transport Detachment Pacific

“I think the best way is by participating in events that provide face-to-face contact. Other people donate money. I think the most important thing is face-to-face medical treatments.”

Airman 1st Class Alex Gargani
392nd Intelligence Squadron

“I think the best thing we can do is be there for them and show them our support.”



CTM1 Shane Smith
NIOC Hawaii

“I think the best way is to find better equipment to deal with traumatic brain injuries and to not use outdated equipment.”

Tech. Sgt. Andrew Nichols
8th Intelligence Squadron

“We need to always remember their sacrifices, ensure they are receiving the best quality of care, and make sure they know we will always be there for them.”



AC1 Stephanie Breault
Marine Corps Base Hawaii

“I would say by ensuring they have a really strong rehabilitation program when they get back so they don't feel left behind and by making them feel like a part of the command and keeping them involved.”

Kayla Jacoby
Retired Air Force member and military spouse

“Show compassion. Don't assume that you know exactly what they might be struggling with. Actually talk with them and ask, then listen to their answer. If you want to show support, volunteer with an organization that works directly with our wounded warriors.”



Airman 1st Class Kyle Wyatt
561st Network Operations Squadron

“I believe it is our duty as current service members to honor and respect wounded warriors. We should show strong support for all wounded warrior events and help fund these events more in the future.”

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

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Cargo ship sunk during Battle of Guadalcanal



Official U.S. Navy photograph

Kinugawa Maru (an Imperial Japanese cargo ship) is shown beached and sunk on the Guadalcanal shore in November 1943. It had been sunk by U.S. aircraft Nov. 15, 1942, while attempting to deliver men and supplies to Japanese forces holding the northern part of the island. Savo Island is in the distance.

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Former Sailor Tim Guard keeps the course in supporting the Navy

Story and photo by
Brandon Bosworth

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This summer, local businessman and Navy veteran Tim Guard was named chairman of the board of directors of the USS Missouri Memorial Association. He is the third chairman in the association's 20-year history.

Guard's new position is just one more facet of his long involvement with the U.S. Navy, dating back to his 1966 commissioning as a naval officer. Commanding a swift boat during the Vietnam War, he earned combat citations such as the Bronze Star, Navy Commendation Medal, Navy Achievement Medal and RVN Legion of Merit.

Upon completion of his active naval service, Guard joined the Navy Reserve forces, serving in a variety of command billets including Reserve commanding officer of the USS Esteem (MSO-432), a minesweeper.

"It was a really difficult assignment," he recalled. "It was practically a full-time job to fulfill the responsibilities of CO of the Esteem. I did it for three years."

Guard said he had "quite a time in the Navy" and added that he is "ever thankful to the Navy... It forces you to grow up."

Choosing the Navy for his time in the military was a natural option. Born and raised in Hawaii, Guard has a lifelong love of the ocean and calls himself *keiki kai*, or "child of the sea." This passion carried on to his civilian life. In 1984, Guard was named president of McCabe, Hamilton & Renny Co., the



Tim Guard

state's oldest and largest stevedoring company. He has since become the company's chairman and CEO.

Though it has been many years since Tim Guard was in the Navy, he still remains very involved in Navy issues. He is a longstanding member of the Navy League of the United States and has previously served as president for the Honolulu Council.

In 1992, Guard played a role in the installation of the Pearl Harbor Memorial Fountain, located in front of building 150 at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam. He credits the idea for the memorial to 20-year Navy veteran Harold Estes.

"Harold Estes came to me and said it bothered him that there was no group memorial to the eight battleships and three cruisers that were sunk on Dec. 7, 1941," said Guard. "He thought there should be a memorial to them."

The Honolulu Council of the Navy League raised funds, and in 1992 the fountain was officially dedicated. It features 12 eight-foot



Tim Guard gazes at the Pearl Harbor Memorial Fountain. Guard played a major role in the installation of the memorial in 1992.

metal and glass markers that rise from a shallow pool surrounding a fountain. Eleven of the markers represent ships and the 12th reads a dedication to all those that risked and sacrificed so much the day of the attack.

The Navy League formed an organization called "The Friends of Pearl Harbor" to handle the many contributions and other paperwork the project generated. Architect Jack J. McGarrity designed the fountain and its plaza at no cost. Guard calls his work on the Pearl Harbor Memorial Fountain "one of the highlights of my life."

Guard was also involved in the efforts to bring the USS Missouri to Pearl Harbor.

"In the early '90s, there was a rumor that the Navy was looking to deed the ship to an organization," he said. "Three or four cities wanted it. The ship was in mothballs at the time, and it was in pretty bad shape."

Guard said that the late Sen. Daniel Inouye was instrumental in getting the Missouri to Hawaii.

"Sen. Inouye's help was of inestimable value," he said. "There's no question he was the deciding factor in the Navy bringing the ship here."

In May 1998, Secretary of the Navy John H. Dalton signed the donation contract transferring the battleship to the nonprofit USS Missouri Memorial Association. A month later, the USS Mis-

souri arrived at Ford Island, Pearl Harbor. On Jan. 29, 1999, the Battleship Missouri Memorial museum opened.

Guard is a longtime board member of the USS Missouri Memorial Association and previously served as vice chairman. As the organization's new chairman of the board of directors, he is prepared to take on new challenges.

"There is a great deal to be done to maintain the Missouri," he said. "The ship underwent a major dry-docking at Pearl Harbor in 2010, and another one is coming up in 2030."

Keeping the museum current is also an ongoing challenge.

"We want to offer a visitor

experience that is both historical and contemporary," he said. "Overseas visitors are increasing, so we have to ask, 'How do we make it relevant for them?'"

Guard added that the memorial's "very good stable of tour guides" helps to convey to visitors "not just the history of the Missouri, but what it represents."

Despite the hard work that lies ahead, Guard is enthusiastic about his expanded role with the USS Missouri Memorial Association.

"There's a feeling of pride I get when I go over the bridge to Ford Island and see the Missouri, especially at twilight when everything glows," he said. "I get chicken skin!"

Pearl Harbor-Hickam*Highlights*



U.S. Navy photo by MC3 Johans Chavarro
(Above) Sailors attend a Veterans Day sunset service aboard the Battleship Missouri Memorial at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam (JBPHH). Veterans, along with friends and family members, gathered with service members from all branches of the military to honor those who have served.

U.S. Navy photo by MC3 Johans Chavarro
(Right) Sailors stationed throughout JBPHH toss flowers into Pearl Harbor during a Veterans Day sunset service aboard the Battleship Missouri Memorial at JBPHH. More than 300 flowers were released into the Pearl Harbor waters, each signifying a Hawaii Medal of Honor recipient who made the ultimate sacrifice.



U.S. Navy photo by MC3 Johans Chavarro
(Above) Pearl Harbor survivor Ed Vezey is recognized by guests for his service during a Veterans Day sunset service aboard the Battleship Missouri Memorial at JBPHH. Veterans, along with friends and family members, gathered with service members from all branches of the military to honor those who have served.



U.S. Navy photo by MC3 Brennan D. Knaresboro
(Above) Robert Thompson, center, a Cooks from the Valley volunteer, helps prepare steaks for service members and their families. The organization of 57 cooks made more than 6,900, 12-ounce New York center-cut steaks to show their appreciation and support for America's service members and their families.

(Left) Cooks from the Valley members prepare and serve steaks to Sailors aboard the Arleigh Burke-class guided-missile destroyer USS Halsey (DDG 97) during a steel beach barbecue.



U.S. Navy photo by MC3 Bradley J. Gee

(Below) Gloria Smith looks on as the ashes of close friend and Pearl Harbor survivor Signalman 1st Class Paul Goodyear are placed in the columbarium at the National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific during the burial honors ceremony for Goodyear.

Navy photo by MC3 Johans Chavarro



U.S. Navy photo by Don Robbins
Veterans march in the Wahiawa Lions Club's annual Veterans Day Parade held Nov. 11 along California Avenue in Wahiawa.



15th Wing leadership shadows 15th OSS Airmen

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

15th Wing Public Affairs

Airmen from the 15th Operations Support Squadron (15th OSS) aircrew flight equipment (AFE) had some help recently, completing their daily work of maintaining the life-saving equipment they issue to aircrew members. The day's mission was accomplished with the help of the 15th Wing commander and command chief.

Col. Randy Huiss, 15th Wing commander, said the point of the reverse shadow program is to see where and how the wing's mission is being accomplished and to meet the Airmen who are getting it done.

"It's fantastic to get out and about and to see how everything works and just what goes on behind the scenes," he said.

During their visit with



Col. Randy Huiss, 15th Wing commander, left, and Chief Master Sgt. James Smith, 15th Wing command chief, right, perform a functional test on an LPU-10/P life preserver during their visit to the 15th Operations Support Squadron Aircrew Flight Equipment Flight at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam.

Airmen from the AFE flight, Huiss and Chief Master Sgt. James Smith, 15th Wing command chief, not only learned what it takes to maintain aircrew survival equipment but also how to inspect and package large

parachutes and life rafts.

The two had hands-on helping to fold and stow a parachute canopy and suspension lines into a deployment bag.

"I prefer to actually get hands on and get dirty," said

Huiss. "I think it gives you a better appreciation and understanding for what our Airmen are doing on a daily basis. Also, if I understand what it takes to do a mission, then I understand how I can better support that mission."

Staff Sgt. Juilo Torres, 15th Operations Support Squadron AFE main shop assistant NCO in charge and one of the day's trainers, said it was nice having wing leadership take the less traditional approach to learning about the wing's mission.

"I think it's common for wing leadership to do walk arounds and meet and greets, but I don't think it's common for them to come and get their hands dirty and allow lower-ranking individuals to give them guidance on things they are unfamiliar with," he said.

"I think it was pretty cool to have them come through like that. Since we work in the back shops, no one knows what goes on behind the scenes for our career field."

Torres, who worked with Huiss and Smith on packing the parachute canopy, said having wing leadership recognize the importance of what he does on a daily basis

was the best part of the day.

"Showing the commander and chief how to pack a parachute was nice," he said.

"It felt pretty good, knowing that they take interest in something that we do. Our job can be tough at times, like many jobs in the Air Force, but leadership taking note that our equipment can one day save an aircrew member's life is the part that felt the best."

Huiss said interacting with Airmen does make his job a lot more fun though it's also a reminder of how proficient they are in their skill sets.

"Today I learned I definitely need more training before I pack a parachute," he said. "It really highlighted the attention to detail these guys have also. I mean, this equipment has to work. They can't fail; lives depend on it. It speaks to the level of responsibility they have and they do a fantastic job," he said.

Airmen, Sailors, Soldiers recognized for their commitment to education

**Story and photo by
MC2 Diana Quinlan**

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The 2014 Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam (JBPHH) military college graduation recognition ceremony took place Nov. 7 at the Hickam Enlisted Club.

More than 60 service members, their families, friends, mentors and commands attended the ceremony, which honored and recognized Airmen, Sailors and Soldiers based in Hawaii who have graduated from colleges and universities this year.

Navy Command Master Chief Jack Johnson, command master chief of JBPHH, and Air Force Chief Master Sgt. James Smith, the 15th Wing command chief, were masters of ceremonies.

"All recipients have earned their degrees while simultaneously balancing their academic responsibilities with their demanding military duties," said Smith.

"Many have sacrificed years of little personal time to pursue this personal and professional enrichment. We have all gathered here today to recognize them for their commitment to education while persevering through these challenges."

Air Force Col. David Kirkendall, deputy commander of JBPHH, provided opening remarks; Navy Capt. Stanley Keeve Jr., commander of JBPHH, addressed graduates as a guest speaker; and Air Force Col. Randall Huiss, commander of 15th Wing, provided closing remarks.

"Graduates, today is the culmination of what you have been working for. Congratulations," said Kirkendall in his address.

"It's an incredible accomplishment, an amazing signal of your dedication to your own betterment, being consistent with what is going on with the outside world or with your particular job that you have in the military," Kirkendall said.

Kirkendall touched on the ever-growing importance of education in today's military and society.

"Education keeps us relevant and in tune with what is going on. And even if this is the last time you ever wanted to see the academic pursuit again in your life, or this is maybe the first step on the path to further education, I will offer this to you. That whether or not you continue your education, having that aperture open can change the world around you, can benefit you in your pursuits in the military and in your transition," he said.

Keeve thanked families and friends for their support to the service members in their pursuit for higher education. Additionally, he praised graduates' commands and mentors for dedication to their Airmen, Sailors and Soldiers.

Keeve encouraged graduates to always move forward, to evolve and continue the learning process to benefit oneself and the world around them.

"Serving in the military, taking college courses, deploying, work schedule, home life – it is challenging. Earning a degree is never easy. But today you have completed the first step of reaching your true potential," said Keeve.

"Remember, your true lessons acquired is that the education truly never stops. I implore you, go further, find your passion, use your education to reach your potential, and finally, keep moving."

Each graduate in attendance was recognized and presented with the certificate of recognition awarded by Huiss and Air Force Chief Master Sgt. Charles Orf.



U.S. Air Force Col. David Kirkendall, deputy commander of Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, congratulates service members during the 2014 JBPHH Military College Graduation recognition ceremony held at the Hickam Enlisted Club.

"It was really important to have the support of my command, and it is great that I work at the place that allows us to better ourselves, be better for the Navy, and it feels fantastic to be able to accomplish this," said Builder 2nd

Class Anna Figueroa, assigned to the Construction Battalion Maintenance Unit (CBMU) 303.

"I would advise [service members] to just try one class, get your foot in the door. It is not going to hurt

you – only help. Get through [the] first class and see where it will take you," she said.

Figueroa received her degree in associate of art in supervision and management.

Tech. Sgt. Raphael Torres Jr., assigned to headquarters Pacific Air Forces A6, received his certificate for completing dual bachelor degrees in organizational management and project management with summa cum laude honors.

"It is an amazing feeling to walk across this stage, and the base leadership and support staff did an outstanding job in coordinating this event and overall made it a well-feeling day for completing a multi-year 'plan of attack'," he said as he offered suggestions to those who consider pursuing future education.

"At the beginning, if you are hesitant, start out slowly, one or two classes, and once you get your feet on the solid ground, do it more consistently. Push yourself; it's worth it."

Life & Leisure

JBP HH celebrates *Makahiki*

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Military service members, civilians and families attended and participated in the annual Kapuaikaula Makahiki held Nov. 8 at Hickam Harbor Beach at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam (JBPHH).

The *makahiki*, known as a "Hawaiian Thanksgiving," provided an opportunity for military families to learn more about the culture and history of Hawaii.

Part of the ceremony included participants playing ancient Hawaiian games of skill, including one-leg wrestling (*haka moa*), spear throwing (*maka ihe*) and dart tossing (*moa pahee*).

"I am impressed with the emphasis that we are seeing today on relationships and the importance of working together to achieve common goals," said

Capt. Stanley Keeve Jr., commander of Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam.

"This has been a great venue to spend time together, get to know each other better and have a good time while becoming friends."

The *makahiki* is an ancient annual festival dedicated to Lono, the deified guardian of agriculture, rain, health and peace.

The event commenced with the arrival of participants paddling canoes, carrying a symbolic representation of Lono, on the shores of Hickam Harbor Beach.

After the arrival, participants presented gifts at the *lele* (altar) in honor of Lono.

"There is much value in Hawaiian culture, and we can all benefit from lessons taught," said Air Force Col. David Kirkendall, commander of the 647th Air Base Group, 15th Wing, and deputy commander of JBPHH.

According to Shad Kane, cultural practitioner of Ahahui Kapolei Hawaiian

Civic Club, the celebration of *makahiki*, as it pertains to JBPHH today, was brought about to bridge the gap between military and the local community.

"Today it centers around developers willing to invest money to cultivate areas," Kane said. "Anciently, it was totally different. It centered around traditional cultural practices such as fishing, farming and gathering medicinal plants."

According to Kane, the *makahiki* today does what it did anciently—serving as a tool for chiefs to mingle with the common people.

"Chiefs, in ancient government, had no means of developing a relationship with his people because of the set protocols that prevented that," Kane said. "In other words, you could not even look a chief in the eye."

Today, our political leaders have the media and many other ways they can reach out. In ancient Hawaiian times, they didn't have that, making the relationships between chiefs and his people more difficult."

Photo illustration

Giant-killing City of Corpus Christi does it again

Story and photo by
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For the second week in a row, USS City of Corpus Christi (SSN 705) played spoilers by knocking off another top team in the Afloat Division.

This time the victim was league-leading USS Chafee (DDG 90) Bulldawgs, which suffered only their second defeat of the season, as City of Corpus Christi (CCC) controlled the ball from whistle-to-whistle to earn a 13-0 upset on Nov. 8 at Ward Field, Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam.

The back-to-back upsets have raised City of Corpus Christi's record to just one game under .500 at 3-4 and left the Bulldawgs in a dead heat with USS Port Royal (CCG 73) in the race to the top of division.

"I think, especially when they see our size, we only got eight or nine guys and we play both ways, a lot of guys underestimate us," said CCC quarterback Machinist's Mate 2nd Class Rashad Little about the team's recent success. "We got out there, keep the intensity up, try to substitute when we can and as you can see, defense wins games."

To prove his point, it was the defense of City of Corpus Christi that came up with the first big play of the game when safety Electronics Technician Seaman Brian McPeak, who was fresh off a two-interception



Sonar Technician (Submarine) 3rd Class Jonathan Thomas, USS City of Corpus Christi (SSN 705), is about to pull in a pass for a good gain.

game, picked off Chafee quarterback Boatswain's Mate 3rd Class Cole Swanson at the CCC 12-yard line.

On the second play from scrimmage, Little completed a pass to Fire Control Technician Seaman Edward Dauzat, who got the ball past the secondary and took

it all the way down to the Chafee five-yard line.

On the very next play, Little broke the goal line on a five-yard rush to give City of Corpus Christi a 6-0 advantage.

Chafee had a golden opportunity to tie the score on their next drive as Swanson

marched his team from the 15 down to CCC two-yard line on nine plays, which included picking up a clutch fourth-down conversion at the 36.

However, facing a fourth-and-goal situation from the two, Swanson got picked off by McPeak inside the end

zone to halt the threat and preserve a 6-0 lead going into halftime.

"I knew they (Bulldawgs) were going to do a cross run," McPeak said. "Right when he (Swanson) came across I picked him up. I was right behind and when he threw it, I sped up and

caught it right there."

In the second half, Chafee's first drive was stalled at midfield, which gave City of Corpus Christi good field position with only 39 yards to go for another score.

Although the Bulldawgs defense braced themselves for Little's running ability, the CCC quarterback still managed to get away from his would-be tacklers.

Little picked up 15 yards on his first rush and later, facing first-and-goal from the 17, Little broke free again to set the ball down at the Chafee one.

Little then punched it in himself for a 12-0 advantage before converting the extra point for the final score.

While it was Little who scored both of the team's touchdowns, he gave complete credit to the CCC defense for coming up with the win.

"Most of the game, we played zone and it worked out pretty well," he said. "We pretty much rush it on every play. We're going to put pressure, and we're not scared to have our corners play up a bit more. That plays to our favor."

Little admitted he felt that the win over Chafee was the team's most complete game to date, but he said that the best is yet to come.

"We continue to play well together," he said. "Having the guys get out here consistently is tough. But with the same core group of guys, we're pulling it together."

Volunteer work opportunity scheduled for Nov. 22

A wetland work day environmental project will be held Nov. 22 at the United States Fish and Wildlife Service (USFW) Honouliuli National Wildlife Refuge in Ewa.

The meeting time is 8:30 am at West Loch Shoreline Park.

Volunteers will work until 11 a.m., then clean up, have refreshments and finish by 11:30 a.m. Tasks for the day will be mangrove and trash removal. Volunteers should be prepared to be hot, wet, and muddy, and bring a change of clothes and water.

Volunteers are asked to RSVP by Nov. 18.

For more information, contact Pauline Kawamata, volunteer program manager at Hawai'i Nature Center, at 955-0100, ext. 118 or visit www.hawaiiinaturecenter.org.

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PEARL HARBOR HICKAM NEWS

Medical Group stays in hunt with victory over ‘A’ Team

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The 15th Medical Group (15 MDG) fell behind early but stormed back to outscore Navy Information Operations Command (NIOC) “A” Team, 19-0, and gain a 19-13 victory on Nov. 8 in a Blue Division intramural flag football game at Ward Field, Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam.

The win kept the 15 MDG in contention for the division’s regular-season championship by raising their record to 7-1 while the “A” Team fell to 5-3 and may have put their playoff hopes in jeopardy.

“Our defense continually keeps us in the game,” said 15 MDG quarterback Tech. Sgt. Tommy Hazlewood. “On the offensive side, we made a few bad errors, but for the most part, guys ran crisp routes and we just got to execute.”

While the 15 MDG bounced back to win, the team started a bit sluggish on both defense and offense, which helped NIOC take an early lead.

The “A” Team got first possession and, behind quarterback Cryptologic Technician (Maintenance) 2nd Class Joshua Miyashiro, opened the game with an impressive drive that moved the foot-

ball from the team’s 15 down to the 15 MDG eight-yard line on 10 plays.

After gaining eight yards on their first play, NIOC was pushed back to the 20 after suffering two offside penalties and a sack.

However, on third and goal-to-goal from the 20, Miyashiro threw a perfect spiral to the right side of the end zone where receiver Cryptologic Technician (Maintenance) 3rd Class Darius Griffin made a leaping grab for six.

The converted point-after-touchdown gave NIOC an early 7-0 lead.

The “A” Team then got a huge break when Cryptologic Technician (Collection) 2nd Class Anthony Croft picked off a Hazlewood pass and set his team up in good field position at the 29.

Miyashiro got the ball to the 11 but misfired on the next four passes to hand the ball over to the Medical Group.

On the team’s second possession, Hazlewood got the 15 MDG out to a good start by rushing for five yards for a first down before connecting with receiver Airman 1st Class Christopher McCloud at the 30.

Hazlewood moved the ball up to the NIOC 26 over the next five plays, and then the QB went over the top to McCloud for a catch-and-run to the end zone.

The Medical Group made good on their extra-point attempt to tie the score at 7-7 going into half-time.

While Hazlewood directed a solid drive to the end zone on his last series, the 15 MDG quarterback struggled to get his team in gear on its first possession after break.

With the Medical Group pushed back seven yards from their own 15 to the 8-yard line, Hazlewood’s attempt to get them out of the hole backfired when his pass down the middle was tipped and intercepted by Cryptologic Technician (Collection) Seaman Deedric Williams at the 33.

The pick led to another visit into the red zone by NIOC, but the drive was cut short on a turnover by Miyashiro.

Inspired by the strong stand by the defense, Hazlewood went back to work and started a drive that moved the Medical Group’s from their own 15 to the NIOC 26 on just four plays before the QB connected with Devin Spotkaeft, a military family member, with a pass into the right side of the end zone for the 13-7 advantage.

Miyashiro tried to get his team back into the game quickly, but after moving the ball to the 32,



he was intercepted off by Staff Sgt. Brandon Leonard at midfield who returned it 40 yards for a pick-six and 19-7 lead late in the game.

“They did it a couple of times before on the same type of play,” said Leonard about how he made the steal. “This time, the line got the right pressure and made him (Miyashiro) hesitate just a little bit and I just went for it.”

Griffin did manage to make another catch for a touchdown, but it was too little and too late.

“It was a 100 percent mental,” Miyashiro said about the team’s defeat. “I broke down mentally multiple times, so this game is all on me. We were more athletic than them and we were better than them, but it was all mental. We’ve got to work hard on our practices. I’m going to definitely work hard.”

After gaining the tough come-from-behind win, Hazlewood said that the key to keep things moving in the right direction is to not take anybody lightly.

“We’ve got to stay humble,” he said. “It’s just one play at a time. We’ve got to play every game like it’s an elimination game.”

Quarterback Tech. Sgt. Tommy Hazlewood releases a pass against the Navy Information Operations Command (NIOC) “A” Team.

Pacific Fleet Band brings music to Big Island schools, communities

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HILO, Hawaii - Sailors of the Pacific Fleet Band’s Popular Music Group (PMG) entertained and educated local schools and communities on the island of Hawaii with musical performances and education sessions held Nov. 4 through 8.

The PMG is one of many units within the Pacific Fleet Band that provides community outreach through musical entertainment and builds bridges between military and civilians.

“We have been on the Big Island this week to do some community outreach on behalf of Commander, United States Pacific Fleet, all in support of his community outreach initiatives,” said Chief Musician Ian Charleton.

“We have been performing at different schools for the students and getting involved with the community here because the Navy has a vested interest in building strong relationships with the local community.”

The PMG performed at various schools throughout the island including Honokaa Intermediate and High School and the Connections Public Charter School in Hilo.

“The event was awesome today, and I think that many of the students really didn’t know what to expect,” said Sandy Kelly, business manager for Connections.

“The adults were thinking of a traditional military band. I think they were thrilled. The music they could identify with. A lot of the songs I didn’t even know but they loved it,” Kelly said.

At many of the schools, the band engaged the students throughout the performances including sing-alongs and dance competitions. They also opened the floor during their performances for students to show their dance talents including the Hawaiian hula.

Kelly said she was very happy for the students to have been able to participate. “Steven, the band’s



singer and pianist, did a great job in engaging the kids. I really think they loved it.”

To promote education and recruiting, the PMG also performed and held music clinics at both the University of Hawaii at Hilo campus and Kealakehe High School in Kailua-Kona.

“Today was a basic clinic and it was awesome,” said Heather Sexton, a junior at University of Hawaii at Hilo.

“We learned a lot of good information about simple things such as the difference between horns, how to work within a band, overall music in general,” Sexton said.

Sexton also explained how she learned more about her tone, improving herself as a saxophone player, and becoming more involved in the bands which she is part of.

“It has really helped me understand the core of music, how to better myself as a person, and reflect more of my solo ideas out,” she said.

For most people, especially on the Big Island where Navy presence is minimal, this outreach may have been one of the first opportunities to meet someone in the Navy. Because music tends to bring people together, opportunities such as these bring positive impressions of the Navy and its mission.

The outreach also included performances at the Prince Kuhio Plaza Mall and ended with a performance from the Pacific Fleet Marching Band in the 2014 Hilo Veterans Day Parade.

“The response from the Big Island, the hospitality, the students and everyone we have played for has been very positive,” said Charleton. “We are already being invited back, and we are looking forward to getting back as quickly as we can.”

The PACFLT Band is based at Pearl Harbor and is dedicated to providing top quality music and entertainment in support of the U.S. Navy’s retention and recruiting programs and for internal and external public relations.



(Above) Musician 3rd Class Steven LaMonica, a vocalist assigned to the U.S. Navy Pacific Fleet (PACFLT) Band, entertains students on Nov. 8 at Kealakehe High School on the Island of Hawaii as part of the U.S. Navy’s community and educational outreach program.

(Left) Chief Musician Ian Charleton, assigned to the U.S. Navy Pacific Fleet (PACFLT) Band, instructs band students during a music clinic at Kealakehe High School.



Live the Great Life

Catlin School-Age Care holds open house

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Catlin School-Age Care (SAC) held an open house Oct. 24 for registered families and new families to experience the facility.

The event was held in observation of the nationwide event, “Lights on Afterschool.” More than 200 youth participated in the special activities, which included toss and treat games, bounce houses, face painting, cake walk, arts and crafts, healthy snacks, 4H sewing, a dance tournament and pool games.

Special guests featured local comedian, TV and radio personality Augie T. and his daughter Mahea, who is Miss Junior Teen Hawaii. They volunteered their time to speak about bullying. Mahea also donated copies of her anti-bullying book, “It’s Okay to be Different.” She read the story to small groups of children and shared her experiences of being bullied in school and how she overcame it.

“The purpose of the open house is to let families know what’s available in before and after school care. The activities going on today are typical here at Catlin,” said Christine Monroe, Catlin school-age care director. The activities are set up so kids can have fun, learn and develop skills at the same time. Catlin SAC also



MWR Marketing photo

Augie T. and Mahea read “It’s Okay to Be Different” to youth at Catlin School Age Care.

works with the Boys & Girls Club of America and the 4H Club.

Catlin SAC can serve 230 children every day and is open to all military and civilians working on Department of Defense bases on Oahu. The facility is currently at half capacity and accepting new applicants. Before-and after school care is available when public schools are open and activity-based camps and hourly care are available when public schools are not in session. For more information about Catlin SAC, call 421-1556 or visit www.greatlifehawaii.com.



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Shoppers browse among the stalls at a previous Super Garage Sale.

Super Garage Sale returns Saturday

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Recreation*

Bargain hunters and treasure seekers can attend the Super Garage Sale from 8 a.m. to noon Saturday at Richardson Field. Admission is free for shop-

pers. This will be the last MWR Super Garage Sale of the year, and is open to the public. The next one will be in February.

The last Super Garage Sale in August was cancelled due to Tropical Storm Iselle.

More than 100 stalls of sellers will be on the field. Clothing, accessories, books, toys and more will be available. Crafters will

also be on hand and will feature handmade pieces available for purchase.

Parking for the event is available at Rainbow Bay Marina. Overflow parking will be at Aloha Stadium across the street for a small fee.

For more information on the Super Garage Sale, go to www.greatlifehawaii.com.

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Intramural Golf Tournament will begin at noon today at Mamala Bay Golf Course. The tournament is two-person best ball 18-hole stroke play. Awards will be given to the top four winners, in the lowest net and lowest gross. The tournament is free for spectators. FMI: 473-2494, 473-2437.

Free Golf Clinic will begin at 9:15 a.m. Saturday at Barbers Point Golf Course. FMI: 682-1911.

Wood Shop Safety class will be held from 4:30 to 7:30 p.m. Saturday at the Hickam Arts & Crafts Center. Students will learn the proper and safe use of the tools and equipment. Upon completion, participants will be

issued a safety certification card enabling them to use the shop tools and equipment and to go on to more advanced woodworking classes. The cost is \$20. FMI: 448-9907.

Sunday Brunch will be held from 9 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Nov. 16 at Sam Choy’s Island Style Seafood Grille. The new Sunday brunch menu now includes traditional favorites, as well as appetizers, soup and salads and lunch entrees. FMI: 422-3002.

Sunday Family Bowling Day will be held from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Nov. 16 at Naval Station Bowling Center. Families will get one pepperoni pizza, one game of bowling and rental shoes for \$25 for a fam-

ily of four. FMI: 473-2574.

Turkey Roll will be held during the open bowling hours of 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday through Nov. 21 at the Hickam Bowling Center. Patrons can get one entry per person for each game bowled and can get a fourth entry free after bowling three games. The drawing will be held at 9 a.m. Nov. 22. Four turkeys will be given away (one per family or individual). Winners must pick up their turkey from the Hickam Bowling Center by Nov. 24. This activity is open to active-duty military, family members ages 10 and older, retirees and Department of Defense civilians. Bowling Center employees and their families are

not eligible. FMI: 448-9959.

PeeWee Soccer Registration period for youth ages 3 to 5 years old begins Nov. 17 and closes Dec. 12. The season runs from January to March. The fee is \$35, and registration is available at www.greatlifehawaii.com. FMI: 473-0789.

Stretching & Core class will be held from 8:30 to 9:30 a.m. Nov. 18 and Nov. 20 at the Hickam channel pathway at the grassy area near Wright Brothers Cafe. DumBell Fitness will conduct a 60-minute class that utilizes a form of body conditioning designed to lengthen, strengthen and sculpt muscles. Attendees should bring a yoga mat and water to class. The fee is \$5 per class. FMI: 471-2019.

Community Calendar

NOVEMBER

COMBINED FEDERAL CAMPAIGN

TODAY — The 2014 Hawaii-Pacific Area Combined Federal Campaign (CFC) deadline has been extended to today. The CFC is the annual fund-raising drive conducted by federal employees in their workplace. The mission of the CFC is to encourage philanthropy and to provide all federal employees the opportunity to improve the quality of life for all. FMI: www.cfc-hawaii.org.

BLOOD DRIVES

Currently scheduled Tripler Army Medical Center blood drives include:

- Today, 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., Pearl Harbor Naval Shipyard, building 2, Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam.
- Nov. 17, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Schofield Barracks Tropics, Schofield Barracks.
- Nov. 18, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. 94th Army Air and Missile Defense Command, Fort Shafter Flats, building. 1507, Fort Shafter.
- Nov. 24, 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.

MEET OLAF AT NEX

SATURDAY—Olaf will make an appearance from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday at the Pearl Harbor Navy Exchange. Authorized patrons can meet the popular children’s character and enter prize giveaways. FMI: 423-3287.

BRING AN AIRMAN HOME FOR THE HOLIDAYS

18 — The 10th annual Bring an Airman Home for the Holidays Program deadline to register is Nov. 18. Hickam Communities families can receive a commissary gift card to help with their holiday meal when they invite single service members to share a Thanksgiving with them. Email ThanksAirmen@hickamcommunities.com to participate in the program and provide contact information and the names of the Airmen/Airman to be hosted. FMI: 423-2300 or www.hickamcommunities.com.

MWR NEWCOMERS LUNCHEON

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

PARENT NIGHT AT TEEN CENTER

20 — Parent Night will be held from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. at the Hickam Teen Center. This free event is open to families to eat, play games and learn more about the center. FMI: 448-0418.

EAT THE STREET

21 — Eat the Street: Bacon excursion will be sponsored by JBPHH MWR. The “Grab ‘n’ Go” trolley will depart from the Information, Tickets & Travel (ITT)-Hickam office at 4 p.m. and return at 6 p.m. The “Hangin’ Out” trolley will depart at 6:30 p.m. and return at 9:30 p.m. Eat the Street is a monthly food truck and street food rally. No large strollers or coolers are allowed, and folding chairs and/or mats are recommended. The cost is \$7 per person. FMI: 448-2295.

WAIMANALO MAKAHIKI

22 — Traditional games and a ceremony will be featured at Waimanalo *Makahiki*, a Native Hawaiian cultural event from 6 a.m. to 10 p.m. at Bellows Beach Park. FMI: 927-1867.

TURKEY TROT 5K

22 — A free Turkey Trot 5K family fun run will be held at Turtle Cove lanai (building 220), Bellows Air Force Station. Check-in is at 7 a.m. and the race begins at 8 a.m. Prizes will be awarded to the top male and female winners in each division: adults ages 18 and older, teens ages 13 to 17 and children ages 12 and younger. T-shirts will be provided to the first 50 entrants. FMI: www.bellowsafs.com.

HOLIDAY LEGO CONTEST

22 — A LEGO building contest with a holiday theme will be held from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Pearl Harbor Navy Exchange parking lot tent. Participants can enter to win LEGO prize packs. Authorized patrons can also enter a “guess how many bricks” contest to win additional prizes and receive a certificate when they finish the build. No purchase is necessary and the event is open to patrons of all ages. Signups will begin in mid-November at a date to be determined. FMI: 423-3287.

DECEMBER

TOWER LIGHTING CELEBRATON

12 — The free 45th Annual Tower Lighting Celebration will be held from 4:30 to 7 p.m. at the Freedom Tower. Patrons can bring a blanket or lawn chairs to celebrate the season. Entertainment will be provided by the Air Force Band of the Pacific and the Pacific Fleet Band. Event shuttle service will be provided from the BX garden shop to the event from 4:15 p.m. to the end of the festivities. The event will offer activities for children and photos with Santa. FMI: www.greatlifehawaii.com.

BREAKFAST WITH SANTA

13 — The annual Breakfast with Santa will begin at 8 a.m. on the Pearl Harbor Navy Exchange food court lanai. Besides a pancake and bacon breakfast and a framed picture with Santa, the event will include glitter tattoos, balloon twisters, and holiday arts and crafts for children. The cost is \$12 for children and \$8 for adults. The event is for authorized patrons only. FMI: 423-3287.



DRACULA UNTOLD (PG-13)

“Dracula Untold” explores the origin of Dracula, weaving vampire mythology with the true history of Prince Vlad the Impaler, depicting Dracula as a flawed hero in a tragic love story set in a dark age of magic and war.

Movie Showtimes

SHARKEY THEATER

TODAY 11/14
7:00 p.m. Fury (R)

SATURDAY 11/15
2:30 p.m. The Book of Life (3-D) (PG)
4:20 p.m. Dracula Untold (PG-13)
6:10 p.m. The Judge (R)

SUNDAY 11/16
2:30 p.m. The Book of Life (PG)
4:20 p.m. Alexander and the Terrible, Horrible, No Good Very Bad Day (PG)
6:10 p.m. Fury (R)

THURSDAY 11/20
7:00 p.m. The Maze Runner (PG-13)

HICKAM MEMORIAL THEATER

TODAY 11/14
6:00 p.m. Alexander and the Terrible, Horrible, No Good Very Bad Day (PG)

SATURDAY 11/15
4:00 p.m. Alexander and the Terrible, Horrible, No Good Very Bad Day (PG)
7:00 p.m. Addicted (R)

SUNDAY 11/16
2:00 p.m. Alexander and the Terrible, Horrible, No Good Very Bad Day (PG)

THURSDAY 11/20
7:00 p.m. Addicted (R)



Columbus continues climb to the top of division

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A week after coming off a huge win over Afloat Division leader USS Chafee (DDG 90) Bulldawgs, USS Columbus (SSN 762) Moon Howlers took another step toward the top of the division by beating USS Santa Fe (SSN 763), 19-13, on Nov. 8 at Ward Field, Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam.

Led by a torrid pass rush that was anchored by the lineman Machinist's Mate 3rd Class Zach Chruma, Columbus captured their sixth win of the season and are only one game in back of division co-leaders Chafee and USS Port Royal (CG 73).

"At this point, there's no top," Chruma said. "We're limitless and we're only as good as next week. We'll be alright."

After stopping Santa Fe on a quick four-and-out, Columbus, starting from their own 33, wasted little time in gaining the upper hand by driving 47 yards and the go-ahead score on only five plays.

On the drive, Moon Howlers quarterback Lt. j.g. Derrick Olson was a perfect 4-for-4 on pass completions with the last toss covering 18 yards for a touchdown to receiver Fire Control Technician Seaman Drew Teixeira.

The Moon Howlers converted their point-after-touchdown attempt to go out in front at 7-0.

Santa Fe, which entered the game with a record of 3-5, responded to the Moon Howlers TD with a scoring drive of their own to tie the score at 7-7.

After being sacked for no gain at the Columbus 30-yard line, Santa Fe QB Senior Chief Information Systems Technician Mike Rowe connected with receiver Machinist Mate 3rd Class Kevin McVicker for a touchdown that led to the deadlock



Fire Control Technician 3rd Class Earl Arnold keeps his eye on the ball before making the catch and turning it upfield for a touchdown.

after the converted extra point.

The teams exchanged the ball on downs before the Moon Howlers got the ball back with time ticking away toward intermission.

On second down from his own 30, Olson threw the ball down the middle to Fire Control Technician 3rd Class Earl Arnold who made the catch and turned it upfield for a catch-and-run touchdown that covered 50 yards and gave Columbus a 13-7 lead going into halftime.

The play worked so well that Olson decided to try it one more time on the team's first possession in the second half.

With the ball sitting on the Columbus 22, Olson found Arnold in the middle of the field and, once again, the receiver used his elusiveness and speed to ramble untouched into the end zone for a 19-7 advantage.

"He's not our only playmaker," Olson said about the talent on Columbus. "He just happened to step up today. Last week, we had someone else stepping up. It's good to have guys with game-breaking speed on the outside."

Although Rowe did throw for another touchdown, this time to Sonar Technician (Submarine) Seaman Robert DeBoer, that was as close as Santa Fe would get as Chruma and the rest of the Moon Howlers defense pressured their opponent into submission.

"We were just talking," said Chruma, who accounted for three tackles for losses during the game. "Communication is huge here. We read the offense, called it out and went with it."

Olson complimented his defense for doing an outstanding job, but added that with only a couple of weeks remaining in the regular season, the team will have to bring that same intensity every game.

"This was obviously big, but we don't want to overlook anyone," he said.

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Hana Hou! rock band performs at local school for Red Ribbon Week

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Hana Hou!, the rock band of the U.S. Air Force Band of the Pacific-Hawaii, delivered an energetic performance Nov. 5 to students and faculty members as part of the school’s Red Ribbon Week festivities at Kapolei Elementary School.

“The performance went very well,” said Cosmo Arakawa, the school’s assistant principal.

“This was our first time hosting the band here at the school and it exceeded my expectations. They were terrific.”

Arakawa, along with more than 20 faculty members and 300 students, observed the performance, which included hits such as Pharrell William’s “Happy,” One Direction’s “Story of My Life” and Stevie Wonder’s “Superstition,” to name a few.

Staff Sgt. Courtney Clifford, a vocalist with the band, said the show went very well and she enjoyed the students’ reaction to the performance.

“The students were very polite, well behaved and enjoyed the show,” Clifford said. “Being able to come out here and perform for schools is a part of our community outreach and we really have fun doing so.”

Clifford also said being able to perform in schools strengthens the relationship between the base and the local community and allows



Members of Hana Hou!, the rock band of the U.S. Air Force Band of the Pacific-Hawaii, perform a song for Kapolei Elementary School students and faculty members in Kapolei Nov. 5.

others to see a different side of the military.

“Some of the children have military parents so they’re familiar with the life, but this is an opportunity to show them one of the many things you can do in the military that they might love and

enjoy doing every day, like making music,” Clifford said.

The audience was attentive throughout the performance and reacted to each song with claps and applause. Toward the end of the show, one student started dancing and, by the end of the

song, students in the entire gymnasium were on their feet dancing to the music.

“We’d be happy to have them out again,” Arakawa said. “The kids and staff really enjoyed themselves, and we appreciate their performance and making this a

great experience.”

Red Ribbon Week ran from Oct. 23 through Oct. 31 as part of the national Red Ribbon Campaign. The campaign raises awareness of the effects of drug use and provides resource information on drug prevention and recovery.



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JS Teruzuki to offer ship tours to DoD card holders Nov. 22

The JS Teruzuki will offer ship tours to Department of Defense card holders from 8 a.m. to noon Nov. 22.

The tours will be held at the ship at pier B-26. Only the main deck will be open to visitors.

Infants and children should be supervised by their parents or guardians. Children should not be allowed to run around the deck.

Visitors should refrain from wearing sandals, skirts and high-heeled shoes due to the ladders on deck.

Unfortunately, people in wheelchairs cannot be accommodated.

Visitors in uniform with the rank of O-5 and above should notify the ship in advance.

For more information, contact Lt. Cmdr. Michael Barksdale, foreign ship liaison officer, at 473-2568 or Michael.barksdale@navy.mil or Lt. Cmdr. Naoki Shirasaka at 474-8465 or Naoki.shirasaka.ja@navy.mil.

Hale Aina, Silver Dolphin to offer Thanksgiving meals

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Thanksgiving meals will be offered from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Nov. 27 at the Hale Aina Dining Facility.

The menu will include baked ham, prime rib, roast turkey, shrimp cocktail, French onion soup and assorted salad. Other items will include mashed potatoes, cornbread dressing, glazed sweet potatoes, rosemary potatoes, glazed carrots, rice pilaf, corn, peas, green beans with mushrooms and assorted desserts.

No reservations are required. The meal is open to all military, retirees and their family members. Pricing is ala carte.

In addition, Thanksgiving holiday meals will be served from 2 to 4:30 p.m. Nov. 27 at the Silver Dolphin Bistro. The meal price is \$7.70.

Items on the menu include zuppa Toscana soup, shrimp cocktail, oven roasted turkey, baked spiral ham with brown sugar glaze and giblet and turkey gravy. Other menu items feature cranberry sauce, cornbread dressing, homemade mashed potatoes, macaroni and cheese, sweet potato casserole

and green bean casserole.

The menu also will include corn on the cob, assorted hot rolls, a fresh salad bar with crab salad and potato salad. Dessert will feature assorted baked pies, cobblers, cheesecake, an ice cream bar with assorted toppings and a holiday cake.

The menu is open to all active duty servicemembers, Department of Defense employees, retirees and families with a valid ID card.

Patrons are asked to bring exact change to reduce wait time at the cashier stand.

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