

SECAF begins Pacific visit at JBPHH

Story and photo by Staff Sgt. **Alexander Martinez**

15th Wing Public Affairs

Secretary of the Air Force Deborah Lee James toured the 15th Wing flightline and met with wing leadership and Airmen during a brief visit Nov. 17 to Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam (JBPHH)

JBPHH was James' first stop on an 11-day trip through the Pacific region. During her trip, James will have the opportunity to better familiarize herself with command missions and communicate her priorities to Airmen as part of continuing to rebalance the Air Force's presence to the Pacific, a mission she describes as being "very much alive."

"The Pacific is increasingly important to us." James said during a



U.S. Air National Guard Col. Duke Pirak (right), 154th Operations Group commander, speaks with Secretary of the Air Force Deborah Lee James about the F-22 Raptor during her visit to the 19th and 199th Fighter Squadrons at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam.

Headquarters Pacific Air Pacific power for many many years to come." Forces (PACAF) press con- years, and we are going to

Gen. Lori J. Robinson, of the JBPHH flightline en

about the active duty and Air National Guard F-22 Raptor mission at joint base and discuss current and future Raptor operations.

From there, James headed to the Binnicker Professional Military Education Center where she visited with the staff of the center, followed by a one-on-one meeting with the base's sexual assault response coordinator.

"Thank you, everyone, for all that you do," James said. "It's a lot of responsibility to shape the Air Force's future leaders, and I know you are all doing a great job in doing so.

After a lunch with Airmen and wing leadership, James thanked everyone for their help during her visit before heading to Pacific Command (PACOM) to meet with PACOM leadership.

James' Pacific visit will take her to bases in Guam, Japan, Korea and Alaska before heading back to Washington, D.C.

After an office call and PACAF commander, James route to the 19th and 199th ference. "We have been a remain a Pacific power for joint press conference with received a windshield tour Fighter Squadrons to learn

USS Chosin CO calls change of command 'bittersweet'

Story and photo by **MC3 Johans Chavarro**

Navy Public Affairs Support Element West, Detachment Hawaii

Sailors, families and friends gathered aboard the guided-missile cruiser USS Chosin (CG 65) to bid farewell to USS Chosin's commanding officer, Capt. Patrick M. Kelly, during a change of command ceremony Nov. 14 at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam.

After approximately three of Chosin, Kelly was relieved of command by Capt. Kevin M. Brand.

Presiding over the ceremo-

Pacific, who commented on the integral role Kelly has played in the U.S. Navy's rebalance of the Asia-Pacific theatre during his command of Chosin.

"This is a very important change of command because this is one of the best ships in the Pacific fleet," said Williams.

"Chosin is the Battle "E" ship and they are the epitome of the rebalance to the Asia-Pacific. As Adm. Harris [commander, U.S. Pacific Fleet leads the Pacific fleet and the nation through this years as commanding officer rebalance, I can tell you we've counted on USS Chosin to play a key role in that effort," Williams said.

Williams commended



while in command of Chosin. "I see great things in [Capt. Kelly's] future," said Williams. "He will have key influence in the largest and fastest growing combat command in the world [U.S. Pacific Command].

And there's no doubt he will be successful in moving the strategic rebalance forward in new ways based on the experiences and wisdom he gained aboard Chosin. [Capt. Kelly] and the great Chosin crew, congratulations on being the poster ship, the Battle "E" ship, on the waterfront. Congratulations on a job well done," Williams said.

Williams presented Kelly with the Legion of Merit Award for, "exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding

ny was Rear Adm. Rick Kelly on his long-standing Williams, commander of commitment to excellence Navy Region Hawaii and and congratulated him on Naval Surface Group Middle the success he experienced

Capt. Patrick M. Kelly, commanding officer of the guided-missile cruiser USS Chosin (CG 65), renders honors.

security patrols with Coast Guard

USS Michael Murphy enhances maritime

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U.S. Navy photo by MCC John Hageman

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.



U.S. Navy photo

A small boat team of Sailors and Coast Guardsmen embarked aboard the Arleigh Burke-class, guided-missile destroyer USS Michael Murphy (DDG 112) prepare to board a fishing vessel to conduct an inspection.

region of the Pacific."

By embarking foreign law enforcement officers from the Pacific Island nations of the Marshall Islands and the Federated States of Micronesia, and conducting boardings under their authority, Michael Murphy, Helicopter Maritime Strike Squadron (HSM) 37 Detachments 4 and the embarked USCG detachment assisted these nations in maintaining the rule of law and projecting their national a hard, visible presence of maritime sovereignty.

conducted 11 boardings, and the embarked aviation detachment flew 24 flights, making 27 sightings which provided important information for boardings.

OMSI is a unique joint mission that leverages surface naval assets with embarked aircraft in conjunction with USCG maritime law enforcement expertise and foreign law enforcement officers to project power and establish



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manding officer.

CT2 Ryan Harris

Public Affairs

crimes.

USS Michael Murphy (DDG 112)

WESTERN PACIFIC OCEAN The Arleigh Burke-class, guided-missile destroyer USS Michael Murphy (DDG 112) completed the first mission of its maiden deployment by aiding the U.S. Coast Guard in patrolling Pacific

waters for illegal fishing and other

the first two weeks of the Michael Murphy's deployment. The ship de-

parted Oct. 20 from its homeport of

Pearl Harbor, Hawaii for its first de-

ployment to the western Pacific Ocean.

way to start our maiden deployment

and provided an excellent opportu-

nity for the crew to immediately begin

working on a mission that has a di-

rect, profound impact in the critical

Pacific region," said Cmdr. Todd

Hutchison, Michael Murphy's com-

"It was an honor sailing with the

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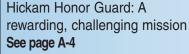
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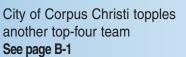
Oceania island nations is impressive

and is a tremendous benefit to this

"The OMSI mission was a great

The Oceania Maritime Security Initiative (OMSI) was conducted during







Native American Heritage Month celebration today See page B-3



Pearl Harbor Vehicle Registration office offers online appointments See page B-7

During the patrol, Michael Murphy See MICHAEL MURPHY, A-2

Sea Service Awards honor service members for their achievement

Story and photos by MC2 Diana Quinlan

Navy Public Affairs Support Element West, Detachment Hawaii

HONOLULU - Sailors, Marines and Coast Guardsmen stationed in Hawaii received excellence awards at the 54th Sea Service Awards recognition luncheon hosted Nov. 14 by the Honolulu Navy League at the Ala Moana Hotel.

The ceremony was held to recognize 62 military officer and enlisted men and women who have provided exemplary service and performance of duty.

The Navy League Honolulu council board of directors, community leaders, and Rear Adm. Rick Williams, commander of Navy Region Hawaii and Naval Surface Group Middle Pacific, presided over the event.

The ceremony opened with the parade of colors provided by a joint service color guard and opening remarks from Mike Buck, master of ceremonies for the event, followed by a luncheon

Williams spoke to the service members about the success, commitment and investment they have made to the U.S. military and their nation and the importance of working together for a common goal.

"It is a distinct pleasure to recognize the hard work, contributions and achievements of some the speed of trust to meet the drivers of change, innovating of 'the best of the best' of our Ma- mission, and leveraging that new ways, faster ways, and more rine Corps, Coast Guard and Navy team," said Williams.

"Every day, here in the Hawaii-operating area, our speed of technological growth leaders] stronger, more secure Awards chair; and Williams presquadrons, Coast Guard cutters, flight lines, harbors, piers, logis-



(Above) Yeomen 1st Class La Toya Calvin, assigned to U.S. Pacific Fleet, receives a recognition award during the 54th annual Navy League Sea Service Awards Luncheon at the Ala Moana Hotel. At right is Carl Devoe, president of Navy League.

(Right) A Sailor holds his award during the 54th annual Navy League Sea Service Awards luncheon at the Ala Moana Hotel.

shared between Coast Guard. Marines and Navy. We rely on are recognizing today are the trust helps us make a difference," he said.

Williams elaborated on the over the years and new generations that think outside the box, tics and other assets are often making new advances possible.

efficient ways of doing business,"

added Williams. and better adaptive planners lead to less miscalculation, en- awards.

"These young leaders that we hanced cooperation, and advanced sources of educated talent to draw from."

After the keynote speech, Carlyle Devoe, president of the Honolulu Navy League; Joseph "This makes you [millennial Zettlemoyer, 2014 Sea Service sented the certificates to the reand communicators. This can cipients of the sea service

Coast Guard Boatswain's Mate 1st Class Charles Palmer, assigned to the cutter USCGC Ahi (WPB 87364), was awarded the top junior enlisted leadership award, chosen out of all the service branches represented.

"It is amazing to be nominated in the first place and to have support of my command here. It is quite an honor," said Palmer. "It feels very special, and I am very thankful to the crew of Cutter Ahi and all of the Coast Guard family out on Sand Island.'

Navy Yeomen 1st Class La Toya Calvin, assigned to commander, U.S. Pacific Fleet, was among the 2014 Sea Service Recognition Award recipients.

"I am very overwhelmed, humbled and very excited. I appreciate everyone who helped me be here today and receive these honors, and I hope it will help me be a better leader," said Calvin.

"Never give up, always lead by example, always encourage your Sailors and yourself," advised Calvin as she spoke of her command's support.

"I have very strong leaders at Pacific Fleet and all the chiefs, my peers and my Sailors have got me where I am today.'

The Navy League of the United States (NLUS) is a national organization of more than 50,000 members and more than 270 councils throughout the United States and overseas. Each year, NLUS presents awards in recognition of outstanding individual achievements in leadership, maritime affairs, scientific progress, engineering excellence, logistics competence, excellence in intelligence and service to community and country.

USS Chafee Sailors remember the fallen at USS Arizona Memorial

Story and photo by **Ensign James Duncan**

USS Chafee (DDG 90) Public Affairs

Members of 2nd Battalion, 7th Marines "Dog Company," along with their families and Sailors from the USS Chafee (DDG 90), recently visited the USS Arizona Memorial to hold a ceremony of remembrance for their comrades who died fighting in the Korean Littmann. War. Service members from "Dog Company" fought under pany to have two USN ships the leadership of the ship's named after their brothers in

by three surviving members of "Dog Company": Gonzalo Garza, Arthur Contreras and Charles Curley along with Jane Curtin, the widow of Richard Curtin.

The ceremony was a part of a weekend of events coordinated by Cmdr. Anthony Littmann, Chafee's commanding officer.

"I wanted this visit to also be a special event for the Marines who claim to have their own 'Dog Company' Navy," said

"It is the only Marine Com-



namesake, Capt. John Chafee, arms. In 1951, Hospitalman De Cmdr. Anthony Littmann, left, the commanding officer of the USS Chafee

visitors this week. He was posthumously awarded the Medal of Honor for administering aid to injured Marines of 'Dog Company' during a firefight.

'The other ship was named for their company commander, John Chafee, who also served as governor, congressman and senator of Rhode Island and was the Secretary of the Navy," he said.

Littmann presented the Marines with an ensign flown on the Chafee and a lei was placed over the Arizona's resting site. Words of celebration of

from September to December 1951.

Wert served with 'Dog Compa- (DDG-90), presents a flag flown onboard to Korean War veterans, Dr. ny' and, in fact, was last seen Gonzalo Garza, Charles Curley and Arthur Contreras of Sen. John The ceremony was attended alive by Mr. Garza, one of our Chafee's "Dog Company" at the USS Arizona Memorial.

the lives and sacrifices made by their fellow Marines were shared.

Chosin commended for receiving Battle 'E' award

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services as the commanding officer of USS Chosin.'

Before being relieved of command, Kelly thanked those in attendance and addressed the crew aboard USS Chosin for the final time.

"As I transition from sea duty to shore duty, many people, including many in the crowd today, expect that I'll be looking forward to leaving the ship but, in truth, this is a very bittersweet event for me," said Kelly.

"As much as I look forward to greater normalcy in my daily routine in order to tackle the 'honey do' list that has been growing these three years and to spend more time with my family, I'm going to miss working with the great people of Chosin."

"When I depart Chosin for the last time today, I'll do so with no regrets," said Kelly. "I'm overwhelmed with the gratitude and pride for what we've achieved for these nearly three years together. If I'm able to leave a lega-

cy behind, I wish my legacy to be you, the officers, chiefs and crew of Chosin. You are the future.

"You have proven repeatedly that you are the absolute best of the best. Continue to be the waterfront example and make me proud. Continue to be the model by which every inspection team that comes to Chosin holds up as the platform to emulate. Continue to exhibit the strength and character by which you are best known," Kelly told the crew.

Under Kelly's command, Chosin completed a successful deployment to the U.S. 7th Fleet area of operation, was awarded the Battle "E" Efficiency Award, and also led the recovery efforts of Her Majesty's Canadian Ship (HMCS) Protecteur after an engine fire left her dead in the water approximately 200 miles off the coast of Hawaii.d

Kelly also guided Chosin through various naval exercises including Koa Kai 2014, Rim of the Pacific 2014 and Commander, Carrier Strike Group 11 Task Group Exercise.

After official orders were read, Brand assumed all duties and responsibilities as commanding officer and addressed the crew of Chosin for the first time.

"It truly is an honor to be here today and to have an opportunity to once again command a ship at sea and to lead some of the best men and women in the world today, our Sailors," said Brand. "It's an awesome responsibility that I take very seriously." "To the crew [of USS Chosin], my fellow

commanding officers and the professional men and women throughout Pearl Harbor that make up the Hawaii waterfront, I look forward to working with each and every one of you," said Brand. "It is my sincere pleasure to rejoin all of you on the waterfront and to join the Hawaii ohana."

Brand previously served as director of the commander's action group for Commander, U.S. Pacific Fleet in Pearl Harbor, Hawaii.

Kelly's next assignment will be at United States Pacific Command.

Michael Murphy

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governance in the extremely remote expanses of the Oceania region," said Lt. Craig Dente, command duty officer at the USCG 14th District Command Center, who served as the embarked USCG liaison officer for Michael Murphy's OMSI mission.

"By establishing and maintaining a robust presence in the vast expanses of the central Pacific through the OMSI mission, the United States Navy and United States Coast Guard stand together in the deterrence of the global threat posed by illegal, unreported and unregulated fishing, as well as other transnational crimes," Dente said.

USS Michael Murphy is on deployment to the U.S. 7th Fleet area of responsibility supporting security and stability in the Indo-Asia-Pacific region.



Ford Island Bridge closures announced

All lanes of the Ford Island Bridge will be closed from 9:30 to 11 a.m. Dec. 5 and from 7 to 10 a.m. Dec. 7 for operations in support of ceremonies commemorating the Dec. 7, 1941 attack.

All motorists and pedestrians are asked to plan accordingly.

The small craft gate must be closed during the bridge opening to minimize collision hazards when the roadway pontoon is in motion.

Boat traffic under the causeway will be prohibited during that time.

New commercial vehicle inspection station hours of operation take effect Dec. 1

Joint Base Pearl Harbor-**Hickam Security**

Effective Dec. 1, Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam (JBPHH) commercial vehicle inspection stations' (CVIS) hours of operation will change to the following:

• Halawa CVIS: 5 a.m. to 2 p.m., Monday-Friday (excluding holidays).

a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Saturday-Sunday.

• Saipan Gate CVIS (Wahiawa Annex): 6 a.m. to 2 p.m., Monday-Friday (excluding holidays)

• West Loch back gate: 6 a.m. to 2 p.m., Monday-Friday (excluding holidays).

Mission-essential, after-hours deliveries will be handled on a case-by-• Kuntz CVIS: 5 to 9 a.m. and case basis per current policy and will CVIS to open.

12:30 to 5:30 p.m. Monday-Friday, 5 be allowed only after verification with the receiving command's POC. Tenant commands are requested to notify delivery companies of this change.

To prevent backing up of traffic on Kamehameha Highway, commercial vehicles will not be allowed to prestage outside the installation before 5 a.m. while waiting for the Halawa



Defining leadership: making a difference

Rear Adm. **Rick Williams**

Commander, Navy Region Hawaii and Naval Surface Group Middle Pacific

What is the definition of leadership?

That was on my mind last week while attending the annual sea service awards ceremony sponsored by the Honolulu Council of the Navy League to honor young leaders of the Marine Corps, Coast Guard and Navy.

Former Chief of Naval Operations Adm. Arleigh Burke, who was considered the fa-Navy, said, "Leading Sailors is an art, not a science.

In previous generations, military leadership was defined as influencing others to be obedient, respectful and loyal in order to accomplish the mission.



Rear Adm. Rick Williams

Today, leadership is more ther of the modern surface nuanced. Smart leaders use responsiveness, identification, understanding and inspiration to influence and motivate. They help young people find their inspiration from within.

> Good leaders encourage people to do things they

their own. They listen, encourage, create successful conditions, and reward passion and commitment.

Finally, good leaders also support education and lifelong learning because they know knowledge is a force multiplier; wisdom creates confidence and credibility.

The focus at last week's ceremony was on our sea services, but these principles apply throughout the military, and I believe they are universal throughout society.

Helping someone discover his or her passion, motivation and desire to make a difference is extremely rewarding, and when people find their sense of purpose, they become better leaders themselves.

Most of the sea service awardees were millennials. Born between the early '80s and through the '90s, they have spent most of their lives

would not otherwise do on experiencing the uncertain- progress in these challenging ties of conflict following 9/11 times. Our Navy certainly apand many economic challenges.

The youngest generation has been part of a more globalized world, which results in greater competition and an associated sense of urgency. So the millennials are accustomed to coordinating, communicating and cooperating in ways many Gen Xers and baby boomers may not. They possess a competitive spirit to get innovative things done, and they embrace technologies and adapt ahead of change better than other generations—they are setting the new pace.

In fact, this younger generation is ushering in the new "Cooperation Age."

Entrepreneur experts like Aaron Hurst believe that the millennials, with their builtin sense of purpose, are essential in advancing change and

preciates this view and leads society in employing young people. The average age of our Sailors is 22. Most of them joined after Sept. 11, 2001, and many joined because of 9/11.

During RIMPAC, our Task Force Energy and Environment [TFEE] demonstrated for the first time the ability to generate solar power in the field for sustained humanitarian assistance operations. This humanitarian assist exercise proved new expeditionary energy initiatives while training for civilian disaster support.

The success of the TFEE initiative was due to the creativity of young people who led the effort. We provided the end goal and means to achieve the goal, but they found the way-the how-to make it work.

This same generation is going to apply this innovative spirit in other domains as well. As technologies mature, new capabilities like rail-gun and directed energy weapons will be mastered by this young generation, and this will be a new revolution in military affairs similar to other technology breakthroughs realized during previous transformation eras like steam to diesel and gas turbines or nuclear power.

We need to continue to look for ways to challenge, resource and reward our team of young innovators. A prepared mind is ready for creating opportunity.

The leadership awards help us say thanks to the young men and women who are working together and encourage them to continue leading efforts in the defense of freedom.



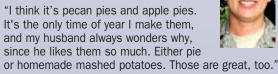
Besides turkey, what is your favorite food to eat on Thanksgiving?



FT3 Joshua Berry USS Cheyenne (SSN 773)

"My family always makes the best homemade food ever. Soul food is definitely something that reminds me of home.'

Maj. Chandra Pasillas 613th Air and Space Operations Center



Lt. j.g. Christina Villareal PACOM JIOC



"Stuffing. It's just the best part."

Senior Airman Emily Gray



Presidential proclamation on Military Family Month

President Barack Obama

For more than two centuries, members of our Armed Forces have defended our country with unyielding courage. In our nation's times of need, these brave patriots step forward to answer America's call, leaving behind everything they know and love.

And as they help secure our freedom and democracy, their families sacrifice alongside them. During Military Family Month, we recognize every spouse, parent, sibling, child and loved one who stands with our service members, and we reaffirm our solemn vow to serve these families as well as they serve us.

The selflessness of our military families tells a story of unfailing duty and devotion. Through long deployments, difficult separations, and moves across the country and overseas, spouses and partners put their careers on hold and children take on extra responsibilities.

endure the absence of loved ones and shoulder the burdens of war. And when battle ends and our service members return home, their families support their transition and recovery.

To fulfill our sacred promise to our service members and their loved ones. my administration continues to make supporting our military families a top priority. This year, we launched the Veterans Employment Center, an interagency resource to connect transitioning service members, veterans and their spouses to meaningful career opportunities.

We are also committed to fostering partnerships with organizations that help military caregivers and making consistent and effective family services available, including mental health care and counseling, deployment and relocation assistance, and child care and youth programs.

Through their Joining Forces initiative, First Lady Michelle Obama and Dr. Jill Biden are working to ensure With grace and resilience, families members of our armed forces, veterans

and their families have all the opportunities and benefits they deserve. And since 2011, their efforts have encouraged businesses to hire more than 500,000 veterans and military spouses.

Every day, our military families at home and abroad inspire us and remind us of our obligation to take care of those who do so much for our country. As a grateful nation, we pay tribute to the women and men who have made our military the finest fighting force the world has ever known, and we honor the enduring strength and dedication of their families.

Now, therefore, I, Barack Obama, president of the United States of America, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and the laws of the United States, do hereby proclaim November 2014 as Military Family Month.

I call on all Americans to honor military families through private actions and public service for the tremendous contributions they make in support of our service members and our nation.



15th Aerospace Medicine Squadron

"My favorite food would have to be my 'me-me's' homemade mac and cheese and black olives. My aunt Mik and I use to put the olives on our fingers and eat them. My 'pop-pop' would always yell at us. Those memories make the perfect holiday."



LS1 Maria Garcia VP-47

"The dressing. I actually like it better than the turkey."

1st Lt. Joseph Correia 647th Civil Engineer Squadron

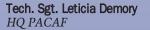
"My favorite food is wheat, barley and hops all mixed together with water. It seems to just go well with everything on any holiday.'





IS1 Brian Foster PACOM JIOC

"Green bean casserole."



"Pecan pie. It's the only time I can eat it and feel guilt-free. After all, it's Thanksgiving!'



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

Want to see your command featured in Diverse Views? Got opinions to share? Drop us a line at editor@hookelenews.com or karen.spangler@navy.mil

A story that was published on page A-4 of the Nov. 7, 2014 edition of Ho`okele erroneously stated that Dallas Harvey was a retired Navy chief warrant officer. Harvey retired as a Navy commander. We apologize for the error.

Photo courtesy of the Hawaii Department of Transportation Aviation Div

The water tower, paved roads, underground power, family housing, Bishop Point dock, hangars, base operations, apron and taxiway are in place in this photo of Hickam Field taken Nov. 17, 1938 (76 years ago this week). A railroad has been moved to Hangar Avenue and men continued to live in tents while construction of the base continued.

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PMRF supports milestone MDA integrated test

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(Editor's note: Missile Defense Agency Public Affairs contributed to this release.)

PMRF—Pacific Missile Range Facility (PMRF) at Barking Sands, Kauai launched one short-range ballistic missile target and two low-flying cruise missile targets Nov. 6 as part of the Missile Defense Agency's first test of its integrated air and missile defense (IAMD) of the Aegis ballistic missile defense (BMD) system.

Navy Sailors aboard the USS John Paul Jones (DDG 53), homeported at Pearl Harbor, detected and tracked the missiles with its onboard AN/SPY-1 radar, developed a fire control solution using the Aegis BMD weapon system, and successfully intercepted the targets near-simultaneously.

"FTM-25 was unique because this was the first test of a recent upgrade to the Aegis weapon system that combined ballistic missile defense technology with the ship's self-defense/anti-air warfare capability," said Ave Soto, PMRF director of the test and evaluation division.

"The IAMD radar priority mode enables much more efficient multi-mission radar use to increase the simultaneous raid capability of antiair warfare and ballistic missile defense," Soto said.

The short-range ballistic missile target was intercepted by a standard missile-3 (SM-3) block IB guided missile, while two low-flying cruise missile targets were engaged by standard missile-2 (SM-2) block IIIA guided missiles.

This test, designated Flight Test Standard Missile-25 (FTM-25), was the first live-fire event of the Aegis weapon system in IAMD radar priority mode, engaging a ballistic missile target and a raid of cruise missile targets.



A Standard Missile-2 (SM-2) Block IIIA guided missile is launched from the USS John Paul Jones (DDG-53) during a Missile Defense Agency and U.S. Navy test over the Pacific Ocean by the Aegis baseline (BL) 9.C1 (BMD 5.0 capability upgrade) weapon system configured ship.

Meeting those require-

The complexity of the misquirements," Soto said. sion required a significant amount of preparation by ments successfully signifies PMRF's range personnel, "a huge advancement," Soto added. "The data collected on said Soto, "to ensure we conthis mission will help validucted the mission in a safe manner while still ensuring date that ship upgrades met the scenario was tactically the specifications of the realistic to the warfighters. Aegis baseline (BL) 9.C1 (BMD 5.0 capability up-We needed to maintain situational awareness of the targrade) weapon system and, gets and interceptor missiles in the future, other Aegis in flight at all times and ships can be configured with have the ability to terminate the latest capability to defeat flight if the situation warballistic missiles while pro-

cruise missile threats."

FTM-25 marks the 29th successful intercept in 35 flight test attempts for the Aegis BMD program since flight testing began at PMRF in 2002. The Kauai range offers the premier capability for testing based on its location and data collection instrumentation suite, said Soto. "The hazard patterns for

BMD missions are large," he explained. "In some cases, up ocean must be surveyed. PMRF has been able to work with other agencies to facili- three- and four-star admiral tate range clearance which attention and, as usual, we would be nearly impossible at other ranges.

"Additionally, we have sophisticated radars, telemeunications systems that enable us to collect the data lysts spend months evaluating system performance them post mission," he said.

"This was a milestone event," emphasized Rear Adm. Richard L. Williams, on the heels of an Oct. 17 commander of Navy Region launch from PMRF, desig-Hawaii and Naval Surface nated flight test Other Group Middle Pacific, under- (FTX)-20 that saw the Aegis scoring its importance to DOD's [Department of De- USS John Paul Jones sucfense] missile defense system cessfully detect and track a array by witnessing the test medium-range ballistic misexecution first-hand at PMRF.

"You won't find comparable integrated range systems capabilities like this anywhere else in the world," said Williams.

The success of FTM-25, however, isn't just about multi-million dollar, state-ofthe-art, high-tech electronics and equipment—it's the people who make it happen, Williams added.

"Our Sailors, as well as our civilian team members, continue to demonstrate why America has the best trained Navy in the world," he said. "The crew of the USS John Paul Jones, in particular, responded to a multi-layered scenario with extreme precision and immaculate timing to neutralize the threat and validate the advancements at PMRF. of our MDA partners.'

Capt. Bruce Hay, PMRF commanding officer, also praised those involved on the range side.

"I continue to be amazed by the PMRF team," he wrote in a congratulatory message to all base employees while he was on a trip to lies and partners. the mainland.

"It wasn't easy and we fully stressed every part of The MDA and the U.S. Navy the organization to support cooperatively manage the ranted. We met all our re- tecting themselves from to a million square miles of the most complex MDA cam- Aegis BMD program.

paign [at PMRF] to date. This herculean effort had fully exceeded expectations,' Hay said.

Šoto echoed those sentiments. "I would like to recogtry, optics and comm- nize the entire PMRF ohana for their incredible dedication and professionalism. It's necessary for evaluation of amazing to see how our men the system under test. Ana- and women step up to prepare the range for these high visibility events but also for based on the data we provide the work we do every day supporting the fleet and other range customers.'

The November test comes BMD system aboard the sile target using the same upgraded weapon system. Several fire control, discrimination and engagement functions were exercised during that event in preparation for FTM-25, but no SM-3 guided missiles were launched.

Other test participants for both events included discriminating sensors flown on two MQ-9 Reaper unmanned aerial vehicles and sensor systems ashore; the Sea-Based X-band Radar space tracking and surveillance system demonstrators; Command and Control, Battle Management, and Communications (C2BMC) enterprise sensors lab, C2BMC experimentation lab; and the Aegis ashore missile defense test complex

The MDA will use test results to improve and enhance the BMDS and support the advancement of phase 2 of the phased adaptive approach for missile defense in Europe to provide protection of U.S. deployed forces and our European al-

Aegis BMD is the naval component of the BMDS.

Hickam Honor Guard: A rewarding, challenging mission

Story and photos by **Staff Sgt. Alexander Martinez**

15th Wing Public Affairs

The image of a sharply-dressed Airman, kneeling down in front of a fallen veteran's next of kin and gently handing them a folded U.S flag, will forever be a representation of what it means to be an honor guard member. For them, being an honor guard member is a challenge and responsibility that few get to experience in the Air Force, but they understand the mission's importance to the service and the public.

At Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, the honor guard team is the busiest in the Pacific and one of the busiest in the Air Force, providing the majority of their ceremonial support for the Hawaiian Islands. Their operations tempo remains high year round with not only funerals but also changes of command, retirements and other high visibility events.

Tech. Sgt. Weldys Baez, honor guard NCO in charge [NCOIC], fully understands the responsibility bestowed upon his team.

"It's a great honor to be here and to represent Air Force members past and present and honor those who aren't here anymore," Baez said. "The mission is crucial. It's a huge responsibility to represent the Air Force when you put on that honor guard uniform.'

Baez is currently serving a year-long special duty as the honor guard NCOIC and oversees four teams of honor guard members comprised of volunteers from many different career fields. Each team serves one week out of a month for 12 months, according to a contract they sign when they join.

"The Airmen I've had join us have come here with a very positive attitude and are always ready to execute the mission no matter what," Baez said. "Even if we have short notice events, they are ready to go, and it's truly rewarding to have these individuals part of the team."



Upon joining the program, new members attend an introduction training class that teaches them the basics of honor guard rules, drill and customs.

Senior Airman Kimberly Kaneda-Soileau is currently filling the program's year-long special duty trainer position and conducts introduction training classes and teaches the more advanced honor guard rules and regulations.

"Everyone is from different backgrounds, so that is something that I enjoy," Kaneda-Soileau said. "They all come here with different personalities and abilities, so it's my job to help them learn how to work as a team and be an honor guard member."

one year and after that, they have the option to sign another contract or serve in the program occasionally as a volunteer.

"I look forward to my weekly rotation every month," said Senior Airman Ladarrion Holloway, an honor guard member. "It's challenging at times, but it's overall a good experience.'

Holloway has been a member for almost a year and plans on continuing his service after his contract is up. He said the reason he decided to join was because his supervisor mentioned it would be a good experience for him. He decided to give it a try.

"It's a big responsibility but also a great honor to go out there me emotional, and I can't tell you day.

The members' contracts are for and represent the Air Force," Holloway said. "The last thing I want be up to par, so I work hard to do my best.'

> The honor guard supports many events that can be emotional for all involved, so keeping their military bearing during ceremonies is an important part of the job.

> Sometimes it's extremely hard to hold your bearing while giving the flag to the next-of-kin," Kaneda-Soileau said. "You can hear the family get emotional, but you have to be focused on the misplaying of 'Taps' also makes ev-

how many times I've heard it."

Airmen seeking an opportunity to do is go to a ceremony and not to be part of the team must route the request through their leadership.

> Holloway stressed the importance of prospective members joining for the right reasons.

"It's something you have to have a passion for," he said. "You have to want to do it. It's a great opportunity, and I feel like you can go far in it if you work hard."

According to Kaneda-Soileau, the honor guard is in some cases the last impression a family has of the military after a loved one sion to hold your bearing. The passes away, and that's one reason why it's important for them to ervone emotional. It still makes stay sharp and professional every



U.S. Navy photo by MC3 Johans Chavarro Sailors stationed aboard the guided-missile cruiser USS Chosin (CG 65) stand at attention during a change of command ceremony at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam. During the ceremony, Capt. Patrick M. Kelly relinquished command of USS Chosin to Capt. Kevin M. Brand. Kelly commanded USS Chosin from April 2012 to November 2014.

Secretary of the Air Force Deborah Lee James receives a historical tour from Maj. Gen. Jon Norman, Pacific Air Forces chief of staff, upon her arrival at the PACAF headquarters building Nov. 17 at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam. *Related story on page A-1*.

U.S. Air Force photo by Staff Sgt. Nathan Allen





Sailors from various Hawaii-wide CPO 365 programs run in formation during the 2014 CPO 365 Kukini 5K

Run at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam.

U.S. Navy photo by MC1 Amanda Dunford

Air Force pilots from Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam (right), talk to Air Force Reserve Officer Training Corps Detachment 175 cadets about aircrew flight equipment during a career day Nov. 13 at the University of Hawaii. About 80 UH students attended the Leadership Laboratory, which provided the prospective new officers insight into the various Air Force Specialty Codes available.

U.S. Air Force photo by 1st Lt. Andrea Dykes



Airmen show how to survive, operate in CBRNE environment

Story and photo by Tech. Sgt. Terri Paden

15th Wing Public Affairs

Members of Team Hickam participated in an inspector general's exercise held Nov. 6-8 at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam to demonstrate mission capabilities and ensure Airmen are ready to defend the base at a moment's notice.

It was a total force effort as Airmen from both the 15th and 154th Maintenance Groups, operations groups and logistics readiness squadrons participated in the three-day event. It tested the groups' ability to survive and operate in a chemical, biological, radiological, nuclear or high-yield explosive contaminated environment.

However, the CBRNE exercise served an additional purpose. It gave the groups a chance to clear outstanding write-ups from the 2013 consolidated unit inspection (CUI).

Last November during the CUI. there were deficiencies identified, so this exercise is set up to aid the units in clearing up those deficiencies and close the loop on them once and for all," said Master Sgt. Raymond Campbell, 15th Wing Inspector General superintendent.



Tech. Sgt. Ty Tanaka, left, and Tech. Sgt. Jim Willard, both 154th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron C-17 Globemaster III specialists, practice drinking water from a canteen while in mission-oriented protective posture 4 during a chemical, biological, radiological, nuclear and high-yield explosive exercise held Nov. 7 at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam.

comprehensive, Campbell said the goal was to continue with the existing flying schedule and day-to-day operations and insert task evalu-

Though the exercise was ations throughout the day. Campbell said the exercise lined up with the intent of the new commander's inspection program by keeping the participants focused on the mis- Maintenance Squadron crew challenges of completing his what needed to be done."

ment rather than preparing for an inspection.

Everett Staff Sgt.

sion and continuous improve- chief and exercise participant, acknowledged the importance of participating in proficiency exercises while Bettencourt, a 15th Aircraft also recognizing the unique charged through, and did

job in a simulated contaminated environment.

"It's pretty hard to work in MOPP [mission oriented protective posture] gear, very hard actually," he said. "There's obviously less mobility and the heat plays a factor, but you follow the work/rest cycles and hydrate and you get the job done."

Bettencourt said participating in the exercise while maintaining daily operations underscored the notion that the mission always comes first.

"If anything happened like this in the real world, we'd need to know what to do, so it's important we do things like this to keep up to speed," he said. "Repetition is the key and working with a sense of urgency is really important. It's also really important that the mission of getting the aircraft ready to go comes first.'

Though the days were long and hot, Master Sgt. Matt Smith, 15th Maintenance Group chief inspector, said the group stepped up to the challenge.

They worked hard in this environment with the challenging scenarios they had, and they really stayed up to the task," he said. "They stayed on point,

NEPMU-6 offers Medical Stability Operations Course

Lt. Patrick W. McGuire

NEPMU-6

Navy Environmental Preventive Medicine Unit Six (NEPMU-6) hosted a threeday Medical Stability Operations Course (MSOC) in coordination with Defense Medical Readiness Training Institute (DMRTI). The joint course was attended by Army, Navy and Air Force medical personnel on Nov. 3-5 at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam.

Three instructors from DMRTI, including Rear Adm. Colin G. Chinn, command surgeon, U.S. Pacific Command (PACOM), facilitated the course designed to familiarize senior Department of Defense (DoD) healthcare personnel with the complexity of military medical diplomacy and health engagements within the context of U.S. national strategy. Chinn delivered a presentation on PACOM health priorities that include health engagements with partner nations, malaria elimination in the Mekong needs" assessments, mearegion, health response to disasters, emerging infectious disease and biosurveillance, operational plan development and strategic health communication. MSOC combined engaging lectures, student activities and expert panel discussions that intellectually challenged students on the tactical and diplomatic power of medical stability operations.



course included topics on global health engagement and health diplomacy, introduction to embassies and country teams, "health sures of effectiveness, and evaluation and planning for military health support.

"As the DoD continues to utilize the soft power of medicine to promote and enhance multinational relationships, this course provided great insight on how to plan and execute future global health engagements," said Capt. Ray Stiff, NEPMU-6 officer-incharge.

Photo by Hospital Corpsman 1st Class Michael K. Williams

Rear Adm. Colin Chinn, command surgeon, U.S. Pacific Command, gives the class an update on global health in the Pacific theater.

The highlights of the pants from NEPMU-6. PA-COM and Air Forces Pacific (PACAF) learned via classroom lessons and practical exercises.

The first day focused on the national security challenges and strategies, health diplomacy, non-government organizations, military health's role within the greater context of stability operations, and defining "health needs" assessments.

Most importantly, students in the class learned from those with direct experience from medical operations in theater. An interactive second day skills as part of negotiations

foreign host nation perspectives, community-based planning, a Pacific Partnership 2014 case study, funding of medical stability operations, and effective planning for medical stability operations.

Cmdr. Michael Termini, Lt. Cmdr. Tammy Servies and Lt. Patrick McGuire gave briefs to the group on the way-forward and lessons learned from engagements within the Pacific within the last year. The third day consisted of scenario-based role playing as it applies across all mili- into the national security that elicited student participation using communication

tion personnel.

Participants in the course included senior enlisted and officers whose broad experience greatly enhanced the learning experience. Students discussed the best or execute medical engagecourse of action for various ments around the globe. scenarios based on their personal experiences.

Feedback from the participants indicated that tary services and global re-

fostered a greater understanding of different military service cultures and planning processes.

MSOC offered a tool for medical personnel who plan

The instructors provided knowledge regarding how U.S. national policy and diplomacy are supported they felt better prepared to through stability operations address the various impor- and global health engagetant factors that enhance ments. Specifically, the the effectiveness of future course focused on how medmedical stability operations ical engagements are tied strategy and, by extension, gions. In particular, there how it relates to the respecwas a benefit from the joint tive combatant comman-Over three days, partici- specifically targeted the and working with host na- learning environment that ders theater campaign plan.

USS Asheville earns Meritorious Unit Commendation

USS Asheville (SSN 758) **Public Affairs**

The Los Angeles-class, fast attack submarine USS Asheville (SSN 758) was presented the Meritorious Unit Commendation (MUC) by Rear Adm. Phil Sawyer, commander of Submarine Force, U.S. Pacific Fleet, in a ceremony held recently at the Pearl Harbor Naval Shipyard.

The award was given to Asheville for "displaying superb operational planning and tenacity" during the successful completion of a western Pacific deployment.

According to the award citation from Chief of Naval Operations Adm. Jonathan Greenert. Asheville was recognized for meritorious service from April



U.S. Navy photo by David Tomiyama Rear Adm. Phil Sawyer, commander of Submarine Force, U.S. Pacific Fleet, congratulates the crew of USS Asheville (SSN 758) for earning the Meritorious Unit Commendation.

two operations of great importance to national security and three theater anti-submarine warfare operations in support of fleet objectives.

Asheville was additionally lauded for its tactical acumen in the completion of two major combined exercises with the Royal Malaysian Navy and the Japan Maritime Self-Defense Force.

While completing its sixmonth western Pacific deployment, Asheville visited Japan, the Philippine Islands and Guam. During each port call, Asheville Sailors positively contributed to the community through active volunteerism. Their efforts were noted for

ater security cooperation objectives.

One of the many highlights for Asheville was hosting the Yokosuka Middle School girls science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) program.

"This recognizes the hard work of the crew of Asheville and is well deserved," said Cmdr. Paul Pampuro, Asheville's commanding officer. "The memories of deployment and getting Asheville back to sea are what drive this amazing crew every day.

that the studying, training and hard work put in now will contribute to Asheville's continued at-sea success in the future.

"Congratulations go out to the trials.

2013 to September 2013, during strengthening key regional al-families of Asheville as well," which time the ship completed liances and contributing to the-added Pampuro. "Their support, both in port and while at sea, allow the men to excel at very complex and demanding jobs.

> The MUC was established by Former Secretary of the Navy John T. McNaughton in 1967 to be given to units for valorous or meritorious achievement.

> USS Asheville conducted a change of homeport from Naval Submarine Base, Point Loma, Calif. to historic Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam in December 2013.

They are currently conduct-Pampuro said the crew knows ing an extended engineering maintenance period at the Pearl Harbor Naval Shipyard and expect to return to southern California after completion of sea





U.S. Navy photo

Charles Curley, who was a rifleman with 2nd Battalion, 7th Marines "Dog Company," shares stories with Sailors on the USS Chafee.

USS Chafee (DDG 90) hosts 'Dog Company'

Story and photo by **Ensign James Duncan**

USS Chafee (DDG 90) **Public Affairs**

cently hosted three surviving members of the Korean War—Arthur Contreras, Gonzalo Garza and Charles Curley of 2nd Battalion, 7th Marines "Dog Company"-who served under the command of former U.S. senator and ship's namesake, John Chafee.

Their visit began with a tour and luncheon onboard the ship, followed by a weekend of events to honor the men of "Dog Company" and build stronger ties to the legacy of Chafee, who served as "Dog Company" commander from September to December 1951. Chafee later became governor of Rhode Island, Secretary of the Navy and a United States senator.

The group also included Jane Curtin who represented her late husband, Richard Curtin.

The visit was coordinated by Cmdr. Anthony Littmann, Chafee commanding officer, who worked to develop ties with the ship's heritage by reaching out to 'Dog Company' and the Chafee family.

"Linking a ship to her namesake directly contributes to a ship's character and sense of heritage. In our case, John Chafee was a combat Marine in World War II and in Korea, and it the toughest of circumwas those experiences that made him the man he was,' Littmann said.

temperatures under the I'd taken the wrapping pacommand of then Capt. Chafee. Hearing their stories gave me and the crew of Chafee some perspective USS Chafee (DDG 90) re- and a glimpse into the life of our namesake. I will look towards this visit as a highlight of my command tour,"

> he said. "Dog Company" was renowned for their toughness in the frigid mountains of Soyang, where they fought the Chinese People's Liberation Army and North Korean forces.

> 'When I got there, I was part of a replacement unit for "Dog Company," said Curley. "On my first day, I saw 18 men walking back from the [fighting at the] Yalu. They were the only ones who were still upright.'

Garza of Austin, Texas was a sergeant in "Dog Company" and was also a veteran of World War II, where he served as a Japanese interpreter interrogating prisoners of war at the front lines. He is known as the last person to see Navy corpsman and Congressional Medal of Honor winner Richard De Wert before he was killed by Chinese forces while administering first aid to fallen Marines in 1951.

Their visit included a town hall-style discussion on the mess decks in which they shared some of their experiences, the importance of personal determination, and even how to find humor in stances

then. We'd end a long march tour of the USS Missouri "The valiant Marines of through the snow with a 60- memorials later in the

ridges of Korea in subzero other and say, 'Gee, I'd wish per off of that razor blade this morning." said Curley. The men of "Dog Com-

pany" still hold Sen. Chafee in high regard. "Chafee was a very good

commander," said Curley. "He was a stickler for cleanliness, but he was always where his men needed him. He cared for every last one of them."

Following the town hall, the "Dog Company" members took part in a cake-cutting ceremony celebrating Sen. Chafee's birthday.

Members of "Dog Company" have been holding reunions since 1988 and even attended the Chafee's commissioning and christening in 2003.

These meetings are therapeutic," said Curtin, "They can say things to each other that they could never say to anyone else. They didn't talk about this stuff when they got home."

Chief Culinary Specialist Sarmaine Johnson acted as a sponsor to the Garza family. "I didn't know what to expect prior to their arrival. This was nothing short of a remarkable experience," said Johnson.

"I loved listening to them speak of the Korean War as if they went back encountering their experience. They were all lively, full of spunk with an awesome sense of humor. I laughed the entire time. It was quite an honor," Johnson said.

The visit concluded with a remembrance ceremony We didn't complain back on the USS Arizona and

PACAF hosts Civic Leader Program

Headquarters Pacific Air Forces **Public Affairs**

Members of the Air Force Civic Leader Program recently traveled to Hawaii to participate in a military tour highlighting the Pacific rebalance.

Leader Program is to educate and inspire influential civic leaders who act as third party advocates for the Air Force," said Wendy Varhegyi, Headquarters Air Force Engagement Division chief. "Bringing them here to the Pacific provided an incredible opportunity to show first-hand the Pacific rebalance.

The first day of the tour established the strategic importance of the military in the Pacific with mission briefings from U.S. Pacific Command and Pacific Air Forces, providing the group with an overall understanding of what Airmen are doing across the Indo-Asia-Pacific region.

The focus shifted to the tactical level as the day progressed, featuring one-onone exchanges with young Airmen, a laboratory tour provided by forensic anthropologists from the Joint POW/MIA Accounting Command, and a visit to the Hawaii Air National Guard's new, state-of-the art Senator Daniel K. Inouye F-22 Fighter Squadron Operations and Aircraft Maintenance Facility.

On days two and three, the group traveled across Oahu visiting multiple military installations on the island and gaining an invaluable perspective on the contributions of each military branch to the PACOM mission. The through hands-on activities and open great things."

discussions with service members, delivering an in-depth look into the mission of each component while also providing a glimpse of the overall multi-service partnership throughout the Pacific.

There are not many places where we "The goal of the Air Force Civic have the opportunity to highlight how we are operating across all the services and the joint environment," Varhegyi said. "The Airmen, Soldiers, Sailors, Marines and Coast Guardsmen we met this trip have been fantastic and inspirational. We enjoyed the experience immensely."

Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. Mark A. Welsh III annually hosts the Air Force Civic Leaders with the goal of education. The program and its civic leader visits to military installations serve to better inform communicators in the civilian community and advocates for Air Force issues.

"Our relationship with the military community is critical, and it's not just for financial or moral support," said David Nesbett, Air Force civic leader.

"We want our military to know we are there for them in the same way we trust the military is there for us.'

The Air Force Chief of Staff Civic Leader Program is an Air Staff-level program comprised of civic leaders selected by officials from Air Force major commands, the National Guard Bureau and Headquarters Air Force.

What helps with community involvement is developing an understanding of the two different cultures and bridging the gap," Nesbett said. "When we can work together and we can understand civics learned about joint dynamics each other, we can accomplish truly



Members of the Air Force Civic Leader Program learn about the tactical air control mis-

PACFLT commander awarded Korean Tong-il National Defense Medal

Arlo Abrahamson

Commander, U.S. Naval Forces Korea Public Affairs

SEOUL, Republic of Korea (NNS) — Adm. Harry Harris Jr., the commander of the U.S. Pacific Fleet, was awarded the prestigious Korean Tong-il national defense medal during a ceremony Nov. 3 at the Republic of Korea friends and the closest of allies," Ministry of National Defense in said Harris. "I am honored to ac-Seoul.

of Korea Chief of Naval Opera- have forged this great alliance mander, Combined Forces Comtions, presented Harris with the over the years and continue to medal on behalf of South Korean make it strong today."

President Park Geun-hye. The Tong-il is the highest in the order was part of a two-day visit to Koof Korean national security merit rea where Harris met with senior citations and is awarded to individuals who render distinguished service and meritorious contributions to the security of the Republic of Korea.

"Through six decades of remained together, the closest of cept this award today on behalf of Adm. Hwang Ki-chul, Republic all of our service members who

military and government leaders to reaffirm the U.S. Navy's commitment to the alliance with the Republic of Korea and the ongoing U.S. rebalance to the Pacific.

Harris met with Mark Lippert, armistice, our two nations have U.S. ambassador to the Republic of Korea; Gen. Curtis Scaparrotti, commander of U.S. Forces Korea; Adm. Choi Yoon-hee, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff; Gen.Park Seon-woo, deputy command; and Adm. Hwang Ki-chul, the chief of naval operations,

The Tong-il award ceremony where he received operational up- Korean peninsula. dates and discussed future initiatives to enhance the alliance.

"Maintaining stability, peace and prosperity is what the U.S. rebalance to the Pacific is all about," Harris said. "A key component to that policy is strengthening our regional alliances and deepening the maritime element ners.

who are forward deployed on the Forces Korea.

"Thanks to the wonderful support we get from the Korean people, the U.S. Pacific Fleet can remain forward deployed," said Harris. "This allows the U.S. Navy to be where it matters, when it matters.'

Commander, U.S. Naval Forces partnerships. I am committed to Korea is the regional commander for the U.S. Navy in the Republic of our defense relationships with of Korea and provides expertise all of our regional allies and part- on naval matters to area military commanders, including the com-Harris also thanked the peo- mander for the United Nations ple of the Republic of Korea for Command, the Combined Forces their support of U.S. Navy forces Command and commander, U.S.

Sailors learn about new thinking for tomorrow's battlefields

Story and photo by MC1 Steven Khor

Submarine Force Pacific Fleet Public Affairs

Sailors, junior officers and developers from around the nation attended the Tactical Advancements for the Next Generation (TANG) Expo held recently at the historic submarine base at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam. The focus of the week-long workshop was new ideas and concepts for the fleet.

This TANG was co-sponsored by Commander, Undersea Surveillance (CUS); Submarine Force, U.S. Pacific Fleet (SUBPAC); Naval Sea Systems Command Maritime Surveillance Systems Program Office (NAVSEA PMS 485); and the Undersea Systems Program Office (PEO IWS 5).

It is the fifth in a series of TANG events designed to improve watch team efficiency, build smoother communication, create a stronger military community, and boost skills in order to improve the capabilities of submarines and ships and their crews in the fleet. The current event focused on process improvements for the integrated undersea surveillance systems community.

experience and tell us how to make the processes and, more importantly, the systems better, so we can get better data to the decision makers," said Rear Adm. this is about," the admiral Phil Sawyer, SUBPAC commander, addressing those gathered to kick-off the week's events.



Kim Smith, principal software engineer for In Depth Engineering, shows a new type of sonar equipment called a multi-layer geo to attendees at the Tactical Advancements for the Next Generation (TANG) Expo.

dig deep and recognize that the feedback that you provide will make it to the "Your job is to use your fleet. They enable us to get the right data to the guy that is making the decision quicker and allows him to make a better decision, and that's fundamentally what said.

> TANG events such as an effort to harness views new ideas into the fleet.

"It is imperative that you on technology to improve sonar and fire control systems.

Sawyer said that because of TANG events, there are improvements in those systems that can be seen in the fleet today.

Capt. Steve Harrison, major program manager for PEO IWS 5, believes the event will help the TANG attendees to come up with this one started in 2011 in ways to rapidly implement

pants utilized foam core, cardboard, markers and sticky-notes to brainstorm clever ideas quickly throughout the room. The event included presentations, ex-

ercises and reviews. "The developers are here to watch these ideas and over the next year or so rapidly turn those ideas into another round of more advanced prototypes that

During the week, partici- will try out," said Harrison. "Those ideas that work best are then introduced into our systems as quickly as two years."

Harrison said that they have used this designthinking approach for submarine and surface ship sonar and combat systems over the past several years, and it has produced some great capabilities.

Sailors and junior officers design-thinking events help rently have."

support the Chief of Naval Operations tenets of warfighting first and operate forward because these innovative capabilities will be pushed to forward-deployed warships based on Undersecretary of Defense Frank Kendall's Better Buying Power 3.0 initiatives. These emphasize achieving dominant capabilities through innovation and technical excellence.

Harrison added that the TANG design-thinking approach could really help solve many of the system problems in the Navy.

"Our Sailors and officers live with these systems for weeks and months on end while they are underway, so they really know the limitations of the systems and have been brainstorming on every watch, what they would do if they were in charge of development," said Harrison.

"These TANG events provide a structured approach for the developers to listen to their great ideas, and we are constantly amazed at what they come up with," he added.

Sonar Technician 2nd Class Adam Worzella of the Naval Ocean Processing Facility in Dam Neck, Va. said he is excited to see the new challenges that will be implemented into the fleet from events like TANG.

"I think it is great," said Worzella. "It will definitely make it easier to implement new systems and make it more fun in the process of trying to figure stuff out from people who have been in and seen all Harrison believes TANG the systems that we cur-



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Life&Leisure **City of Corpus Christi** topples another top-four team

Story and photos by Randy Dela Cruz

Sports Editor, Ho'okele

the dust against the surprising USS City of Corpus Christi (SSN 705).

Playing against a top Afloat Division contender for the third week in a row, City of Corpus Christi, which started the season at 0-4, evened their record at 4-4 by defeating USS 10 yards back to the 20. Columbus (SSN 762) The Columbus QB kept his Nov. 15 at Ward Field, Base Pearl Joint Harbor-Hickam.

City of Corpus Christi back into the playoff

picture, which

wins, the team

the chemistry," said CCC quarterback Machinist's Mate 2nd

Class Rashad Little

about the team's four-

weeks ago.

forced to punt the ball away, which set up the Moon Howlers in good field position at their own 33.

Although Columbus was Another top-four team bit he dust against the surpris-ug USS City of Corpus Control Technician Seaman Drew Texeira still got the team off to a good start by leading a 47-yard drive for six points and the lead.

Texeira got the ball up to the CCC 10-yard on six plays but was sacked for a loss of

Moon Howlers, 19-6, on cool after the loss and rebounded right back on the very next play with a 20-yard strike for a touchdown to The win has jettisoned receiver Machinist's Mate Fireman Apprentice Jordan Brooks to take a 6-0 lead.

After the score, CCC showed the same resiliency of the previous four weeks by mounting a scoring drive of their own just before halftime.

On the drive, Little mixed was unthinkable only a few his ability to run and pass to put the ball on the Columbus Columbus entered the 11-yard line on nine plays.

showdown only a half game behind division leader USS Chafee (DDG 90) Little connected with receiv-Then, facing fourth and goal-to-goal from the 11, Bulldawgs, but er Fire Control Technician after losing for Seaman Apprentice Dakota the fourth time Dragoo inside the end zone to against six tie the score at 6-6.

The team made good on its is now in a tie point-after attempt to take a for the fourth 7-6 lead, which was preand final playoff served until halftime after spot. CCC Fire Control Technician "What's been Seaman Edward Dauzat happening is that ended the first half with a we're just getting pick.

In the second half, Sonar Technician (Submarine) 3rd Class Jonathan Thomas picked up right where Dauzat left off by nabbing an week resurgence. "Guys interception of his own on

"Coming across the middle, stayed home, the quarterback overthrew and I was there to take it.

to CCC's second touchdown of the game when Little completed the short drive on a scoring pass Electronics to Technician Seaman Aaron Apprentice Snell and a 13-6 advantage. Columbus tried to

answer the score, but after getting into the red zone, the team's drive stalled at the CCC 15.

Following the stop, Little put the game away by leading a 65yard to pay dirt on six plays.

The final 29 yards were covered on a pass from Little Machinist's Mate 2nd Class Leeroy Ybarra for six points and the final score.

"I would say that we're the most underrated team," Little said after the win. "We like it that way. We like coming out to these games and being like, hey, we're here to play and have fun

The turnover led



Asheville keeps playoff hopes alive by beating NC

Story and photo by Randy Dela Cruz

Sports Editor, Ho'okele

Down early at 6-0, USS Asheville (SSN 758) scored 19 straight points to defeat USS North Carolina (SSN 777), 19-6, on Nov. 15 in an Afloat Division intramural flag football game at Ward Field, Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam.

With the win, Asheville kept their playoff hopes alive by improving their record to 6-4 to move into a tie with USS Columbus (SSN 762) Moon Howlers for the fourth and final postseason spot.

Despite giving Asheville all they could handle, North Carolina fell to their sixth defeat against two wins.

Both teams got out to a slow start as each squad exchanged the ball on downs on their first possessions.

North Carolina got the first big break of the game when defensive back Electronics Technician Seaman Philip Dammann picked off a pass from Asheville quarterback Culinary Specialist 1st Class Marco Counts deep inside Asheville territory.

From the 22-yard line, North Carolina needed only three plays before Electronics Technician 3rd Class Jeremiah Jacobs punched a touchdown on a pass from Lt. j.g. Mike Martin to take a 6-0 lead with less than two minutes remaining in the first half.



Sonar Technician (Submarine) 2nd Class Antonio Maldonado reaches up to make a grab.

huge break of their own, when the score at 6-6 going into inter-Counts went over the top on the mission. first play from scrimmage and connected on a deep ball to move the chains from his own 15 down to the eight-yard line of North Carolina.

Then on the very last play of the

"That was pretty big," said Electronics Technician 2nd Class Abel Pajas, who took over at quarterback for Asheville in the second half. "We just tried to go deep and Instead of running out the clock, half, Counts ran the ball into the get as close to the end zone as much

fender and had a good throw. We had to punch it in.'

Although Counts led the team to its first score, he handed the ball over to Pajas in the second half.

"He (Counts) was gone for six months in Afghanistan and he just got back," Pajas said. "He tried to lose, so we can secure our spot." he Asheville took a chance and got a end zone from six yards out to tie as we can. Our guy beat their de- come out here to see if he still had admitted.

it. He saw that he wasn't quite up to the level that we're playing right now."

It turned out to be a good decision, as Pajas immediately took the opening drive after half time and directed a 65-yard march for six points.

Pajas needed only seven plays before rushing the final five yards on a keeper to give Asheville a 12-6 lead.

The converted extra point made it 13-6 in favor of Asheville.

North Carolina tried to come back, but their drive stalled on the Asheville 23 where they were forced to hand the ball over on downs

On the first play from scrimmage, Pajas connected on a deep ball to Sonar Technician (Submarine) 2nd Class Antonio Maldonado for a touchdown and final score.

While the Asheville offense was able to move the football behind Counts and Pajas, Martin found the going tough in trying to move the chains against a defensive unit that used a strong pass rush.

"Initially, they weren't bringing the rush that strong," Martin said. "In the second half, they started bringing it a lot stronger. We had problems with that."

While the win kept Asheville's playoff hopes alive, Pajas said that the goal of reaching the postseason hinges upon a strong finish in the regular season.

"We just got to win every game we play and hope for other teams to

Hale Aina, Silver Dolphin to offer Thanksgiving meals

Don Robbins

Editor, Ho'okele

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

toes, 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, Thanksgiv-

will include mashed pota- ing holiday meals will be dressing, homemade mashed 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 Tuscany 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

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 service members, Department of Defense employees, retirees and their families with a

valid ID card. Patrons are asked to bring exact change to reduce wait time at the cashier stand. For more information, call 473-2948.

Defense leads Communications Squadron over Bushmasters

Story and photos by **Randy Dela Cruz**

Sports Editor, Ho'okele

The 747th Communications Squadron (747 CS) Marauders airtight defense recorded three interceptions to hold off the 25th Air Support Operation Squadron (25 ASOS) Bushmasters, 14-6, on Nov. 18 in a Red Division intramural flag football game at Ward Field, Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam.

Two of the picks led to back-to-back touchdowns in the first half, and later, a steal by Senior Airman David Williams in the red zone helped seal the win for the Marauders, which improved their record to 4-3, while the Bushmasters fell to 1-7.

"We play really well as a team on defense," Williams pointed out. "That's our strength. It's always good when everybody is keeping their eyes open and we're talking on defense.'

The Marauders made themselves known on defense immediately as cornerback Staff Sgt. Jason White picked off Bushmasters quarterback Capt. Christopher Curtis on the first play of game.

Working with a short field at the Bushmasters 32, Marauders QB Airman 1st Class Zach Murphy got the ball down to the fouryard line on three plays before hitting Airman 1st Class Jamie Brown with a short toss for six.

The Marauders converted their point-after attempt to quickly move out in front at 7-0.

Three plays into the Bushmasters second offensive series, Curtis got picked off again, this time by 1st Lt. Phillip Poundstone who returned the ball to the 25 ASOS 33.

Although Murphy had a bit of trouble moving the ball forward this time around, the QB made a clutch throw on fourth down from the 31 to Brown for the team's second score of the game.

"It's about making catches," Murphy said. "I ing on the 10, Curtis tried can make the throws, if we to sneak in a pass to the catch it, it's there all day. end zone, but the toss was



(Above) Airman 1st Class Zach Murphy looks downfield before making a pass. Murphy threw two passes for touchdowns to lead 747th Communications Squadron (747 CS) Marauders over 25th Air Support Operation Squadron (25 ASOS) Bushmasters.

(Right) Senior Airman David Williams returns an interception late in the game to preserve the win for 747 CS.

verted their point-aftertouchdown to go up at 14-0, which stood through halftime.

After intermission, the Bushmasters defense pinned the Marauders deep into their own territory to force the 747 CS to punt.

Starting at his own 34, Curtis advanced the Bushmasters into the red zone on only four plays.

Then with the ball rest-Our receivers were making picked off by Williams to



mate's takeaway. "If they (Bushmasters) had scored there, that turns the tables. Getting that pick just sealed it right there."

Williams said that the interception was just a matter of him staying home and keeping his eyes on the quarterback.

"I was looking for the switch," Williams said. "They were beating us on the switch the whole time. They switched a little behind our corner, and I noticed that he (Curtis) was eyeing his receiver down, but he was nowhere near the pass. So I was just patient, set in there and it worked out pretty well."

The Bushmasters did manage to add a touchdown late in the game, but it wasn't enough as the Marauders hung on for the victory.

While the Marauders are still in jeopardy of missing out on the playoffs, Williams said that the win keeps their hopes alive.

We feel like later in the season, it might come down to points," he said. "So it's important to make good stops and score as much as we can. We want to make the playoffs."

stop the threat. "That was huge," said the catches. That's what matters." The Marauders con- Murphy about his team-

November is Native American Heritage Month

Information courtesy of the **Bureau of Indian Affairs**

U.S. Department of the Interior

What started at the turn of the century as an effort to gain a day of recognition for the significant contributions the first Americans made to the establishment and growth of the United States, has resulted in the whole month of November being designated for that purpose.

According to the Bureau of Indian Affairs U.S. Department of the Interior website http://nativeamericanheritagemo nth.gov/about/, one of the proponents of an American Indian Day was Dr. Arthur C. Parker, a Seneca Indian, who was the director of the Museum of Arts and Science in Rochester, N.Y. He persuaded the Boy Scouts of America to set aside a day for the "first Americans" and for three years they adopted such a day.

In 1915, the annual Congress of the American Indian Association meeting in Lawrence, Kansas, formally approved a plan concerning American Indian Day. It directed its president, Rev. Sherman Coolidge, an Arapahoe, to call upon the country to observe such a day. Coolidge issued a proclamation



U.S. Marine Corps photograph

U.S. Marine Corps Cpl. Henry Bake, Jr., and Pvt. First Class George H. Kirk were Navajo Indians serving with a Marine Signal Unit. They are operating a portable radio set in a clearing they've hacked in the dense jungle close behind the front lines in December 1943 at Bougainville.

on Sept. 28, 1915, which declared tion was issued, Red Fox James, a the second Saturday of each May contained the first formal appeal for recognition of Indians as citizens

The year before this proclama-

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Blackfoot Indian, rode horseback as an American Indian Day and from state to state seeking approval for a day to honor Indians. On Dec. 14, 1915, he presented the endorsements of 24 state governments at the White House.

There is no record, however, of such a national day being proclaimed.

The first American Indian Day in a state was declared on the second Saturday in May 1916 by the governor of New York. Several states celebrate the fourth Friday in September. In Illinois, for example, legislators enacted such a day in 1919.

Presently, several states have tive American Day, but it continues to be a day observed without any recognition as a national legal holiday.

In 1990 President George H. W. Bush approved a joint resolution designating November 1990 as "National American Indian Heritage Month." Similar proclamations, under variants on the name (including "Native American Heritage Month" and "National American Indian and Alaska Native Heritage Month") have been issued each year since 1994.

President Barack Obama proclaimed November 2014 as National Native American Heritage Month. "I call upon all Americans to commemorate this month with appropriate programs and activities, and to celebrate Nov. 28, 2014, as Native American Heritage Day," he stated in his proclamation.

Obama stated, "Every year, our nation pauses to reflect on the profound ways the first Americans have shaped our country's character and culture. The first stewards of our environment, early voices for the values that define our nation, and models of government to our founding fathers - American Indians and Alaska natives helped build the very fabric of America.

"Today, their spirit and many designated Columbus Day as Na- contributions continue to enrich our communities and strengthen our country. During National Native American Heritage Month, we honor their legacy, and we recommit to strengthening our nationto-nation partnerships.

"As we celebrate the rich traditions of the original peoples of what is now the United States, we cannot forget the long and unfortunate chapters of violence, discrimination and deprivation they had to endure. For far too long, the heritage we honor today was disrespected and devalued, and Native Americans were told their land, religion and language were not theirs to keep.

"We cannot ignore these events or erase their consequences for native peoples - but as we work together to forge a brighter future, the lessons of our past can help reaffirm the principles that guide our nation today," Obama stated.

Native American Heritage Month celebration today

A Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam Native American Heritage Month celebration will be held from 9 to 10 a.m. Nov. 21 at staff of Navy Region Hawaii, will of-Hickam Memorial Theater, fer the opening remarks. JBPHH.

The event will include a video pre- anne Bowman-Coleman sentation about Navajo code talkers. Capt. Mark Manfredi, chief of

Col. David Kirkendall, deputy base commander, will offer the closing remarks.

Chaplain Lt. Daniel Clark will The guest speaker will be Dr. Di- lead the invocation and benediction.

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Live the Great Life

Last-minute Thanksgiving options available

Reid Tokeshi

Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam Morale, Welfare and Recreation

Thanksgiving is less than a week away, but there are still some options available for late planners if they act quickly.

Today is the last day to make a reservation for Joint Base Catering's annual Thanksgiving Day lunch buffet at the Historic Hickam Officers' Club. Three seating times are available. Patrons can dine on the lanai overlooking the harbor at 11 a.m. or 2 p.m. In addition, there will be a noon seating time in the airconditioned dining room.

Prices are \$31.95 for adults, \$17.95 for children ages 7-12 years and \$11.50 for children ages 4-6 years. Children ages 3 years and under will be admitted free. Reservations are required and can be made by calling 448-4608.

Sam Choy's Island Style Seafood Grille at Hickam Beach offers a twist on the Thanksgiving buffet with a menu featuring items beyond also salmon, pasta salad and free.



MWR Marketing photo The Hickam channel will be the backdrop for the Thanksgiving lunch buffet at the Historic Hickam Officers' Club.

oven-roasted pork loin.

from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m., making it an option for lunch or dinner. Prices are \$29.95 for adults and \$14.95 for children ages 6-12 years. Children ages 5 and under are admitted free. Reservations are highly recommended. Call 422-3002 to make a reservation.

Off-base, but nearby at the Navy-Marine Golf Course, Seven Palms Bar and Grille will offer a Thanksgiving feast buffet from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. Prices for adults are \$29.50 and children the traditional. Their menu 6-12 years are \$14.75. Children features not just turkey, but ages 5 and under are admitted

The menu also offers choices The special buffet is open beyond traditional fare, including fish, chicken and roast beef. Reservations can be made by calling 421-7267.

For customers who prefer the relaxed, casual setting of home, Joint Base Catering offers a Thanksgiving turkey to-go. The \$130 package includes a 10-12 pound turkey, stuffing, gravy, dinner rolls, cranberry sauce and pumpkin pie. Customers can pick up the package at Wright Brothers Thanksgiving morning from 9:30 to 11 a.m.

Reservations for the to-go deal must be made by today. Customers can call the catering office at 448-4608.



MWR Marketing photo

Patrons explore the 39th annual fall craft fair held Nov. 8. Fall craft fair features family fun

Justin Hirai

Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam Morale, Welfare & Recreation

The Hickam Arts & Crafts Center held the 39th annual Fall Craft Fair and Family Fun Day on Nov. 8.

More than 130 booths offered handmade arts and crafts for sale.

In addition to the crafts, the event included entertainment, food vendors. pony rides and make-n-take activities.

Each vendor had unique, handmade crafts for sale. There were photos printed on aluminum, handmade jewelry, paintings, silk leis, quilts, teddy bears and even Christmas decorations. Some of the vendors also had home decorations, including painted

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benches, chairs and hand crafted door and wall signs.

Other attractions included the wheel throwing demonstration of bowl making and wood crafting demonstrations by the Hickam Arts & Crafts Center. The craft store ran sales on kid's crafts kits, scrap booking materials, cake supplies, stencils and yarn.

MWR patrons can also mark their calendars for the 40th Annual Spring Craft Fair, which will be held on May 2, 2015 at the Hickam Arts & Crafts Center. Interested vendors will be able to register beginning Feb. 6 in the craft store. For more information on the annual craft fairs or the Hickam Arts & Crafts Center, call 448-9907.

Your Weekly Fun with MWR

today at the Hickam Bowling Center. Paeach game bowled and can get a fourth entry free after bowling three games. The drawing will be held at 9 a.m. Saturday. Four turkeys will be given away (one per family or individual). Winners need to pick up their turkey from the Hickam Bowling Center by Nov. 24. This activity is open to active-duty service members, their family members ages 10 and older, retirees and Department of Defense civilians. FMI: 448-9959.

held today. The "Grab 'n' Go" trolley will Prizes will be awarded to first place win-

Turkey Roll bowling concludes at 4 p.m. depart from the MWR Information, Tickets & Travel-Hickam (ITT) office at 4 p.m. and trons can get one entry per person for 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.

5K Turkey Trot will begin at 8 a.m. Saturday at the Hickam Fitness Center. This free 5K run is open to JBPHH active-duty service members, their family members Eat the Street: Bacon excursion will be and Department of Defense civilians.

ners in men's, women's, youth (17 years Basketball Tournaments will be held Nov. and younger) and stroller categories. FMI: 448-2214.

Ride with the Pilgrims spin class will be held from 9 to 11 a.m. Nov. 27 at the Hickam Fitness Center. This free class is open to all eligible patrons. Canned goods will be accepted at the door to be donated to the Food Bank. FMI: 448-2214.

Half-Off Thanksgiving Movie will be shown at 7 p.m. Nov. 27 at Sharkey Theater. Active-duty service members will receive halfoff regular admission price. FMI: www.greatlifehawaii.com or 473-0726. Thanksgiving Softball & Turkey Shoot FMI: 471-2019.

28 through Nov. 30. The basketball tournament will be held at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam Fitness Center. Fields for the softball tournament will be determined. The tournaments are open to JBPHH teams. FMI: 473-2494 or 473-2437.

Turn and Burn Ride spin class will be held from 9 to 11 a.m. Nov. 29 at the Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam Fitness Center. This free two-hour "ride" travels over flats, climbs hills and sprints through the wind. This class is open to all eligible patrons. Canned goods will be accepted at the door to be donated to the Food Bank.

NOVEMBER

WAIMANALO MAKAHIKI

SATURDAY — 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

SATURDAY — A free Turkey Trot 5K family fun run will be held at Turtle Cove Ianai (building 220), Bellows Air Force Station. Checkin 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. Tshirts will be provided to the first 50 entrants.

FMI: www.bellowsafs.com.

HOLIDAY LEGO CONTEST

SATURDAY — 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. FMI: 423-3287.

VOLUNTEER WORK OPPORTUNITY

SATURDAY — 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 a.m. at West Loch Shoreline Park. FMI: Pauline Kawamata at 955-0100, ext. 118 or ww.hawaiinaturecenter.org.

BLOOD DRIVES

Currently scheduled Tripler Army Medical Center blood drives include:

• 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.

PRESCHOOL STORY TIME

26 — Preschool story time will be held from 9 to 10 a.m. at the Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam Library. The theme will be "let's count." FMI: 449-8299.

MUSTDASH TURKEY TROT

27 — The Surface Navy Association's second annual 5K fun run "MustDash" Turkey Trot will be held from 8 to 10 a.m. on the south side of the former airfield on Ford Island at O'Kane Boulevard and Wasp Boulevard. Registration is \$15. FMI: Lt. j.g. Jeffrey Knollmeyer at 473-3198 or email jeffrey.knollmeyer@navy.mil.

KAYAKING THE MOKU ISLANDS

30 — A kayaking the Moku Islands excursion will begin at 9 a.m. The Joint Base Morale, Welfare and Recreation Outdoor Adventure staff will lead a paddling trip to the islands, a protected bird sanctuary located off Kailua and Lanikai beaches. This activity is somewhat moderate in the level of difficulty, depending on winds and ocean conditions. The cost is \$35. The deadline to sign up is Nov. 24. FMI: 473-1198.

DECEMBER

NEW CVIS HOURS

1 — Effective Dec. 1, Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam commercial vehicle inspection stations' (CVIS) hours of operation will change to the following:

• Halawa CVIS: 5 a.m. to 2 p.m., Monday-Friday (excluding holidays).

• Kuntz CVIS: 5 to 9 a.m. and 12:30 to 5:30 p.m. Monday-Friday, 5 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Saturday-Sunday.

• Saipan Gate CVIS (Wahiawa Annex): 6 a.m. to 2 p.m., Monday-Friday (excluding holidays).

• West Loch Back Gate: 6 a.m. to 2 p.m., Monday-Friday (excluding holidays).

SPOUSES PERSONNEL AND PAY BRIEF

12 — Personnel Support Detachment (PSD) Pearl Harbor will hold a spouses personnel and pay brief from 8:30 to 10:30 a.m. at the PSD Pearl Harbor classroom (1043). The classroom is located in the Moanalua Shopping Center. FMI: email

anna.blackmon.ctr@navy.mil or celena.robison.ctr@navy.mil.

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 Hickam 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.



THE BOOK OF LIFE (PG)

A vibrant fantasy-adventure tells the legend of Manolo, a conflicted hero and dreamer who sets off on an epic quest through magical, mythical and wondrous worlds in order to rescue his one true love and defend his village.

SHARKEY THEATER

TODAY 11/21 7:00 p.m. Ouija (PG-13)

SATURDAY 11/22 2:30 p.m. The Book of Life (3-D) (PG) 4:30 p.m. The Good Lie (PG-13) 6:50 p.m. Ouija (PG-13)

SUNDAY 11/23 2:30 p.m. Alexander and the Terrible, Horrible, No Good Very Bad Day (PG) 4:20 p.m. Dracula Untold (PG-13) 6:20 p.m. Fury (R)

THURSDAY 11/27

Thanksgiving special. Active duty military get half off their admission for today's movies 2:30 p.m. The Book of Life (3-D) (PG) 4:30 p.m. Ouija (PG-13)

HICKAM MEMORIAL THEATER

TODAY 11/21 6:00 p.m. Gone Girl (R)

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THURSDAY 11/27 No showing

NIOC X-Div gets past 561st NOS Det. 1 in shootout

Story and photos by Randy Dela Cruz

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Navy Information Operations Command (NIOC) Hawaii X-Div quarterback Quarterback Cryptologic Technician (Maintenance) 3rd Class Michael Quash completed a short toss to Cryptologic Technician (Collection) 2nd Class Jeremy Duty inside the end zone on the very last play of the game to defeat 561st Network Operation Squadron (561 NOS) Det.1, 26-25, on Nov. 18 in a battle of third-place teams in the Red Division at Ward Field, Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam.

After giving up the go-ahead touchdown with under two minutes remaining in the game, X-Div got the ball back at their own 15 and behind the direction of Quash, moved into scoring position on only six plays.

Then on the final of play of the game, Quash rolled to his right and released a bulls-eye into the hands of Duty, who cradled the pass for the game-winning score.

The win lifted X-Div past the 561 for sole possession of third place with a record of 5-3 while the NOS dropped into a tie for the fourth and final playoff spot with a mark of 4-4.

"We were just looking to get first downs," said Quash about the team's strategy for the final minute of play. "We weren't trying to get it all on one play. We completed passes, got to the ball, got timeouts when we needed them and made plays.'

Right from the start, the game shaped up to be a shootout as the teams traded touchdowns from the beginning until the end.

X-Div took the opening snap from their own 15 and marched upfield until Quash ended the drive on a three-yard pass to Duty for the first score and eventual 7-0 lead.



(Above) Cryptologic Technician (Maintenance) 3rd Class Michael Ouash threw for four touchdowns to lead Navy Information Operations Command (NIOC) Hawaii X-Div over 561st Network Operation Squadron (561 NOS) Det.1. (Right) Cryptologic Technician (Collection) 2nd Class Jeremy Duty hauled in three passes for touchdowns for NIOC X-Div.

game, the NOS immediately responded with a scoring drive of their own with quarterback Airman 1st Class Spencer Davies topping off a 65-yard push with a came up with the 16-yard scoring pass to Master Sgt. Erich Freundner that led to a 7-7 deadlock.

The back-and-forth battle continued through halftime as each team exchanged touchdowns to finish the first half in a 13-13 tie. Quash put X-Div ahead at 13-7

As they did throughout the Davies tied it up just before halftime on a 12-yard pass to Staff Sgt. Willie Bryant for six.

In the second half, the NOS defense only stop of the game when the team forced X-Div to punt from their own 36. From there, NOS went

ahead for the on another TD strike to Duty, but first time in the

game when Davies completed 61-yard drive with a second touchdown pass to Freundner and a 19-13 advantage.

The lead was short-lived as moving the ball forward before This was a big one for us."

going over the top to a wide open Cryptologic Technician Cryptologic (Interpretive) 2nd Class Bennie Gregory for 30 yards and a tying touchdown.

Quash then put X-Div ahead at 20-19 by converting the pointafter with a short plunge into the end zone.

With time running down, NOS appeared to have put the game away as Davies engineered a 65-yard drive that ended on a one-yard pass to Airman 1st Class Marco Brown for a 25-20 lead.

However, Quash returned on the field with a little more than a minute remaining in the game and managed to surpass all of the night's previous scores by leading X-Div on the game-winning drive.

"I was waiting for the referee to say, 'game over,' said Duty, who finished off the drive with his third TD catch of

the game. "He (the referee) actually said that was going to be our last play. The clock was going to be zero after he snapped it. It (the pass) looked low coming in, but I'm already close to the ground. So I was like, I'll get down a little bit more and catch the ball.'

After the final whistle, Quash admitted that it was the most heart-pounding game he ever played in and came out on top.

A win over another division contender, Quash said, is a huge springboard as the team prepares for the playoffs.

"This is a confidence builder," Quash wasted very little time in he said. "We had to win this one.

Waimanalo makahiki Saturday

Bellows Air Force Station

The Hawaiian Civic Club of Waimanalo and Bellows Air Force Station will host the fifth annual *Makahik*i Competition and Ceremonial event open to the public from 7:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. Saturday at Bellows Beach Park. The Royal Order of Kamehameha described the Waimanalo makahiki as authentic and culturally relevant. The Bellows area has added significance because it contains some of the oldest cultural sites on Oahu. The admission and parking are free. This year, as in the past, the event will include keiki having friendly competition in traditional Hawaiian games such as 'ulu maika, moa pahe'e, o'o ihe, and hukihuki. hakā moa and kākā lā'au games will also be demonstrated. Cultural practitioners and activity booths will unite the past and present traditions for health and wellness. The morning opens with a traditional ceremony to honor the arrival of the god Lono, the guardian of peace and health, who presides over the activities until his departure at midday.

Pacific Aviation Museum calls for volunteers

Pacific Aviation Museum Pearl Harbor

Pacific Aviation Museum Pearl Harbor has issued a call for volunteers to help in its expansion. The museum on Ford Island at Pearl Harbor has several areas for non-paid volunteers who are and aviation.

Docents and tour guides are experience is necessary and the rant, free admission to all vide documentation for service

craft alongside experienced needed. mechanics.

Volunteers receive benefits. Flight simulator air bosses They work hands-on with air- tact volunteer coordinator who teach guests how to fly craft, meet and "talk story" with Ashley Sands for more informavirtually are also requested. veterans and experienced pilots tion and a volunteer application With many additional volunteer and mechanics, receive free at 445-9189 or Ashley.Sands opportunities in museum opera- admission to the museum and to @PacificAviationMuseum.org. tions, administration, education, the other Pearl Harbor Historic Volunteers must be at least 16 interested in history, education and special events, there is Sites, receive discounts at the years of age or partnered with a something for everyone. No museum gift shop and restau- parent. The museum will pro-

crew members who work on air- with the education and skills annual volunteer appreciation party, and more.

Those interested should con-

Kalama Kalima is master of ceremonies. The afternoon continues with storytelling and a full afternoon of kani ka pila (Hawaiian music).

Star gazing with the Polynesian Voyaging Society begins when the night sky appears.

The mahahiki committee encourages military families to participate in addition to local residents. The makahiki is an opportunity to share, educate and create friendly relations within the extended community.

For more information, visit www.hoolua. org or contact Craig Gorsuch at 927-1867 or craig.gorsuch.ctr@us.af.mil.

needed, as well as restoration museum provides volunteers hangar talks and lectures, an hours.

JBPHH celebrates another year as a Tree City USA

Story and photo by Tech. Sgt. Terri Paden

15th Wing Public Affairs

JBPHH reaffirmed its standing as a "Tree City USA" with a tree planting ceremony held Nov. 7 in Hickam Community's Hale Na Koa housing area at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam.

The ceremony marks the 15th year Hickam has celebrated Hawaii's Arbor Day by recommitting itself to being a good steward of the environment.

According to www.arborday.org, the Tree City USA program is a national program that provides the framework for community forestry management for cities and towns in America. Communities achieve Tree City status by maintaining a tree board or department, having a community tree ordinance, spending at least \$2 per capita on urban forestry, and celebrating Arbor Day.

The joint base joins more than 3,400 other Tree City communities in the U.S.

"Being a Tree City USA means that we as a Department of Defense organization support the message that trees add to the community, they help the environment, and they add beauty to cials and third graders from ing weeks, on 11th Avenue. housing," said Matt Flach, Hickam Elementary School



Third grade students from Hickam Elementary School help plant a jacaranda tree during an Arbor Day tree planting ceremony in Hickam Community's Hale Na Koa neighborhood at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam Nov. 7.

JBPHH landscape architect and marked the day with the planting eventually bloom large, lavender-Tree City USA representative. JBPHH leaders, housing offi-

of a jacaranda tree, soon to be followed by seven more in the com-

Flach said the tree, which will area, and we chose this particular

tree because it keeps in line with the type of tree that was originally planted on this street," he said. "Each street in housing has a specific tree planted on it that gives it its own unique identity, and the tree in the historic plan for 11th Avenue is the jacaranda.'

In addition to planting the jacaranda tree, the official Arbor Day proclamation was read by Lt. Col. Karla Heren, 647th Air Base Group deputy commander, urging all citizens to observe Arbor Day.

Though nationally Arbor Day has been formally recognized on the last Friday in April since 1805, many states recognize Arbor Day on a day that reflects the best time for tree planting in that region. Arbor Day is celebrated the first Friday in November in Hawaii.

"It's exciting for me to have a new tree planted today and to be a part of Arbor Day," Heren said before reading the proclamation.

The event also proved to be educational for the keiki in attendance who will now forever be a part of the historic housing area's history.

"I feel good about planting more trees. I'm proud," said Dylan Dykes, a Hickam Elementary School third grader. "It's important to plant more trees which are used for air and wood and other stuff."

Pearl Harbor Vehicle Registration office offers online appointments

The new Pearl Harbor will no longer be taken. Vehicle Registration office appointment system.

In an effort to minimize wait time and increase efficiency, all military personnel and reservations each Monday line appointment before visiting the Pearl Harbor

Office hours are from 9 com.

now offers a new online a.m. to noon and 1 to 4 p.m. on Tuesdays and number of online appoint-Thursdays.

The online appointment system is now open for civilians with base access at 9 a.m. for Tuesday and nine other satellite must now make an on- Thursday appointments city hall locations to for that week. For more information

Vehicle Registration of- and to make an appointfice. Walk-in customers ment, visit the website at /csd/satellite.

www.mvregjbphhhawaii.

Due to the limited ment times available, it is suggested that civilians give preference to military personnel. There are serve customers. For more information, visit http://www1.honolulu.gov

MFSC to hold upcoming events in December

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its historical significance.

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 Dec. 2. classes are for active duty, family members, Reserves, retired military personnel and Depart- will be held from 9 to 11 ment of Defense employ- a.m. Dec. 4.

ees, except as noted in the individual program descriptions.

Schedules are subject to change. December classes at the MFSC Pearl Harbor Moanalua Services Center include:

• An Employment in Hawaii workshop will be held from 9 to 11 a.m.

• A company recruitment: Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) event

• An "Air Force Spouse 101: Heart Link" program will be held from 7:45 a.m. to 1 p.m. Dec. 5. The event is for new Air Force spouses or those who still have questions. The event will include a free lunch.

For more information and to register for any of these classes, call 474-1999 or register online at www.greatlifehawaii.com under the Families/Military and Family Support Center tab.

My Favorite Photo...

John Burns, administrative support assistant for Navy Region Hawaii, took this photo from the bow of the Battleship Missouri Memorial after the Nov. 11 Veterans Day ceremony.

How to submit: Email (non-posed) photos to editor@hookelenews.com



Tips provided to have a safe holiday season

The U.S. Consumer Product Safety to avoid this danger. Commission has outlined some holiday decoration safety tips. They include: Trees

Many artificial trees are fire resistant. If you buy one, look for a statement specifying this protection.

A fresh tree will stay green longer and be less of a fire hazard than a dry tree. To

check for freshness, remember:

• A fresh tree is green.

• Fresh needles are hard to pull from branches

• When bent between your fingers, fresh needles do not break.

• The cut end of a fresh tree is sticky with resin

• When the trunk of a tree is bounced on the ground, a shower of falling needles shows that the tree is too dry.

Place the tree away from heat sources. Heat dries out trees rapidly, creating fire hazards.

Cut off about two inches of the trunk to expose fresh wood for better water absorption. Trim away branches as necessary to set the tree trunk in the base of a sturdy, water-holding stand with wide spread feet. Keep the stand filled with water while the tree is indoors.

Place the tree out of the way of traffic could be swallowed or inhaled. and do not block doorways. Use thin wires to secure a large tree to walls or ceiling. These wires are almost invisible.

Keep "bubbling" lights away from children. These lights with their bright colors and bubbling movement can tempt curious children to break candle-shaped glass, which can cut, and attempt to drink liquid, which contains a hazardous chemical.

Candles

Never use lighted candles on a tree or near other evergreens.

Always use non-flammable holders.

Keep candles away from other decorations and wrapping paper.

Place candles where they cannot be knocked down or blown over. Trimmings

Use only non-combustible or flame-resistant materials.

Wear gloves while decorating with spun glass "angel hair" to avoid irritation to eyes and skin.

Choose tinsel or artificial icicles or plastic or non-leaded metals. Leaded materials are hazardous if ingested by children.

In homes with small children, take special care to:

 Avoid decorations that are sharp or breakable.

• Keep trimmings with small removable parts out of the reach of children. Pieces

• Avoid trimmings that resemble candy

Surface Navy Association to hold MustDash Turkey Trot Nov. 27

Pearl Harbor Chapter is sponsoring the mustache and worst in show (for those second annual MustDash 5K Turkey Trot.

The run will begin at 8 a.m. on Thanksgiving, on Ford Island at the intersection of O'Kane Boulevard and Wasp Boulevard.

with their best real or fake moustache. with their shirt size. Shirts are in men's Prizes will be awarded in three cate- sizes only.

The Surface Navy Association's gories: best real mustache, best fake men that try their hardest to grow a mustache, yet fail miserably).

Registration is \$15 and covers a race T-shirt and minimal costs for holding the race. Participants can register by Nov. 25 by contacting Lt. j.g. Jeff Knollmeyer at Participants can compete for prizes 473-3148 or jeffrey.knollmeyer@navy.mil

Artificial snow

Artificial snow sprays can irritate lungs if inhaled. To avoid injury, read container labels. Follow directions carefully. Lights

Indoors or outside, use only lights that have been tested for safety. Identify these by the label from an independent testing laboratory.

Check each set of lights, new or old, for broken or cracked sockets, frayed or bare wires, or loose connections. Discard damaged sets or repair them before using.

Fasten outdoor lights securely to trees, the house, walls or other firm support to protect them from wind damage.

Use no more than three standard-size sets of lights per single extension cord.

Turn off all lights on trees and other decorations when you go to bed or leave the house. Lights could short and start a fire.

tree.

The tree can become charged with electricity from faulty lights, and any person touching a branch could be elec- substitute for common sense. Look for and trocuted. Use colored spotlights above eliminate potential danger spots near canor beside a tree, never fastened onto it, dles, trees, and/or electrical connections.

or food. A child could eat them. Paper

When making paper decorations, look for materials labeled non-combustible or flame-resistant.

Never place trimming near open flames or electrical connections.

Remove all wrapping papers from the tree area immediately after the presents are opened.

General rules for holiday safety

• Keep matches, lighters, and candles out of the reach of children.

• Avoid smoking near flammable decorations

• Make an emergency plan to use if a fire breaks out anywhere in the home. See that each family member knows what to do. Practice the plan.

Avoid wearing loose flowing clothes, particularly long open sleeves, near open flames such as those of a stove or candlelit table

• Never burn candles near evergreens. Never use electric lights on a metallic When dry, greens burn like tinder. Flames can flare out of control and send sparks flying into a room.

• Plan for safety. Remember, there is no



U.S. Navy photo by MC2 Diana Quinlan

Last year the guided-missile destroyer USS Michael Murphy (DDG 112) displays its holiday lights at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam. Ships and submarines home ported in Hawaii participate in the annual Pearl Harbor Holiday Festival of Lights.

Annual Festival of Lights is planned at Pearl Harbor

Lt. j.g. Eric Galassi

Navy Region Hawaii Public Affairs

Ships and submarines around Pearl Harbor will be displaying ornamental lights and decorations for the annual Festival of Lights from Dec. 8 to 25. A competition to select the winning ships and submarines will take place on the evening of Dec. 8 and be judged by representatives from U.S. Pacific Fleet, U.S. Pacific Command, Submarine Force Pacific, Joint Interagency Task Force West, and Navy Region Hawaii/Naval Surface Hawaii/Naval Group Middle Pacific.

Following this contest, there will be free boat tours for both military/DoD ID cardholders and the general public. Military/DoD tours will depart from Merry Point Landing.

General public tours will depart from the Pearl Harbor Visitor Center. Tours will be approximately 15-20 minutes long aboard Arizona Memorial white boats.

Tours for military/DoD ID cardholders will be offered per the following schedule:

- Dec. 8, 7:15 9 p.m.
- Dec. 9, 6 8 p.m.
- Dec. 10, 6 8 p.m.

Tours for the general public will be offered per the following schedule:

- Dec. 11, 6 8 p.m.
- Dec. 12, 6 8 p.m.

These harbor tours are of-

fered as a free service by the National Park Service. Seats are limited and tickets for the general public will be distributed on a first come, first served basis beginning at 5:30 pm on the day of the tour at the Visitor Center.

There are no tickets or reservations for military/DoD ID cardholders. People are asked to meet at Merry Point Landing for seats, to be filled on a first come, first served basis. Guests of military/DoD personnel may accompany their sponsors for tours from Merry Point Landing.

No backpacks, fanny packs, luggage, diaper bags, camera bags, purses, large cameras/tripods or other items which provide concealment are allowed in the visitor center or aboard the boats.

Valuables should not be left in vehicles. Please note that cameras and videos are allowed onboard for photos of the decorated ships. However, photographing security activities such as the patrol boats and shore or water security personnel is prohibited. A light jacket or sweater is recommended.

For more information about the event and tours, contact Lt. j.g. Eric Galassi at eric.galassi@navy.mil or (808) 473-0660 for military/DOD or Amanda Carona at (808) 422-3315 for the general public.

Armed sevices blood drive schedule updated for November

Tripler Army Medical Center Blood Donor Center has updated its schedule of upcoming blood drives as part of the Armed Services Blood Donor Program (ASBP).

Currently scheduled drives include: Medical Center.

• Nov. 24, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., USS Chosin, Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam.

• Nov. 25, 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., blood donor center, Tripler Army Medical Center. • Nov. 26, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., oceanside lobby entrance, Tripler Army Medical Center.

For more information, call 433-6699 or 433-6148 or email michelle.lele@amedd.army.mil.

Volunteers needed for Pearl Harbor Day events

Navy Region Hawaii Plan of the Week

The Navy and the National Park Service are looking for active duty military personnel from all services to volunteer in various events commemorating the 73rd anniversary of the attack on Pearl Harbor.

Volunteers are needed to help with the Navy and National Park Service 73rd Anniversary Day Commemoration, USS Utah Memorial Sunset Ceremony, USS Oklahoma Memorial Ceremony and USS Arizona Reunion Association events. Volunteer tasks include the following:

• Nov. 24 to Dec. 3: grounds preparation, ceremony set up and staging.

• Dec. 2: USS Arizona Reunion Association official welcome ceremony honor cordon.

• Dec. 6: USS Utah Memorial Sunset Ceremony setup.

• Dec. 7: Navy and National Park Service Pearl Harbor Day Commemoration ushers, escorts, parking and crowd control.

• Dec. 7: USS Oklahoma Memorial setup, breakdown and ushers.

Volunteering provides an opportunity for active duty members to contribute to Pearl Harbor Day commemorations, preserving the memory and honoring those who sacrificed 73 years ago while ensuring their values, efforts, stories and successes are never forgotten.

For general information on Pearl Harbor Day events, contact the JBPHH Public Affairs Office at 473-2926 or 473-2880, or visit www.pacifichistoricparks.org.