

Hawaii remembers Dec. 7, 1941



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Veterans, service members, families and guests commemorated Pearl Harbor Day with multiple ceremonies at Ford Island and Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam on Dec. 7.

The theme of this year's historic commemorations, "Preserving the Memory," focused on keeping the story of the attacks on Oahu and the beginning of World War II for the United States alive for new generations and the nation.

The day began at the World War II Valor in the Pacific National Monument Pearl Harbor Visitor Center with the 73rd annual commemoration ceremony

dedicated to the Dec. 7, 1941 attack on Pearl Harbor.

Adm. Harry B. Harris Jr., commander of U.S. Pacific Fleet, provided opening remarks and introduced U.S. Air Force Gen. Lori J. Robinson, commander, Pacific Air Forces, who served as a keynote speaker for the event, which overlooked the historic USS Arizona Memorial.

"For the last 73 years here in the Pacific we've remembered Pearl Harbor. We've remained vigilant, and just as the 'Greatest Generation' before us, today's armed forces are more than ready to answer the alarm and, if need be, we're ready to fight tonight and win," said Harris. "We are doing everything we can to keep the alarm from sounding in the first place by enacting America's current strategic rebalance to the

Indo-Asia-Pacific, designed to maintain stability, prosperity and peace throughout the region," Harris said.

He praised Robinson's leadership and professional skills, intellect and mastery, which helped her excel and set the highest standards, achieving numerous records in her military career.

Robinson, who recently took command Oct. 16 of Pacific Air Forces from Gen. "Hawk" Carlisle, expressed her emotions of sharing this historic day with all of the survivors and veterans.

"For me, it is difficult to imagine the events of that Sunday morning 73 years ago. Even as it was a day of sacrifice and loss, it was a day of gallantry and unquestionable heroism," said Robinson in her address.

(Commentary with her remarks

is available on page A-3.)

During the ceremony, a moment of silence was observed at 7:55 a.m., the exact moment the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor began 73 years ago. The guided-missile destroyer USS Chung-Hoon (DDG 93) rendered pass-in-review honors to the USS Arizona and all Pearl Harbor survivors present at the ceremony.

The 199th Fighter Squadron, Hawaii Air National Guard, 19th Fighter Squadron, U.S. Air Force, also presented an F-22 Raptors flyover.

The ceremony was co-hosted by Rear Adm. Rick Williams, commander of Navy Region Hawaii and Naval Surface Group Middle Pacific, and Paul DePrey, superintendent of the WWII Valor in the Pacific National Monument, National Park Service.

The event also included musical accompaniment provided by the U.S. Pacific Fleet Band, the parading of colors, a traditional Hawaiian blessing, and a cannon salute by members of the U.S. Army.

Additionally, veterans of each military branch presented a floral wreath for each service, each accompanied by an active duty service member and a student from Navy Hale Keiki School, in recognition of the men and women who survived the attack and those who made the ultimate sacrifice for their country on Dec. 7, 1941.

The ceremony concluded with a "Walk of Honor" by the Pearl Harbor survivors attending the ceremony and other World War II veterans through an honor cordon of military service members and National Park Service men and women.

USS Paul Hamilton rescues missing boater

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USS Paul Hamilton (DDG 60), an Arleigh Burke-class guided-missile destroyer homeported at Pearl Harbor, rescued a stranded boater who had been missing south of the Hawaiian Islands since Nov. 27.

Paul Hamilton Sailors rendered assistance the morning of Dec. 9 to boater Ron Ingraham after receiving a mayday distress call via radio. Paul Hamilton provided food, water and medical attention as the ship's force attempted to repair the boat's engine and



Sailors assigned to the Arleigh Burke-class guided-missile destroyer USS Paul Hamilton (DDG 60) rescue stranded mariner, Ron Ingraham, aboard his vessel Malia Dec. 9.

VHF radio.

The ship received the call from Coast Guard Sector Honolulu while approximately 14 miles from the vessel's last known position and arrived on scene about half an hour later. Once on scene, watchstanders observed Ingraham, waving his arms over his head, and deployed a seven-meter rigid hull inflatable boat (RHIB) to assist.

"I thought I was going to die today. You guys are heroes," Ingraham told the boat crew.

While sailing near the island of Molokai, Ingraham was caught in a storm that blew his vessel 200 miles south of the Hawaiian Islands, leaving him stranded without food or water for 12 days. The Coast Guard ceased searching for Ingraham on Dec. 1 after covering approximately 12,000 square miles.


Ingraham embarked Paul Hamilton to shower, eat and receive additional medical care while awaiting a Coast Guard cutter to tow his vessel back to port.

USS Paul Hamilton is one of eight surface warfare




Cmdr. John Barsano, commanding officer of the guided-missile destroyer USS Paul Hamilton (DDG 60), welcomes Ron Ingraham aboard with a ball cap of the Arleigh Burke-class guided-missile destroyer USS Paul Hamilton (DDG 60).


ships of Commander, Destroyer Squadron 21. The ship maintains warfighting readiness, capable of operating forward with allies and partners in the western Pacific to deter aggression and preserve peace.




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U.S. Navy Photo by MC2 Johans Chavarro

USS Arizona survivors Donald Stratton, Louis Conter, John Anderson, and Lauren Bruner toast in honor of fallen shipmates during the “final toast” ceremony.

Remaining USS Arizona survivors hold ‘final toast’ to shipmates

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Four of the nine remaining USS Arizona survivors of the Pearl Harbor attack—John Anderson, Lauren Bruner, Louis Conter and Donald Stratton—arrived aboard USS Arizona Memorial for their final reunion this past Dec. 7.

This historic event marked the end of an era for the USS Arizona survivors, all in their 90s, who have announced that this was the final, official gathering of the USS Arizona Reunion Association.

Despite the official announcement, the men still plan to get together, regardless of the location.

“I don’t think this is going to be our last [meeting],” said Louis Conter, 93.

“We still have time to go, so I think we’ll be back out here no matter whether the rest of the crowd can make it or not.”

While at the memorial, the survivors poured a “final toast” to their shipmates, drinking from original champagne glasses from the USS Arizona. They shared a bottle of wine—a gift from President Gerald Ford to the association presented in 1975. According to survivors, this final salute symbolized the brotherhood and sacrifice of the day of the attack on Pearl Harbor 73 years ago.

After the toast, the survivors handed one of the glasses to a team of Navy and National Park Service divers who placed it at the base of the Arizona’s gun turret four. Gun turret four serves as the final resting place for survivors of the attack who wish to have their ashes placed at their former battle sta-

tion. Since 1980, 38 Arizona survivors have been reunited with their fellow shipmates on the ship.

“The good Lord saved just a few of us,” shared Donald Stratton, 92, who was one of the survivors of a gun director in the forward part of the ship and sustained severe burns during the attack, which required hospitalization lasting for more than a year. “So terrible, terrible day,” Stratton remembered.

Conter shared his thoughts on the event and the honor he felt to be by his ship, among his fellow Sailors.

“It was amazing for the four of us,” said Conter. “I think we all felt the same, an honor to toast the 1,177 shipmates that we had and who died that day. And the glass, which is now interred there [gun turret four], will give us a chance to have something to drink out of when we’re buried there.”

Hickam ceremony honors heroes of Dec. 7 attack

Tech. Sgt. Terri Paden

15th Wing Public Affairs

The 15th Wing hosted its 73rd Remembrance Ceremony at 7:55 a.m. Dec. 7 in commemoration of the fatal attacks on Hickam Field in 1941.

More than 50 survivors and family members of survivors attended the ceremony, which honors the 189 Airmen who lost their lives on Hickam Field during the two waves of attacks launched by the Imperial Japanese Navy on Dec. 7, 1941.

“I am honored and humbled to speak to you on such a historic day,” said Col. Randy Huiss, 15th Wing commander, while addressing the crowd. “Today marks the anniversary of a day that changed the course of history. On this day, the lives of everyone stationed at Hickam Field changed forever.”

During the ceremony, the heroic stories of the men and women who lost their lives during the attack were shared with the attendees.

“The stories are what keeps those who sacrificed alive,” Huiss said.

One unique survivor story was represented by the Shepherd family.

Marion Shepherd was assigned to Hickam Field after enlisting in the Army Air Corps and survived both the Dec. 7 attack on the base and the Battle of Midway in 1942. He passed

away at the age of 89 when Tech. Sgt. Andrew Shepherd was nine years old but not before leaving a lasting impression on his grandson who enlisted in the Air Force nearly 10 years later.

Shepherd, who is assigned to the 15th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, had the unique opportunity of attending this year’s ceremony as a family representative and official escort for his father, Thomas Shepherd, who participated in the ceremony for the first time. During the ceremony, Thomas accepted a folded flag in honor and recognition of his father’s selfless service.

“The ceremony was really emotional,” Thomas said. “It brought a lot of the stories to life. It was very beautiful and moving.”

Thomas said he feels proud to have his father honored in a ceremony.

“Attending this ceremony is something that I’ve wanted to do for a long time,” he said. “It’s an honor to me also that he and his fellow Airmen are honored like this. I’m very proud.”

In addition to honoring survivors like Marion Shepherd, the ceremony also honored Retired Air Force Master Sgt. Kenneth Ford and Retired Air Force Col. Roy Bright, two survivors who were long-time attendees of the ceremony at Hickam, but passed away before this year’s ceremony.



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

U.S. Air Force Col. Randy Huiss, 15th Wing commander, presents a U.S. flag to Thomas Shepherd, the son of an Army Air corpsman who survived the attacks on Hickam Field on Dec. 7, 1941. The attack on Hickam Field Remembrance Ceremony was held Dec. 7 at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam.



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Commentary

73rd commemoration of Dec. 7, 1941: ‘Preserving the Memory’

Gen. Lori J. Robinson

Commander, Pacific Air Forces

(This is an excerpt from a speech given by Gen. Robinson at the 73rd commemoration of Dec. 7, 1941 ceremony.)

The events of Dec. 7, 1941 served as a turning point in our nation's history. Although the attacks occurred so suddenly, so unexpectedly, and in such tragic proportions, our reluctant nation emerged to fight and ultimately win World War II.

For me, it is difficult to imagine the events of that Sunday morning, 73 years ago. Even as it was a day of sacrifice and loss, it was a day of gallantry and unquestionable heroism. Countless brave Americans not only rallied in response to the attacks but fought intrepidly in the many years of war that followed.

Today, we are joined by four of the nine living USS Arizona survivors: Don Stratton, Lauren Bruner, Lou Conter, and John Anderson. The stories of these survivors are nothing short



Gen. Lori J. Robinson

of amazing.

This afternoon, they are holding a service aboard the USS Arizona Memorial. They will toast their fallen shipmates and other survivors with a glass of wine given to their association by President Ford in 1975. After they toast, they will hand one of the glasses to a team of Navy and National Park Service divers who will place it at the base of the Arizona's gun turret four.

Through these memorial services, new memories are created and preserved, as the remaining glasses will become artifacts maintained



U.S. Navy Photo by MC2 Johans Chavarro

Sailors aboard the guided-missile destroyer USS Chung-Hoon (DDG 93) conduct a pass-in-review by the USS Arizona Memorial during the 73rd Pearl Harbor Day Commemoration.

by the National Park Service.

Gun turret four is significant because it is also the final resting spot for survivors of the attack who wish to have their ashes placed at their former battle station. And so, since 1980, 38 Arizona survivors have been reunited with their brothers back on the ship.

When the Arizona sank, she took with her 1,177 Sailors and Marines. Many families paid an enormous price as a result of the attack. Among those who perished were 30 sets of brothers, to include three families who lost all three of their sons.

These men fought together as brothers in arms, and now they rest side by side in their watery grave. Although they gave their last full measure of devotion to our nation, their sacrifice will never be forgotten. The heroic resolve displayed during the attacks

was not limited to just our military. At Hickam Field, we owe many thanks to the Honolulu Fire Department. After receiving the alarm at 08:05 in the morning, Engine Companies 1, 4 and 6 were dispatched to respond. Without knowing it, the Honolulu Fire Department was going to war. Three firefighters would never return, and six others would be seriously wounded.

It is critical our nation preserves the memory of these events, not only to honor those who sacrificed so much, but to capture the stories and lessons learned. The letters, diaries, photographs and interviews from this time are a national treasure.

And, they are used to educate, commemorate and memorialize the greatest generation and their sacrifice. By honoring our past, we inspire our future and assure the events of this day, 73 years ago, are not forgotten.

Our Pacific Airmen are reminded of the events of Dec. 7, 1941 as they walk into work at the PACAF Headquarters building every day.

In 1941, our headquarters building was a 3,000-man barracks, making it a major target for the attack. Among other damage, a 500-pound bomb was dropped in the center of the building, instantly killing 35 men. Today, the walls still bear shrapnel and bullet holes. And, when they walk past these battle-scarred walls, they are reminded of the perseverance, courage and valor of our Pacific Airmen.

In the headquarters lies a memorial called the Courtyard of Heroes. In it sits a display case that houses the flag which flew over Hickam Field during the attack. After a failed bombing attempt on the flag, Japanese Zeros

attempted to cut the flag off the flagpole with a heavy stream of bullets. Although torn and tattered, Old Glory continued to wave in the midst of all of the destruction.

Now, as it did then, it symbolizes the unbreakable American spirit. Today, the flag is encased in a koa wood display. Koa wood is native to the islands, and “koa” is also a Hawaiian word for “warrior.” The flag became a warrior in its own right on Dec. 7, 1941, and it is fitting to encase it in the wood of the warrior. As our nation rebalances to the Asia-Pacific region, I assure you the current generation of American warriors stands ready.

May God bless you and all of our military and civil servicemen and women, both past and present, who have bravely answered our nation's call time and time again—and who have never failed us.

Diverse Views



What was the best thing that happened to you in the past year?



Ensign Randon McKain
USS Chosin (CG 65)

“Marrying my wife, because I've got a best friend for life.”

2nd Lt. Katie Voirol
PACAF

“The best thing that has happened in the past year was spending Fourth of July with my nephew. It's rare that I get holidays at home and seeing his face light up from the fireworks was amazing.”



CTR1 Laura Geigel
NIOC Hawaii

“I spent the last two years in the UK. That was an eye-opening experience for me and it taught me to appreciate what we have in the U.S. My family is from there, so it taught me about my family history. On my way back I got to visit my family in the States.”

Senior Airman Danielle Fort
690th Network Support Squadron

“The best thing that happened to me in the past year was reuniting with my wife. We were separated for 18 months due to PCS and deployment. It has been a long time, so having her here to celebrate my Airman Leadership School graduation was a big deal for me.”



CTI3 Roxanne Adams
NIOC Hawaii

“I'm in honors and ceremonies and I did a really cool ceremony at a light-house. That was awesome.”

Staff Sgt. Joshua Atencio
747th Communications Squadron

“Last year I was living off base near Osan Air base, Korea. The best thing that happened to me was being able to experience a new and exciting culture while getting the opportunity to meet many awesome new friends.”



EM1 Donald Crowley
USS Asheville (SSN 758)

“I was selected as Sailor of the Year for my command.”

Tech. Sgt. Christina Payton
324th Intelligence Squadron

“The best thing that has happened in 2014 was an overdue honeymoon with just my husband and I to Kauai and Maui for a week. The other islands are so beautiful, and we had so many adventures that will last us a lifetime.”



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Hickam hangars bombed during attack



Photograph from the Army Signal Corps Collection in the U.S. National Archives

This photo shows bomb damage to hangars 15-17 and 11-13 at Hickam Field on Oahu at 5 p.m. on Dec. 7, 1941 after the Imperial Japanese attack. In the right foreground is a machine gun emplacement in a bomb crater. A Douglas B-18 bomber is visible inside the badly damaged hangar.

Ho'okele to be on hiatus

Today's edition of Ho'okele will be the last issue for 2014 before its holiday hiatus. The first issue of Ho'okele in 2015 will be Jan. 9.

During the time that Ho'okele is on break, the publisher, Honolulu Star Advertiser, will publish a joint military

issue which will combine news from all of the services—Ho'okele, Hawaii Army Weekly and Hawaii Marine. Delivery will be the same as it is for Ho'okele.

Happy holidays to all of our readers! Stay safe. Enjoy the holidays with your families. We'll see you in the new year.

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Pearl Harbor Day: Let us not forget

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As I drove to Pearl Harbor this past Sunday morning, I tried to imagine what it must have been like on Dec. 7, 1941. That day was also a peaceful Sunday morning, palm trees waving gently in the breeze, a brilliant sun shining down from blue skies, island residents enjoying a myriad of activities.

Looking at the calm, blue waters of the harbor, I found it difficult to imagine the tragedy and destruction those many years ago as Japanese Zeroes swooped down from the skies to attack the Pacific fleet in the harbor. I couldn't imagine what it was like 73 years ago—mighty Navy ships heavily damaged and sinking, the oil-slicked waters of the harbor a flaming inferno, death and destruction everywhere.

Those who were there—who survived—remember that day vividly. And throughout the year, it's a regular event here at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam—Pearl Harbor survivors who return to pay their respects to their fallen shipmates. It's a visit filled with memories as they see the names engraved on the wall in the Shrine Room



U.S. Navy archive photo

Aerial photo of Ford Island looking east during the Dec. 7, 1941 attack on Pearl Harbor.

of the memorial.

As they stand at the well on the memorial and look down into the depths of the Pacific Ocean, they view the outline of the battleship USS Arizona below the water's surface. Remembering, their tears mingle with the droplets of oil which still seep from the sunken battleship.

There are other points of interest on their journey—such as the hull of the sunken USS Utah off Ford Island and the adjacent USS Utah Memorial which honors those who still lie entombed. Also on Ford Island, a 10-foot high Hawaiian bluestone rock that was donated by the Navy Club—

and was the first memorial dedicated to those who lost their lives during the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor—is situated on a grassy vantage point overlooking the Arizona Memorial.

But some Pearl Harbor survivors return for another reason—to join their shipmates.

The cremains of shipmates who wish to be interred in the hull of the sunken USS Arizona or USS Utah are carried to the wreckage by divers. A ceremony accompanying each interment renders honors with all of the military elements—a rifle salute, a lone bugler's melancholy playing of Taps, and a

flag which is folded in the veteran's memory.

Cecil Calavan was one such survivor who chose the remains of the USS Utah as his final resting place. In a sunset ceremony this recent Dec. 6, he was placed in eternal rest aboard the ship. Cecil, who was a young 17-year-old seaman second class at the time of the attack, was one of the heroes of that day as he lived through an experience that changed his life.

He continued to love his former ship, the USS Utah, and later served as the president of the USS Utah Survivors' Association until his death Aug. 14 of this year.

Although interment of cre-

mains in the USS Arizona and USS Utah is limited to survivors of those ships, other Pearl Harbor survivors can choose to have their ashes scattered in the harbor in the waters of the blue Pacific. And many of them do.

Those interments and ash-scattering ceremonies take place year round, but it is especially symbolic that some choose Dec. 7, the anniversary of the 1941 attack, as the time to return to their shipmates.

During ceremonies held this recent Dec. 7, Navy Chief Petty Officer Robert C. Knight and Machinist's Mate 2nd Class Harry E. Smith were honored and returned to be with their shipmates as their ashes were scattered near the USS Utah Memorial.

At the time of the attack, Smith was aboard the destroyer USS Talbot. Knight, who was assigned to an aviation squadron at Kaneohe Bay on that day, was at Pearl Harbor waiting for his aircraft to be repaired.

Of the original 554 survivors of the USS Arizona, there are now only nine known survivors who are still living. Over the years, the numbers of those survivors of the "Greatest Generation" have drastically dwindled.

But even though they are now in their 90s, they still

make the pilgrimage to Pearl Harbor. It was a poignant scene as they returned for this year's commemoration—some confined to wheelchairs, others standing, humble, silent, heads bowed, as the solemn ceremony unfolded in this sacred place.

The Pearl Harbor survivors have carried the painful memories of the catastrophic event at Pearl Harbor for more than 73 years. They humbly express their gratitude that their lives were spared, along with sadness for the loss of their shipmates.

And as their numbers continue to dwindle, their voices fading to mere whispers, they still remember what happened at Pearl Harbor on Dec. 7, 1941. They are thankful to be among those who survived, while remembering and paying respects to their fellow Sailors and Marines who were lost.

For many of these heroes of another generation, their last tribute takes place at Pearl Harbor—in their final resting place with former shipmates.

It is up to each one of us to remember and honor their selfless sacrifices and to be thankful.

Let us never forget Pearl Harbor and all of those who gave so much.



U.S. Navy photo

A recent aerial photo of Ford Island.

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U.S. Air Force Gen. Lori J. Robinson, commander, Pacific Air Forces, addresses the audience during the 73rd Anniversary Pearl Harbor Day commemoration ceremony at the Pearl Harbor Visitor Center.



U.S. Navy photo by MC2 Diana Quinlan

Sailors assigned to Mobile Diving Salvage Unit (MDSU) One prepare to place a drinking glass at the base of USS Arizona's gun turret four during the final USS Arizona Reunion Association ceremony at the USS Arizona Memorial.



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(Left) Gilbert Meyer, a survivor of the 1941 attack on Pearl Harbor while stationed aboard USS Utah (AG-16), attends the 73rd Anniversary Pearl Harbor Day commemoration ceremony.



U.S. Navy photo by MC2 Diana Quinlan

Louis Conter, USS Arizona survivor, walks through an honor cordon and salutes.



U.S. Navy photo by MC2 Laurie Dexter

Pearl Harbor survivors, service members, veterans and civilians visit the USS Arizona Memorial.

Pearl Harbor-Hickam Highlights



Sailors aboard the Arleigh Burke-class guided-missile destroyer USS O'Kane (DDG 77) man the rails as the ship returns to Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam.



Families and friends greet the Arleigh Burke-class guided-missile destroyer USS O'Kane (DDG 77) and its crew of more than 280 Sailors.



Families and friends wait pierside as the Arleigh Burke-class guided-missile destroyer USS O'Kane (DDG 77) returns home.



The Arleigh Burke-class guided-missile destroyer USS O'Kane (DDG 77) returns Dec. 5.

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A joint service color guard parades the colors during the 73rd Anniversary Pearl Harbor Day commemoration ceremony at the Pearl Harbor Visitor Center.



U.S. Air Force photo by Staff Sgt. Alexander Martinez
Honorary guests of the Attack on Hickam Field Remembrance Ceremony conclude receiving U.S. flags at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam Dec. 7.



U.S. Air Force photo by Staff Sgt. Alexander Martinez
Lauren Bruner, USS Arizona survivor, visits the USS Arizona Memorial.



U.S. Navy photo by MC2 Diana Quinlan
Everett Hyland, Pearl Harbor survivor, attends the 73rd Anniversary Pearl Harbor Day commemoration ceremony at the Pearl Harbor Visitor Center.



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(From left) Daniel Martinez, chief historian, WWII Valor in the Pacific National Monument; Paul DePrey, superintendent, WWII Valor in the Pacific National Monument; George Nottingham, WWII veteran and U.S. Army Air Corps B-29 pilot; Dr. Hiroya Sugano, director general of the Zero Fighter Admirers Club; Shiro Wakita, WWII veteran and Imperial Japanese navy pilot; and Ken DeHoff, executive director, Pacific Aviation Museum Pearl Harbor commemorate the 73rd anniversary of the attack on Pearl Harbor with a Blackened Canteen Ceremony aboard the USS Arizona Memorial Dec. 7.



U.S. Navy photo by MC2 Diana Quinlan
A sailor, assigned to the Pacific Fleet Band, performs Taps.



U.S. Navy photo by MC1 Katherine Hofman
The guided-missile destroyer USS Chung Hoon (DDG 93) conducts a pass-in-review by the USS Arizona Memorial.

U.S. Navy photo by MC1 Katherine Hofman
(Right) Air Force Staff Sgt. Christopher Bankston, PACAF, 15th Wing, 535th Air Lift Squadron, and his daughters honor fallen Sailors at the USS Oklahoma Memorial by placing orchids at the base of marble columns following the National Park Service annual USS Oklahoma Memorial ceremony.

Photo courtesy of Pacific Aviation Museum Pearl Harbor
(Left) Still showing what appears to be the impression of the pilot's hand, this blackened canteen was recovered from the wreckage of a B-29 crash site near Shizuoka, Japan. Whiskey is poured from the canteen into the waters of Pearl Harbor as a symbol of peace, honor and reconciliation.



Survivors of Dec. 7, 1941 tour Pearl Harbor

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Survivors of the Dec. 7, 1941 attack on Hawaii returned to Pearl Harbor for a white boat tour on Dec. 4. The survivors, along with their friends and families, learned about the history of the harbor as well as its current role as an active U.S. naval base. Several active duty service members also were on the tour.

The tour was hosted by Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam. Jim Neuman, Navy Region Hawaii historian, provided the narration.

"The harbor tours are always special. They provide an opportunity to teach the public and our military personnel about the history of Pearl Harbor and Hickam," said Neuman.

"The Navy has been at Pearl Harbor for over 100 years. It is also important to point out and explain many of the operational aspects of the base today, what are we doing right now. The base is just as important today as it was 73 years ago in 1941."

The tour boat departed from the Pearl Harbor Visitor Center and headed toward the entrance to Pearl Harbor. Along the way, Neuman pointed out and discussed areas of interest such as the wreckage of the USS Utah near Ford Island, the deactivated Navy ships moored in Middle Loch, Hospital Point, the Battleship Missouri



(Above) Pearl Harbor survivors reflect at the memorial wall at the USS Arizona Memorial.

(Right) GM3 Lillian Collins, JBPHH Public Affairs, comforts Pearl Harbor survivor Larry Parry, who has just tossed flower petals into the memorial well at the USS Arizona Memorial. This was Parry's first trip to Pearl Harbor since World War II.



Memorial and other sites. Along the way, survivors asked questions and talked about their own experiences.

"The tours with the Pearl Harbor survivors and other World War II

vets are especially meaningful because it is an opportunity to hear from the men who were here when the attack took place," said Neuman.

"It is great to see the survivors interacting with the younger service members today because they become an inspiration for the next generation. Most of the survivors that are still coming were only 18 or 19 years old in 1941. I think our younger folks gain a lot of perspective and insight from talking to the older guys who experienced a lot of growing up at that time," Neuman said.

The tour concluded with a stop at the USS Arizona Memorial. Even the most gregarious and talkative members of the tour group became quiet and reflective. Some of the survivors shed tears.

Before departing the memorial, guests took time to drop flower petals into the memorial well in honor of those who lost their lives during the attack. The boat then returned to shore.

As they disembarked, the survivors were in good spirits, happily chatting with young service members and expressing how much they enjoyed the tour.

"It was great," said retired Chief Michael "Mickey" Ganitch, who was serving aboard the USS Pennsylvania on Dec. 7, 1941. "It brought back memories, some good, and some not so good."



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Former USS Utah survivor interred during sunset ceremony

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More than 200 friends, family members and service members attended a sunset ceremony and interment on Dec. 6 at the USS Utah Memorial at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam to remember those who served on the Florida-class battleship.

The interment also honored the life of Seaman 2nd Class Cecil Calavan, a crew member who served aboard the USS Utah during the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor.

“I’m sure Cecil would not have wanted to be called a hero. He would say he was just doing his job, just doing what he was trained to do,” said James Taylor, Navy Region Hawaii Pearl Harbor survivor liaison. “Every man and woman who served during that terrible war were, and still are, heroes.”

Taylor explained that Calavan joined the Navy at the age of 17 and was a young seaman second class on the day that the Japanese attacked Pearl Harbor. Calavan and a friend were getting ready to leave the ship to go on liberty when he heard the scream of an airplane and an incredible explosion.

“He looked up and saw a plane go over the stern only about 20 feet above the ship. Then he saw the torpedo coming toward him,



Family and friends lower the ashes of Pearl Harbor survivor Seaman 2nd Class Cecil Calavan to divers to be placed on the USS Utah (AG 16) Memorial on Ford Island during a sunset ceremony.

and an explosion knocked him off his feet. He saw another plane heading toward the ship and said nothing could be more terrifying than seeing a torpedo coming straight at you,” Taylor explained.

Another Sailor told Calavan that the ship was under attack and he should swim ashore to save himself. As the ship rolled over, Calavan and other shipmates

slid down the bottom of the ship. They made it ashore, ending up in a ditch with other Sailors from the ship, Taylor said.

On that morning, two Japanese torpedoes slammed into the port side of the ship’s hull, causing massive flooding. The ship sank shortly after. Of the 519 Sailors aboard during the



Pamela Calavan Becerra, daughter of Pearl Harbor survivor Seaman 2nd Class Cecil Calavan speaks during the burial honors ceremony at the USS Utah Memorial.

attack, 58 perished. An attempt to salvage the wreckage was unsuccessful and the battleship was abandoned.

After the attack, Calavan was assigned to the USS Detroit and then the USS San Francisco, where he was injured during a battle. He received a Purple Heart in 1944 and served the remainder of his enlistment stateside.

He married Beverle Lewis in 1944. After leaving the Navy, Calavan worked in various positions, including as a police officer in California and for the U.S. Ranger Service in Sierra National Forest. He also earned his pilot’s license.

Calavan retired from Ampex Corporation after 32 years. He is survived by

seven children, 11 grandchildren and 15 great-grandchildren.

“Cecil continued to love his ship and, as years passed, saw the Utah become part of the National Valor of the Pacific Monument when President Bush signed a bill into law. He was the glue that held the USS Utah Survivors Association together during hard times and served as its president until he died Aug. 14 of this year,” Taylor said.

Among the guests attending last Saturday’s ceremony were Calavan’s daughter, Pamela Calavan Becerra, her niece Kelley, Calavan’s great-granddaughter Kristen, and longtime best friend, Wyoma Vale.

“Our family has been here

several times and now when we come back, not only are we going to be here honoring the USS Utah and her crew, we’re going to be visiting my father,” said Becerra. “I am very proud of everything this memorial represents,” she said.

The ceremony included a rifle salute, playing of Taps, and a flag-folding and presentation to the family.

Taylor shared Calavan’s wish.


“I know Cecil would have wanted to return here and rejoin his fellow shipmates who were lost that fateful day when the Japanese Fleet attacked Pearl Harbor. In a few minutes, it will happen. Cecil will be with his shipmates who still remain inside the ship,” Taylor said.

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Pearl Harbor survivor Smith is reunited with former shipmates

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The ashes of Pearl Harbor survivor Machinist's Mate 2nd Class Harry E. Smith were scattered in the waters surrounding the USS Utah Memorial during a ceremony held Dec. 7 on Ford Island, Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam.

According to Jim Taylor, Pearl Harbor survivor liaison for Navy Region Hawaii, Smith had expressed his desire to be reunited with his former shipmates.

"I remember receiving an email in January of 2012 when Harry was alive. This service had been mentioned earlier over the holidays, and the idea was well received by Harry and the entire family. I responded by saying, "No problem—we'll get it done," Taylor said.

He detailed Smith's experiences on Dec. 7, 1941, explaining that Smith was asleep aboard the destroyer USS Ralph Talbot (DD 390) when he was awakened by the sound of the ship's general quarters.

"Most of the crew initially ignored the order, probably figuring it was just another exercise. It didn't take long to figure out it was the real thing when the guns started firing," Taylor said.

After observing the Utah rolling to her side and Sailors sliding off the bottom of the ship, Smith went down to the fire room and assisted crew members in lighting off the boilers.

"Harry said the Talbot's skipper [commanding officer] saved the ship and crew when departing the harbor by maneuvering back and forth as the planes were attacking," Taylor shared.

"This made the bombs that were dropped fall harmlessly in the water in front and behind the ship. All the time, the ship's guns were firing at enemy aircraft."

The Talbot was credited with shooting down two planes that day and shared honors with another ship for shooting down another.

"Harry said it was because of the skipper's watchful eye from



the bridge that the ship and many lives were saved," Taylor said.

One of Smith's sons, Martin Smith, spoke about his father's military service and the meaning of Sunday's ceremony.

"My dad was very proud of his military service in the Navy. My heart is full, and my soul is satisfied that the Navy could help us make this dream come true for my father," he said.

After the war, Harry Smith settled down with his family in Colorado. "Not only did he survive Pearl Harbor; he survived raising nine children," Martin Smith said.

"My dad always gave me someone to emulate. He taught me about the word honor—honor your country and honor your family. He was my hero and I am proud to be his son. Today on Dec. 7, 2014, my heart is full and my soul is satisfied," he said.

Harry Smith received full military honors including flag presentations, playing of "Taps," and a rifle salute from members of the

Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam Honors and Ceremonial Guard accompanied by a bugler from the Pacific Fleet Band.

"Needless to say, without the public affairs office and Jim Taylor with his volunteer work that he does, this would not have happened for us, and we are very grateful that it worked as well as it did. To see the Blackhawk helicopters fly over with the flag was that much more special to us," Martin Smith said.

Taylor noted that Harry Smith and other survivors of the Dec. 7 attack would probably not want to be called heroes, noting they would say they were simply just doing the jobs they were trained to do.

"Their bravery and commitment to service set a timeless example of heroism for current and future generations," Taylor said.

"He and the others who served in that horrific war created the mold our servicemen and women live by today. They set the example. They were, and still are, heroes."



U.S. Navy photo by MC1 Katherine Hofman

Marine Corps Base Hawaii's Marine Aircraft Group 24 Rifle Detail renders a rifle salute during the National Park Service annual USS Oklahoma Memorial ceremony.

USS Oklahoma ceremony honors heroes of Dec. 7, 1941 attack

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The National Park Service hosted the annual USS Oklahoma Memorial ceremony Dec. 7 at the memorial located on Ford Island next to the Battleship Missouri Memorial.

Pearl Harbor survivors, veterans, service members, families and guests attended the ceremony at which Capt. Stanley Keeve Jr., commander of Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, was the guest speaker.

"We will never forget the crew of the USS Oklahoma," said Keeve. "We will strive to educate this generation and the generations to come about what happened here, what their shipmates died for, and the legacy they left behind."

Navy Chaplain Cmdr. George Mendes provided the invocation, the joint base color guard presented the colors to the musical accompaniment of the U.S. Pacific Fleet Band Quintet, and a U.S. Marine Corps rifle detail provided a rifle salute.

Veterans attending the ceremony took a moment to walk among the names of those who perished in the attack, etched on the marble columns of the USS Oklahoma Memorial, laying flowers or wrapping Hawaiian lei on the monument.

"I frequently get asked, 'Why do you keep coming back every year?' and I had a hard time coming up with an answer," said Ed Vezey, USS Oklahoma survivor.

"But perhaps part of it is a word

that became very important—shipmate. I think shipmates enjoy a very unique and emotional mind-set that doesn't exist in any other service," Vezey continued as he looked upon the memorial.

"The reality is you fall in love with the ship that you live on, and it has to do really with the people. People are so important, and it is hard to convey the feeling that when you go to sea and the land disappears behind you, it's you and your ship and your shipmates," he explained.

"There is a bond that forms, which is unique; it's a tremendous factor. These are my shipmates. I come back because I am still here and they are a part of me. I am not complete when I am not with my shipmates," Vezey said.

USS Oklahoma Memorial is constructed of 429 three-dimensional white marble columns, engraved with the names of each crew member who perished during the attack.

The white marble columns are arranged in a "V" shape, designed to resemble Sailors manning the rails. Surrounding the columns are black marble slabs etched with notable quotes from Oklahoma survivors.

"As I stand here today, looking at this solemn monument to those Sailors and Marines who lost their lives aboard that great battleship, I am moved to pause for a moment and consider the names written there," shared Keeve.

"I see in every one of them more than simply a name carved in marble, but instead a reminder of a life lived, a sacrifice made, and a lesson learned for those who will listen," Keeve said.

Pearl Harbor survivor Robert Knight makes ‘final journey’ to Pearl Harbor

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The ashes of Robert C. Knight, a Pearl Harbor survivor and former Navy chief petty officer, were scattered at the USS Utah Memorial on Ford Island during a ceremony held Dec. 7.

The ceremony included a rifle salute, playing of Taps, and a flag-folding and presentation to the family.

It was Knight’s wish to return to Hawaii for his “final voyage” to be reunited with his shipmates who were killed during the attack.

Knight passed away Aug. 1, 2013. His son Harry and his wife Marsha, and his daughter Carol and her husband Duane, made the trip to Hawaii for the ceremony honoring their father.

In the days leading up to the attack on Pearl Harbor, Knight was assigned to a patrol bomber (PBY) aircraft squadron stationed at Marine Corps Base Hawaii. He was having maintenance done on his aircraft at Ford Island, Pearl Harbor in preparation for an aviation exercise that was scheduled to take place in Kaneohe the following week.

Slated to fly the plane back to Kaneohe the morning of Dec. 7, Knight was just finishing his breakfast at Ford Island when the attack



on Pearl Harbor began.

Knight’s son, Harry Knight Jr., who attended the ceremony this past Sunday, recalled the stories his dad told him about his experiences in the wake of the attack on Pearl Harbor.

“He said he’d woke up to all the commotion of the bombs dropping on Sunday morning, and when he went out he said the first thing he saw was an airplane roaring overhead at a very low altitude with a big red meatball on the wing, and he immediately knew what was going on,” said Harry Jr.

Harry Jr. also described the scene his father had

recollected of the senior advisors using crowbars to pry open the doors of the PBY to take their machine guns. “They used old T-shirts and dungarees to hold the weapons on their shoulders while shooters fired at the Japanese, and when the barrels got too hot they would switch off holding them,” Harry Jr. explained.

Jim Taylor, Pearl Harbor survivor liaison for Navy Region Hawaii, detailed Knight’s heroism that day. “Men were running in all directions. He ran to his airplane. The aircraft entry hatch was locked and he didn’t have a key. Someone

pried it open, and they were able to get the machine guns out.

“Since the aircraft was an obvious target, he moved away from it and took position near some construction material so he could avoid the strafing aircraft. After the attack was over, he helped with fighting fires and searching for wounded,” Taylor described.

Knight’s squadron was later sent to the Hebrides Islands in the South Pacific. In 1943, he was sent to advanced aviation mate school in Chicago. According to Taylor, it was in Chicago that Knight met and married his

wife of 60 years.

Subsequently, he was assigned in Hawaii and was advanced to chief petty officer, attaining that rank in less than four years. “He was obviously an outstanding Sailor to make it so fast,” said Taylor.

Knight was also assigned to the aircraft carrier USS Ticonderoga (CV 14), followed by a tour on the USS Hancock (CV/CVA 19).

Knight finished his naval

career at Naval Air Station, Vero Beach, Fla. where he received his discharge in 1945.

“Chief Knight died an American hero. I feel quite certain he would not have wanted to be called a hero. He would probably say he was just doing his job—doing what he was trained to do,” Taylor said.

“I differ with that. Robert and every man and woman who served during that terrible war were, and still are, heroes. Our “Greatest Generation” created the mold our servicemen and women live by today. They set the example.”

The family expressed appreciation for the honors given to their father.

“I cannot begin to put words to it. It means so much to us as family to see his last request honored and respected so much,” said Harry Jr. “He always said the real heroes are still out here on the bottom of this harbor. We are just survivors.

“As he got older, he got so emotional about Pearl and the Navy, and this was truly his dying wish to have his ashes scattered over the waters. As far as what the Navy has done, the honor that has been given to my family and to my father, I don’t have the words,” said Harry Jr.

Pearl Harbor survivor recounts life-changing experience during CNIC visit

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WASHINGTON (NNS) — The 19-year-old Airman jumped from his bunk when he heard a thunderous explosion outside his third floor barracks window, Sunday morning, Dec. 7, 1941. When he looked out the window, he saw a plane with a big red ball flying low to the ground strafing Hickam airfield.

Retired Air Force Chief Warrant Officer Jay C. Groff Jr., a 92-year-old Pearl Harbor survivor, recounted his story about the attack on Pearl Harbor to the staff at Commander, Navy Installations Command (CNIC) headquarters in Washington, D.C. during a remembrance ceremony Dec. 3.

“That was the first time I was scared,” said Groff. “I could see the bombs coming down through the ceiling.” Groff explained that the thick reinforced concrete walls in the barracks sheltered him from the blast and probably saved his life.

Through the explosions and



Retired Air Force Chief Warrant Officer 4 Jay C. Groff Jr., a 92-year-old Pearl Harbor survivor, recounts his experiences in Pearl Harbor to the staff of Commander, Navy Installations Command in Washington D.C.

gunfire, Groff hastily made his way to an armament building to help a technical sergeant set up machine guns in a baseball field while Japanese Zeroes strafed them.

“We set up probably 10 guns between home plate and third base,” Groff recalled. “I was in my skivvies. I didn’t bother to put clothes on and until this day I couldn’t tell you if I was wearing shoes.”

Groff left the baseball field to join with fellow Airmen at his boathouse duty station and manned a machine gun on its roof. They were only there a short while when an unarmed American B-17 bomber, being shot at by a Japanese Zero, tried to land on the runway just beyond the boathouse. Groff was so close he could see someone leaning out of the B-17 and the puffs of smoke coming from the Zero’s guns as the bomber crash-landed.

“The Zero’s rounds hit a flare box in the B-17 and by the time it finished rolling, the plane had burned in half,” said Groff.

Groff made it through the events of that terrible day but realized he had just witnessed what could have been the most

important day of the 20th century. The world had changed for the United States and for him.

“That morning I realized that there was somebody out there trying to kill me,” said Groff. “That changed my outlook on life.”

Groff enlisted in the Army Air Corps after graduating from high school in May 1940. After arriving at his first duty station at Hickam Field, Groff was assigned to the crash boat section on the base. Prior to the use of helicopters, the Army Air Corps used fast watercraft similar to Navy patrol torpedo boats to pick up pilots who crash-landed in the water. The ceremony concluded with Groff reading a poem entitled, “To You Our Fallen” written by Sgt. W. Joe Brimm, Dec. 7, 1941, and a heartfelt thank you from Capt. Douglas F. Cochrane, chief of staff, CNIC. “Thank you for your service and thank you for an example today of a life extraordinarily well lived,” Cochrane said.

For more information on the Pearl Harbor attack, visit <http://www.history.navy.mil/faqs/faq66-1.htm>.

USS Michael Murphy enhances interoperability with French ship

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USS Michael Murphy
(DDG 112) Public Affairs

SOUTH CHINA SEA (NNS) — Arleigh Burke-class guided-missile destroyer USS Michael Murphy (DDG 112), homeported at Pearl Harbor, Hawaii, conducted a passing exercise (PASSEX) Nov. 28 with the French frigate FS Vendemiaire (F734) while operating in the South China Sea.

The allied ships conducted weapons and maneuvering exercises, as well as training for the visit, board, search and seizure team, during the PASSEX event.

“It’s always a pleasure conducting exercises with

foreign navies because the unique nature of naval service transcends national borders in so many ways,” said Cmdr. Todd Hutchison, Michael Murphy’s commanding officer.

“Having worked with the French before, I know them to be very capable and professional mariners, and the captain and crew of FS Vendemiaire confirmed that reputation for me yet again. The crew enjoyed the interaction and learning associated with each of the different exercises, and I hope we have the opportunity to sail the same water with them again,” Hutchison said.

In addition to the naval exercises, the French and United States ships



The Arleigh Burke-class guided-missile destroyer USS Michael Murphy (DDG 112), right, and the French navy frigate FS Vendemiaire (F734) conduct a passing exercise while operating in the South China Sea.

swapped personnel for a cultural exchange.

Lt. j.g. Benjamin Olivas,

training officer aboard Michael Murphy, visited the French frigate. He had an

opportunity to dine with the Vendemiaire’s captain and executive officer and learn

about the naval heritages and tradition of the French fleet.

“The Sailors on board FS Vendemiaire were incredibly gracious hosts, and I feel privileged to have learned much about their naval traditions during my stay,” said Olivas.

“My visit was a profound learning experience that illustrated how our partnership with the French navy leads to effective maritime security and cooperation on the high seas. I hope we continue this partnership in the years to come.”

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

Life&Leisure

Tower Lighting will include pictures with Santa tonight

Reid Tokeshi

Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam
Morale, Welfare & Recreation

The 45th Annual Tower Lighting Celebration will be held tonight on the lawn by Freedom Tower.

The festivities begin at 4:30 p.m., and patrons are encouraged to arrive early and claim their spot. An evening of live entertainment, prize giveaways, food, treats and more await families. One winner will receive a \$500 holiday shopping spree.

Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam Morale, Welfare

and Recreation has set up free activities for the kids, including bounce houses and holiday crafts.

A kid's clinic will offer projects teaching the children to build and create. Other interactive activities, including a trampoline demonstration, will take place across the grassy area.

Several on-base organizations will offer food booths with dinner plates, snacks and treats available for purchase. A milk and cookie tent will also return this year.

As the evening progresses, music will fill the air, courtesy of the Air Force Band of the Pacific and the Navy's Pacific Fleet Band.

Santa Claus will arrive at 5 p.m. to take free photos with the kids. MWR recommends getting in line early.

The Tower Lighting Ceremony is the main event at 7 p.m. when the lights will come on.

Parking in the immediate surrounding will be limited as areas will be cordoned off. MWR will provide free, round trip shuttle service from the BX garden shop to the event beginning at 4:15 p.m. until the end of the event.

For more information, go to www.greatlifehawaii.com.

Editor's note: See page B-3 for holiday lighting guidelines.



MWR highlights holiday happenings this month

Reid Tokeshi

Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam
Morale, Welfare & Recreation

Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam Morale, Welfare and Recreation (MWR) has put together a variety of holiday-themed events and offers this month. In addition to the Tower Lighting Celebration tonight, patrons can check out what else MWR has to celebrate the holiday season. They include:

- Dec. 14, 18, 20-24, the Honolulu City Lights Holiday Tour will depart from Bloch Arena parking lot at 6 and 6:30 p.m. Advance purchase is required. Tickets have been going fast, so patrons are advised to call the Information, Tickets & Travel (ITT) office at 473-0792 to see which dates still have seats available.
- Dec. 14, Lunch and Bowl with Santa will be held from noon to 2 p.m. at the Hickam Bowling Center. The event is for children 12 years and younger. Participants will get one game of bowling (shoe rental included), lunch and a chance to meet Santa. The cost is \$8. For more information, call 473-2651.
- Dec. 20, the Ugly Sweater Run will begin at 8 a.m. at Hickam Fitness Center. This free 5K run is open to active duty military, Department of Defense civilians and their family members. Participants can win a prize if they run in their ugliest holiday sweater. For more information, call the Hickam Fitness Center at 448-2214.
- Dec. 25, Sharkey Theater will feature a "two for one" because some people prefer to relax and be entertained with a good movie on the holiday. For more information, patrons can visit www.greatlifehawaii.com and click on the "theaters" link in the recreation tab.

- Dec. 31, a New Year's Eve party will be held in the Country Bar at Club Pearl. There will be party favors, pupus and a toast at midnight. Admission is free. Doors open at 8:30 p.m. The event is for those ages 18 years and older.
- Dec. 31, New Year's Eve dinner will be offered at Sam Choy's Island Style Seafood Grille. Harold Beltran, executive chef, is putting together dinner specials in addition to the popular menu items. Patrons ages 21 and older can receive a free glass of champagne to accompany the meal. For more information and to make a reservation, call 422-3002.
- Jan. 1, a New Year's special will be held at Sharkey Theater. Patrons can buy a small fountain drink and get a small popcorn for free.
- Dec. 20-31, 12 Days of Liberty will be offered. The program is open to all single Sailors and Airmen. MWR's Liberty Program will have 12 days of free activities.
- The activities will include ice skating, massages, football game tickets, shark adventures, hikes, luaus, holiday meals and more. For more information, visit www.greatlifehawaii.com or call Beeman Center at 473-2583.
- Through the month of December, there will be bowling specials at Hickam and Naval Station Bowling Centers. Patrons can bowl two games and get a third game free. For more information, call Naval Station Bowling Center at 473-2574 or Hickam Bowling Center at 448-9959.
- Throughout December, the Hickam Arts & Crafts Center will feature holiday-themed classes. For more information, call 448-9907.
- Brews & Cues at Club Pearl, Sharkey Theater, Naval Station Bowling Center (noon to 6 p.m.), Navy-Marine Golf Course, Barbers Point Golf Course and all Liberty Centers will be open on Christmas and New Year's Day.

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Chung-Hoon win creates logjam at top of division

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With only one game remaining in the regular season, USS Chung-Hoon (DDG 93) Koa Kai saved their best for the last by toppling league-leading USS Chafee (DDG 90) Bulldawgs, 26-20, Dec. 6, in an Afloat Division intramural flag football game at Ward Field, Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam.

The win not only locked up a spot in the upcoming playoffs but also threw Koa Kai into a virtual tie with the Bulldawgs with both teams finishing the regular season with identical 7-3 records.

This year's playoffs will be held over three days at Ward Field with the opening rounds kicking off on Dec. 13 and the championship game taking place two days later on Dec. 15.

“This is pretty big,” said Koa Kai quarterback Yeoman 3rd Class Courtney Sims. “We don’t have the best athletes, but we have people that’s going to go out there and play and give it 100 percent. They’ll play their hearts out. Heart beats skills.”

In order to come out on top, the Koa Kai needed every bit of their tenacity as the team fell behind by two scores early in the first half.

Bulldawgs quarterback Boatswain’s Mate 3rd Class Cole

Swanson started off the game by engineering an efficient 65-yard drive on only eight plays, with Swanson taking the ball into the end zone by himself for a 6-0 lead.

The Bulldawgs converted their point-after attempt to increase their lead to 7-0.

After getting the job done on offense, the Bulldawgs defense took center stage and came up with a big play of their own when Engineman 1st Class Curtis Kimber picked off a pass by Sims to set up Chafee in good field position at the Chung-Hoon eight-yard line.

Three plays later, Swanson doubled the Bulldawgs lead by connecting on a short pass inside the end zone to Logistics Specialist Seaman Recruit Tyron Davis.

Down by two scores, Koa Kai finally showed some life on their next offensive drive.

Going back to the team’s running back, Sims rushed the ball four times for positive yards and connected on three straight passes to get the team on the scoreboard with its first touchdown of the game.

Sims scampered in from 12 yards out to punch in the touchdown and then repeated the feat to convert the team’s two-point attempt to pull to within six at 14-8.

The Bulldawgs reestablished their control of the game by moving 65 yards on only four plays for

their third touchdown of the game and 20-8 advantage.

However, just before halftime, Sims was off and running again.

The Koa Kai QB picked up 25 yards on the team’s first play from scrimmage at their own 15 and then rushed for another 40 yards and a touchdown to make it 20-14 at halftime.

After stopping the Bulldawgs on downs, Chung-Hoon got the ball back at their own 15 and needed only seven plays to march deep into Chafee territory.

Facing fourth and goal from the Bulldawgs 21, Sims did what he does best and used his legs to

scramble into the end zone for the game-tying score.

Another defensive stop by Koa Kai gave Sims one last series to work his magic and the Chung-Hoon QB didn’t disappoint.

From his own 30, Sims, with 41 seconds remaining in the game, rushed three straight times to put the ball at the Chafee 12-yard line.

On the very last play of the game, Sims rolled out of the pocket and connected with Cryptologic Technician (Collection) 3rd Class Daniel Kelley inside the end zone for the game-winning touchdown.

“They (the Bulldawgs) was probably thinking that I was going to run it,” Sims said. “I wanted everybody to flow to the left. I looked up and saw Kelley and said, ‘no, that’s not the play,’ but I just threw it up to him and he caught it.”

Kelley explained that while the play might not have been what the QB expected, he just wanted to move to the open spot and become a big target for Sims.

“That side was predominately weaker than the other side,” Kelley explained. “I’m 6’ 3” so throw it up there and I’ll go for it.”



Cryptologic Technician (Collection) 3rd Class Daniel Kelley reaches up to secure a pass for the game-winning touchdown.

Residents ‘Go Green’

Hickam Communities

Hickam Communities residents can join the Hickam Communities, “Green Hawaii holiday decorating contest.”

Residents can go green this holiday season by creating a holiday display on their home’s façade or front lawn using zero energy. They can use battery-powered or solar decorations and could win one of three \$200 gift cards.

Judging will be based on best overall decorations utilizing zero energy decorations. Judging will take place on Dec. 19 and winners will be notified on Dec. 22.

For more information and to nominate a Hickam Communities Home, log on to the website www.hickamcommunities.com/go/greenholiday.

Forest City to hold holiday events for residents

Forest City Military Communities

Forest City Military Communities will hold a series of holiday-themed events to celebrate Christmas and New Year. They include:

- Dec. 15-19, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. The Forest City residential management holiday wrapping elves will assist Moanalua Terrace housing residents with wrapping their presents.

- Dec. 17, from 12:30 to 1:30 p.m. Surfin’ Santa will be on hand at Pearl City Peninsula housing for a photo op. The event will include snacks and holiday crafts.

- Dec. 19, from 2 to 4 p.m. Surfin’ Santa will hand out treats at the East housing resident services office.

- Now through Dec. 21. Pearl City Peninsula housing residents can enter a coloring

completion with the prize winner drawn on Dec. 22.

- Now through Dec. 22. East housing area residents can enter a home-decorating contest. Winners will be announced on Dec. 24.

- Now through Dec. 22. East housing residents can submit their cutest Christmas pet pictures to their resident services office by 5 p.m. Dec. 22. Winners will be announced on Dec. 24. Photos can be submitted online by emailing anicosia@forestcity.net.

- Now through Dec. 23. East housing residents will have a giving tree event for Fisher House children. Residents can visit their resident services office for details.

- Now through Dec. 24. East housing residents can participate in an elf in the neighborhood contest. Residents can stop by their resident services office to let housing

officials know where they saw the elf and put their name in for prizes. Drawings will be held every Friday.

- Now through Dec. 30. East housing residents can visit their resident services office to enter their family for the mega family party pack for New Year’s. The winner will be drawn on Dec. 31.

- In addition, all month long, Forest City Pearl City Peninsula housing area residents will also hold weekly ornament drawings at the resident services office. Throughout December, Pearl City Peninsula housing residents can stop by the resident services office from 8:30 to 10:30 a.m. Fridays for a holiday cookie treat.

For more information, visit www.fcnavyhawaii.com.

Playoff-bound Intelligence Squadron drubs MIDPAC

Story and photo by
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Sports Editor, Ho'okele

One week before the postseason, the 324th Intelligence Squadron (324 IS) One Percenters showed everyone just how serious they are about the upcoming playoffs by trouncing Commander, Naval Surface Group Middle Pacific (CNSG MIDPAC), 39-6, Dec. 8 in a White Division intramural flag football regular-season finale at Ward Field, Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam.

The win raised the 324's record to 9-2 and locked up second place in the White Division while MIDPAC finished their season with a record of 4-7.

On Dec. 13 at noon, the 324 IS will square off against USS Chafee (DDG 90) Bulldawgs at Ward Field in the first round of the playoffs.

The postseason continues on Sunday with quarter and semifinal matchups while the final two teams will fight for the base championship at Ward Field on Dec. 15 at 6 p.m.

"We tried things that we haven't tried in a long time to just try and tune up," said 324 IS quarterback Senior Airman Omar Vidro, who passed for three touchdowns and ran for another. "I know we have a tough road in the playoffs. Plus we wanted to get the number two seed, just so we'd have an easier road in the playoffs."

While the game meant nothing in terms of the 324 qualifying for the playoffs, the team came out as if every-

thing balanced on the outcome of the regular-season finale.

Four plays into the game, the 324 IS came up with a big play when Senior Airman Jonathan Bates picked off a pass and took it to the house for a 6-0 lead.

The 324 then went for and converted a three-point try to go up by a score of 9-0.

On their next possession, MIDPAC was forced to give the ball over on downs at their own 28.

After Vidro picked up a couple of yards on the first play from scrimmage, the 324 QB went to the air and hit Airman 1st Class Austin Debben with a strike for six points and a 15-0 lead.

Again, the 324 went for a three-point conversion and completed it for an 18-0 advantage.

On MIDPAC's third set from scrimmage, Bates interrupted the team's drive again by coming up with his second pick of the game.

The interception gave the 324 the ball at the MIDPAC 39, and four plays later Vidro lofted a 15-yard pass to the left corner of the end zone and into the arms of Bates.

Another three-point conversion made it 27-0 in favor of the 324 at halftime.

While most games aren't usually settled early in the second half, the 324 all but put the game away on the first play coming out of the break.

Starting with the ball on his own 15, Vidro stepped back into the pocket and slipped a short pass to Debben who made the grab at around the 20.

Debben made two cutbacks to elude the defense before breaking out into open field for a 60-yard, catch-and-run touchdown that made it 33-0 in favor of the 324.

Later, Vidro scored on a 32-yard run to pay dirt and the final score of the game.

"I wouldn't call this a meaningless game," said Bates, who finished up with three interceptions and two touchdowns. "Every game is important (because) we need to be firing on all cylinders every game. When we go on in the playoffs, we don't know what we're going to hit. This was our game to go out, clean up some things and play 100 percent."

Both Bates and Vidro agreed that if the 324 are playing at their best, the team has a good chance of playing for the title.

"We've been together for a year and a half," Vidro pointed out. "Our defense is our strong point. If we can play defense like we do, we can go to the top."



Senior Airman Jonathan Bates makes an overhead catch for a touchdown.



Army Capt. Chad Agustine, an all-armed forces softball player, beats the throw to arrive safely at third.

Primo Lite out-slugs Drama Free to claim title

Story and photo by
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Primo Lite scored four runs in the top of the first and five more in the second en route to a 20-10 mercy-rule victory over Drama Free, Dec. 6, to win the 2014 Winter Softball Championship at Hickam Softball Four-plex, Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam.

Both teams entered the single-elimination tournament with identical 10-1 records before earning the right to square off against each other for the base crown.

Primo Lite leadoff hitter Tech. Sgt. Jeff Camacho, who rapped out two singles in three at-bats, said that while the team was loaded with all-stars, which included two all-armed forces selectees, everyone played as one right from the very start.

"We merged two teams together and they just clicked," Camacho said. "One thing good about this team is that everybody left their egos at the door. Everybody was cool with each other and just from the start, in our first game we were already scoring 20 runs."

In the first inning, Camacho beat out an infield single to get things started.

Later, with two men on and one out, all-armed forces player Army Capt. Chad Agustine lowered the first boom of the game by smashing a double to drive in both runners.

Agustine came home on a sacrifice fly before Machinist's Mate Fireman Apprentice Tom Devlin drove in the final run in a four-run first.

After giving up a run to Drama Free in the bottom of the first, Primo Lite picked up where they left off in the first by ripping four singles for two runs to open the second inning.

Then with one out and two runners on base, Agustine crushed a pitch for a three-run shot to give Primo Lite a 9-1 advantage.

Drama Free picked up their second run in the bottom of the second, but Primo Lite got it right back in the top of the third on a

homer by Master Sgt. Joe Vann.

Led by a two-run shot from Damage Controlman 1st Class Jason Davila, Drama Free cut the lead down to 10-5 with three runs in the bottom of the third.

However, Drama Free's momentum was again short-circuited by the power hitting prowess of Agustine, who crushed another double with two men on in the top of the fourth for RBIs six and seven.

Primo Lite went on to add three more runs in the fourth before exploding again in the top of the fifth.

Airman 1st Class Derric Ross led off the fifth with a single and was driven home by a booming two-run shot off the bat of Machinery Technician 3rd Class Ronny Chagualaf.

Primo Lite added three more runs in the top of the fifth before holding Drama Free to four runs in the bottom of the frame to preserve the 10-run, mercy-rule win.

In the bottom of the fifth, Drama Free got a leadoff home run by Senior Chief Electronics Technician Jason Karns.

"The biggest thing is that everybody is safe and having fun," said Agustine about the team's impressive win. "After that, we knew each other's capabilities and everybody just played within their abilities. What our team did is that we just executed better than the other team."

While the Primo Lite bats were in a groove throughout the game, having scored in all five innings, Agustine pointed to fellow all-armed forces player Storekeeper 2nd Class Niko Langas, who pitched a strong game.

"I give that to the pitcher," Agustine said. "Niko has developed into a great pitcher. Him moving the ball up and down, changing speed, makes a difference and he does it well now."

Although it's sweet to claim the championship trophy, both Camacho and Agustine said that playing the game is more than reward enough.

"We just said that we're going to have fun," Camacho said. "We're just going to go out there and enjoy the sport. That's what we did and from the beginning to the end."

Judges announce holiday lighting winners

Navy Region Hawaii
Public Affairs

Festival of Lights judges extended a "bravo zulu" to all ships and submarines who worked together to celebrate the holidays on the Pearl Harbor waterfront. They offered congratulations to contest winners who demonstrated their creativity, hospitality, spirit and fun. Winners included:

Surface combatants

- First place winner USS Chafee (DDG 90), with ensigns in holiday onesies, received a free joint base Morale, Welfare and Recreation-hosted command picnic.
- Second place winner USS Chung-Hoon (DDG 93), with combat elves and a damage control Santa, received a free MWR-hosted fleet bash on the pier.
- Third place winner USS Chosin (CG 65) received a free MWR Outdoor Recreation Adventure for 20.
- Honorable mention winner USS Hopper (DDG 70) received a free large pavilion rental.

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Submarines

- First place winner USS Santa Fe (SSN 763) received a free MWR-hosted command picnic.
- Second place winner USS Bremerton (SSN 698) received a free MWR-hosted fleet bash on the pier.

- Third place winner USS Asheville (SSN 758), with special recognition for berthing barge decoration, received free outdoor recreation adventures for 20.
- Honorable mention winners USS Columbia (SSN 771) and USS Jacksonville (SSN 699) received a free large pavilion rental.
- The admiral's choice award was presented to USS O'Kane (DDG 77) which returned from deployment Dec. 5 and mustered up their duty section holiday cheer, receiving a \$200 MWR gift certificate.
- The barge competition award winner is Commander, Navy Region Hawaii barge crew, which received a \$50 MWR gift certificate.

Housing offices offer holiday lighting rules

Forest City

The Forest City Community Handbook has guidelines for holiday lighting.

- Holiday lighting is authorized for use between the hours of 5 and 10 p.m. until the second weekend in January.
- Decorative lighting for other time periods may be installed/displayed one week prior to the holiday and removed no later than three days after the holiday.

• All lighting needs to be removed from premises and stored properly. Residents should avoid overloading circuits and the overuse of extension cords. Lighting should not be left on when no one is home.

- Any lights or decorations attached to the home should not cause any physical damage. Gutter clips or similar clip devices should be used for affixing exterior lighting, but not nails, screws or tacks.
- Roof decorations and lighting above the first floor rooftop are not allowed.

Canned "snow" or other similar substances should not be sprayed on windows, siding or brick facades.

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Hickam Communities

As a reminder about holiday lighting, guidelines are also listed in the Hickam Communities resident guide.

- Residents are not allowed on roofs for any reason.
- Reasonable use of inside and outside electric ornamental lighting is authorized, including blow-up lawn ornaments. Residents should not penetrate roofs, siding or fascia with nails, staples, bolts, screws, etc. to install lighting.

Residents are asked to note the following:

- Residents may use clips or tape that are specifically designed to install temporary holiday lighting.
- Residents should carefully inspect and control ornamental lighting to avoid fire.
- Extension cords are intended for occasional use and should not be used on a permanent or semipermanent basis inside or outside of any Hickam Communities home.

Use of ornamental lighting is authorized as follows:

- Two weeks prior to and one week after all nationally recognized holidays.
- Thirty days prior to and two weeks after the Christmas/New Year season.
- Residents should ensure that all self-installed lighting will be used in proper applications and meet safety regulations.
- Outdoor lighting and electrical cords need to be Underwriter Laboratory (UL) approved and designed for outdoor use.

• Lighting can only be placed on the first floor rooftop (no second floor rooftop applications).

- Residents are responsible for any damage and/or liability resulting from the use of ornamental lighting.
- Residents should practice energy conservation and limit the use of ornamental lighting to the evening time. The lighting should not be left on during daylight hours.

Additional guidelines may apply to historic homes.

Street Smart safety briefs to be held today

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Live the Great Life



MWR Marketing photo
Patrons inspect vehicles for potential bidding.

‘Small treasures’ found at abandoned vehicle auction

Reid Tokeshi

*Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam
Morale, Welfare & Recreation*

Hundreds of customers stopped by the abandoned vehicle auction on Dec. 6 to see if any hidden gems were among the various vehicles on the lot near Porter Gate at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam.

More than 150 vehicles, including cars, trucks and even motorcycles, were up for bid. The conditions of the vehicles covered a wide range. A few were in decent shape that caught the eyes of many patrons. Others appealed only to those looking for a fix-up job.

Doug Ikeda from MWR’s Auto Skills Center said some good deals can be found for customers who realize what they’re getting.

“You’re attending an abandoned vehicle auction. There are no keys and the battery is dead,” Ikeda said.

He added that per base rules, the vehicles need to be towed off the lot at the owner’s expense. With the wide variation on state of repair, he said people are looking for a variety of reasons.

“Some guys look for project cars. A lot of people that come down are looking for a second car, or they want to buy a car for their kids. Some people just need parts for their vehicle. So there are all kinds of reasons,” Ikeda said.

All bids are sealed so everyone has a fair shot at winning. Ikeda said he has seen bids high and low take the prize.

“I’ve seen winning bids that I wouldn’t have gone that high, and I’ve seen people win with bids just above the minimum (\$150). People want the vehicle for a specific reason,” Ikeda said.

Those who did not win this time, or didn’t see anything that caught their eye, need not despair. Ikeda said another auction is planned for next year. Every vehicle has to go through a process before being designated abandoned, but if everything goes smoothly, organizers hope to hold it in early spring.

For more information about when the next auction will be held, customers can go to www.greatlifehawaii.com and click on the GLH Hot List button. From there, they can select vehicle auctions among a list of other special mailing lists to choose from.

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PeeWee Soccer Registration period for youth ages 3 to 5 years old closes today. The season runs from January to March. Registration is available at www.greatlifehawaii.com. The fee is \$35. FMI: 473-0789.

Free Karaoke Friday will be held from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. today at the Escape Bowling Center (Wahiawa Annex). Free karaoke will be available during open bowling hours. FMI: 473-2651.

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

Machine Quilting: Star Quilt class will be held from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. every Saturday from Dec. 13 through 27 at the Hickam Arts & Crafts Center. Students can learn how to cut fabric and assemble the pattern while learning quilting tips and how to complete a quilt from start to finish. Tuition is \$100. FMI: 448-9907.

Gridiron Breakfast will be held from 7 to 11 a.m. Dec. 14 at Brews & Cues. Patrons can watch NFL football games with DirecTV Sunday Ticket. There is no cover charge. FMI: 473-1743.

NFL Football Sunday will begin at 8 a.m. Dec.

14 at J.R. Rockers Sports Café. There will be a special breakfast menu for \$7.50 for Air Force club members and \$9.50 for non-members. FMI: 448-2271.

Monday Night Kid’s Night will be held from 5 to 9 p.m. Dec. 15 at Sam Choy’s Island Style Seafood Grille. Children ages 12 years and younger can get a free kid’s meal with the purchase of an adult entrée. A bounce house will be available for children to play in from 5 to 7 p.m. FMI: 422-3002.

Sport Shot Monday will be held from 5 to 9 p.m. Dec. 15 at Naval Station Bowling Center. Patrons can test their skills on some of the challenging lane patterns. The bowler with the highest three-game series for the night will receive three free games of bowling on his or her next visit. FMI: 473-2574.

Stretching & Core class will be held from 8:30 to 9:30 a.m. Dec. 16 and Dec. 18 at the Hickam channel pathway. Attendees should bring a yoga mat and water to class. The fee is \$5 per class. FMI: 471-2019.

Cookies & Canvas: Beach Time painting class for youth ages 5 to 12 years old will be held from 3:30 to 5:30 p.m. Dec. 16 at the Hickam

Arts & Crafts Center. Students can create painted masterpieces on stretched canvas, while nibbling on a sweet treat. The fee is \$25 and includes supplies. FMI: 448-9907.

Ford Island Historical Tour will be held from 9:30 a.m. to noon Dec. 17. Points of interest on this guided tour include the USS Utah and USS Oklahoma Memorials, the Navy Club Memorial honoring the USS Arizona, historic Nob Hill officer homes, and bombing and bullet strafing reminders. Round-trip transportation from the Information, Tickets & Travel (ITT)-Hickam office is included. Tickets are \$25 for adults and \$20 for children ages 3 to 11 years old. FMI: 448-2295.

Kids’ Book Club will begin at 2 p.m. Dec. 17 at the Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam Library for youth in fourth and fifth grades. Group two (the “Third Wednesday” group) will discuss “Charlotte’s Web” by E.B. White and will take home “The Westing Game” by Ellen Raskin. FMI: 449-8299.

Junior Golf Clinic will begin at 4 p.m. Dec. 17 at Barbers Point Golf Course. The pro will offer tips for junior golfers at this free clinic. FMI: 682-1911.

Challenge Your Balance yoga class will be held from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Dec. 18 at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam Fitness Center. This class will emphasize standing balance poses with the option of double or triple mats for an additional challenge. The fee is \$5. FMI: 471-2019.

Liberty Programs’ Barracks Bash will be held from 5 to 7 p.m. Dec. 18 at Seawolf Tower. This free barbecue is for single, active-duty Sailors and Airmen only. FMI: 473-2583.

Teen Parent Night bingo will be held from 5:30 to 8 p.m. Dec. 18 at the Hickam Teen Center for youth ages 13 to 18 years old and their parents. This free event celebrates National Bingo and Cookie Month. New families are always welcome. FMI: 448-0418.

Mongolian barbecue will be held from 5:30 to 8 p.m. Dec. 18 on the lanai of the Historic Hickam Officers’ Club. A variety of meats, vegetables and sauces will be available for 85 cents per ounce. Rice, noodles, soup, beverages and fortune cookies are included. FMI: 448-4608.

Community Calendar

DECEMBER

VEHICLE REGISTRATION ONLINE APPOINTMENTS NOW — The new City & County Pearl Harbor Vehicle Registration office now offers a new online appointment system. Walk-in customers will no longer be taken. Office hours are from 9 a.m. to noon and 1 to 4 p.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays. The online appointment system is now open for reservations each Monday at 9 a.m. for Tuesday and Thursday appointments for that week. FMI: <http://go.usa.gov/s8Jk> or <http://www1.honolulu.gov/csd/satellite/jbphh.htm>.

FESTIVAL OF LIGHTS AT PEARL HARBOR TODAY — Tours for the general public for the annual Festival of Lights will be held from 6 to 8 p.m. **Tonight is the last night for public tours.** Seats are limited and tickets will be distributed on a first come, first served basis beginning at 5:30 p.m. at the Pearl Harbor Visitor Center. Ships and submarines around Pearl Harbor are displaying ornamental lights and decorations for the annual festival now through Dec. 25. FMI: Amanda Carona at 422-3315 or e-mail amanda_carona@nps.gov.

STREET SMART SAFETY BRIEF TODAY — The Navy Region Hawaii alcohol and drug control officer will hold Street Smart safety briefs with two show times, from 8 to 9 a.m. and from 10 to 11 a.m. at Sharkey Theater. The safety brief is geared toward holiday stand down safety.

SPOUSES PERSONNEL AND PAY BRIEF TODAY — 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.

BREAKFAST WITH SANTA SATURDAY — The annual Breakfast with Santa will begin at 8 a.m. at 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.

CHRISTMAS ORIGAMI SATURDAY — Parent and child Christmas origami will be held from 12:30 to 2:30 p.m. at the Hickam Arts & Crafts Center. The event is for children ages 6 to 12 years old accompanied by a parent. The cost is \$20. Another Christmas origami class for youth ages 12 and older will be held Dec. 20 at the center. FMI: 448-9907.

HONOLULU CITY LIGHTS 14, 18, 20-24 — Annual Honolulu City Lights: holiday display tours will depart at 6 and 6:30 p.m. Dec. 14, 18 and 20-24 from Bloch Arena. The cost is \$15 per person ages 5 and older, and free for children ages 4 and under (on an adult's lap). FMI: 448-2295.



INTERSTELLAR (PG-13)

Interstellar chronicles the adventures of a group of explorers who make use of a newly discovered wormhole to surpass the limitations on human space travel and conquer the vast distances involved in an interstellar voyage.

SHARKEY THEATER

TODAY 12/12
7:00 p.m. Interstellar (PG-13)

SATURDAY 12/13
2:30 p.m. Big Hero 6 (PG)
5:00 p.m. Dumb and Dumber To (PG-13)
7:20 p.m. Beyond the Lights (PG-13)

SUNDAY 12/14
2:30 p.m. Big Hero 6 (3-D) (PG)
4:40 p.m. St. Vincent (PG-13)
6:50 p.m. John Wick (PG-13)

THURSDAY 12/18
7:00 p.m. Interstellar (PG-13)

FRIDAY 12/19
7:00 p.m. The Hunger Games: Mockingjay Pt. 1 (PG-13)

MEET DALLAS COWBOYS CHEERLEADERS 15 — MWR patrons can meet the Dallas Cowboys cheerleaders beginning at 3 p.m. at the Club Pearl Brews & Cues, Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam. Patrons can bring their cameras to take photos. The event is open to military affiliated personnel of all ages and their sponsored guests. In addition, shuttle service to Club Pearl (for single, active-duty Sailors and Airmen only) will depart from Liberty Express at 1:45 p.m., from Beeman Center at 2:30 p.m., and from Makai Rec Center at 2:45 p.m. FMI: 473-2583 or www.greatlifehawaii.com.

SPACE AVAILABLE BRIEF 19 — Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam Air Mobility Command (AMC) Passenger Terminal will hold a “space available” brief beginning at 10 a.m. at the Hickam Memorial Theater to anyone interested in exploring this benefit. Space available travel is a means where military affiliated personnel can travel on aircraft when excess capability allows. FMI: 449-6833 or visit the Facebook page at <http://www.facebook.com/HickamAMC>.

UGLY SWEATER RUN 20 — An Ugly Sweater Run will begin at 8 a.m. at Hickam Fitness Center. The free event is open to active-duty military, Department of Defense civilians and their family members. Awards will be given to first and second place winners in mens, womens, youth and stroller categories. Special awards will be given to top three participants with the ugliest sweaters. Participants can sign up at the Hickam Fitness Center. FMI: 448-2214.

ALOHA CHRISTMAS BREAKFAST 25 — A free Aloha Christmas breakfast will be held from 9 to 11 a.m. for single Sailors and Airmen at two locations on the Pearl Harbor side of the base (Gabrunas Hall recreation room and Parche Memorial) and one on the Hickam side of the base (The Gathering Place, building 1856). Breakfast will include waffles, bacon, eggs and homemade cinnamon rolls. The event is sponsored by the JBPHH Chapel community. FMI: Johnathan Reilly at (716) 698-8953.

LIBERTY’S CHRISTMAS LUNCH 25 — A free Liberty’s Christmas lunch will begin at 11:30 a.m. at all Liberty Centers. The event is for single, active-duty Sailors and Airmen only. FMI: 473-2583.

CHRISTMAS DAY DOUBLE FEATURE 25 — Patrons can watch two movies for the price of one admission ticket at 7 p.m. at Sharkey Theater. Moviegoers can check out the Sharkey Theater link on www.greatlifehawaii.com. FMI: 473-0726.

NEW YEAR’S EVE PARTY 31 — A New Year’s Eve party will begin at 8:30 p.m. at the Country Bar. The event will include party favors and pupus. Open to patrons ages 18 and older. FMI: 473-2583.

NEW YEAR’S EVE CRUISE, FIREWORKS 31 — A free New Year’s Eve dinner cruise and fireworks off the shore of Waikiki with Liberty will be held. Shuttles will depart from the following Liberty centers: Express at 8:30 p.m., Beeman at 9 p.m., Instant at 9:15 p.m. and Makai Recreation at 9:30 p.m. The event is for single, active-duty Sailors and Airmen only. FMI: 473-2583.

HICKAM MEMORIAL THEATER

TODAY 12/19
6:00 p.m. Big Hero 6 (PG)

SATURDAY 12/20
4:00 p.m. Big Hero 6 (PG)
7:00 p.m. Interstellar (PG-13)

SUNDAY 12/21
2:00 p.m. Interstellar (PG-13)

No movie showings from December 22-25.

Movie Showtimes



Diane Tanoura, Cookie Caper volunteer, sorts cookies in the cookie command central at the Makai Recreation Center at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam.

Cookie Caper spreads holiday cheer

Story and photo by
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15th Wing Public Affairs

Members of Team Hickam and the local community helped kick off the holiday season Dec. 3 at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam with the annual Cookie Caper.

The volunteers took a brief break from the daily grind to become Cookie Caper “elves,” collecting dozens of cookies for this year’s drive.

The Cookie Caper program solicits donations for freshly baked cookies from base and community members. Caper “elves” then collect and sort the cookies in holiday-themed bags, which are distributed to base Airmen.

“It’s all about spirit. The purpose of the Cookie Caper is to see Team Hickam’s holiday spirit,” said Kristianne Swanson, Hickam Enlisted Spouses Club (HESC) president.

“Especially during the holidays, people want to find ways to give back to the community and this is a good way.”

Swanson said the fresh baked goods can also help brighten an Airman’s holiday season.

“Most of the Airmen are young and here alone away from their families,” she said. “Sometimes this offers that little bit of cheer they need.”

According to Swanson, volunteer bakers far exceeded the 600 dozen cookies that were needed to give each single Airman 12 cookies apiece.

Though the HESC headed the operation, Swanson said the event was a true community effort with volunteers coming from the active duty community, Hickam Officers Spouses Club, the First Sergeants Association, the Friends of Hickam and 15th Wing leadership, among others.

“Our job is people, and giving back to our Airmen is part of our mission,” said Master Sgt. Alfred Wells, 15th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron first sergeant.

Wells said the Cookie Caper was a good opportunity to take care of Airmen while also strengthening partnerships.

“Taking care of our Airmen is everybody’s business,” he said. “This was fun. To partner with the Friends of Hickam and our spouses’ clubs and other helping agencies on base was fun. This gives us a chance to come together for a good cause and strengthen those partnerships.”

Wells said at the end of the day it’s about coming together as a community and being a family.

“I think this gives a little piece of home,” he said. “It lets them know somebody is thinking about them and we are their family away from home.”

Armed services blood drive schedule updated

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:

- Dec. 15, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., 3rd Marine Regiment, Marine Corps Base Hawaii.
- Dec. 22 and 23, 8 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., Blood

Donor Center, room 2A207, Tripler Army Medical Center.

- Jan. 5, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., Club 14, U.S. Coast Guard Sector Honolulu, Sand Island.
- Jan. 7, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., Camp Smith Pollack Theatre, Camp Smith.

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

JBPHH food service to offer holiday meals Dec. 25

Don Robbins

Editor, Ho‘okele

The Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam food service team will offer special holiday menus on Christmas Day at the Hale Aina Dining Facility and the Silver Dolphin Bistro Galley.

The Hale Aina Dining Facility meal will be offered from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. with ala carte pricing. The meal will include appetizers such as shrimp cocktail and assorted nonfat yogurt, soup, salad, vegetables, entrees such as baked ham, roast turkey and boneless rib of beef, gravies and dressings, breads and rolls, assorted desserts and beverages.

The meal is open to all military, retirees and family members.

The Silver Dolphin Bistro Galley meal will be served from 2 to 4 p.m. and the price is \$7.70.

The meal will include chicken and wild rice soup, shrimp cocktail, oven roasted turkey, baked spiral ham with raisin sauce, carved steamship round with au jus, giblet and turkey gravy, cranberry sauce, bread stuffing with sausage, baby red mashed potatoes, baked macaroni and cheese, candied sweet potatoes, glazed baby carrots and green bean casserole.

The Silver Dolphin meal will also include assorted hot rolls, fresh salad bar, crab salad and potato salad, assorted pies, cakes and cheesecake. The meal will also include an ice cream bar with assorted toppings, nuts and hard candies, and a Silver Dolphin Bistro holiday cake.

The meal is open to all active duty military, Department of Defense employees, retirees and their families with a valid ID card. Attendees are asked to bring exact change to reduce time spent at the cashier stand.

For more information, call 473-2948 or email Robert.Pare@navy.mil.

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NORAD ready to track Santa



North American Aerospace Defense Command

PETERSON AIR FORCE BASE, Colo. — The North American Aerospace Defense Command is ready to track Santa’s yuletide journey. The NORAD Tracks Santa website, www.noradsanta.org, has been launched featuring a mobile version, a holiday countdown, new games and daily activities, and more. The website is available in eight languages: English, French, Spanish, German, Italian, Japanese, Portuguese and Chinese.

Official NORAD Tracks Santa apps are also available in the Windows, Apple and Google Play stores, so parents and children can count down the days until Santa’s launch on their smart phones and tablets. Tracking opportunities are also offered on Facebook, Twitter, YouTube and Google+. Santa followers need to type “@noradsanta” into each search engine to get started.

Also new this year, the website features Santa’s elves in the North Pole Village. NORAD Tracks Santa is introducing the newest elf and asking the public to help choose the perfect name for him. Details can be found via NORAD Tracks Santa social media or in the “Name the Elf” video in Santa’s North Pole Movie Theater at www.noradsanta.org.

Starting at 12:01 a.m. MST on Dec. 24, website visitors can watch Santa make preparations for his flight. NORAD’s “Santa Cams” will stream videos on the website as Santa makes his way over various locations. Then at 4 a.m. MST (6 a.m. EST), trackers worldwide can speak with a live phone operator to inquire as to Santa’s whereabouts by dialing the toll-free number 1-877-Hi-NORAD (1-877-446-6723) or by sending an email to norad-trackssanta@outlook.com. Any time on Dec. 24, Windows Phone users can ask Cortana for Santa’s location, and OnStar subscribers can press the OnStar button in their vehicles to find Santa.

NORAD Tracks Santa is a global experience for generations of families everywhere. This is due, in large part, to the efforts and services of numerous program contributors.

It all started in 1955 when a local media advertisement directed children to call Santa direct; only the number was misprinted. Instead of reaching Santa, the phone rang through to the crew commander on duty at the Continental Air Defense Command Operations Center. Thus began the tradition, which NORAD carried on since it was created in 1958.

JBPHH Chapel events planned for this month

Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam chapels will be holding a variety of events celebrating Christmas and New Year’s Day. They include:

Catholic services at Hickam Chapel Center

- Dec. 24, 5 p.m., Christmas Eve Family Mass.
- Dec. 24, 10 p.m., Christmas Eve Mass.
- Dec. 25, 11 a.m., Christmas Day Mass.
- Jan. 1, 11 a.m., Mother of God (Holy Day of Obligation).

Catholic services at Pearl Harbor Memorial Chapel

- Dec. 24, 5 p.m., Christmas Eve Family Mass.
- Dec. 25, 9 a.m., Christmas Day Mass.
- Jan. 1, 9 a.m., Mother of God (Holy Day of Obligation).

Protestant services at Hickam Chapels

- Dec. 21, 5 p.m., Children’s Christmas Program, Hickam Chapel Center.
- Dec. 24, 7 p.m., Christmas Eve Candlelight Service, Hickam Chapel Center.
- Dec. 31, 10 p.m., Watchnight Service, Hickam Nelles Chapel.

Protestant services at Pearl Harbor Memorial Chapel.

- Dec. 19, 7 p.m., Children’s Christmas Program.
- Dec. 24, 7 p.m., Christmas Eve Candlelight Service.

Aloha Christmas Breakfast for single Sailors and Airmen

- Dec. 25, 9 to 11 a.m. Hickam Gathering Place, King Hall, building 1856.

For other religious observances, call Pearl Harbor Memorial Chapel at 473-3971 and Hickam Chapel Center at 449-1754.

