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- Abraham Lincoln

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Boots on the Ground: Navy League honors IAs

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HONOLULU – Ninety-one Hawaii-based Sailors and Marines from 26 commands were recognized for their service as individual augmentees (IAs) during the fifth annual "Boots on the Ground" IA recognition luncheon held Feb. 28 at the Ala Moana Hotel.

Hosted by the Honolulu Council of the Navy League and presented by Partners in Patriotism, the luncheon acknowledged the commitment of service members who left their assigned commands to fill individual billet requirements for various combatant commanders around the world.

"This morning we are honoring these Sailors and Marines who volunteered to go IA without a troop, company or battalion. They went on their own. Nobody said goodbye or greeted them back except their family, and so we think this is a great opportunity to let them know how much we appreciated them and their service," said David C. Livingston, president of Honolulu Council Navy League.

The event started with the parade of colors as well as the Star-Spangled Banner along with an invocation by Capt. Salvador Aguilera, Navy Region Hawaii chaplain.

While lunch was being served, the attendees were treated to music by Henry Kapono, who sang three songs including "I'm Coming Home," a ballad written with military families in mind.

"I hope we never have to do this kind of event. We hope we never have to send another Soldier, Sailor or Marine overseas again, but as long as we keep doing it we want to keep supporting them because the IAs are the backbone of what's going on there. They're the specialists that make the team successful," said Livingston.

IAs are active duty and Reserve Sailors and Marines who serve in diverse capacities



Adm. Cecil D. Haney, commander of U.S. Pacific Fleet, presents a "boots on the ground" military challenge coin to an individual augmentee (IA) who was one of those honored at Thursday's IA recognition luncheon.

and usually in hostile conditions, making significant impacts in places such as Iraq, Afghanistan, the Horn of Africa and the Republic of the Philippines. They provide commanders with mission-tailored, globally-distributed forces.

Adm. Cecil D. Haney, commander of U.S. Pacific Command, thanked the Navy League and sponsors for their continued support and personally thanked all the IAs and their families for their service and sacrifice.

"Each of you are a part of a special class of Sailors and Marines who can say that you have served our nation as an individual augmentee. You have volunteered to do this and you have done well," said Haney. Haney presented each of the IAs with a special "boots on the ground" military challenge coin.

Sailors who serve as IAs not only fill critical joint jobs throughout the world but also serve as ambassadors for the Navy and gain invaluable joint,

coalition and interagency experience.

"These individuals, whether they're Marines or Navy, volunteer for the most part, and they are taken away from their normal duties to support the war on terrorism, to go out by themselves (without their ships, subs or detachments)," said Diane Thompson, individual augmentee coordinator, Military and Family Support Center.

"It's the extra jobs that they do that should be recognized. I know most Sailors would say we're just doing our job but this is above and beyond."

The event also served as an opportunity to thank the families of IAs for standing behind their Sailors or Marines and supporting them when they volunteer for assignments, knowing it will take them away from their families.

"To the family members who stayed behind, I can say that they are just as brave as service

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'Olympic-sized' Damage Control



U.S. Navy photos by Mass Communication Specialist 2nd Class Steven Khor. Sailors from the Virginia-class submarine USS Texas (SSN 775) Fire Control Technician Seaman David Lloyd (right) Machinist's Mate 3rd Class Trent Tykila, and Machinist's Mate 2nd Class Colby Kraght patch a pipe at a damage control Olympics between Texas and the Los Angeles-class submarine USS City of Corpus Christi (SSN 705) on Feb. 21. (Below) Sailors from the Virginia-class submarine USS Texas (SSN 775) put on their flame retardant suits to battle a simulated fire at a Damage Control Olympics between USS Texas and the Los Angeles-class submarine USS City of Corpus Christi (SSN 705).



Cable television cuts will begin today

There will be major cuts to cable television service at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam beginning today.

"Due to funding constraints, we are authorized to fund mission-only areas like operation centers," said David Anderson, information technology services management.

Areas scheduled to lose cable TV service include common areas at

Morale, Welfare and Recreation facilities, gyms, galleys, bachelor enlisted quarters and bachelor officer quarters. Individual rooms at the Navy Lodge and the bachelor enlisted and bachelor officer quarters will not be affected.

Cable TV service will remain available at command and control, emergency operation centers and public affairs areas.

Hawaii Five-0 films aboard Hickam C-17

U.S. Marine Corps Staff Sgt. John Phillips, a parachute rigger with Special Operations Command, Pacific, helps "Hawaii Five-0" actors Alex O'Loughlin (right) and Alan Ritchson (center) adjust their parachute straps while aboard a C-17 Globemaster at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam on Feb. 21. The crew and cast were on scene to shoot a portion of an upcoming episode.

U.S. Air Force photo by Tech. Sgt. Jerome S. Tayborn



Community meetings set for March 11, 13, 18

Military housing residents can meet with Navy leadership and Forest City representatives at upcoming community meetings scheduled for 6 p.m. March 11 at Moanalua Community Center, March 13 at Ford Island Community Center and March 18 at NCTAMS in the conference center (the old chapel).

Residents are encouraged to take this opportunity to ask questions and address concerns. For more information, contact your Forest City community manager's office.



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Navy-Marine Corps Relief Society fund drive to begin March 4

Jim Murray

Naval Supply Systems Fleet
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Harbor

The 2013 Navy-Marine Corps Relief Society (NMCRS) Fund Drive will kick off on March 4 and run through April 5. The theme of this year's drive is "Make a Difference. Donate Today." NAVSUP Fleet Logistics Center Pearl Harbor is coordinating the Navy's regional effort.

NMCRS has been serving the needs of Marines

and Sailors since 1903 when President Theodore Roosevelt donated one-third of the gate receipts of the Army-Navy game to create this organization. Since that day, NMCRS has donated nearly a billion dollars to thousands of active duty and retired Sailors and Marines as well as their dependents and their survivors.

NMCRS provides finan-



cial counseling, no-interest loans, grants, support services and referrals to other community-based resources. Typically, most of the financial assistance provided by NMCRS is to cover basic living expenses—food, shelter and utilities—or to pay for emergency transportation, such as airline tickets to the mainland due to the death or illness of an immediate family member.

Financial assistance is also provided to cover bills resulting from emergency vehicle repairs, medical and dental expenses, funerals or other emergencies. There are no fees for assistance.

NMCRS does not provide income to those Sailors or Marines lack sufficient discipline to live within their means; however, it will provide them with budget counseling. The society's trained caseworkers are familiar with the special challenges and conditions of service life, and they have a realistic under-

standing of the potential hardships facing service members and their families.

Most people don't realize it, but NMCRS receives no government funding. It is a private, non-profit organization that derives most of its money from private donations. In other words, its funding comes from people just like you.

"Military members from all ranks and ratings have benefited from NMCRS," said Lt. Cmdr. Bran Sherman, the regional fund drive coordinator.

"Someone may need a student loan to assist in earning a college degree, a plane ticket home for the holidays, or a grant to repair unexpected vehicle repairs. The Pearl Harbor NMCRS office provided \$711,000 in local grants and loans in 2012. These are folks that we all know and work with," Sherman explained.

Between now and April 5, there will be opportunities to help fund the organization by having your car washed, buying brownies at a bake sale, etc.

Joint POW/MIA Accounting Command conducts analysis of remains of USS Monitor Sailors

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Joint POW/MIA Accounting Command (JPAC), Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, recently conducted forensic analysis on remains of two Sailors found in the gun turret of the Civil War-era ironclad ship, USS Monitor. The Sailors' remains will be interred March 8 at Arlington National Cemetery.

Sixteen Sailors were lost when the Monitor sank Dec. 31, 1862 off Cape Hatteras, N.C. during a storm.

During an attempt to recover the USS Monitor's gun turret in 2002, the remains of the two Sailors were discovered and sent to JPAC for possible identification.

Once the remains arrived at JPAC, the mission to identify the two Sailors, who lost their lives more than 150 years ago, began. Forensic anthropologist Robert Mann, director of the Forensic Science Academy for JPAC, was assigned to do the skeletal analysis of the two Sailors.

"The Monitor Sailors were really very unusual for us. Water recoveries first of all are not that common for us," said Mann. "To recover remains from the bottom of the ocean that sat there for 150 years is really phenomenal."

"What I would like people to know is that we're here and committed to the ideal of bringing home our fallen," said Army Sgt. Maj. Danang McKay, JPAC command senior enlisted leader. "It doesn't matter if that happened during World War II or it happens in future conflicts, we will always be here. We'll bring you



USS Monitor crewmen cooking.

U.S. Nvy historical photo

home."

Other JPAC staff members who took part in the identification process included a dentist who analyzed the teeth from the remains, with the intent to cross reference them with any dental records that they might be able to find.

"Our mission is to send out teams," said McKay. "It's a multi-phase mission where we do investigations, recovery and identification of fallen warriors from our nation's past conflicts."

"There are a lot of challenges when you are trying to identify someone, especially when you're just dealing with skeletal remains. If you think about how you recognize somebody, and how we identify people, they identify them by visual examinations," said Mann.

"Look at the face or finger prints, well we don't have finger prints after 150 years. We don't

have faces. We have bones and teeth," he explained.

One of the challenges faced was the limited amount of available records from the Civil War-era and when the Monitor sank in 1862.

"We're talking 150 years and from the Civil War. The records are not that good and we don't have the dental x-rays. We don't have DNA samples from everybody missing and family members missing. We don't have all 16 individuals who are missing. This really is a difficult job," said Mann.

Due to the conditions and elements the remains were exposed to during the last 150 years, Mann and other JPAC staff members were faced with more challenges in their attempts to identify the two Sailors.

The first major step in identifying the Sailors remains was a desalination process, which

removed the salt from the bones. The remains were also covered in rust, coal and sediments from the ocean, all of which have to be removed before the identification process can begin. This process alone lasted several months.

Once the bones were cleaned, Mann was able to examine the remains and establish biological profiles of the two Sailors.

"From the bones and teeth, we examine them visually. I can tell the individuals' age of death, their race, their sex, how tall they were, any kind of injuries they may have had during their life time, their oral health and any kind of distinguishing features they may have," said Mann. "Those are the things that can help us identify them."

The biological profiles concluded that the Sailors were both white males, one was 17 to 24 years old, the other was in his 30s. Both Sailors stood about 5 foot 7 inches tall.

With the biological profiles established, Mann was able to create a short list of possible identities based off the age, race and height of the Sailor's remains and narrow down the identities among the 14 other Sailors.

"We narrowed down the 16 individuals that were missing from the Monitor, down to about six," explained Mann.

Due to the limited number of records and lack of dental x-rays from the Monitor, the next step in attempting to identify the fallen Sailors is through DNA testing. Genealogists have been able to determine possible descendants for 10 families of the 16 missing Sailors.

"What we're going to hope for is we may still find ancestors of the other missing Sailors," said Mann. "If that happens, we can

get DNA samples from them. Then we may be able to exclude the other 15 Sailors. We may end up with a match. We may end up with one or both of these Sailors' [identities]."

Secretary of the Navy Ray Mabus announced Feb. 12 that the remains recovered from the Monitor will be interred in Arlington National Cemetery on March 8. The date was chosen to honor Monitor's role in the Battle of Hampton Roads 151 years ago.

"The importance of recovering a fallen warrior is to let the nation know that the United States has made a commitment that once we've put someone in harm's way, and they are either missing or killed in action, that we have a resolve to go back and return them back to their families," said McKay.

Although the interment ceremony for the two recovered Sailors will be held in March, the search for their identity will continue.

"We will never give up trying to identify these Sailors," said Mann.

McKay also expressed the importance of JPAC's role to future service members and their families and to those who are currently serving today.

"It gives the family closure, and I think it gives the war fighter a sense of comfort to know that no matter what happens, the nation has not forgotten them and will return them back home with honor," said McKay.

The Navy will honor the remains of the two unknown Monitor Sailors with a graveside interment ceremony at Arlington National Cemetery. All 16 Monitor Sailors will be memorialized on a group marker in section 46 of the cemetery, which is between the amphitheater and the USS Main Mast memorial.

Dreams come true at joint base for 11-year-old Make-a-Wish boy

Staff Sgt. Terri Barriere

15th Wing Public Affairs

Disneyland isn't the only place dreams come true. Service members in Hawaii helped make sure one child's ultimate dream became a reality.

When 11-year-old Carl Hess was chosen by the Make-a-Wish (MAW) Foundation to have his wish granted, he let his passion for history and desire to have a once-in-a-lifetime experience drive his request: he wanted to become a downed World War II pilot.

"There's a lot to learn about WWII, and I wanted to do something unique that no one had ever chosen," he said of his distinctive wish.

Carl, whose wish was granted after he was diagnosed and entered into treatment for acute lymphoblastic leukemia (ALL) in June 2011, was accompanied to Hawaii by his mother, father and sister for the adventure.

"When he first made the wish, my first thought was, 'How are they going to pull that off?'" said his mother, Heidi Sullivan.

James Sullivan, Carl's dad, wondered if the wish fulfillment would resemble a Survivor episode or if Carl would simply be "dropped in the woods."

Carl was greeted at Honolulu International Airport by a group of U.S. Marines and members of the Make-A-Wish team. He was then conveyed in an original World War II jeep from the airport to the



U.S. Air Force photo by Tech. Sgt. Jerome S. Tayborn
Pearl Harbor attacks survivor, Navy ret. Alfred Benjamin Kame'eiamoku Rodrigues (right), explains the Dec. 7, 1941 attacks on Pearl Harbor to Carl Hess, Make-A-Wish recipient (center), Carl's sister Kayelynn Hess, his parents James and Heidi Sullivan, and bystanders (far left) at the USS Arizona Memorial, near Ford Island, Feb. 19. (See page A-5 for more photos).

Battleship Missouri Memorial, his home for the night.

On the next day, his wish was granted. While on an air tour of the bombing route of Pearl Harbor, his plane conducted a simulated emergency landing, forcing Carl and his team to have to "evade" and "survive" until help arrived the

next morning. It was Carl's dream come true.

Also as part of Carl's wish, he donned a custom-made period uniform, received Air Force survival training and took a VIP tour of Pearl Harbor.

"On a scale of one to 10, I'd say this was a 10," said Carl. "I can't wait to tell my friends that I flew a plane,

and they'll never be as cool as I am."

Carl was undecided on whether the best part of the experience was flying the plane or conveying to the Missouri, but for his parents, the effort put into fulfilling Carl's wish left them impressed.

"One thing just kept topping another, it was amaz-

ing ... outrageous," James said. "Just the walk through the airport, the ride in a real World War II vehicle, and getting to stay on the Missouri. I'm amazed at all the different pieces and how well thought-out they were. The passion and love everyone had for what they were doing was pretty awe-

some."

In addition to unforgettable memories, Heidi said Carl was excited about the keepsakes he was given to memorialize the occasion.

"They gave him quite a few things to take home with him, and he's looking forward to sharing that with a lot of people," she said. "He's got quite a few people waiting for the reports [of his trip] on the other side. This will go on for quite some time."

Heidi said that besides getting through the first year of Carl's expected three years of chemotherapy treatments, seeing the joy on his face was the best part for her.

"Carl says he's fighting acute lymphoblastic leukemia. He doesn't say he has ALL. He says he's fighting it," she said.

"The day he found out he was diagnosed he said he knew that he was already healed and he has God in his heart, and even though he knew he'd have to get through treatment, he'd be okay. So it was nice for us to have this vacation and to be able to realize, alongside of him, that he's going to be okay," Heidi said.

After recovering from his wish experience over the weekend, Carl and his family were treated to a tour of the USS Arizona with a Pearl Harbor survivor, a tour of the Pacific Aviation Museum and a tour of the Hickam side of Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam. The overall experience left a positive impression on Carl, who said he looks forward to joining the Air Force.

War on the Waters – How the Navy saved the nation

Bill Doughty

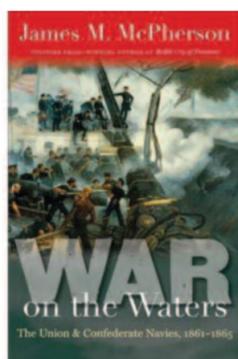
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When the USS Monitor was lost in a storm Dec. 31, 1862, 150 years ago, the future of the nation hung in the balance.

In his insightful new book, "War on the Waters," James M. McPherson shows how Union naval leaders, technology and strategies combined to overcome setbacks and losses to the Confederacy – and eventually win the war.

"To say that the Union Navy won the Civil War would state the case much too strongly. But it is accurate to say that the war could not have been won without the contributions of the navy," concludes McPherson.

The Pulitzer Prize-winning author writes about the wisdom of Secretary of the Navy Gideon



Welles, the courage of Rear Adm. David Glasgow Farragut and the power of working jointly. General Ulysses S. Grant worked hand-in-hand with Rear Adm. David D. Porter, the son and namesake of the War of 1812 hero.

We also meet Cmdr. John Rodgers (another son and namesake of a War of 1812 captain) and Cmdr. George H. Preble (grandson of one of the Navy's greatest leaders, Capt. Edward Preble). The ties to the War of 1812 – in people, foreign alliances and brown-water naval tactics – are enlightening.

President Lincoln ordered the Army to provide its fleet of vessels to the Navy but promoted the idea of one-two punches by the Navy

and Army from river ports to river forts. McPherson describes the fearless leadership of 19-year-old ship driver, Col. Charles Rivers Ellet.

Quoting letters, diary entries, first-person reports and dispatches, the author presents a broad history of naval warfare on both sides of the Civil War. He describes "asymmetrical war on the waters" in blockades and blockade running, riverbank guerrilla warfare, subterfuge at sea and night attacks, and he follows the development of ironclad ships, submersible vessels and mines (torpedoes).

The Civil War saw the watershed shift from wooden ships of previous centuries that would lead to the development of battleships by the end of the century. Innovation would continue. Less than 50 years after end of the Civil War, the era of naval aviation would begin.

Well-worn strategies of blockading commerce and targeting blockade runners would be expanded into the next centu-

ry. A naval embargo against Imperial Japan in 1941 led to the beginning of the War in the Pacific.

Against the Confederacy in the 1860s, blockades were important in preventing the exporting of cotton and importing of salt. The role of salt in the southern economy and the targeting of salt production in the south by the Union Navy are fascinating side notes showing the importance of a healthy economy to a strong military.

McPherson describes the overall sociological effect of naval strategies on people in the north and south, too.

"Modern historical scholarship has shown how the Union army became a powerful force in the liberation of slaves and how the 180,000 liberated black Union soldiers (most of them liberated slaves) in turn helped the Union army win the war. Less well known is the role of the Navy in freeing slaves and the vital contribution of black sailors to the Navy's campaigns.

In 1861-1862, the Navy penetrated earlier and more deeply than the Army into tidewater regions of the South Atlantic coast and into the valleys of the lower Mississippi River and its tributaries..."

"War on the Waters: The Union & Confederate Navies, 1861-1865" starts as a dry treatise but picks up steam. With nearly two dozen photos and illustrations and 19 easy-to-read maps, this book is filled with information, details and insights. It deserves a place on every military historian's book shelf.

McPherson proves his conclusion: The Navy played a key role in winning the Civil War and saving the United States – a mere 150 years ago.

(Editor's note: Bill Doughty writes a Navy Reads blog at <http://navyreads.blogspot.com>. In today's issue of Ho'okele, also see the related story about the role that JPAC at JBPHH played in identifying the remains of USS Monitor crew members who were recently discovered. The story is on page A-2.)

Hawaii IAs honored

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members that served because they had to be there and continue with the family. It makes it really tough to run the family when they're gone," said Livingston.

"The event was very touching, and it feels good that people care because when you're out there no one knows what you're doing. But when you come home, you're coming home to something good where you have that support and the care that you don't see when you're out there by yourself," said Yeoman 1st Class (SW/EXW) Loribelle C. Valdez of San Diego, Calif., assigned to Patrol Squadron Four (VP4) at Marine Corps Base Hawaii.

"The event was successful. I think the Sailors and Marines that are being honored today is just wonderful. With this event, you're being recognized for something that you did and it's an honor," Valdez said.

Since 2001, there have been 110,00 IAs. The Bronze Star has been awarded to 1,416 service members. IAs have been the recipients of one Silver Star and 48 Purple Hearts.

Free financial readiness forums to be held March 11, 12

Free financial readiness forums will be held from 8 to 11 a.m. March 11 and 12 at the Hickam Memorial Theater, Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam.

The forums are open to allarmed services, including reserves, National Guard, retirees, Department of Defense/Department of Homeland Security civilian employees

and their spouses.

Discussion will include strategies for smart saving and investing, considerations for transition, how to avoid scams and more.

The event is presented by the Financial Industry Regulatory Authority (FINRA) Investor Education Foundation, in partnership with the

U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission.

There is no charge for the program or refreshments. This is an educational program, and no sales presentations will be permitted.

For more information and to RSVP, contact the Military and Family Support Center at 474-1999.



Hopper receives presidential congratulations

Photographed by Pete Souza / Official U.S. Navy photograph

Commodore Grace M. Hopper, USNR, receives congratulations from President Ronald Reagan following her promotion from the rank of captain to commodore in ceremonies at the White House on Dec. 15, 1983. Hopper reached the rank of rear admiral before retirement and she also co-invented the COBOL computer language. The USS Hopper (DDG-70), homeported at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, is named in the late rear admiral's honor. The month of March celebrates Women's History Month.

Diverse Views

"What historical place and time period would you like to travel back to, and why?"

Capt. Jeremy Buxton
96th Air Refueling Squadron

"To 1791 to fully understand the founding fathers' intent in proposing the 2nd Amendment. Was it to hunt or was it for the protection of its citizens?"

Engineman 2nd Class Ronald Kaopuiki
Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam

"I would like to travel back to the Old Testament, when King Solomon was king, where he built the temple of God made out of gold and wood from all over the world. That is something I would like to see and experience."

Staff Sgt. Daniel Wissmann
647th Civil Engineers Squadron

"To the 1880s to go back to the pioneer days to experience America before everything was built up and urbanized. When life was simpler and you could always count on your neighbors to give you a helping hand."

Carol Richards-Boyd
Navy-Marine Corps Relief Society
Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam

"I would like to travel back when they built the pyramids. I want to see how they did it, and to see if all that I see on the History Channel was really true."

William Bryant
Army veteran

"To 1863 to see Abraham Lincoln give the Gettysburg Address."

Hospital Corpsman Matt Montes
Naval Health Clinic Hawaii
Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam

"The Baroque Period, because I like classical music, and that's when the greatest composers ever lived."

(Provided by David Underwood Jr. and MC2 Nardel Gervacio)

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"You don't manage people, you manage things. You lead people."
- Grace Hopper

Honoring women's history with Grace

Ensign Kalasi Andrews

Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam

1st Lt. Kathleen Eisenbrey
15th Medical Group

March marks the 26th anniversary of Women's History Month. Since 1987, Americans have commemorated the pioneering spirit, celebrated centuries of progress, and reaffirmed the equal rights, security and dignity of women during the March 1 to 31 observance.

This year's national theme, "Women Inspiring Innovation Through Imagination: Celebrating Women in Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics," has deep roots in Pearl Harbor history as Rear Adm. "amazing" Grace Hopper, (Navy ret.) has been acclaimed as a Congressional honoree.

The Arleigh-Burke class destroyer with her namesake, USS Hopper (DDG-70), is homeported at Pearl Harbor. The second U.S. Navy warship to be named after a woman from the Navy's own ranks, USS Hopper remains true to Rear Adm. Hopper's pioneering spirit as the ship has been foremost in ballistic missile defense advancement(s).

"Today's military women are bold, innovative and action-oriented," said Capt. Jeffrey James, commander of Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam and former commanding officer of USS Hopper. "Whether serving on frontline surface combatants to submarines to flying fighter aircraft, military women epitomize Adm. Hopper's ethos, 'dare and do,'" James said.

Answering her nation's call for duty during World War II, Hopper entered the Naval Reserves in 1943 after the government declared her occupation as a mathematics professor as crucial. Over her extensive, noteworthy career, Hopper earned acclaim as a trailblazing



computer scientist and inspirational naval leader. After dedicating the majority of her life in service to her country and serving on active orders for an indefinite period of time since August 1967, Hopper involuntarily retired from the Navy at age 80.

In a field virtually devoid of women, Hopper became known as the "grand lady of software," after she became one of the first computer programmers of the Navy's Mark I computer. Referred to as the mechanical miracle of its day, the 51 foot-long, 8-foot-high by 8-foot-wide, glass-encased cumbersome beast had the ability to store 72 words and perform three additions every second.

Hopper's list of contributions and achievements to the computer industry is long, including the development of a system where computers responded to words instead of numbers (known as the common-business-oriented language) and coining the term "bug," after she traced an error in a Mark II computer to a moth trapped in a relay.

Throughout her military career, Hopper stressed the importance of leadership. She remained steadfast in her dedication to investing in the future. At her retirement after 43 years of distinguished service, Hopper stated, "Our young people are our future. We must give them

the positive leadership they are looking for ... You manage things; you lead people."

Hopper's innovations speak true to her leadership ethos of "Be innovative, open-minded and give people the freedom to try new things." When reviewing a tactical technique contained in Naval War College correspondence course in the early 1950s, Hopper developed a synergistic analogy for computers as possessing the ability to anticipate planning in light of "all possible future developments." She described computers as increasing the "depth of the answers and the ability to access [information]," which could be provided in-turn to leadership as criti-

Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam will commemorate Women's History Month throughout the month of March at the following events:

- Women's Military Leadership Panel featuring Col. Christine Gayagas (ret.), Col. Eva Jenkins, Cmdr. Kate Dolloff, Chief Master Sgt. Lisa Jayne and Chief Fire Controlman Natalie Stein from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. March 13 at the Makai Recreation Center, McChord Street, building 1859.

- Meet Elizabeth Blackwell: Library Event for School-Aged Children from 2 to 3 p.m. March 20 at the Hickam Library, 990 Mills Blvd., building 595.

- "How to Achieve You Highest Potential and Help Others Reach Theirs" Leadership Development Seminar featuring Congresswoman Tulsi Gabbard, Rear Adm. Raquel Bono and Col. Eva Jenkins from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. March 29 at Hickam Memorial Theater, Kuntz Avenue, building 1766.

Those who plan to attend should register in advance at <http://bit.ly/YGLvAQ>.

cal factors in decision-making. Such was the wellspring of her progress.

Hopper is one of many Congressional honorees nominated this year. According to the National Women's History Project, all 18 honorees "represent a remarkable range of accomplishments and a wide diversity of specialties including medicine, robotics, computer programming, atmospheric chemistry, architecture and primatology." A complete list of honorees may be viewed at <http://bit.ly/w2flzu>.



"I have a dream"

Tech. Sgt. Jonathan Nightingale, 647th Civil Engineers Squadron, portrays the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. delivering the "I Have A Dream" speech during the African-American Heritage Luncheon held Feb. 27 at the Hickam Officer's Club, Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, Hawaii.

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Pearl Harbor-Hickam *Highlights*



(Left) Sailors from the Los Angeles-class submarine USS City of Corpus Christi (SSN 705) patch a pipe at a Damage Control Olympics between Corpus Christi and the Virginia-class submarine USS Texas (SSN 775) on Feb. 21. Organized by the Naval Submarine Support Command, the friendly competition between the two submarine crews reinforced the fundamentals of basic damage control, training personnel on how to handle an emergency situation correctly aboard a submarine.

U.S. Navy photo by MC2 Steven Khor

(Right) Sailors from the Los Angeles-class submarine USS City of Corpus Christi (SSN 705) Machinist's Mate 1st Class Eric Leitzke (left) and Sonar Technician 3rd Class Michael Brallier, pull a dummy from a simulated fire during an emergency medical assistance team evacuation at a Damage Control Olympics between Corpus Christi and the Virginia-class submarine USS Texas (SSN 775).

U.S. Navy photo by MC2 Steven Khor



(Above) Pearl Harbor attack survivor, Navy ret. Alfred Benjamin Kame'eiamoku Rodrigues, shows crew ship plaques to Carl Hess, Make-A-Wish recipient, during his visit on the USS Arizona Memorial near Ford Island, Hawaii, Feb. 19, 2013. (See story and additional photos on page A-2.)

U.S. Air Force photo by Tech. Sgt. Jerome S. Tayborn

(Right) Charles Hinman, USS Bowfin education director (left) explains the control panels aboard the USS Bowfin to Carl Hess (right), Make-A-Wish recipient, and his sister Kayelynn Hess (center).

U.S. Air Force photo by Tech. Sgt. Jerome S. Tayborn



(Right) Production crew members from "Hawaii Five-0" load a camera aboard a C-17 Globemaster at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam on Feb. 21. The crew and cast were on scene to shoot a portion of an upcoming episode.

U.S. Air Force photo by Tech. Sgt. Jerome S. Tayborn



Federal Fire Department Hawaii honors 'Stentorians'

Tech Sgt. Donald Jones

Battalion Chief of Training,
Federal Fire Department

The Stentorians were founded in 1954 by African American firefighters of Los Angeles City and County Fire Departments. The overall goal was to band together to work against discrimination and segregation within the fire department.

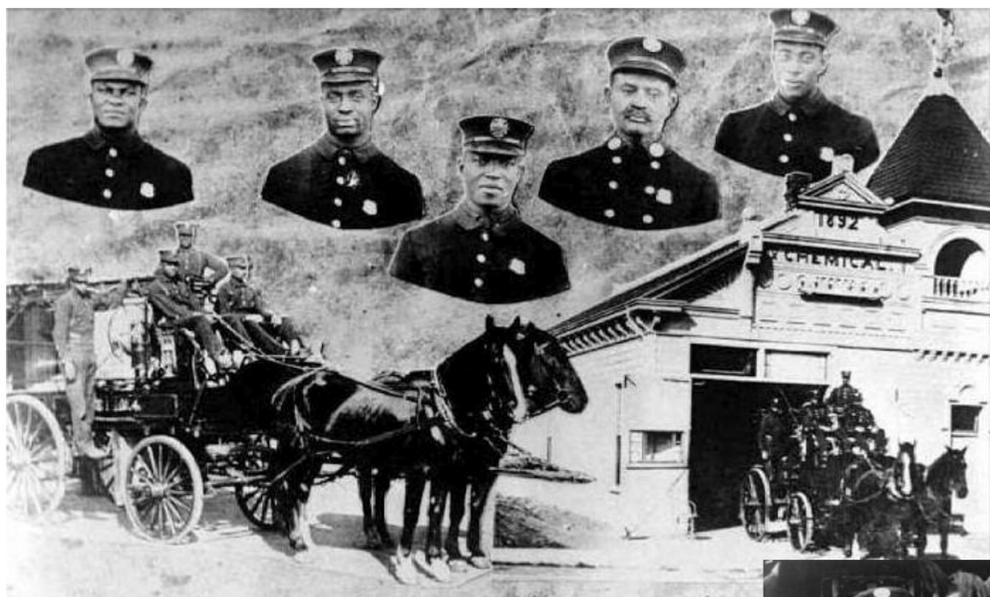
The word Stentorians comes from the Greek word "stenor," meaning "having the voice of 50 men." This means the Stentorians displayed a powerful voice to stand against racism, inequality and bigotry that prevented advancement of African Americans in the fire service.

"The fire service has always been blessed with individuals who were willing to go above and beyond the call of duty to protect the citizens of their communities. Their sacrifices and devotion to duty have always been without regard to race, gender, or age," said Fletcher Dahman, Federal Fire Department regional fire chief.

"When the call comes into the fire station for an injured person, house fire or vehicle accident, we don't ask what color, gender or age; it just doesn't matter. The obstacles and barriers faced by the firefighters in this great article should never have happened, but they did. The fortitude to continue their efforts, education and service to the community made them the role models and shining examples for future generations of firefighters," Dahman said.

Here is a story about Arnett Hartsfield, an original Stentorian, former student at University of California, Los Angeles (UCLA) whose nickname was "the rookie." He was one of the first blacks to join the Los Angeles fire department with a college education in 1940.

Hartsfield explained, "The only way an African American firefighter could advance in rank was to be



Photos courtesy of Federal Fire Department Hawaii

(Right and below) Stentorians during the 1940s in Los Angeles.

promoted to another black man's spot." The highest position allowed was promotion to captain. The black firefighters weren't allowed to advance beyond that rank in the fire service during that time period. The blacks were isolated to two fire stations.

Hartsfield learned a great lesson about his fellow firefighters during his first working fire when he and another firefighter named "Snake" entered a blazing structure. Snake received his nickname because of the way he would crawl across the floor of a burning home with the fire hose.

As they entered the blazing structure, their eyes started to burn and, while gasping for breath, Snake called out, "Get down here rookie; this where the goodness is."

Hartsfield replied, "They didn't teach me this at UCLA." This is how Hartsfield gained his name "the rookie." He carried this name for the rest of his career.

Hartsfield was on duty at station 30 when the attacks at Pearl Harbor occurred on Dec. 7, 1941. Soon after, he was quickly called up for

military service. Because he joined the ROTC in high school, he was commissioned as an Army infantry lieutenant. The Army was segregated as well. He was assigned to a black supply unit and sent to load ships in the Pacific.

After the war, Hartsfield returned to the segregated fire house. The next year, courts ruled that segregation was discriminatory and the city started integrating the fire departments.

Hartsfield and 30 other African Americans firefighters quickly met resistance and encountered harassment. Because of this, they formed the "Stentorians" to help support integration.

The integration period was tough. The African American firefighter had to keep their distance away from their white counterparts and eat at separate tables.

"The Stentorians have made tremendous leaps and bounds to get to where they are today. It's unbelievable how much they had to go through, and yet they are still standing stronger than ever. They truly demonstrated the word stenor, 'having the voice of 50 men,'

to be a true statement," said Angela Sanders, Federal Fire Department fire inspector.

Hartsfield decided to use his G.I. Bill benefits to enroll into law school at the University of Southern California. He continued his career as a firefighter to put food on the table for his family. Despite many obstacles, Hartsfield achieved his law degree in 1955. In early 1961, he quit the fire service to practice law full time.

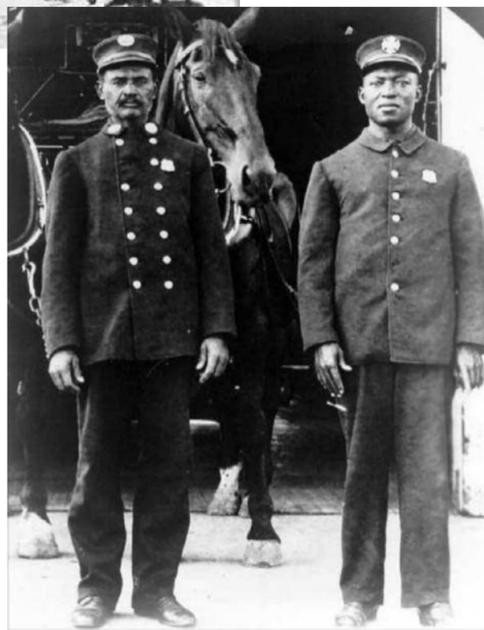
Today, to expand diversity within the organization, the Stentorians restructured into two chapters which are known as the Los Angeles County Stentorians and the Los Angeles City Stentorians. The membership consists of more than 300 African American men and women firefighters who serve and protect communities throughout Los Angeles, Calif.

The Stentorians belong to the International Association of Black Professional Firefighters which is a national organization promoting equality and diversity for the fire service nationwide. The Stentorians is a non-profit organization that is directly involved in com-

growing problems with gangs and drugs. Stentorians have helped hundreds of individuals become interested in a career in the fire service.

For more information about the Federal Fire Department, contact Fire Inspector Angela Sanders at (808) 471-3303, ext. 617 or angela.sanders1@navy.mil. For more information about the Stentorians, contact TSgt Donald Jones at (808) 471-3303, ext. 404.

(Note: I chose to write about the Stentorians because the first black firefighters in Los Angeles in the 1940s paved the way for me to be able to join the fire service and learn from



munity outreach.

The organization is involved in programs such as mentorship in the community, general community outreach programs, career counseling and labor relations. Members of the Stentorians also serve as big brothers and big sisters for the Gwen Bolden Foundation.

The Stentorian firefighter's involvement in the school system gives youth a viable alternative to the

those who came before me. I want the public to know the great story of true heroes that put their lives on the line every day during a time where diversity was not accepted, and they didn't receive recognition for their efforts. I feel that a true hero is someone who shows great courage, leadership and acts decisively when a fellow American is in need—whether it's during public service or military service.)

Early-entry deadline for Ford Island Bridge ends March 22

The Ford Island Bridge Run will be held at 7 a.m. April 6 at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam.

The bridge will be closed from 6:50 to 7:05 a.m.

For the past 15 years, the Ford Island Bridge Run has been one of the largest 10K runs on Oahu. Race walkers, leisure walkers, serious and recreational runners have been able to observe the scenic and historical sights along the run.

The run is sponsored by Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam Morale, Welfare and Recreation. It will start at the entrance to Adm. Bernard "Chick" Clarey Bridge. The race will proceed across the

bridge onto Ford Island. Participants will then circle the island clockwise on a scenic flat perimeter course and run back across the bridge to finish on Richardson Field across from Aloha Stadium.

There will be limited free parking at Rainbow Bay Marina. Additional parking is available at the Aloha Stadium overflow parking lot.

The entry fee is \$20 for military or their family members, \$25 for non-military. The entry deadline is March 22. Any entries postmarked after March 22 will be \$30. Late entries will be accepted until April 5. Mail-in entries will not be

accepted if postmarked after April 1. No entries will be accepted on race day. T-shirts for late entries will be based on availability.

Runners, walkers and persons with strollers are eligible to participate in the race. Strollers will be lined up at the back of the pack. No pets are allowed.

Packet pickup will be from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Richardson Pool building one, located across from Rainbow Bay Marina. All pre-registered entrants will receive a pre-race postcard. No packets will be issued without ID or postcard. The race packet will include a

race number and T-shirt.

Prizes will be awarded to first, second and third overall, male and female, military and non-military finishers.

First, second and third place prizes will be awarded in each age category.

For information call 473-0784, 473-2494 or 473-2473.

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New wayside exhibits honor history of submarine service

Story and photo by
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Staff Writer

Eleven wayside exhibits are currently being installed near the submarine piers, highlighting the submarine force's history at Pearl Harbor.

According to Jim Neuman, Navy Region Hawaii historian, the first submarines arrived in Pearl Harbor in 1915. They were moored at Kuahua Peninsula, which was an island at the time.

Construction began on the current submarine base in 1918. On July 17, 1920, Cmdr. Chester W. Nimitz became the commanding officer of the Pearl Harbor Submarine Base.

"It was Cmdr. Nimitz who was tasked with the responsibility of transforming the base from a temporary facility to a more permanent status," said Neumann. "In that sense, Nimitz could arguably be called the 'father of the submarine base.'"



(Above) UT2 (SCW) Jeremy Orndoff, Naval Facilities Engineering Command (NAVFAC) Hawaii Self-Help Seabees, prepares a wayside exhibit about early submarines at Submarine Memorial Park, JBPHH. (Right) UT2 (SCW) Jeremy Orndoff and BU2 Reynaldo Castro, Naval Facilities Engineering Command (NAVFAC) Hawaii Self-Help Seabees, lay the foundation for a wayside exhibit about WWII submarines at Submarine Memorial Park, JBPHH.

The wayside exhibits explore the submarine's development from the old "R boats", which were the first subs in Pearl through World War II, and into the nuclear age. The exhibits are placed around the base near historic buildings such as Lockwood Hall, Paquet Hall, Sharkey Theater and the chapel.

Nearly half will be located in the Memorial Park to provide a context for the Submarine Memorial, built in 1960.

The 11 wayside exhibits are similar to the existing exhibits already installed around JBPHH. Wayside exhibits are designed with visuals and text to provide a more stimulating and

descriptive experience for the employees and visitors to the submarine piers.

Seabees from Naval Facilities Engineering Command (NAVFAC) Hawaii Self-Help installed the exhibits. It was a different sort of task for them, but one they embraced.

"I've never done this



kind of thing before," said Builder 2nd Class Reynaldo Castro, looking at one of the new exhibits. "It's pretty cool. I like it." Neumann hopes the new wayside exhibits will help people to appreciate the rich history of the piers and the subma-

rine service.

"The exhibits add faces and historic photographs to the many names that are listed on the memorial and hopefully reinforce the legacy of the submariners whose lives are memorialized in the park," said Neuman.

Shipyard, PSU collaborate on latest new maintenance technology

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Pearl Harbor Naval Shipyard & Intermediate Maintenance Facility (PHNSY & IMF) and the Applied Research Laboratory (ARL) of the Pennsylvania State University (PSU) scientists and engineers recently performed non-skid removal trials on USS Texas (SSN 775) as part of a cost avoidance project that could potentially be implemented by late summer 2013.

PSU's ARL is host to the Institute for Manufacturing and Sustainment Technologies (iMAST) Center of Excellence (COE). It is one of seven COEs under the Navy Manufacturing Technology program.

According to their website, iMAST's primary objective is to address challenges related to Navy and Marine Corps weapon system platforms in these areas: mechanical drive transmission, materials and laser processing, advanced composites, manufacturing systems, repair and sustainment, and complex systems monitoring.

The trials proved that the shipyard and ARL are on the right path toward removing non-skid from the surface of submarines in a speedy and safe manner. Non-skid is a slip-resistance substance painted on Virginia- and Seawolf-class submarines to enable Sailors to walk topside without slipping. While in depot maintenance, all non-skid must be thoroughly removed in order to lay a new, uniform coat across the boat.

"The non-skid removal process

on Virginia-class submarines is a challenge. It is difficult to efficiently remove multiple layers of non-skid without damaging the underlying mold-in-place (MIP) layer," said Eric Tadaki, code 250 engineering technician.

"Texas is the shipyard's first Virginia-class here for depot maintenance. What we're encountering with this non-skid removal is unlike anything we've had to work with before," he said.

The shipyard and ARL tested an ultra-high pressure blast machine using a water jet stream to remove several layers of the non-skid material. The machine uses two small, rotating heads mounted on opposite sides of a circular plate which rotates within a larger, motor-driven wheeled cart.

The cart is guided across the hull of the boat with water blasting away at the non-skid material. During trials, the engineering team tested various water pressure, flow rates, distances and head rotation speeds to find the ideal removal condition for the machine.

"Through a series of controlled experiments, we were able to come up with a set of operating parameters for the removal device while leaving the MIP intact," said Eric Petran, code 220 naval new technology program manager. "The trials showed this machine has that capability."

The traditional non-skid removal process is time consuming and has potential to damage the MIP on submarines which lies underneath the non-skid coating. Traditionally, shipyard workers use abrasive blasting to remove the material—a slow process with



U.S. Navy photo courtesy of Pearl Harbor Naval Shipyard

Pearl Harbor Naval Shipyard & Intermediate Maintenance Facility workers begin maintenance on USS Texas (SSN 775) shortly after its arrival at the shipyard on May 31, 2012.

an average removal rate of 70 to 100 square feet an hour. The work is tedious and can lead to accidents involving damage to the MIP.

MIP damage is costly and requires a massive, time consuming repair job. The removal machine is expected to cut down

the work from an effort measured in weeks to a few days while leaving MIP intact. It also has a vacuum that immediately collects the non-skid material after removal, ensuring it does not impact the environment.

The non-skid removal machine is awaiting final approval from Naval Sea Systems Command (NAVSEA). If approved, the machine will be transitioned to PHNSY & IMF as well as Puget Sound Naval Shipyard & IMF, Wash. for their work on Seawolf-class submarines.

Shipyarders are excited about the possibility of using the non-skid removal machine as part of submarine maintenance, especially since the shipyard is on track to becoming the Virginia-class center of excellence.

"The potential in time and cost savings are huge," said Tadaki. "One of PSU ARL's long term goals is to save so much time that ships can not only have their non-skid removed and reapplied during depot maintenance, but they'll also be able to have it done during shorter availabilities at intermediate level maintenance."

The shipyard and ARL have collaborated on numerous cost saving and avoidance projects since 2004. Some of the more recent successes include: the vertical launch system repair, ship alignment using laser trackers and ultra-high pressure cleaning of tanks and voids.

All of the iMAST/NAVSEA approved projects and processes for surface ships and submarines are shared among the four shipyards in order to ensure the best practices are being used to keep the U.S. Navy's fleet "fit to fight."



Air Force climate survey shows satisfaction with jobs, leaders

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JOINT BASE SAN ANTONIO-RANDOLPH, Texas (AFNS) -- More than 163,000 Airmen voiced their opinions in the online Air Force Climate Survey conducted May 11-June 22 2012, with results indicating Airmen are satisfied with unit performance and trust their leaders, Air Force Personnel Center officials said Feb. 19.

Conducted every two years, the climate survey is designed to measure attitudes toward the work environment, with questions organized within factors such as satisfaction, trust, unit performance and resources. Participants include active duty, Air Force Reserve and Air National Guard members, and appropriated and non-appropriated fund civilian employees.

"This survey is one of the most valuable tools we have as leaders. Airmen cannot focus on mission-critical tasks in an unhealthy environment, so we use survey results to identify areas that need attention," said Secretary of the Air Force Michael Donley.

"Thanks to the many Airmen who took the time to communicate with us on these issues, so we may better focus our efforts where they will do the most good," Donley said.

Leaders at every level use the survey results to 'tap the pulse' of the organization, said Nicole Gamez, AFPC manpower directorate. At the total force level, this year's results held steady, with small increases or



U.S. Air Force photo by Angel Herrero de Frutos

decreases in different areas. More than 80 percent of survey respondents say they are satisfied with their jobs and 95 percent believe their unit is successfully accomplishing its mission.

"Overall satisfaction numbers are similar to last year, which is good news. On the down side, our Airmen indicate they're working hard, but resources continue to be an issue," Gamez said.

Along with resources, recognition continues to be one of the lowest rated areas across the total force.

"Morale is affected by the ongoing struggle for limited resources. It is my challenge—every Air Force leader's challenge—to find innovative ways to accomplish the mission, in spite of resource challenges, without overburdening our people," Donley said.

"Morale is also affected by recognition, or lack of it, and that is an area where every Airman can have a positive impact," he said.

A confidential outlet where Airmen can express their concerns, the survey provides leaders with information specific to their area of responsibility.

"Leaders who don't know about problems

can't fix them. The survey results include candid feedback from members about what needs improvement within the unit as well as a guide to help leaders act on the information," said Col. Kent White, AFPC director of manpower. "Analysts here in the manpower directorate provide reports to each squadron, group and wing with 10 or more participants, so leaders get information pertinent to their units."

When leaders act to improve the climate, they simultaneously send a message to their people that their feedback is critical and Airmen come first. In addition to improving working conditions, that positively affects morale and helps increase participation in future climate surveys, White said.

This year, 28 percent of the total force participated, but that number doesn't tell the whole story.

"That participation rate is actually strong at the aggregate Air Force level considering external factors, like operations tempo and workload," Gamez explained.

"Still, the primary purpose of this survey is to provide actionable feedback at the unit level.

The more people who respond, the more results we can provide, so we're already thinking about the 2014 survey and how to get more Airmen involved," Gamez said.

Once leaders have their unit reports, they'll have time to review and digest the information, but are expected to brief the results to their units within 30 days.

"One way we support Airmen is by communicating openly with them about problems and solutions. Results from previous surveys indicate members whose commanders used the previous survey results positively had substantially higher levels of agreement across the board," said White.

Commanders' calls and unit briefings offer leaders the perfect opportunity to open the floor for suggestions to overcome challenges and improve recognition.

"You have the smartest Airmen in our history working for you right now," Donley said. "Take advantage of their experience, creativity and innovative spirit."

Survey results from the 2012 CSAF Climate survey, as well as the 2008 and 2010 results, are available on the Air Force Portal web page. To view them, log into the portal at <https://www.my.af.mil> and enter "Air Force Survey Office" in the search window.

Once at the survey office page, mouse over the AF Climate Survey link on the left side of the page and select the 2012 survey.

For more information about other personnel issues, visit the myPers website at <https://mypers.af.mil>.



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USS Lake Erie Sailors volunteer their time to work on the aviary exhibit at Honolulu Zoo.

Lake Erie Sailors volunteer time at Honolulu Zoo exhibit

Ensign
Victoria Einbinder

USS Lake Erie (CG 70)

Eight Sailors from USS Lake Erie (CG 70) recently had an opportunity to give back to the community and volunteer at Honolulu Zoo. The Sailors dedicated their time and talents toward refurbishing an aviary exhibit at the zoo.

The exhibit has been closed for maintenance but, largely thanks to the Lake Erie team, it is well on its way to completion.

"My girlfriend is a zoology major, so any chance we get to work with animals, I sign myself up," said Fire Controlman 2nd Class Jonathan Salter about the project.

The Lake Erie Sailors,

along with a few civilian guests, deconstructed an old mesh-wire roof and began constructing the new roof.

The staff at the zoo were appreciative of the Sailors' hard work and invited them all back for a tour and a chance to feed the giraffes.

Possibly the best aspect of this and similar volunteer projects is the chance they offer for Sailors to bond with their shipmates outside of work.

Fire Controlman 1st Class Thomas Bender, Lake Erie's Senior Sailor of the Quarter and frequent volunteer, agreed that the chance to help out at the zoo was well worth it. He noted that the project provided "a great camaraderie-building opportunity between Sailors from every department on the ship."

Navy Seabees and Air Force compete in annual Seabee Olympics

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Sailors from Construction Battalion Maintenance Unit (CBMU) 303, Naval Facilities Engineering Command (NAVFAC) Pacific Seabee Self-help, NAVFAC wardroom, and Air Force engineers, competed in the Seabee Olympics held Feb. 22 at Quick Field at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam.

The events are held annually one week prior to the Seabee Ball to build camaraderie between the different Seabee commands with a series of events that test building skills, strength, speed and coordination.

"It goes before the Seabee Ball in celebration of the Seabee birthday," said Construction Mechanic 2nd Class Vincent Pasetes, assigned to CBMU 303. "Once a year, we do games that promote camaraderie, but they also reflect what we do as far as the construction side and engineering side. It's a little fun thing every year."

This year also marks the 71st anniversary of the Navy Seabees and the 161st anniversary of the Civil Engineer Corps.

The competition included a nail-drive rally race, ultimate frisbee, flag football and a humvee push. The teams also competed in a building project in which each team was given a limited amount of materials to design and build something that was functional, durable and creative.

Steelworker 2nd Class Jeff Conmy remarked upon the significance of the Air Force participating in the Seabee Olympics and how the event might be with the involvement of other branches of the military.

"It's great to get the other branches out here," Conmy said. "It would be awesome if we could get some Army engineers and maybe even some Marine Corps combat engineers out here. It's always good to just bring everybody; every branch has their specialty. Just seeing that, what they bring to the table, always makes everybody stronger," Conmy concluded.

The mission of CBMU 303 is to provide the Navy and Marine Corps with technically trained personnel and specialized equipment to perform public works functions at advance bases of a contingency construction nature. They also backfill public works organizations of existing bases or civilian facilities with imminent danger or other emergency situations.

Balanced attack helps Port Royal 'A' beat Lake Erie 'A'

Story and photo by Randy Dela Cruz

Sports Editor

USS Port Royal (CG 73) "A" mirrored 18 points in the first and second half to hold off USS Lake Erie (CG 70) "A" by a score of 36-29, in an Afloat Division intramural basketball game played Feb. 23, at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam Fitness Center.

The win catapulted Port Royal into sole possession of first place with an unblemished record of 4-0, while Lake Erie lost their first game of the season and dropped to 3-1.

During the game, Lake Erie fought back to pull to within a couple of baskets several times, but Port Royal was able to beat back every threat to maintain their lead.

"We just tried to play our game," said Port Royal guard Electronics Technician 3rd Class Anthony Hawkins, who chipped in with nine points. "When we saw them (Lake Erie) scoring, reality set in, and we had to keep it up because we want to win. Every time they scored, it was like they were taking something away from us, so we had to go take it back. We're hungry."

Early in the first half, Lake Erie guard Culinary Specialist Seaman Apprentice Christopher Bouie led the first comeback with back-to-back baskets to cut Port Royal's lead to one at 9-8.

However, Port Royal rebounded to squash the first of many Lake Erie rallies and take an 18-12 lead into halftime.

After intermission, a basket by Lake Erie Fire Controlman 3rd Class Rodney Williams made it a two-point game at 18-16, but a trey and a lay-up by Port Royal team captain Seaman London Waldon raised the lead back to seven and, four minutes later, Hawkins posted a hoop for the team's first double-digit lead at 27-17.

Back-to-back baskets, again by Bouie, cut the lead down to six at 27-21, but that's as close as Lake Erie would get before being put away for good by Port Royal.

Bouie led Lake Erie with 11 points and was followed by Williams with eight, while Waldon, who led all scorers with 14 points, combined with Hawkins to score 23 of Port Royal's 36 total points.

Besides coming up with



USS Port Royal (CG 73) "A" guard Quartermaster 2nd Class Brian Myles goes up for a lay-up.

big hoops when needed, Port Royal also managed to stay ahead by playing solid defense — especially on the inside, where the team held Lake Erie big man Boatswain's Mate 2nd Class Chris Penn without a single point.

"We were boxing out and playing strong defense," Hawkins pointed out. "They

in better shape right now," Bouie admitted. "We were a step slow, so it cost us both offensively and defensively."

Should the teams meet again later in the season or playoffs, Bouie said that Lake Erie would be ready.

"We can play with this team definitely," Bouie stated. "We need to keep the same intensity, but just be

"They got good guys on their team, but we got good guys on our team as well. We just came with a certain intensity that we're not going to lose."

—Port Royal guard Electronics Technician 3rd Class Anthony Hawkins

got good guys on their team, but we got good guys on our team as well. We just came with a certain intensity that we're not going to lose. We came like we wanted to win and that's what we did today."

Bouie, who twice brought Lake Erie to within striking distance, said that while Port Royal might have had the advantage on endurance. "They were just, honestly,

more disciplined. We had a lot of turnovers, so we gave a lot of opportunities away."

As for Port Royal, Hawkins said that after opening the season with four straight wins, the team just wants to do whatever it takes to keep the streak alive.

"We're just going to do our thing," he said. "We went undefeated in football (regular season), we're trying to do the same thing in basketball."

NIOC takes care of business to overwhelm SDVT-1

Story and photo by Randy Dela Cruz

Sports Editor

On paper, it appeared that the defending champions Navy Information Operations Command (NIOC) and SEAL Delivery Vehicle Team-One (SDVT-1) were two teams headed in opposite directions, and once the game got underway, it became clear just how much they stood apart.

Entering the matchup, NIOC won six games against only one defeat, while SDVT-1, at 0-5, was looking for their first win of the season.

However on this night, SDVT-1 was left still searching as NIOC opened up a 27-4 lead at halftime and ran away to a 55-14 romp Feb. 25 in a Blue Division intramural basketball game at Hickam Fitness Center.

"We've been playing kind of lackadaisical lately and this game, we were finally able to get back to basics," said NIOC sharp-shooting guard Cryptologic Technician (Networks) 2nd Class Michael Lyles, who pumped in 15 points. "When you lose a game, it's a wakeup call that you guys aren't undefeatable. So we needed to go back to basics and play hard."

Right from tip-off, NIOC took control and only seven minutes into the game, posted their first double-digit lead at 11-2 on a put-back shot by center Navy Cryptologic Technician (Collection) 2nd Class Quentin Leathers.

Then just before halftime, Leathers asserted himself

once again in throwing down a two-handed slam for a 20-point advantage at 24-4.

Right after intermission, NIOC immediately picked up right where they left off as Cryptologic Technician (Collection) 2nd Class Jomario Thomas completed a basket-and-one for a 30-4 lead.

Moments later, Lyles went off to put the game away for good.

Within one minute, Lyles scored on back-to-back lay-ups off of two steals and then

said that we're going to work on some fundamental things," Bobbitt pointed out. "So we trapped a couple of times because we don't want to wait until we get to a game situation to have to use it. And at the end, we worked on a different aspect of our offense, which is the four-corner."

While it may seem like NIOC was pouring it on SDVT-1, Bobbitt said that the team needed to work on a few things at game speed and the lopsided

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—Master Chief Yeoman Darrin Bobbitt

added two more hoops to put NIOC ahead at 44-7 with 9:36 remaining in the game.

Lyles finally finished off his amazing run by pulling up and nailing a three-pointer for the corner for a 51-9 lead.

"It's a mental thing mostly," said Lyles, who added that the huge lead helped him relax and play his game. "It definitely allows you more breathing room to get your fundamentals back together."

Even though the game was in NIOC's full control from the beginning, head coach Master Chief Yeoman Darrin Bobbitt said that it wasn't time to take the night off.

"Well, me and assistant coach Senior Chief Cryptologic Technician (Collection) Chris Webb,

game presented the perfect opportunity.

"I don't coach to the score," he explained. "What I always want my guys to do is give 110 percent because what we do on the court equates to what we do in life. When we talk to these guys, it's not just about their basketball game. It's about their whole life, the whole Sailor."

In comparing last year's championship squad with the new personnel on the current team, Lyles said that while a few faces have changed, NIOC still plays like winners.

"I think we're there," he said. "We're a different team, but the heart and intensity that we bring is the same."



Cryptologic Technician (Networks) 2nd Class J'mese White, Navy Information Operations Command (NIOC), attacks the basket during a Blue Division game against SEAL Delivery Vehicle Team-One (SDVT-1).

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MILITARY SERVICE MEMBERS PARTICIPATE IN WARRIOR DASH HAWAII

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WAIALUA, Hawaii — More than 500 military service members from all branches of service participated alongside civilian contestants Feb. 23 in the 2013 Warrior Dash Hawaii.

The Warrior Dash event was a 5 kilometer (3.17 mile) run that involved 12 military training-style obstacles runners had to crawl, climb, jump or swim through, including water obstacles, cargo nets, barbed wire, fire and a mud pit, on the way to the finish line.

This is the second time the event has been held on the North Shore of Hawaii. In addition to the varying terrain and obstacles, periodic rain showers kept the course muddy and participants soaking wet.

"Two years in a row I got to run in the rain, makes the run that much better," said Joey Iverson, a successful finisher of the event.

There are 65 other locations throughout the U.S. scheduled to hold Warrior Dash this year, with an expected turn out of more than 1,000,000 participants.

Hosted by Red Frog Events, Warrior Dash is also a partner with St. Jude Children's Research Hospital and works

with local organizations in exchange for them providing volunteers. By volunteering, local organizations such as athletic teams, nearby schools and non-profit organizations are able to help raise funds.

They also work with organizations that clean all the muddy shoes donated after the race by participants at each Warrior Dash. The shoes are then restored and delivered to charity organizations.

Each finisher received a warrior medal as they crossed the finish line and then headed to water hoses to use as a cold shower. Participants also received a T-shirt with the event's logo and a Viking-horned hat.

Many participants wore costumes and/or face paint, and one team of Soldiers took turns carrying a U.S. Army flag. Individual times were scored for all the finishing participants, or "warriors."

"Warrior Dash is excited to be celebrating its five-year anniversary of challenging participants to the craziest frickin' day of their lives," said Rachel Brinda, race director. "We will continue to create an experience warriors will never forget with our demanding obstacles and one-of-a-kind festival area."



15th Medical Group stands alone atop Gold Division

Story and photo by
Randy Dela Cruz

Sports Editor

The 15th Medical Group (15 MDG) took a 10-point lead midway through the second half and then held on to beat Joint Prisoner of War/Missing in Action Accounting Command (JPAC), 35-33, in a battle of the top two teams in the Blue Division held Feb. 26 at Hickam Fitness Center, Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam.

Two free throws and a basket by military spouse Benjamin Briggs gave the 15 MDG a 27-17 lead with 12:08 remaining in the game, but saw their advantage slowly disappear behind the strong frontline play of JPAC's Yeoman 2nd Class Sammell Humphries and Operations Specialist 2nd Class Byron Jones.

Clinging to a 33-31 lead, Medical Group's Staff Sgt. C.J. Lejeune calmly sank two free throws with 33 seconds on the clock to give his team just enough to gain the win.

Both teams entered the matchup at the top of the Gold Division with identical 6-1 records.

With the victory, the 15 MDG sits all alone in first place, a position that Briggs hopes will continue throughout the season.

"Hopefully, a championship this year," Briggs said. "We didn't have a great season last year. We hope to make it up this year."

In the showdown of the division leaders, both teams started off cold until the 15 MDG went on a short run to take a 17-9 advantage at halftime.

The teams traded baskets

to open the second half before four straight points by Briggs seemed to give the 15 MDG some breathing room.

However, rallying behind Humphries and Jones, JPAC slowly chipped away at the lead. And when Humphries raised the roof with a two-handed jam at the 6:24 mark, JPAC trailed by only five at 29-24.

After 15 MDG center Yeoman 3rd Class Erieck Ausbey scored to make it 31-26, JPAC came right back to pull to within two

points in the second half, but teammate Jones led all scorers with 17 points.

"They (JPAC) had a beast (Jones) over there and he was doing some work," said 15 MDG head coach Tech. Sgt. Givon Denning about JPAC's strong comeback. "We called a timeout, got our composure back and went back to doing what was winning."

Even though JPAC ate up a 10-point deficit, Denning said that he was still happy to walk off the

"We got a little bit comfortable, but at the end, it came down to defense. We had to get tougher. They were going pretty hard to the basket, so we had to man up and keep them out of the paint."

—Benjamin Briggs

points with only 3:18 left on the clock when Jones pounded the inside for a basket-and-one.

JPAC had one final chance to tie the score after the free throws by Lejeune, but a three-point shot at the buzzer fell short.

"We got a little bit comfortable, but at the end, it came down to defense," Briggs said. "We had to get tougher. They were going pretty hard to the basket, so we had to man up and keep them out of the paint."

Briggs led the 15 MDG with 11 points and was followed by Ausbey and Staff Sgt. Uriah Seui with six and Lejeune with five.

For JPAC, Humphries

court with a win.

"We're never disappointed," he admitted. "At the end of the day, we're just trying to get better as a team. It was a good, grinding win. We're going to have to put these types of games away."

Like Briggs, Denning said that if the team continues to improve its game, winning a championship isn't out of the question.

"We're definitely capable," he stated. "We've been working on our communication, passing, moving without the ball and making sure everyone is focused and disciplined to stay in their spot. That's what got us there."



Post-players Operations Specialist 2nd Class Byron Jones, Joint Prisoner of War/Missing in Action Accounting Command (JPAC), and Yeoman 3rd Class Erieck Ausbey, 15th Medical Group (15 MDG), fight for a rebound.

Reuben James Sailor's poetic midnight log treasured by family

Don Robbins

Assistant Editor

The family of U.S. Navy Quartermaster 3rd Class Patrick Cunliffe, assigned to the USS Reuben James (FFG 57), has proudly framed and displayed his midnight log entry in their home.

As part of Navy historical tradition, Cunliffe wrote the midnight log as he stood watch aboard the Oliver Hazard Perry-class guided missile frigate Reuben James to usher in the year 2013 while Cunliffe and the rest of the crew were on deployment operating in the South China Sea. In keeping with Navy tradition, Cunliffe posted the ship's New Year's log entry.

Cunliffe's sister Erin proudly had the log framed and gave it to their parents, Charles and Donna Cunliffe, to hang on their home's wall.

"I finally had everything put together and presented the framed midnight log to

my parents. To say the least, they were very excited. It was a very special moment we shared as a family. No real words were exchanged at this moment, but I could see the overwhelming pride in their smiles and eyes," said Erin. "I visited my parents to find they had hung the framed

responsibility and will decommission this summer after 27 years of service.

FFG 57 is the third Navy ship to have the name Reuben James. The first ship was DD 245, which was sunk during World War II, and the second was DE 153, decommissioned in 1947. The Reuben James was

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—QM3 Patrick Cunliffe's sister Erin Cunliffe

midnight log on the wall, so that any guest would immediately see it upon entering their home," Erin added.

Reuben James is on a routine deployment to the U.S. 7th Fleet area of

commissioned March 22, 1986 and was named after a U.S. Navy Sailor who distinguished himself fighting the Barbary pirates.

According to Navy Live, the official blog of the U.S.

Navy, no one knows for sure how the tradition of poetic New Year's deck log entries began, but it is believed to have begun between the world wars. In 2004 Stars & Stripes reporter Jason Chudy wrote a piece about New Year's deck logs. Cunliffe's midnight log can be found on Navy Live at <http://1.usa.gov/WgNtcG>

More information about the official nature of ships' deck logs can be found on the web site of the Naval History and Heritage Command, <http://1.usa.gov/131WdAf>

For examples of other New Year's deck log entries, check out a developing collection of them at the web site of The Deck Log Project: www.decklog-project.org.



(Right): Charles, Donna and Erin Cunliffe admire Navy Quartermaster 3rd Class Patrick Cunliffe's framed midnight log.

USS Reuben James Midnight Log Entry Composed by QM3 Patrick Cunliffe

Continued the watch underway as before, with warship Five Seven on her final tour.

The crew lay asleep in their comfy racks, entrusting their shipmates would have their backs.

The night was so peaceful, like many before, as the watch teams waited for what lie in store.

"Boats" stood by with bells at the ready, while the helm held the ship at a course that was steady.

"Wheels" at his table with the primary plot, CIC too, though needed he will likely be not.

Navigation lights burning ever so bright, as this fine Navy vessel sails through the night.

Modified Zebra set main deck and below, Darken ship too, with no white lights to show.

The ship in condition of readiness three with nothing in sight, in this wide open sea, no quarrel, no fight.

The ship is steaming ever so free, with the mighty fine power of one GTE.

Cold is the ship from number 1 and 3 AC's, about it I'll tell you of the SSDG's.

1 and 3 are creating the power, so after this watch we can all have hot showers.

1, 3 and 5 fire pumps are all at the ready, to stop any fires that may catch us unsteady.

Number 1 HPAC and number 2 LPAC are both also online, with those guys in CCS who are one of a kind.

Number 2 reefer runs all through the night, to keep our great Navy chow just ever so right.

1st Lt. has the Conn, NAV has the deck, with mustaches combed tight to take on the night.

TrainO looks out over the seas, as he stands watch as the JOOD.

Our esteemed Captain lay just right below, his crew at the ready, this he knows.

2012 has gone by so fast, warship Five Seven completed her tasks.

A new year is here, of this we all know, but don't you worry, REUBEN JAMES will set the tone.

To our families back home have a Happy New Year, we send you our love and our holiday cheer.

Our Shipmates world-wide look back with remembrance, we are fightin' '57, "BACK WITH A VENGEANCE!"

December 31, 2012

Sons of Anarchy meet-and-greet events to be held March 17

Two Sons of Anarchy free meet-and-greet events will be held March 17 at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam.

The events will be held at 9:45 a.m. at Makai Recreation Center and at 3:30 p.m. at Club Pearl's Brews & Cues.

Three of the TV show's celebrities will be in attendance, including Kim Coates (Tig), Mark Boone Jr. (Bobbie) and Dayton Callie (Unser). John Theo Rossi (Juice) will not be in attendance at this event.

Fans can bring their cameras to take photos. The event is open to all military-affiliated personnel and their sponsored guests.

Sons of Anarchy is an FX cable network TV drama series created by Kurt Sutter

about the lives of a close-knit outlaw motorcycle club operating in Charming, a fictional town in California's Central Valley.

For more information, call 449-7790.



Bodybuilder Jay Cutler weighs in at NEX



Photo by Kalvin Vaughn

At an off-season weight of 295 pounds, Jay Cutler defines the term "mass-monster" and he has a reputation as the hardest-working bodybuilder. A World's Best Bodybuilder and Mr. Olympia titleholder, Cutler took pictures with fans, signed autographs and showed off his famous stage pose Feb. 15 at Pearl Harbor Navy Exchange.

Try the 'Flavors of Asia' at upcoming event

A wine and travel affair "Flavors of Asia" will be held from 6 to 8 p.m. March 14 at Tradewinds Enlisted Oahu Room. The cost of the event is \$30 for club members and \$35 for non-members. The event is for participants 21 years and over only.

Reservations are recommended.

The event is presented by Tradewinds Enlisted Club and Travel Connections. For more information or to reserve your spot, call 448-2271, ext. 226.

Events planned for Women's History Month at JBPHH

Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam will commemorate Women's History Month throughout the month of March at the following events:

- Women's Military Leadership Panel featuring Col. Christine Gayagas (ret.), Col. Eva Jenkins, Cmdr. Kate Dolloff, Chief Master Sgt. Lisa Jayne and Chief Fire Controlman Natalie Stein from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. March 13 at the Makai Recreation Center, McChord Street, building 1859. This is a brown-bag (bring your own lunch) event.
- Meet Elizabeth Blackwell: Library Event for School-Aged Children from 2 to 3 p.m. March 20 at the Hickam Library, 990 Mills Blvd., building 595.

• One-Note Training on Microsoft 2010 at 11:30 a.m. March 21 at the 15th Wing Conference Room.

• "How to Achieve Your Highest Potential and Help Others Reach Theirs" Leadership Development Seminar featuring Congresswoman Tulsi Gabbard, Rear Adm. Raquel Bono and Col. Eva Jenkins from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. March 29 at Hickam Memorial Theater, Kuntz Avenue, building 1766. This is a brown bag event.

Those who plan to attend should register in advance at <https://usaf.evanced.info/hickam/sr/homepage.asp>.

For more information, call 449-8296 or email phyllis.frenzel@navy.mil.

Morale Welfare & Recreation

CREATIVE WRITING CONTEST

Entries for the Hickam Library's Annual Creative Writing Contest are being accepted now through March 31. Judging begins on April 1, and awards will be presented on April 20. Prizes in two divisions (short story and poetry) will be awarded in all age categories (children, young adult and adult). FMI: 449-8299.

DIVE-IN MOVIE

A free movie showing of "Meet the Robinsons" will take place at Hickam Pool Two tonight. The movie will begin at 6:30 p.m. Children under the age of 10 must be accompanied by an adult. FMI: 448-2223.

\$1 BOWLING

Bowling and shoe rental are \$1 each on the first Friday of every month from 7 to 10 p.m. at the Escape Bowling Center. FMI: 473-2651.

ST. PADDY'S DAY 5K RUN

The St. Paddy's Day 5k Run will take place at 8 a.m. March 16. The race starts and finishes at the Hickam Fitness Center. Runners are encouraged to wear St. Paddy's Day costumes. Prizes will be awarded for best costume. This free event is open to all eligible patrons and their guests. No registration is required. FMI: 448-2214.

KO'OLINA WHALE WATCH TOUR

There will be whale watching tours to Ko'olina from noon to 3:45 p.m. on March 2, 3, 9, 10, 16, 17, 23, 24 and 30. The cost is \$40 for adults, \$35 for children ages 3-11, and includes round trip transportation from Information, Tickets and Travel-Hickam. FMI: 448-2295.

SWIM LESSONS

Scott Pool and Hickam Pool Two are offering a variety of swim lessons beginning Saturday. Classes are divided into three age groups: 17 and older, 5-16 years old, and 3-4 years old. Classes are held on Saturday mornings. The cost is \$30 per student per session. FMI: Call Hickam Pool Two at 449-0142 or Scott Pool at 473-0394.

BOWLING, PIZZA WITH LIBERTY

There will be free bowling and pizza with Liberty on Monday. Departures are from Liberty Express 3:45 p.m. at Beeman Center at 4:15 p.m., Instant Liberty at 4:30 p.m., and Makai Recreation Center at 4:45 p.m. This event is for single, active-duty Sailors and Airmen only. FMI: 473-2583.

ST. PATRICK'S DAY BRUNCH

The Officers' Club will hold its annual St. Patrick's Day champagne brunch from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. March 17. The brunch will feature Irish dishes such as corned beef, cabbage and shepherd's pie. The cost is \$24.95 for adults, \$13.50 for children ages 7-12, \$8.25 for children ages 4-6, and free for children ages 3 and under. Reservations are required, and all ranks are welcome. FMI: 448-4608.



RISE OF THE GUARDIANS 3D (PG)

Rise of the Guardians is an epic adventure that tells the story of a group of heroes — each with extraordinary abilities. When an evil spirit known as Pitch lays down the gauntlet to take over the world, the immortal Guardians must join forces for the first time to protect the hopes, beliefs and imagination of children all over the world.

Movie Showtimes

SHARKEY THEATER
is closed
for renovations
until June.

HICKAM MEMORIAL THEATER

TODAY 3/01
6:00 PM Wreck-it Ralph 3D (PG)

SATURDAY 3/02
4:00 Rise of the Guardians 3D (PG)
7:00 Studio Appreciation Advance Screening — Free Admission — Phantom (R) Tickets available at your local Exchange Food Court. Seating open to non-ticket holders 30 minutes prior to showtime.

SUNDAY 3/03
2:00 Parental Guidance (PG)

Community Calendar

MARCH

1 — The next Family Fun Run will be held with units assembling no later than 6:55 a.m. Assemble with your units in the grassy mall area between the 15th Wing Headquarters Building and Freedom Tower. There will be no required formation running. Families, children and strollers are welcome, but pets are prohibited. FMI: Tech Sgt. Tracey Gilmore at 449-1228.

1 — The City & County of Honolulu will conduct the monthly statewide outdoor warning siren test at 11:45 a.m. The Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam "Giant Voice" works in conjunction with Honolulu's outdoor warning sirens and will sound a steady tone for 45 seconds.

2 — Girl's Day with Hello Kitty will take place from 10 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. in the Pearl Harbor Navy Exchange, children's department. FMI: 423-3287.

4 TO 27 — The Military Personnel Data System (MilPDS) is scheduled to receive upgrades. During this time, the system will be unavailable and personnel transactional assistance will be limited. FMI: email Capt. Cedric Holley or Master Sgt. Marcus Johnson at 647fss.fsmp@us.af.mil.

8 — Air Force spouses are invited to join the Military and Family Support Center (MFSC) from 7:45 a.m. to 1 p.m. at MFSC Hickam for a Heart Link seminar meeting with other Air Force spouses. Free lunch will be provided. Free childcare may be available. FMI: 449-0300.

23 — Breakfast with the Easter bunny will be held from 8 to 9 a.m. at the Pearl Harbor NEX food court lanai. Following the meal, there will be entertainment, games, prize giveaways, a jelly bean guessing contest, face painting and balloon-twisting. Tickets will go on sale in the first week in March. FMI: 423-3287.

APRIL

1 — The next semester of on-base college classes starts April 1. Sign-ups for will be conducted at the Navy College Office (building 679) and the Air Force Education Center (hangar 2) from now to March 29. Several colleges are offering undergraduate and graduate level classes, meeting once a week for 10 weeks or twice a week for five weeks. FMI: visit the base education offices or call 473-5754.

6 — The Ford Island Bridge Run will be held at 7 a.m. The 10K Run will start at the entrance to Adm. Bernard "Chick" Clarey Bridge. Entry fee is \$20 for military and their family members and \$25 for non-military. Entry deadline is March 22. The bridge will be closed from 6:50 to 7:05 a.m. April 6. FMI: 473-0784, 473-2499 or 473-2437.



Events celebrate African American History Month

Don Robbins

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Hickam African American Heritage Association held several events in February to celebrate African American History Month.

The events included an Apollo-style talent show held Feb. 16 at the Tradewinds Enlisted Club with a \$200 cash prize.

Airman 1st Class Trenecia Carroll of the 15th Operations Support Squadron (15 OSS) earned the \$200 prize with her version of "Proud Mary" by Tina Turner.

The talent show featured a total of eight performers portraying musical legends such as Etta James, Stevie Wonder, Lauren Hill and Whitney Houston. More than 114 people attended.

Other events to celebrate the month included a GospelFest and Taste of Soul held Feb. 23 at Hickam Main Chapel. and an

African American History Month luncheon Feb. 27 at the Hickam Officers Club.

The GospelFest and Taste of Soul was organized by Senior Master Sgt. April Gaines.

"We had four choirs, two praise teams and praise hula entertain over 200 guests," said Staff Sgt. Kimberly Blackmon, one of the participants.

"For the Taste of Soul, we fed over 200 people various soul food dishes including fried chicken, macaroni and cheese, collard greens...etc.," Blackmon added.

Chief Master Sgt. Leslie Bramlett, Chief Master Sgt. Marlin Hill and Senior Airman Justin Stinson were the judges who selected Marcia Steele as the entree winner for her

pulled pork and the dessert winner for her bread pudding. Yolanda English-Rowe won the side dish category for her creamy mac and cheese.



Left: Trenecia Carroll, winner of the Apollo-style talent contest, waits to take the stage.



The judges' table at the Taste of Soul.



Shaun Zarki performs Whitney Houston's "I Have Nothing."

Highlights from this week in USAF and PACAF history

Charles Nicholls

PACAF Historian

• On Feb. 26, 1945, Lt. Gen. Millard F. Harmon, commanding general, Army Air Forces, Pacific Ocean areas, disappeared on a B-24 flight en route from the Marshall Islands to Hawaii. Despite an intensive search by aircraft and surface vessels, no trace of the plane was ever found. Brig Gen. James R. Andersen, Harmon's chief of staff, was also on the flight. Andersen Air Force Base is named in his honor.

• From March 1 to 4, 1943, the Battle of the Bismarck Sea took place. Crews of the Fifth Air Force and the

Royal Australian Air Force flying out of Port Moresby, New Guinea attacked a convoy of Japanese reinforcements and their main air base at Lae.

Allied bombers, including heavily armed B-25s with forward- and side-firing guns, used innovative skip-bombing to wreak havoc on the Japanese convoy of eight troop transports, eight destroyers and two cruisers.

Out of 6,900 Japanese troops who were badly needed in New Guinea, only about 800 made it to Lae. As Gen. George C. Kenney later reported, "In the space of 12 minutes, we had destroyed or damaged 114,000 tons of Japanese shipping, shot down or destroyed on the ground 85 airplanes."



U.S. Air Force photo

The 3rd Bomb Group is shown here attacking Japanese shipping in March 1943.

March 9 concert to feature opera, Broadway songs

Hawaii Opera Theater and Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam Morale, Welfare and Recreation will host a free concert event called Great American Voices at 7 p.m. March 9 at the Hickam Officers' Club lanai. Open seating will begin at 6 p.m. The concert will consist of an evening of melodies from opera and Broadway.

Tickets or reservations are not needed for attending the concert. Seating is open and on a first-come, first-served basis, excluding reserved seating for customers attending a wine pairing.

The event is open to all military-affiliated personnel and their sponsored guests. Drinks and a limited pupu menu are available for purchase.

Crisp aloha attire is recommended (no shorts, slippers or T-shirts.)

The concert is made possible through a grant from the National Endowment for the Arts.

Prior to the concert, a wine, cheese and olive pairing will take place from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. at a cost of \$18 per person.

By attending the tasting, participants will also receive priority seating at the concert, and a brief synopsis will be given by a Hawaii Opera Theatre representative.

No children will be allowed at the tasting. Pre-paid reservations for the tasting are required by March 7. Call 448-4608 for tasting reservations.

For more information, visit the website www.greatlifeohawaii.com or call 473-0606.



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MCBH Career and Education Fair planned for March 15

Marine Corps Community Services (MCCS) will hold the annual Marine Corps Base Hawaii, Kaneohe Bay (MCBH) Career and Education Fair from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. March 15 at Kahuna's Enlisted Club.

The fair is a free event and will be open to the military community from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. and open to the public from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

The employment portion of the fair will feature more than 40 companies and government agencies from within the state and the mainland as well as MCCS.

Interested applicants will have the opportunity to speak to recruiters and representatives from participating companies and agencies, apply for vacant positions or pick up applications, and research the job market. Job seekers are encouraged to come prepared with multiple copies of their resume and dressed for

potential interviews onsite.

The education portion will consist of the base education center, 15 on-base colleges and universities, the National Test Center and the Defense Activity for Non-traditional Education Support.

Base access will be provided for the public from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Have a valid driver's license, current vehicle registration and proof of insurance ready. Due to the professional nature of this event, children will not be permitted.

A complete list of participating employers will be available on the Joint Employment Management System (JEMS) website at www.jemsjobs.com in early March.

For more information, call the Family Member Employment Assistance Program at 257-7787 or 257-7790 or the education center at 257-2158.



Discover your future in aviation at Pacific Aviation Museum

Young people interested in aviation as a career or hobby, schools, Scouts and families can attend an event titled "Discover Your Future in Aviation" from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. March 23 at Pacific Aviation Museum Pearl Harbor.

The event will feature hands-on workshops, a career fair, flight lab and interactive science exhibits. Participants can enter to win aviation prizes and take photos with aviation's costumed characters such as Amelia Earhart, Rosie the Riveter, a Zero pilot, and friends. Girl and Boy Scouts can also fulfill objectives for badge programs.

"It's a great opportunity to

professionals and learn more about careers in aviation and the related sciences," according to Ken DeHoff, museum executive director.

The event is free with regular museum admission and free to museum members. To attend, purchase general admission tickets online at PacificAviationMuseum.org.

For more information, call 441-1005 or email Education@PacificAviationMuseum.org.



Audition to become Joint Base Idol

Auditions are underway to become the first Joint Base Idol.

Auditions will be held March 1 and 22 at Club Pearl Country Bar and March 8 and 15 at the Tradewinds Enlisted Club on the Hickam side of the base. All auditions will be held from 3 to 6 p.m.

The top 10 from the auditions will perform the final

night at 7 p.m. April 13 at Hickam Memorial Theater.

All 10 performers will receive a gift card. The top three performers and the big winner will receive additional prizes. An after-party will take place at J. R. Rockers.

Join the discussion on Twitter @jointbaseidol.

For information, call 347-5157.

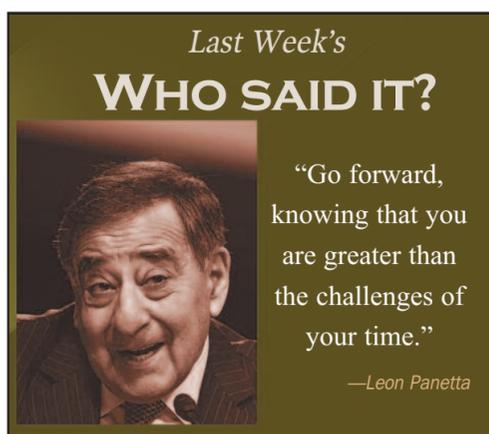
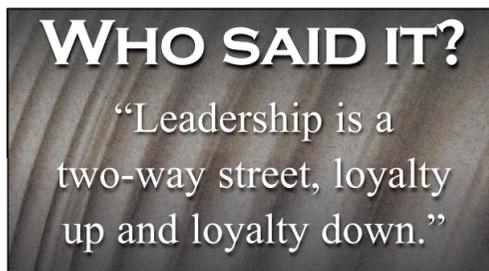
Blood drive schedule updated

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:

March 4, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., Pearl Harbor Memorial Chapel, 850 Ticonderoga St.

March 5, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., NEX, Tripler Army Medical Center

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



This Week's Trivia

What are the official Navy colors?

Last Issue's Question:

When did formal dedication of new Hawaii Air National Guard facilities at the former Hickam Air Force Base take place?

Answer:

On Feb. 17, 1962, formal dedication of new Hawaii Air National Guard facilities at Hickam included participation by the governor, state adjutants of the Army and Air Force National Guards, and the Hickam base commander. A fly-by of HIANG F-102 jets in the morning ceremony was followed by an open house attended by an estimated 10,000 people.