

## State legislature honors Hawaii Medal of Honor heroes

Story and photo by  
MC2 Jon Dasbach

Navy Public Affairs Support  
Element West, Detachment  
Hawaii

HONOLULU - Nineteen fallen service members posthumously received the Hawaii State Medal of Honor (HMOH) from the Hawaii State Senate and House of Representatives during a ceremony March 27 at the Hawaii State Capitol.

The HMOH was awarded on behalf of the State of Hawaii to families and friends of service members who were killed in action while serving as part of Operation Iraqi Freedom (OIF) and Operation Enduring Freedom (OEF).

“The Medal of Honor is Hawaii’s expression of gratitude to those who gave their lives in the service of our nation,” said Senate President Donna Mercado Kim.



Military service members salute as a Soldier from the Hawaii National Guard plays Taps during the Hawaii State Medal of Honor (HMOH) ceremony held at the Hawaii State Capitol. (Additional photos on page A-5)

“These citizens volunteered to carry the flag of the United States, to uphold the ideals and principles of our free and democratic nation, to put themselves in harms way, to fulfill their military missions, and to represent our people and country with pride, honor and distinction,” she said.

While delivering a speech during the ceremony, Hawaii Gov. Neil Abercrombie spoke directly to family members in attendance.

“Know that all those honored today are carried in our hearts and that we are brothers and sisters, for and with and to each other. And with that sure knowledge, we know that some small measure of comfort will be extended from us to you, not just this day, but in the days to come,” Abercrombie said.

“And that you carry with you from this ceremony our commitment and our pledge, not just to

See MEDAL OF HONOR, A-2



Lt. Cmdr. (retired) Jim Hickerson talks to Sailors and Airmen about his experience as a prisoner of war during the Vietnam War at a POW event held at the Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam Memorial Chapel. (Additional photo on page A-5)

## Vietnam POWs share stories of service and sacrifice

Story and photo by  
MC2 Nardel Gervacio

Navy Region Hawaii Public  
Affairs

The Coalition of Sailors Against Destructive Decisions, Junior Enlisted Association and Chiefs of the Waterfront hosted a POW [prisoner of war] event held March 26 at the Pearl Harbor Memorial Chapel.

Sailors and Airmen assigned to Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam (JBPHH) were on hand to hear stories about service, wisdom and courage from a former POW, Jim Hickerson, his wife Carole, and Tim Guard, Vietnam veteran.

The event started with the parade of colors followed by remarks by Rear Adm. Frank Ponds, commander of Navy Region Hawaii and Surface Group Middle Pacific. Ponds introduced Guard who spoke about his time in U.S. Navy during the Vietnam era.

After being commissioned in 1966, Guard was assigned to an amphibious squadron and selected to command a swift boat which conducted river missions throughout the

Mekong Delta. Guard then received assignment to command the USS Esteem, a minesweeper.

In 1967, as a Navy lieutenant commander, Hickerson was on an air mission when his aircraft was hit by a surface-to-air missile. He was forced to eject. He spent nearly six years as a prisoner of war, tortured and deprived by his North Vietnamese captors. Upon returning home, he continued his naval career until retiring with 30 years of dedicated service.

“I don’t see myself as a hero or anything like that. I just did my job,” said Hickerson. “I was very lucky and that’s the reason why I tell my story, so people can stop and think about what they have and how fortunate they are to be in this country.”

Hickerson delivered an optimistic message to the Sailors and Airmen who may confront overwhelming obstacles in their personal lives.

“It was really inspiring. There’s not a lot of people that talk about Vietnam, so it’s really inspiring to hear these people who went through so much and talk about it and also kept their faith along the way,” said

Cryptologic Technician (Collection) 3rd Class Lori Pearce of Excelsior Springs, Mo., assigned to Navy Information Operation Center (NIOC).

Carole Hickerson also spoke during the event. Carole’s first husband, Marine Capt. Stephen Hanson, vanished in 1967 while piloting a secret helicopter mission in Laos.

During the Vietnam War

See POWs, A-3

## COMPACAF thanks Airmen as Cope Tiger 13 concludes

2nd Lt. Jake Bailey

Cope Tiger 13 Public Affairs

KORAT ROYAL THAI AIR FORCE BASE, Thailand – Gen. Herbert “Hawk” Carlisle, commander of Pacific Air Forces at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, met with Airmen from the U.S., Thailand and Republic of Singapore as they joined forces one last time on the flight line during the closing ceremony for Cope Tiger 13 here March 21.

“I want to personally thank you for all that you’ve done. What you’ve accomplished during this exercise matters a great deal,” Carlisle told Airmen as he met with them one on one before the closing ceremony began.

Carlisle presented certificates of accomplishment to Airmen who rose to the challenge and delivered superior performance during Cope Tiger 13. Afterwards, he talked candidly with the Airmen and answered their questions.

Carlisle noted that with less than one percent of the U.S. population serving in the military, Airmen should



U.S. Air Force photo by 2nd Lt. Jake Bailey

U.S. Air Force Gen. Herbert “Hawk” J. Carlisle, commander of Pacific Air Forces at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, thanks Airmen from the Republic of Singapore during the closing ceremony for Cope Tiger 13 held March 22 at Korat Royal Thai Air Force Base, Thailand.

be proud to count themselves as part of an elite few who provide peace and stability, especially in the Pacific region.

“You answer our nation’s call every day,” Carlisle said.

Cope Tiger 13’s objectives included improving combat readiness and combined aerial planning and tactics in addition to enhancing multilateral relations.

During the combined field training exercise, 2,300

personnel and 80 aircraft from the three participating air forces executed 919 aerial sorties.

“It is my great pleasure to report that with leadership and teamwork contributed from all participants, the exercise accomplished its primary goal of executing safely,” said Capt. Napadej Dhupatemiya, Royal Thai Air Force exercise director.

Beyond conducting large force employment missions,

See POSITIVE, A-3

## SBX on the move



U.S. Navy photo by MC2 Daniel Barker

The Sea-Based X-Band Radar (SBX) leaves a pier on Ford Island as the SBX transits the waters of Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam.

### JBPHH changes in services

For an updated listing of changes to services at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam (JBPHH), please visit [www.cnic.navy.mil/pearlharbor-hickam](http://www.cnic.navy.mil/pearlharbor-hickam).



Hickam breaks ground on new ramp control tower  
See page A-2



Hagel announces fewer furlough days for civilians  
See pages A-2



Personal Readiness Summit provides opportunity for ‘courage to intervene’  
See page A-2



Women’s History Month leadership development seminar  
See page B-5



Learn to ‘Walk to Safety’ at April 1 tsunami-awareness event at JBPHH  
See page B-9



Volunteers needed for Pearl Harbor Bike Path cleanup  
See page B-9



# Hickam breaks ground on new ramp control tower

Story and photo by  
Tech. Sgt.  
Jerome S. Tayborn

15th Wing Public Affairs

The 15th Operations Group and 647th Air Base Group military leaders and contractors gathered at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam on March 15 for a groundbreaking ceremony which marked the beginning of construction for a new ramp control tower.

The ceremony included a special blessing from Kahu Kordell Kekoa, the pastor of Bishop Memorial Church, who performed a traditional Hawaiian blessing at the construction site.

The new ramp control tower, with a programmed cost of \$7.4 million, will replace an existing structure built in 1952 and enhance



Military and contractor partners shovel dirt to take the first step in a special groundbreaking ceremony and Hawaiian blessing performed by Kahu Kordell Kekoa (right) for a new ramp control tower near the flightline at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, March 14.

Hickam's air traffic controller abilities.

When complete, the 138.5-foot tower will provide Hickam's air traffic controllers with increased visibility, space for a control tower simulator to enhance training, increased security, office space for administrative functions, and enhanced environmental controls.

This new addition will benefit all visiting military and civilian aircraft to Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam.

"This new state-of-the-art facility will equip our Airmen and exceptional civilian workers in overseeing the Pacific's premier airpower projection platform and safely assisting more than 13,000 aircraft movements annually. As the Pacific becomes even more vital to national security, we will be ready," said Col.

(select) Kevin Eastland, 15th Operations Support Squadron commander.

The new tower, which is expected to last the next 50 years, will not only benefit the aviation community but will also provide significant financial impact.

"Naval Facilities Engineering Command Pacific is a great partnership and was crucial to the success of this project. We appreciate the efforts of our Navy, Air Force and civilian partners working together. Without their partnership, this project would have never materialized with this austere climate," said Lt. Col. Randy Whitecotton, 647th Civil Engineering Squadron commander.

Construction on the tower will begin immediately. The estimated completion date is March 2014.

## Hagel announces fewer furlough days for civilians

Nick Simeone

American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON, D.C. — The Defense Department has revised from 22 to 14 the number of days hundreds of thousands of civilian employees could be furloughed this year because of the budget sequester, Defense Secretary Chuck Hagel announced Thursday.

In addition, a senior Defense Department official speaking on background told reporters the start of the furloughs will be delayed until mid-to-late June, after more than 700,000 department employees receive furlough notices now set to go out in early May. Furloughs would happen over seven two-week pay periods until the end of September, when the current fiscal year ends, the senior official said, with employees likely to be told not to come to work for two days during each of those pay periods.

Department officials say they are still working to determine which employees might be exempted.

Hagel characterized the reduced furloughs as well as a revised estimate of sequestration's impact on

the defense budget as good news. The changes follow Congressional approval last week of a defense appropriations bill that prevented an additional six billion dollars in cuts, ordered under sequestration, from taking effect.

"It reduces a shortfall at least in the operations budget," the secretary told reporters at a Pentagon news conference. "We came out better than we went in under the sequester, where it looks like our number is \$41 billion [in cuts] now versus the \$46 billion."

But despite a Congressional reprieve, Hagel said the Pentagon is still going to be short at least \$22 billion for operations and maintenance, "and that means we are going to have to prioritize and make some cuts and do what we've got to do," including making sharp reductions in base operating support and training for nondeployed units.

More critical in the long run, he said, is how budget cuts will affect readiness and the department's overall mission. Because of that concern, he said he has directed Deputy Defense Secretary Ash Carter and Army Gen. Martin E. Dempsey, chairman of the Joint

Chiefs of Staff, to conduct an intensive department-wide review of U.S. strategic interests including how to protect the nation with fewer resources. "How do we prioritize the threats and then the capabilities required to deal with threats?" he said. "There will be some significant changes; there's no way around it."

Dempsey said the department has already exhausted 80 percent of its operating funds halfway through the fiscal year and characterized the current budget situation as "not the deepest, but the steepest decline in our budget ever," and warned it will affect military readiness into the future.

"We will have to trade at some level and to some degree our future readiness for current operations," the chairman said. He called on elected leaders to give the Pentagon the budget flexibility it needs to carry out institutional reforms.

"We can't afford excess equipment," Dempsey said. "We can't afford excess facilities. We have to reform how we buy weapons and services. We have to reduce redundancy. And we've got to change, at some level, our compensation structure."

## First term Airman earns AF-level award

Tech. Sgt.  
Jerome S. Tayborn

15th Wing Public Affairs

A Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam first-term Airman was recently recognized as the Air Force Information Dominance Outstanding Cyber Surety Airman of the Year.

The top-level Air Force award recognizes Air Force officers, enlisted members, civilian employees, teams and units for superior performance while providing information dominance and cyberspace operations to the Air Force and Department of Defense missions and operations.

"I feel extremely honored to be recognized for my work that I have done and to show people what I am able to accomplish," said Senior Airman Andrew New, an information assurance officer for the 692nd Intelligence Surveillance Reconnaissance Group.

As the information assurance officer, New directed computer security programs (COMSEC) for three wings and 38 tenant organizations, where he overhauled their audit processes and implemented new training and inspection programs. He also led 12 COMSEC staff assistance visits (SAV) which resulted in



Senior Airman Andrew New

resolving 36 discrepancies.

Additionally, New established information assurance officers (IAOs) monthly and quarterly checks, which helped to diffuse security risks and instill safeguards for more than 13,000 users. He also trained and certified 95 IAOs where he provided stringent security guidance for 2,500 network systems and reduced their incidents by 25 percent.

"My advice for anyone who is trying to be awarded an AF-level award is to worry about doing a good job at work, not striving to win awards," New said.

"People notice good work when it is done. I love my job and the people I work with which makes me strive to give 100 percent one day at a time. And along with that comes awards and recognition," he explained.

New didn't receive top honors his first time up for the

award, yet he continued to let his superior duty performance speak for itself.

"I didn't win the first time I went up for this award and I let that serve as a motivator for next year's award to do my best, so I could receive the opportunity to compete again. The result of that was winning my command's Information Dominance Outstanding Cyber Surety Airman of the Year two years in a row and then winning at the AF level," said New.

According to Master Sgt. Nicholas Horton, 1st Special Operations Command Squadron, emission security (EMSEC) manager and New's former supervisor, New was always a reliable Airman. "We were very impressed with his consistent ability to overcome obstacles in a wing position. He exceeded all expectations every time we handed him a tough situation," said Horton.

"In fact, he constantly was reminding others of things that needed to be done when there was a slow day in the office, just to help keep us ahead of the game. His other supervisors and I really never had to come to him and ask him to find something to do. I could easily see him progressing as a future chief master sergeant. He is already off to a great start," Horton said.

## Personal Readiness Summit encourages intervention

MC2 Tiarra Fulgham

Navy Public Affairs  
Support Element West,  
Detachment Hawaii

Commander, U.S. Pacific Fleet (COMPACFLT) and Commander, Navy Region Hawaii held this year's Personal Readiness Summit from March 26 to 28 at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam.

This year's summit, themed "courage to intervene," allowed senior leaders, officers, chiefs, and command program advisors the opportunity to not only discuss the Navy's programs but also give their opinions on how to make them better.

"The overall mission of the summit is to provide the information to the leadership and program coordinators to help better understand what is happening across the Pacific," said Lt. Cmdr. Kaarin Coe, regional suicide prevention coordinator.

"The different program on hand gives them some tools to take back to their commands to help improve those programs," he said.

Programs discussed during the summit included alcohol and drug abuse, suicide prevention, domestic violence, sexual harassment, hazing and equal opportunity, along with personal responsibility.

"The summits just keeps getting better. We are real-



U.S. Navy photo by Mass Communication Specialist 3rd Class Diana Quinlan

Rear Adm. Patrick Driscoll, deputy commander and chief of staff for U.S. Pacific Fleet (COMPACFLT), addresses officers and senior enlisted personnel during the combined U.S. Pacific Fleet and Commander Navy Region Hawaii, Personal Readiness Summit on Ford Island, Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam.

ly narrowing down on the needs and what we can do to better support the commands, so they can fulfill their mission while supporting the Sailors and getting them the support they need through the significant programs," said Coe.

The event also included speakers from COMPACFLT, base legal, NCIS and Naval Health Clinic Hawaii and Terry L. Wise,

well known public speaker and author of the book, "What Can I Do for Myself."

Personnel in attendance consisted of command urinalysis coordinators, command leading petty officers (LPO), command fitness leaders (CFL), Drug and Alcohol Program advisors, and command coordinators for the Sexual Assault Prevention and Response,

Command Managed Equal Opportunity and family advocacy programs.

The summit concluded with a live performance titled "Shot of Reality" which was open to Sailors E-6 and below and their family members over the age of 18. The performance was created as a comedy and focused on the impact of drug and alcohol use and how to be responsible.

## Medal of Honor heroes

Continued from A-1

remember, but to try to fulfill the promise that was made ultimately and with complete sacrifice by those whom you loved," he said.

Recipients of the HMOH included members of the U.S. Armed Forces and the Hawaii National Guard who were residents of the state of Hawaii, attended an educational institution in Hawaii, or who were stationed in Hawaii by order of the Department of Defense.

As of March 2013, 327 service members with Hawaii ties have sacrificed their lives while in the line of duty serving as part of OIF and OEF.

Friends and family members of the fallen service members were present during the ceremony and received a plaque and official certificate. The recipients were rendered with honors of two bells after their names were announced.

The ceremony included military support as members of the United States Pacific Command Joint Service Color Guard posted colors, the Hickam Base Honor Guard performed a three-volley salute and the Hawaii National Guard played Taps.

Maj. Gen. Darryll D. M. Wong, adjutant general for the state of Hawaii, com-

mented on the importance the ceremony and the honor bestowed upon the fallen service members.

"We are honored and privileged to be in the presence of the families of our fallen heroes," said Wong. "There is no honor higher than that our state can bestow on a member of our armed forces than the Hawaii Medal of Honor, but the price of that honor is far too high.

"To receive that medal means that a member of our military with Hawaii ties has given up his or her life in the service to our nation. This is not an honor that we bestow with joy; rather, we do so with heavy hearts. Collectively as a state, we have made it our mission to express our deepest appreciation to these brave men and women," he said.

"Hawaii has lost 327 service members," Wong continued. "Our grateful state best honors and remembers the sacrifices of those who have served our nation by living our lives with deep appreciation for our freedom."

"Although the Hawaii Medal of Honor cannot take away the pain of losing a loved one, it symbolizes that Hawaii will never forget. We will never forget them, nor will we ever forget their families," Wong said.

### Correction:

In the story "Pentagon puts furlough notices on hold for DoD civilians," which was published on page A-2 of the March 22, 2013 edition of Ho'okele, the article incor-

rectly stated, "Once furlough notices go out, there would be a seven-day period for people to reply to their letters, followed by a 30-day waiting period." This is inaccurate. The 30-day waiting period begins upon an employee's receipt of the written notice. The employee

has seven calendar days from the date of the written notice to respond. Also, the URL that was provided does not work on NMCI computers. Please use this one: <http://ow.ly/jleuf>. We apologize for any inconvenience this may have caused.



# Easter bunny comes to JBPHH



Sailors assigned to Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam receive Easter baskets for distribution to junior enlisted Sailors. The Easter baskets were donated by the local civilian community with assistance from the Girl Scouts and the USO. The donation was coordinated by Mildred Courtney, Outrigger Hotel's military liaison.

U.S. Navy photo by MC2 Nardel Gervacio



## Diverse Views



### “What is your favorite restaurant and why?”

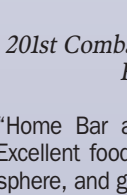
**2nd Lt. Janet Hudson**  
624th Regional Support Group

“Café Maharani. It's a small Indian restaurant downtown. The food is amazing and has a great atmosphere.”



**Gas Turbine Systems (Mechanical) Fireman Henderson Cunningham III**  
Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam

“My favorite restaurant is Dixie Bar and Grill, because it makes you feel like you're back in the mainland. I'm from the South, and I like Southern cooking.”



**Staff Sgt. Geoffrey Erese**  
201st Combat Communications Group  
Hawaii Air National Guard

“Home Bar and Grill on Kalakaua Ave. Excellent food and service, friendly atmosphere, and great for any occasion.”



**Culinary Specialist 2nd Class (AW) Zikiya Hobson**  
Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam

“I have two favorite restaurants. The first is Kincaid's, because they have a really nice view of Waikiki Harbor. They also have a nice selection of food and the service is great. My second is California Pizza Kitchen. I'm trying to go vegetarian, and they make great vegetarian pizza.”

**Staff Sgt. Terrance Greenwood**  
535th Airlift Squadron

“I have many favorite places to eat, but above a tasty meal at a chain restaurant, I enjoy the 'mom and pop' places the best. You can get chain restaurant food anywhere so why not experiment with a few dives? You always find surprises.”



**Lt. Megan White**  
Transient Personnel Unit

“My favorite restaurant is Side Street Inn, because they have good local food (home-style food), and they have the best pork chops and fried rice ever.”

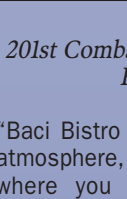
**Airman 1st Class Raymart De Asis**  
647th Civil Engineers Squadron

“Nothing is better than having a light meal because you know you came to this restaurant just for the dessert. I have even gone to Cheesecake Factory after having dinner at another restaurant. The food at Cheesecake is phenomenal, and the cheesecakes are even better. The atmosphere is always upbeat and the service is great. My favorite dish at Cheesecake Factory is the red velvet cheesecake.”



**Gas Turbine Systems (Mechanical) 2nd Class (AW) Joshua Hamrick**  
USS Lake Erie (CG 70)

“It would be Dixie Bar and Grill. They have awesome smoked barbecue, crab legs and chicken wings.”



**Tech Sgt. Eric Martin**  
201st Combat Communications Group  
Hawaii Air National Guard

“Baci Bistro in Kailua. Great food and atmosphere, awesome little hideaway where you and your date can get acquainted.”



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

Want to see your command featured in Diverse Views?  
Got opinions to share?

Drop us a line at [editor@hookelenews.com](mailto:editor@hookelenews.com) or [karen.spangler@navy.mil](mailto:karen.spangler@navy.mil)

## POWs offer inspiration

Continued from A-1

years, Carole was one of the most outspoken POW/MIA wives, breaking the code of silence about POW/MIAs by publicizing their plight on a television program.

Hickerson eventually created the National League of Families for POW/MIAs. She became its second president and a member of its board of directors. Hickerson also created the emblem that was later recognized as the POW/MIA flag.

“The message that Jim, Carole and Tim presented to us today is something all of us can hold dear to our hearts and how we can move towards the future,” said Master-at-Arms 3rd Class Abrel

Smith of Albany, Ga., assigned to Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam Security.

“It's a renewed dedication to look at our lives and careers and to take it seriously and honoring the code of conduct when you're behind enemy lines. They sacrificed a lot as well as their families and spouses,” he said.

Smith said by making the right kind of choices, they made their lives better and turned the situation into a positive experience.

“What I'll take back from this event is that you may hit hard times but like (Hickerson) said, someone else out there has it worse than you. It's always greener on the other side,” said Pearce.

## Positive impact

Continued from A-1

Cope Tiger participants contributed their goodwill to local schools in the surrounding communities. During three cultural engagements, Airmen contributed educational materials, computer equipment, athletic gear and quality of life measures such as fans and sinks to the schools.

“The interactions that we have during Cope Tiger in Thailand are so beneficial,” said Col. Peter Milohnic, U.S. exercise director. “We tend to focus on the military aspect, but what we learn from each other culturally, and the friendships that we build while we are here are important, too.”

Master Sgt. Jeff Mikkelsen, a fuels section chief assigned to Yokota Air Base, Japan, agreed.

“I'm honored to have had the opportunity to make a positive impact here at Cope Tiger, not only on the flight line, but in the community, too” Mikkelsen said.

## Women yeomen inspected by rear admiral



Photo courtesy of Naval History and Heritage Command Collection

Yeomen (Female) are shown here being inspected by Rear Adm. Victor Blue (left center), chief of the Bureau of Navigation, on the Washington Monument grounds, Washington, D.C., in 1918. The first really large-scale employment of women as naval personnel took place to meet the severe clerical shortages of the World War I era. The “Yeomanettes” as they were popularly known, served primarily in secretarial and clerical positions, though some were translators, draftsmen, fingerprint experts, ship camouflage designers and recruiting agents.

## HO'OKELE

PEARL HARBOR - HICKAM NEWS

Commander,  
Navy Region Hawaii  
**Rear Adm. Frank Ponds**

Chief of Staff  
**Capt. Mark Manfredi**

Director,  
Public Affairs  
**Agnes Tauyan**

Deputy Director,  
Public Affairs  
**Bill Doughty**

Commander,  
Joint Base  
Pearl Harbor-Hickam  
**Capt. Jeffrey James**

Deputy Commander  
**Col. Dann S. Carlson**

Director, Public Affairs  
**Grace Hew Len**

Managing Editor  
**Karen Spangler**

Assistant Editor  
**Don Robbins**

Sports Editor  
**Randy Dela Cruz**

Staff Writer  
**Brandon Bosworth**

Layout/Design  
**Antonio Verceluz**  
**Richard Onaha Hutter**

Ho'okele is a free unofficial paper published every Thursday by The Honolulu Star Advertiser 500 Ala Moana Boulevard Suite 7-500 Honolulu Hawaii 96813, a private firm in no way connected with DoD, the U. S. Navy or Marine Corps, under exclusive contract with Commander, Navy Region Hawaii. All editorial content is prepared, edited, provided and approved by the staff of the Commander, Navy Region Hawaii Public Affairs Office: 850 Ticonderoga, Suite 110, Pearl Harbor, Hawaii, 96860-4884. Telephone: (808) 473-2888; fax (808) 473-2876; e-mail address: [editor@hookelenews.com](mailto:editor@hookelenews.com) World Wide Web address: <https://www.cnic.navy.mil/Hawaii/> or [www.hookelenews.com](http://www.hookelenews.com). This civilian enterprise newspaper is an authorized publication primarily for members of the Navy and Marine Corps military services and their families in Hawaii. Its contents do not necessarily reflect the official views of the U. S. Government, the Department of Defense, the U.S. Navy or Marine Corps and do not imply endorsement thereof.

The civilian publisher, The Honolulu Star Advertiser, is responsible for commercial advertising, which may be purchased by calling (808) 521-9111. The appearance of advertising in this newspaper, including inserts or supplements, does not constitute endorsement of the products and services advertised by the Department of Defense, the U.S. Navy or Marine Corps, Commander, Navy Region Hawaii or The Honolulu Star Advertiser. Everything advertised in this paper shall be made available for purchase, use or patronage without regard to race, color, religion, gender, national origin, age, marital status, physical handicap, political affiliation or any other non-merit factor of the purchaser, user or patron. A confirmed violation of this policy of equal opportunity by an advertiser will result in the refusal to print advertising from that source. Ho'okele is delivered weekly to Navy & Air Force housing units and Navy installations throughout Oahu. Housing residents may contact the publisher directly at (808) 690-8864 if they wish to discontinue home delivery.



# New FFD firefighter recruits graduate

**Fire Inspector  
Angela Sanders**

*Federal Fire Department  
Hawaii*

The Federal Fire Department (FFD) Joint Firefighter Recruit Academy, Class of 2013 held their graduation ceremony March 22 in the Inter-Island Terminal Conference Center at Honolulu International Airport. This event was attended by Hawaii Gov. Neil Abercrombie and Rear Adm. Frank Ponds, commander of Navy Region Hawaii and Naval Surface Group Middle Pacific.

The recruit class included 39 firefighter recruits consisting of both male and female firefighters. Nineteen of the recruits are employed by the Federal Fire Department, Navy Region Hawaii and will be assigned to federal fire stations throughout various military bases on Oahu.

Sixteen firefighter recruits are employed by Hawaii State Department of Transportation (DOT), airports division, and will be assigned to the Honolulu International Airport (fire stations one and two) Kalaeloa Airport (station three), Lihue Airport (station four), Hilo International Airport (station 11) and Kona International Airport (station 12).

Four firefighter recruits



U.S. Navy photo by MC2 Nardel Gervacio

Rear Adm. Frank Ponds, commander of Navy Region Hawaii and Naval Surface Group Middle Pacific, addresses the audience during the Federal Fire Department Firefighting Recruit Training Academy graduation ceremony held at the Honolulu International Airport Interisland Terminal Conference Center on March 22.

will be assigned to the Pacific Missile Range Facility (PMRF) Fire Department at Barking Sands, Kauai.

The FFD Joint Firefighter Recruit Academy was a 22-week long training program and was held at the Federal Fire Department Headquarters. Instructors were brought in from both federal and state departments to ensure compliance and offer an array of knowledge.

The recruits were required to complete various disciplines to meet the

National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) 1001 Standard for Firefighter Professional Qualifications.

The curriculum covered rigorous training with certifications in firefighter I and II which cover basic entry-level training in the fire service and national registry emergency medical technician-basic (EMT-B).

The course also included hazardous material awareness and operations levels, airport firefighter, firefighter survival and rapid intervention training.

"The recruit class began

as a mixture of diversified young men and women. The challenge was to bring all of them together to work as a unit and to trust each other when put through challenging situations," said Chris Rapoza, Federal Fire Department regional training chief.

"Their motto is: 'One Team, One Fight.' They were trained to have understanding, compassion and respect for themselves as well as others."

"Our lead instructors instill in each recruit dedication, commitment, honor,

pride and self discipline to represent themselves and their departments in a professional manner, 24 hours a day on and off duty," Rapoza said.

Regional Fire Chief Fletcher Dahman shared his thoughts about this recruit class.

"This joint training recruit class has been a true success story. The ability of the instructors to mold personnel from many different backgrounds into a cohesive team of future firefighters is evident from their day-to-day interactions and final

skills testing," Dahman said.

"Budget constraints and limited departmental openings in all three agencies was a big factor in creating this combined class. Cooperation and communication between the multiple training locations and training staffs enabled the recruits to participate in a maximum number of firefighting evolutions," he said.

On March 20, the recruits had a special opportunity to showcase their skills to the media. The Federal Fire Department collaborated with Hawaii DOT, airports division, to set up a media training day at the Federal Fire Department Live-Fire Training Center at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam.

This media day was the final test for the recruits. It gave them an opportunity to demonstrate their skills learned during the academy. It also gave the recruits a chance to work with the media and prepared them for future media opportunities and events.

For more information about the Federal Fire Department Joint Firefighter Recruit Academy, contact Regional Training Chief Chris Rapoza at 471-3303, ext. 400.

For more information about the Federal Fire Department, contact Fire Inspector Angela Sanders at 471-3303, ext. 617 or angela.sanders1@navy.mil.

## Hawaii Sailors donate blood to support ASBP mission

**Story and photo by  
MC2 Jon Dasbach**

*Navy Public Affairs  
Support Element West, Det  
Hawaii*

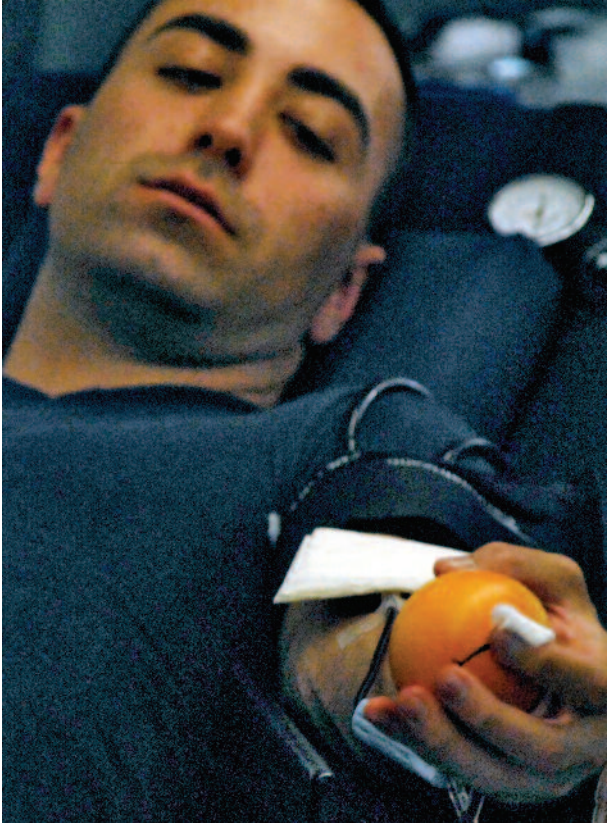
Sailors assigned to the Los Angeles-class submarine USS Buffalo (SSN 715) donated blood to the Armed Services Blood Program (ASBP) during a blood drive held March 13 at the Pearl Harbor Memorial Chapel.

"Today we gave a donation to the blood drive to help out the Sailors and Soldiers in Afghanistan and anyone else who would need it," said Culinary Specialist 1st Class Jason Henneey.

The blood drive was sponsored by Tripler Army Medical Center with the blood collected benefiting service members of all branches, those stationed within the United States and those overseas.

"Don't be afraid to donate blood," said Hospital Corpsman 1st Class Michol Ranada. "It's for a good cause. It goes to our brothers and sisters who are out there fighting the war on the front lines."

Donations made through ASBP serve as a vital link to not only military service



Yeoman 2nd Class Travis Trivett, assigned to Los Angeles-class submarine USS Buffalo (SSN 715), donates blood during an Armed Services Blood Program (ASBP) blood drive.

members, but their families as well.

"A blood drive is important because you can't buy blood," said Henneey. "We need it to live. It's about helping each other out. It's about us being shipmates."

For more information about the Tripler Army Medical Center Blood Donor Center, donation dates, locations and ASBP, visit [www.militaryblood.dod.mil/hawaii](http://www.militaryblood.dod.mil/hawaii).

## Adm. Haney speaks at roundtable



U.S. Navy photos by MC1 Michelle Lucht

Adm. Cecil Haney, commander of U.S. Pacific Fleet, speaks during a Chiefs of Navy Roundtable Talk during the 2013 Langkawi International Maritime and Aerospace Exhibition (LIMA 13). LIMA 13 provides a forum to showcase U.S. and foreign assets while forming relationships that ultimately contribute to increased interoperability with navies of other countries.



Adm. Cecil Haney (left), commander of U.S. Pacific Fleet, meets with Republic of Korea Navy Vice Adm. Koo Ok Hyeo, commander of Naval Education and Training command, during the 2013 Langkawi International Maritime and Aerospace Exhibition (LIMA 13).



# Pearl Harbor-Hickam*Highlights*

Carole Hickerson, former POW Jim Hickerson and Vietnam veteran Tim Guard were speakers at a POW event held at the Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam Memorial Chapel. The event featured the Hickersons and Guard as they shared their stories of service, wisdom and courage with Sailors and Airmen.

U.S. Navy photo by MC2 Nardel Gervacio



(Left) Military service members from the Hickam Honor Guard perform a three-volley salute during the Hawaii State Medal of Honor (HMOH) ceremony held March 27 at the Hawaii State Capitol.

U.S. Navy photo by MC2 Jon Dasbach



U.S. Navy photo by MC2 Jon Dasbach

Military service members from United States Pacific Command Joint Service Color Guard rehearse posting the colors prior to the Hawaii State Medal of Honor (HMOH) ceremony held at the Hawaii State Capitol.



(Left) Steel Worker 2nd Class Holly Ramirez from Construction Dive Detachment Alpha, part of Underwater Construction Team Two (UCT-2) from Port Hueneme, Calif. prepares to pour concrete during a structural pile restoration at the Hotel Piers at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam.

U.S. Navy photo by MC2 Sean Furey



Sailors from Construction Dive Detachment Alpha, part of Underwater Construction Team Two (UCT-2) dive over the remains of USS Arizona at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam.

U.S. Navy photo by MC2 Sean Furey





# CSADD is valuable resource for junior Sailors

MC2 Nardel Gervacio

Navy Region Hawaii Public Affairs

The Coalition of Sailors Against Destructive Decisions (CSADD) program encourages positive influence and behavior, while at the same time bringing together on-line social networking with peer interaction and in-person networking. This reinforces the message of “shipmates helping shipmates” and is reinforced with the “Don’t be that Guy” campaign.

CSADD serves as a peer-to-peer Sailor mentoring group for Sailors 18 to 25 years old.”

The importance of the CSADD is the mentoring programs itself where it gives Sailors the opportunity to do things on their off time,” said Gas Turbine System (Mechanical) Seaman (SW) Dominic Lachapelle of New York, a CSADD committee member assigned to USS Lake Erie (CG-70).

“The program uses the buddy systems, Sailors giving each other ideas to help



Image courtesy of CSADD

each other in today’s Navy, helping them make right decisions,” Lachapelle said.

The program is run by a group of volunteer petty officers, and its mission is to provide junior Sailors with the best prevention and intervention tools possible to deal with issues such as alcohol misuse, reckless driving, recreational safety hazards and other activities that can lead to destructive decision-making in a manner to which they can relate.

“When a shipmate sees other shipmates going down the wrong path, you correct them. It’s easy for someone in the same pay grade to talk with one another, rather than a chief to talk

with the Sailor because (for them) it becomes just another lecture,” said Chief Engineman Saul Gomez, a CSADD regional team leader who is assigned to Navy Operation Support Center (NOSC) at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam.

“When we empower our junior Sailors, they mentor themselves and they listen to each other, work collectively with each other to be the most effective Sailors they possibly can,” Gomez said.

The CSADD program also builds camaraderie among the junior Sailors involved. Many chapters plan alcohol-free liberty activities like movie nights, day-trips or

sporting events for their shipmates to enjoy on liberty in a responsible way.

“It brings the crew on ships or shore commands together. It also helps to know the person you work with on a day-to-day basis also. It builds teamwork,” said Lachapelle. “And I’ve heard the word teamwork a lot after being involved with the program.”

In addition to promoting healthy life choices, the program also develops members’ leadership skills.

“The program is about initiative. It’s something Sailors already do every day. It’s an initiative that empowers them as leaders and future leaders,” said Gomez.

Through programs like CSADD, Sailors are proving that helping their peers to achieve success individually is vital to achieving success as a team.

“This program is important because it empowers the Sailors to write their own destiny and go forth to do great things without their leadership telling them how and when to do it. It’s great Sailors doing even greater things for themselves and their shipmates,” said Gomez.

“What I enjoy most about the program is the network it brings,” said Master-at Arms 2nd Class Troy Gollihar of Klamath Falls, Ore., CSADD region advocate who is assigned to Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam Security.

“Sailors who may not make the right decisions in the past (may have been prevented) had they had the guidance or that knowledge that CSADD offers,” Gollihar said.

CSADD Sailors are taking on leadership challenges, both on and off-duty, reinforcing both the core principles of CSADD and

the Navy’s 21st Century Sailor and Marine initiative. The 21st Century Sailor and Marine initiative consolidates a set of objectives and policies, new and existing, to maximize Sailor and Marine personal readiness, build resiliency, and hone the most combat-effective force in the history of the Navy and Marine Corps.

Currently there are 15 chapters at Navy Region Hawaii and 14 sub chapters.

CSADD began in 2008 when Rear Adm. Mark Boensel and Fleet Master Chief (AW/SW/SCW) Scott Benning, while assigned at Navy Region Mid-Atlantic, wanted to create an organization similar to MADD (Mothers Against Drunk Driving).

The concept, along with “That Guy,” evolved as it addressed the basic decision-making process in many areas affecting Sailors on and off duty. With strong support from the Chief of Naval Personnel Vice Adm. Mark Ferguson, CSADD became an official Navy peer mentoring program in June 2010.

## Similar core values guide Sailors and Airmen in today’s military

Brandon Bosworth

Staff Writer

Military technology is always evolving and advancing. Here at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam (JBPHH), two notable examples of this evolution are the F-22 Raptors and the recent visit by USS Freedom. Those planes and that ship represent the cutting edge of combat hardware.

Yet while the nation’s military’s weapons and technology may change, one thing that does not change is the need for the U.S. armed forces to be staffed with men and women of high ethical and professional standards. To achieve this end, all branches have their own ethos and core values, which are vital to mission success.

“Our Navy core values are the words that each and every Sailor should live by,” said Navy Region Hawaii Command Master Chief Marcos Sibal. “Everything that we do in the Navy—whether in the command, out in the community and with our families—are guided by principles that make us Sailors professionals, respectful and dignified.”

An Air Force leader discussed the service’s values and their impact on Airmen.

“The time honored core values of our Airmen are ingrained in them from day one of signing on the dotted

line,” said Chief Master Sergeant Karen Reed, Air Force senior enlisted advisor and superintendent, 647th Air Base Group.

“These core values help to instill a sense of pride and professionalism that form a lasting bond within our ranks. They are building blocks that help us to find common ground in such a diverse and constantly changing world ... and help us to build resiliency and perseverance second to none,” Reed said.

Both the Air Force and the Navy have their own written codes to guide Airmen and Sailors. For the Air Force, the core values are integrity, service and excellence. The Navy ethos stresses the core values of honor, courage and commitment.

Yet there is a great deal of overlap between the philosophies of the two services.

“I believe they go hand in hand beautifully,” said Reed. “From my vantage point as the joint base senior enlisted advisor, I have had the honor of watching our Navy counterparts as much as our Airmen, and I am impressed and humbled by their dedication to duty and to each other.”

For example, part of the Navy ethos states, “Integrity is the foundation of our conduct; respect for others is fundamental to our character; decisive leadership is crucial to

our success.”

These virtues are also part of the Air Force core values, which describe integrity as “willingness to do what is right even when no one is looking” and states that “genuine respect involves viewing another person as an individual of fundamental worth.”

Over time, their respective ethos have served as guides for Sailors and Airmen.

“I think over the years both our Sailors and our civilian employees know and understand the Navy’s mission and the character we need to project, not only to our country but to our allies around the world,” said Sibal.

“The image of a professional Sailor and Navy civilian defines who we are as a Navy and what we stand for: defending our nation and protecting our Constitution,” he said.

“We have persevered and will continue to persevere through whatever is thrown our way because we have a belief in something larger and more important than just ourselves,” said Reed.

“We are the nation’s defenders, and we protect the rights of our people and our resolve is such that no matter what the pulse of the nation is our resolve stays the same; that is to protect the rights and freedom of our people. Our core values

allow us to see past the feeling of the day and know that what we are doing and what we are charged with has a bigger meaning and cannot be swayed by opinion,” she continued.

And while the values stressed by the Navy (honor, courage and commitment) and Air Force (integrity, ser-

vice and excellence) serve as important guideposts, they are not the only values Sailors and Airmen need to embrace.

“Almost one for one, our core values, no matter what service you’re in, are not limited to three,” said Sibal. “The rest we’ve learned from our parents, our friends and

our associates.

“Any value or trait that makes a person better or makes a person do the right thing, no matter what, is a value or trait that can be applied in life, no matter what the profession or way of life. These values make us who we are as a people and as a nation,” Sibal said.



# Navy search and rescue swimmers train with Polynesian Voyaging Society

Story and photo by  
MC2 Nardel Gervacio

Navy Region Hawaii Public  
Affairs

Students from the Polynesian Voyaging Society (PVS) received survival safety training March 21 from Navy Sailors who are search and rescue (SAR) swimmers assigned to Afloat Training Group Middle Pacific at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam.

In the two-hour demonstration at Scott Pool, Sailors demonstrated techniques for controlling a survivor, maintaining communications and proper techniques for towing a survivor back to the canoe safely.

“We got a call a few months ago that the Polynesian Voyaging Society is making that long trip that will recreate the voyage that the early Polynesians did on their way to find Hawaii, and we wanted to assist them on proper water survival technique,” said search and rescue (SAR) Sonar Technician (Surface) 2nd Class (SW) Cory A. French of Ohio, assigned to Afloat Training Group (ATG) Middle Pacific.

According to the PVS website, “The Polynesian Voyaging Society seeks to restore ancient tradition, so present and future generations will continue to gain knowledge through the lessons learned out on the sea, while preserving the ancient voyaging traditions.

“One of the roles on the canoes is having a rescue swimmer in case someone was to go overboard,” said Lehua Kamaly of Pauoa,



Logistics Specialist 3rd Class Peter Davidson of Meridian, Miss., a search and rescue (SAR) swimmer assigned to USS Chafee (DDG 90), conducts an underwater rescue approach technique for simulated “drowning” victim Lehua Kamalu of Pauoa, Hawaii.

Hawaii, a Polynesian Voyaging Society student.

“The Navy swimmers are really good at what they do as far as water safety is concerned. They have the training and expertise we need to learn for this voyage.”

Techniques that were learned included controlling a survivor, maintaining communications, and proper techniques for towing a survivor back to the canoe safely.

“The Navy has provided us with some valuable life saving training before we depart on our voyage,” said Mike Taylor, Polynesian Voyaging Society volunteer.

“They’ve given some basics of approaches, release holds and transports techniques. We also looked at the technologies such as foldable rescue litters that can be lifted by a helicopter off the deck if that was needed.”

Non-instrument navigation on the open ocean is considered by the society as a rare and treasured skill.

“I just happened to take a Hawaiian studies class, which was very informative,” said French. “We learned about the voyages and the traditions of old navigation, how it’s being lost, and how it’s becoming replaced by newer technologies. The way the society is keeping the tradition, the roots and where you come from alive for many generations to come is just great,” French said.

The ancient voyaging canoes carried the Polynesians thousands of miles across the ocean.

Today, the Polynesian Voyaging Society continues to sail on several replicas of these canoes just as the ancient Polynesians did.

“This morning was very informative. It was great to be introduced to new skills

on water safety and rescue,” said Jason Patterson of Makiki, Polynesian Voyaging Society volunteer.

“Unfortunately, there will be situations where there will be someone going overboard, and in situations like that you really don’t know how a person will react (when their life is on the line). So it’s good to learn these skills,” Patterson said.

“We conducted around eight evolutions, which is a lot to learn in one day, but these students did a great job of picking up what they needed to learn. We had a great group here today,” said French.

According to the website, Polynesian Voyaging Society continues working toward the reality of the worldwide voyage (WWV) launching in June 2013. On her WWV, Hōkūle’a will sail with her new sister voyaging canoe Hikianalia.



U.S. Navy photo by MC2 Class Sean Furey  
U.S. Navy search and rescue (SAR) swimmers train members of the Polynesian Voyaging Society on water survival techniques at Scott Pool at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam.

WWV to malama honua (care for the earth) will last approximately 36 months; travel more than 45,000 nautical miles; and visit at least 26 countries with 62 stops. During the WWV, crews will connect with classrooms and educators

and with community and indigenous groups who share malama honua values and vision.

For more information about the Polynesian Voyaging Society, visit <http://pvs.kcc.hawaii.edu> and <http://hokuleawwwv.org>.



<http://www.hookelenews.com/> or visit  
<https://www.cnmc.navy.mil/Hawaii/index.htm>





# Students at Lehua Elementary School display leadership skills

Dave Tom

School Liaison Officer,  
Navy Region Hawaii

One definition of “leadership” is “the quality of character and personality giving a person the ability to gain the confidence of and lead others.” It is a trait that is developed, honed and valued in the military.

Students at Lehua Elementary School displayed leadership skills in action at the school’s “The Light Within Me” Leadership Day held March 13.

Rear Adm. Frank Ponds, commander of Navy Region Hawaii and Naval Surface Group Middle Pacific, was the opening speaker at this event.

“All kids are unique and have good intentions. Their ability to think differently and act boldly behind their thought will ensure our future will continue to be bright, safe,



Photos by Darryl Arizo

Students at Lehua Elementary School demonstrated their leadership skills during the school’s “The Light Within Me” Leadership Day held March 13 at the school.

and secure,” Ponds said. His words were a fore-shadowing of the students

displaying the leadership skills they have learned and embraced at Lehua.

The school decided to adopt “The Leader in Me” program three years ago.

This program is a whole-school transformation model that acts like the operating system of a computer — it improves performance of all other programs and is based on “The 7 Habits of Highly Effective People” by Stephen Covey.

said, “I have seen transformational results such as higher academic achievement, fewer discipline problems, and increased engagement among students, teachers and parents,” said Fay Toyama, school principal.

“Better yet, it equips students with the self-confidence and skills they need to thrive in the 21st century economy,” she said.

Following Ponds’ opening address, children from each grade level performed “The 7 Habits of Happy Kids.”

(<http://www.theleaderinme.org/the-7-habits-for-kids>).

Then it was off to visit classrooms. As guests entered a kindergarten class, two students met them at the door, gave

them a firm handshake, looked them in the eyes, and welcomed them to their class. Other students proudly showed their leadership notebooks, what they have learned, and their progress in attaining their educational goals.

Near the end of the day, two military parents spoke about how their children and their families have benefited from “The Leader in Me” program at the school. The first parent said he has two special education kids who have blossomed in the school. He is retiring from the Army in the next few months, and he is confident his kids will take these leadership lessons learned with them when they leave Hawaii and enter the next phase of their lives.

The second parent praised the school’s program and is hopeful that the next school her children attend when they leave Hawaii will also adopt “The Leader in Me” program.

## Aliamanu Elementary School ‘strives HI’



Aliamanu Elementary School received a Strive HI Award for ranking in the top five percent in the state for math growth and was awarded a check of \$12,500. The school is one of 21 public schools recognized by the State Department of Education as boosting student math and/or reading proficiency at the fastest pace among all Hawaii public schools. About two-thirds of the student population are military children. Although most branches of the military are represented, the majority of the students are Navy family members. Most of the remaining third of the students are residents of the surrounding Salt Lake-Aliamanu area.

Photo courtesy of Aliamanu Elementary School

## GOT SPORTS

Phone: 473-2890

editor@hookelenews.com

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



## STORY IDEAS?

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

Phone: (808) 473-2890/2895

Email: editor@hookelenews.com

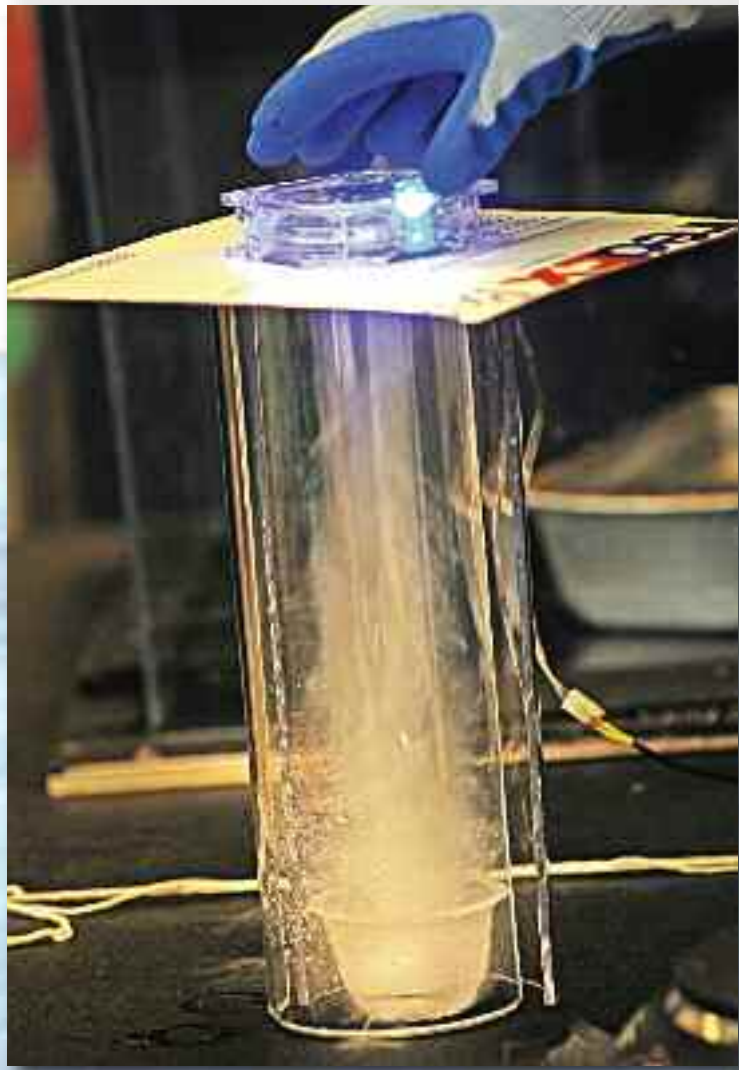
**HO'OKELE**



# Life & Leisure

B

## Interest in aviation 'soars' at museum event



Story and photos by  
Pacific Aviation Museum  
Pearl Harbor

More than 700 Scouts, families and people interested in aviation as a career or hobby attended Pacific Aviation Museum Pearl Harbor's fourth "Discover Your Future in Aviation" day March 23.

Two hangars and the tarmac in between were filled with hands-on aviation activities, a flight lab, and interactive science exhibits for young and old. The museum's education center was flight central with career-fair booths such as the Hawaiian Airlines Pilots' association, the Air Force, Sea Cadets, Island Airlines Explorers Club, Scouting badge activities, and the museum's flight lab where everyone could learn to fly.

The Birds of Paradise Airshow Team taught young people to fly remote control aircraft and did "candy bombings" twice during the day. The Marines, the Air Force, the Hawaii Air National Guard, Star Lab Planetarium, the USS Bowfin, Battleship Missouri and other organizations demonstrated technology.

For more information, call 441-1007 or visit [www.PacificAviationMuseum.org](http://www.PacificAviationMuseum.org).





# Late charge helps Lake Erie put away Rus/Hal

Story and photo by  
Randy Dela Cruz

Sports Editor

The combined USS Russell (DDG 59)/USS Halsey (DDG 97) squad waited until the final matchup of the season to play their most complete game. But it wasn't enough as USS Lake Erie (CG 70) "A" team battled back from an early deficit to earn a 50-43 win March 23 in an Afloat Division intramural basketball game at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam (JBPHH) Fitness Center.

Russell/Halsey led 11-6 in the first half and took a 17-16 lead into halftime, but got caught by Lake Erie two minutes into the second and fell behind by as much as 10 before finally succumbing in the end.

The teams entered the game at opposite ends of the standings, with Lake Erie "A" at 5-1 and Russell/Halsey at 1-4.

Lake Erie moves on to the play are scheduled for March 30, while Russell/Halsey's season is officially done.

The top 16 teams from the Afloat, Blue and Gold Divisions will compete for the JBPHH intramural basketball championship.

"It's going to be tough," said Lake Erie forward Gas Turbine System (Mechanical) 3rd Class Joe Francis, who led the comeback with 11 second-half points on a hoop and three baskets from beyond the arch. "Every game is going to be like the last one."

Tailing by five points early in the first half, Lake Erie slowly began to heat up and pulled to within a point after Francis knocked down his first trey of the game just before halftime.

Lake Erie took their first lead of the game, 23-20, at the 16:21 mark in the second half on another trey from Francis and extended it to 25-20 after Gunner's Mate 2nd Class Bryan Lopez converted on a break-away lay-up.

However, Russell/Halsey retook the lead at 26-25 on a trey by Ship's Serviceman 3rd Class Olyen Scott with 16:10 on the clock and increased the advantage to 31-25 on another three ball from Scott two minutes later.

Once again, Francis, a veteran of five Lake Erie basketball squads, rose up to the challenge and pulled the team to within a point at 31-30 on a basket and a three-point shot.

"Usually, I play a quiet role," Francis said. "This is a new team and I don't look at this as my team, but every once in awhile I'll take them back to the old days."

The five straight points by Francis shifted momentum back to Lake Erie, which picked up the pace and got a three-pointer and two free throws from Information Systems Technician 3rd Class Lorenzo Nichols, followed by a trey from Gunner's Mate 2nd Class Jason Townsend to complete a 13-0 run and a 38-31 lead with 9:14 remaining in the game.

Finally, another trey by Nichols put Lake Erie ahead by 10 at 46-36 to put the game away with 4:46 left on the clock.

"We finally played as a team... We just came in, played hard and hustled hard. We got a lot of potential, a lot of ambition, we just got to keep pushing forward."

—Ship's Serviceman 3rd Class Olyen Scott

Francis led Lake Erie with 14 points, while Nichols also ended the game in double figures with 10 points.

On the other side, Russell/Halsey got 13 from Scott and nine points from Operations Specialist 2nd Class Marcus Benjamin.

"We finally played as a team," said Scott about the team's strong effort against a playoff-bound Lake Erie squad. "We just came in, played hard and hustled hard. We got a lot of potential, a lot of ambition, we just got to keep pushing forward."

Francis, who made it all the way to the finals in three of the five seasons with Lake Erie, said that even though he is one of the last holdovers from the powerhouse teams of yesteryear, he believes that this could be the year.

"We can go all the way," he acknowledged. "Like I said, Lake Erie is no stranger to going to the championships. It's nothing new to us. We got a new team here, but once we jell, it's going to be the same old Lake Erie."



Fire controlman 2nd Class Chris Cooke, guard for USS Lake Erie (CG 70) "A" team, soars to the hoop for two points against a joint team comprised of players from USS Russell (DDG 59) and USS Halsey (DDG 97).

## Decisive win declares playoff readiness for NIOC



Cryptologic Technician (Collection) 2nd Class Quentin Leathers throws down two of his 10 points as defending champions Navy Information Operations Command (NIOC) "A" beat 647th Force Support Squadron (647 FSS) to end the regular season.

Story and photo by  
Randy Dela Cruz

Sports Editor

Only five days before the tip-off of the base intramural basketball playoffs begin, defending champions Navy Information Operations Command (NIOC) "A" sent a message to the rest of the 16-team field by crushing the 647th Force Support Squadron (647 FSS), 63-18, on March 25 in a Blue Division game at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam Fitness Center.

In one of the team's most dominating victories this year, NIOC moved on to the playoffs by winning their 14th game against only one defeat to finish at the top of the Blue Division, while the 647 FSS finished their season at 8-8.

Master Chief Yeoman Darrin Bobbitt, head coach of NIOC, said that even though the team won 14 games, it's the one defeat that keeps the players motivated.

"I want them to see character, discipline. It's not just how much did we win by, but did we dive for all the loose balls? Did we give 100 percent? Those type of things I like to see."

—Master Chief Yeoman Darrin Bobbitt

"That game we lost, we won't lose again," said Bobbitt after NIOC's blowout win over 647 FSS. "We're peaking right now and that's (loss) what we needed. I feel like this, with that loss, it made us really look inside ourselves and see if we wanted to give 100 percent every night on the court. Now, our guys want to give 110 percent."

Against the 647 FSS, NIOC came out running and quickly distanced themselves in the early minutes of the game.

NIOC held the 647 FSS scoreless for the first six minutes and after back-to-back baskets by center Cryptologic Technician (Collection) 2nd Class Quentin Leathers, the team possessed a 22-2 lead with 9:23 remaining before halftime.

Later, Leathers scored on a reverse lay-up to raise the lead to 31 at 33-2 with over four minutes left in the first half before the

team waltzed into the break ahead at 39-6.

"With the playoffs right there at the brink, we wanted to get them energized and pumped up," said Bobbitt about the team's fast start. "After that, I put my second string in there so that they could rotate."

Despite opening up the second half with NIOC's second team on the floor, the team didn't miss a beat and took off on a 17-0 run to put the game away at 56-6 with still 11:20 remaining on the clock.

In the runaway victory, a total of nine NIOC players got in the scorer's column with starters Cryptologic Technician (Collection) 2nd Class Jomario Thomas leading the way with 13 points, Leathers with 10 and Cryptologic Technician (Maintenance) 3rd Class Michael Lyles with eight points in limited play.

Before being yanked because of the huge lead, the trio lit it up in the first half with Thomas and Leathers taking care of business on the inside and Lyles (two treys) shooting darts from the perimeter.

"This was a perfect game to get some exercise in," Lyles said. "We came off a big win against Pound Town, and this one let us get a little breather. It let us relax a little bit, but let us know that we still need to be ready to play."

Myles, who played on last season's championship squad, said that after putting away a solid team like the 647 FSS, he knows that NIOC is battle ready to take on all comers in the playoffs.

While he cautioned that it's always tough to repeat, NIOC will enter the post-season with a second championship crown in their sights.

"No pressure. We're just playing our game," Myles stated. "Championship. That's what we want, that's what we're going for."

Bobbitt agreed with Myles that although he is also on the cusp of his second consecutive championship, he isn't feeling any heat right now.

While he admitted that he would be disappointed if NIOC didn't repeat, Bobbitt noted that the season wouldn't be a total loss should the team fall short.

"I look at it two ways," Bobbitt said. "One, yes it is true that I'll be disappointed, but on the other side, when you look at these young men, there's more to it than just basketball. I want them to see character, discipline. It's not just how much did we win by, but did with maintained effort? Did we dive for all the loose balls? Did we give 100 percent? Those type of things I like to see."



# 647th CE Bulls take Gold Division crown



Point guard Senior Airman Chris Maquindang, 647th Civil Engineer Squadron (647 CES) Bulls, pulls up for a jump shot during a Gold Division matchup against the 15th Medical Group (15 MDG).

Story and photo by  
**Randy Dela Cruz**

*Sports Editor*

It came down to the final game of the regular season, but the 647th Civil Engineer Squadron (647 CES) Bulls leapfrogged past the 15th Medical Group (15 MDG) by a score of 39-31 on March 26 to win the Gold Division crown in a battle of the top two teams at Hickam Fitness Center, Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam.

Trailing the 15 MDG by a half a game going into the showdown, the Bulls took the lead mid-way through the first half and then hung on to claim the division's top seed going into the playoffs, which starts on March 30.

"It's very important," said Bulls starting point guard Senior Airman Chris Maquindang about capturing the division crown. "We have something to prove. We're not here to go one game and out in the playoffs. We're here to go all the way."

From tip-off, the final between the 15 MDG and Bulls took on the feel of a playoff game with both teams refusing to budge from a tight matchup.

The 15 MDG took the early advantage on three points from Yeoman 3rd Class Erick Ausbey and five from military spouse Benjamin Briggs.

However, the Bulls stayed close behind on the perimeter shooting of Airman 1st Class Jurel Burton, who dialed in two treys from long distance to cut the margin down to two.

A basket by Staff Sgt. Uriah Seui at the 5:21 mark put the 15 MDG back up by four, but five straight free throws by Staff Sgt. Edwin Arocho and Maquindang gave the Bulls their first lead of the game at 13-12, which grew to a 17-14

advantage at halftime.

The Bulls continued to build their lead early in the second half, going up by a score of 25-17, but Briggs scored the next six points on a free throw, basket and trey, to cut the deficit down to two at 25-23.

Airman 1st Class Randall Saylor extended the Bulls lead back up three with a long ball from the right corner, but Briggs cut it back to two on a basket-and-one.

On the next trip down the floor, Saylor scored a lay-up on an assist from Maquindang to make it 30-26.

The 15 MDG failed to score on their turn and with time running out, the team had no choice but to foul the Bulls.

Instead of succumbing to the pressure, the Bulls, with under two minutes remaining on the clock, calmly stepped up to the charity stripe and sunk nine free throws in a row, seven from Maquindang, to hold off the 15 MDG.

"It's all about playing together and understanding that we can't win without each other," Maquindang said following the win. "It takes five guys on the court at all time. It doesn't matter who is going to be there, at any point in time we have the same intensity all the time."

On offense, Maquindang, who scored 18

points, going a perfect 11-11 from the free-throw line, and Burton's nine, led the Bulls.

Meanwhile, the Bulls suffocating zone defense, led by Arocho and Tech. Sgt. Russell Wrenn, held 15 MDG big men Ausbey and Seui to a total of only 10 points.

Briggs, who scored 16 points, said that in the end, it all came down to who wanted it more.

"We weren't getting enough defensive plays," Briggs said. "We kept fouling and they kept hitting their free throws. That's all there was to it. It came down to toughness."

Despite losing the division's lead on the very last day, Briggs said that he is still confident that the 15 MDG will step up to the challenge in the playoffs.

"Every team loses," he said. "We just got to come out and play harder next time."

While Maquindang said that the goal is the base championship, he and his teammates are going to take it one game at a time.

Maintaining the team's routine will be the key to prolonging its run in the playoffs he said.

"There's not much to it with us," Maquindang said. "We do the same thing every day. We practice and we play hard. Our practice brings out the goodness in us."

## Basketball playoffs tip off March 30

**Randy Dela Cruz**

*Sports Editor*

The Morale, Welfare and Recreation (MRW) intramural basketball's version of the Sweet 16 is set to tip-off March 30 with four games at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam (JBPHH) Fitness Center and Hickam Fitness Center.

The winners of the first round will advance to the quarter and semi finals on April 1, with the JBPHH championship showdown set for April 2.

Top seeds in the tournament are Afloat champs USS Port Royal (CG 73), Blue Division leader Navy Information

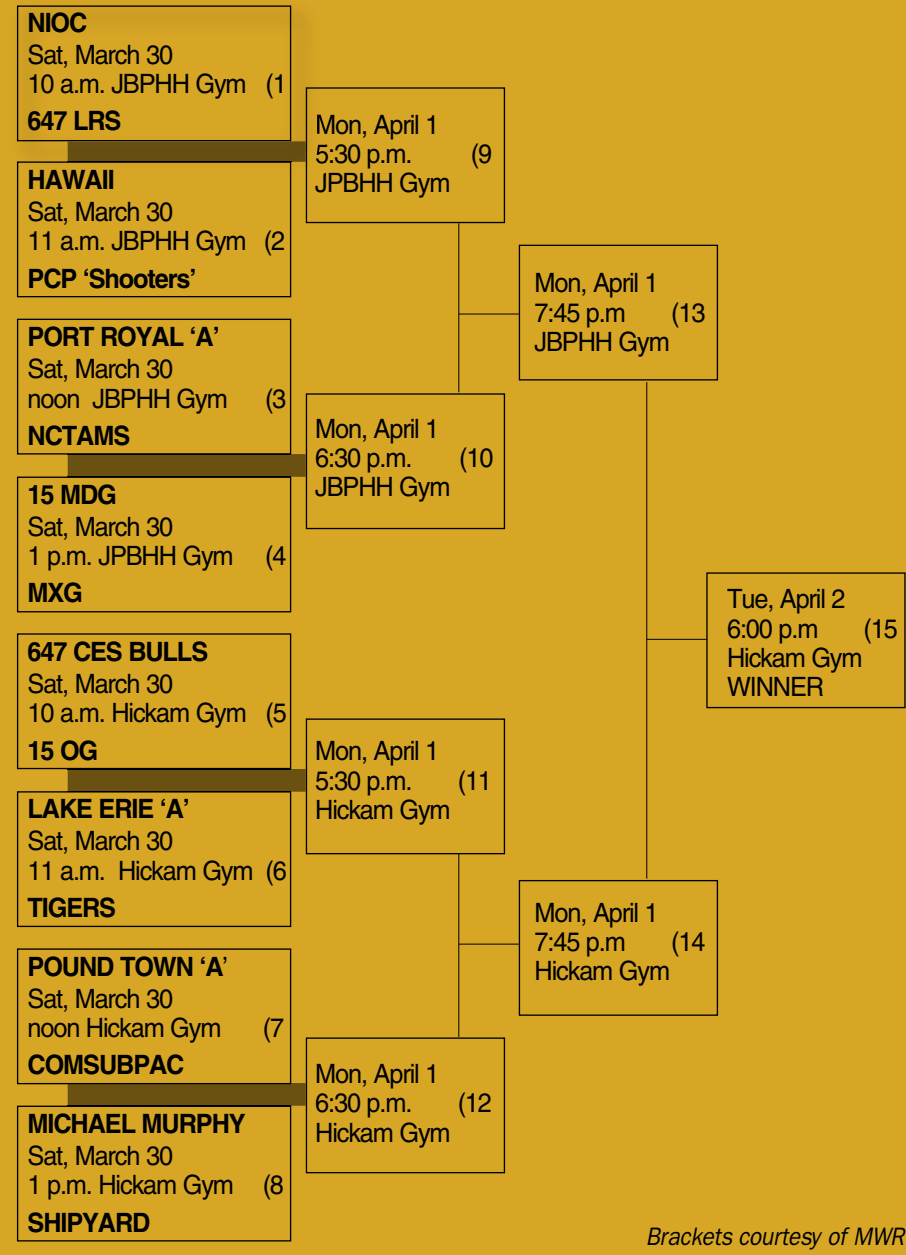
Operations Command (NIOC) "A" and recently crowned Gold Division titlist 647th Civil Engineer Squadron (647 CES) Bulls.

Among contenders, NIOC "A" enters the playoffs with a 14-1 record, while fellow Blue Division rivals, Pound Town "A" (Summer League champs), Shipyard and 15th Maintenance Group (15 MXG) follow close behind with over a dozen wins apiece.

The Bulls topped their regular season with a record of 13-2, while Port Royal, although tied with USS Lake Erie "A" with identical 6-1 records, captured the Afloat Division by virtue of its win over Lake Erie.

## Intramural basketball playoffs

March 30, April 1-2 – JBPHH Gym/Hickam Gym



## Easter Sunrise Service to be held at the Battleship Missouri Sunday

Story and photo by  
**Brandon Bosworth**

*Staff Writer*

The Navy will host its annual Easter Sunrise Service at 6:30 a.m. March 31 on Battleship Missouri Memorial.

Lt. Rick Tiff, Chaplain Corps, Pearl Harbor Memorial Chapel, will be leading the service.

It isn't unusual for the Battleship Missouri Memorial Easter Sunrise Service to attract more than 1,000 people.

"You attract people you wouldn't normally attract," said Tiff.

He described the Battleship Missouri Memorial as "a wonderful environment for services."

"We will be facing the ocean and the opening of Pearl Harbor," said Tiff. "And we will be right there when the sun rises."

The Battleship Missouri Memorial Easter Sunrise Service is a free event and is open to anyone with base access. The inter-denominational service begins at 6:30 a.m. and runs about an hour. Guests are advised to arrive by 6 a.m. Dress will be crisp *aloha* attire.

Other Easter-related events at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam include:

**Catholic services**

- Good Friday, 6 p.m., March 29



Lt. Rick Tiff, Chaplain Corps, Pearl Harbor Memorial Chapel, will lead the Easter Sunrise Service at 6:30 a.m. March 31 at the Battleship Missouri Memorial.

- Easter Vigil Mass, 7:30 p.m. March 30
- Easter Sunday, 9 a.m., March 31

**Protestant services**

- Good Friday service, 7 p.m., March 29, Nelles Chapel
- Easter service, 11 a.m., March 31

Unless otherwise noted, all services will be held at Pearl Harbor Memorial Chapel. For more information, call the Pearl Harbor Memorial Chapel at 473-3971.

## NAVFAC Pacific celebrates contributions of women professionals

**NAVFAC Pacific Public Affairs**

Naval Facilities Engineering Command (NAVFAC) Pacific at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam celebrated National Women's History Month on March 25 by reflecting on the contributions of many of its women professionals in the science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) professional career fields.

This year's theme, "Women Inspiring Through Innovation and Imagination: Celebrating Women in Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM)," is fitting for NAVFAC, according to its leaders.

"NAVFAC Pacific has developed a diverse workforce serving our U.S. military and enhancing our productivity and effectiveness," said Capt. Pete Lynch, NAVFAC Pacific vice commander. "We have remark-

able examples of women engineers and science and technology professionals with a wealth of knowledge and expertise," Lynch said. "They each significantly contribute to our mission and personify the Navy's core values of honor, courage and commitment."

One example of dedication to duty can be found in Majella Stevenson, NAVFAC Pacific supervisory civil engineer. An established civil engineer, Stevenson retired from the U.S. Navy as a Civil Engineer Corps officer in 2010 after 20 years of service.

Employed with NAVFAC for three years, Stevenson supervises program managers for NAVFAC Pacific's overseas assistance programs and spends the majority of her time managing the more than \$40 million Philippine operations support contract program.

"Working for NAVFAC, I am able to

develop more expertise in the financial and long term planning areas," said Stevenson. "I am currently a cadre member in the NAVFAC Leadership Development Program which has provided me invaluable mentoring and opportunities to enhance my leadership and business management skills."

In addition to her full time job, Stevenson said she spends time paying it forward by mentoring young women who have expressed interest in pursuing an education and career in STEM.

"Too many young people believe that only those who are naturally born with strong math talents can succeed in engineering and the technical fields," Stevenson said. "In truth, learning math is a skill, not a talent, and can be learned with practice, just like riding a bike," she added.

Stevenson was named a Fellow of the

National Society of Professional Engineers (NSPE) in March 2012, a distinguished designation among professional engineers. She said her proudest professional achievement was completing her 20-year military career as a Navy CEC officer.

"This gave me the opportunity to work with some of the finest people in the military, and I am grateful to be able to continue my service by working for NAVFAC Pacific."

NAVFAC Pacific employs approximately 31 female engineers and 14 women in science and technology career fields.

"The command is committed to promoting the value of careers in STEM and to diversity in the workplace," said Lynch. "On behalf of NAVFAC Pacific, we join our colleagues across the nation in celebrating the immense contributions of women in these professional fields."





# Live the Great Life

## MWR to host bench press body weight contest

The Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam Fitness Center at Pearl Harbor is hosting its 2nd Annual Bench Press Body Weight Contest on April 20 starting with the weigh-in at 9 a.m. and the competition at 10 a.m. “There was a desire from our MWR patrons to have a weightlifting event not based around maximum weightlifting, but instead focusing on lifting your own body weight as many times as possible,” said Tim Ziegler, assistant fitness center manager.

According to Ziegler, this contest in turn highlights the individual’s strength and endurance. “We plan to host this event annually as an alternative to the powerlifting competition at the Hickam Fitness Center,” explained Ziegler.

This contest is open to all authorized patrons ages 18 and older. Awards will be presented to the top two in each category (Men’s/Women’s Open and Men’s/ Women’s 40-Plus). Fitness attire must be worn for the weigh-in.

For details, call 471-2019 or visit the Great Life Hawaii Facebook page.



Participants show their stuff in bench, squat and dead lift events at the Hickam Fitness Center.

## Your Weekly Fun with MWR

Visit [www.greatlifehawaii.com](http://www.greatlifehawaii.com), or subscribe to MWR’s digital magazine *Great Life Hawaii*.



### Dollar and a Half Monday Mondays, April 1, 8, 15, 22 & 29 5–9 p.m.

#### Naval Station Bowling Center

Shoe rental, bowling games and a hot dog are \$1.50 each. Bring your family and friends. For more information, call 473-2574.

### Hawaii All-Military Bowling Tournament Tuesday–Friday, April 2–5 10 a.m.

Various military bowling centers  
Free for spectators



Come watch the finest military bowlers compete for the title of Hawaii’s Best Military Bowling Team at the Naval Station Bowling Center on April 2, at K-Bay Lanes on April 3, at Schofield Bowl on April 4, and back at Naval Station Bowling Center for the finals on April 5. For more information, call 473-2574.

### Garden City Tour Wednesday, April 3 8:30–11 a.m.

#### Information, Tickets & Travel

\$25 for adults

\$20 for children (ages 3–11 years)

Free for lap children (2 years and under)

More than 500 unique trees and plants grow at Hickam, sometimes called the “Garden City.” The tour illustrates the base’s botanical and military history. For more information, call 448-2295.

### Dinner at Farmers’ Market with Liberty Wednesday, April 3

Depart Liberty Express 2 p.m.

Depart Beeman Center 2:30 p.m.

Depart Instant Liberty 2:45 p.m.

Depart Makai Rec 3 p.m.

Bring \$\$

Meet the farmers and food producers of Hawaii’s diverse agricultural scene as you enjoy a wide choice of dinner plates at the Blaisdell Farmers’ Market. This event is for single, active-duty Sailors and Airmen only. For more information, call 473-2583.

### Wii Wednesdays Wednesday, April 3 2–4 p.m.

#### Hickam Library

Free

Kids can stop by the library after school and enjoy some fun time on the Nintendo Wii. For more information, call 449-8299.

### Free Junior Golf Clinic Wednesday, April 3 4 p.m.

### Barbers Point Golf Course Free

Enjoy this introduction to the game of golf. For more information and to register, call 682-1911.

### Oahu Highlights Tour Thursdays, April 4, 11, 18 & 25 8:30 a.m.–3:30 p.m.

#### Information, Tickets & Travel

\$45 for adults

\$40 for children (ages 3–11 years)

Free for lap children (ages 2 years and under)

See the major sights of east and central Oahu on a fully narrated bus tour. Lunch is included at a favorite local restaurant. Tour departs from ITT-Hickam office, with optional free pickup at Hale Koa Hotel. For more information, call 448-2295.

### Hickam Historical Tour Fridays, April 5, 12, 19 & 26 9:30 a.m.–1:30 p.m.

#### Information, Tickets & Travel

\$45 for adults

\$40 for children (ages 3–11 years)

Free for lap children (ages 2 years and under)

An exclusive tour to relive history and to understand the important role Hickam Field played in World War II. Tour includes lunch at the historic Hickam Officers’ Club. For more information, call 448-2295.

#### Warrior Friday

Friday, April 5

4:30–10 p.m.

Hickam Officers’ Club (Koa Lounge)

Free for members

\$15 for non-members

Enjoy a special pau hana (after work) buffet from 4:30 to 7:30 p.m. For more information, call 448-4608.

#### Texas Hold’em and Bunco

Friday, April 5 & April 19

5:45 p.m. Texas Hold’em check in

6 p.m. Bunco check in

6:15 p.m. Play begins

Tradewinds Enlisted Club (Oahu Room)

No cover

Join us for drinks and free pupus. Winners will receive prizes. This is a members-only event. Reservations are encouraged, and all ranks are welcome. Please call 448-2271 for reservations.

#### Friday Fireworks Cruise

Friday, April 5

5:45–9 p.m.

#### Information, Tickets & Travel

\$40 for adults

\$25 for children (ages 4–12 years old)

Join us aboard Waikiki’s original “Mai Tai Sunset Sail” catamaran for complimentary beverages, a picture postcard sunset and the best seats in the house for the Friday fireworks show. This includes round-trip transportation from ITT-Hickam office. For more information, call 448-2295.

### 16th Annual Ford Island Bridge Run Saturday, April 6 7 a.m.

#### Admiral Clarey Bridge

\$30/person

Sign up by April 5

This 10K race around historic Ford Island starts at the entrance of the Admiral Clarey Bridge and follows a scenic flat perimeter course. No entries will be accepted on race day. For more information, call 473-0784, 473-2494 or 473-2437.

## *This Week with Arts & Crafts*

SESSION	CLASS DATES	DAY/TIME	COST*
Beginning Glass Fusion	April 2–9	Tue 10 a.m.–12:30 p.m. & Fri	\$40
Young Artist Hand-Building with Clay	April 2–23	Tue	3–4:30 p.m. \$45
Advanced Glass Fusion	April 3–24	Wed	10 a.m.–12:30 p.m. \$70
Youth Art Sampler Series (ages 5–9)	April 3–24	Wed	2:30–4 p.m. \$60
Wilton Advanced Cake Decorating: Flowers & Design	April 3–24	Wed	5:30–7:30 p.m. \$30
Intermediate Sewing	April 3–24	Wed	6–7:30 p.m. \$75
Wheel Throwing	April 3–May 8	Wed	6–8:30 p.m. \$65
Wheel Throwing	April 4–May 9	Thu	6–8:30 p.m. \$65
Wilton Basic Cake Decorating	April 4–25	Thu	9–11 a.m. \$30
Glass Plate Making	April 4–25	Thu	10 a.m.–12:30 p.m. \$70
Youth Art Sampler Series (ages 8–12)	April 4–25	Thu	4–5:30 p.m. \$60
Beginner Sewing	April 4–25	Thu	6–7:30 p.m. \$60
Parent & Child Hand-Building with Clay	April 5–26	Fri	10–11:30 a.m. \$45
Beginning Stained Glass	April 5–26	Fri	10 a.m.–1 p.m. \$110

\* supplies additional for some classes

For more information and to sign up, call the Hickam Arts & Crafts Center at 448-9907.

## Summer craft camp

Summer Craft Camp for youth will be held at the Hickam Arts & Crafts Center. Some of the activities include painting, clay making, liquid class, tie-dye, drawing and more. After they have made their craft creations, kids can take them home to share with their friends and families.

Each session offers different activities, so speak to any of the sales staff and they will help you choose which session you want your kids to participate in, or sign them up for all seven sessions.

To sign up your youth for this camp, call the Hickam Arts & Crafts Center at 448-9907.

## Jump into youth sports programs this summer



Youth get set and go in a previous America’s Kids Run at Aloha Aina Park.

The MWR Youth Sports and Fitness Program allows children to learn team values, strengthen skills in various sports, and gain confidence. Sports are offered year round.

Soccer registration begins April 8 and continues through May 10. The summer soccer season runs June–August.

The 2013 America’s Kids Run registration is also right around the corner. Online registration begins April 8 and ends May 17. Visit [www.americaskidsrun.org](http://www.americaskidsrun.org) to sign your child up. For more information, call 473-0789.



Morale Welfare & Recreation

**LIBERTY EASTER EGG HUNT**  
There will be a free Easter egg hunt with Liberty at 5 p.m. tonight at Beeman Center. This event is for single, active-duty Sailors and Airmen only. FMI: 473-2583.

**9-BALL TOURNAMENT**  
Club Pearl's Brews & Cues will host a free 9-ball tournament tonight from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Contestants will be automatically entered in a raffle to win a prize. This event is for those ages 18 years and older. FMI: 473-1743.

**FREE JUNIOR GOLF CLINIC**  
The Mamala Bay Golf Course is hosting a free junior golf clinic at 9 a.m. Saturday. FMI: 449-2300.

**KO'OLINA WHALE WATCH TOUR**  
There will be whale-watching tours to Ko'olina from noon to 3:45 p.m. Saturday. The cost is \$40 for adults, \$35 for children ages 3-11, and includes round trip transportation from Information, Tickets & Travel-Hickam. FMI: 448-2295.

**EASTER BRUNCH**  
The Hickam Officer's Club will host an Easter brunch on Sunday. Dining room seating is available at 1:30 p.m. All other times are sold out. The cost is \$29.95 for adults, \$15.50 for children ages 7-12, \$8.25 for children ages 4-6, and free for children 3 years and under. There is a \$2 members first discount available. All ranks are welcome. Reservations are required. FMI: 448-4608.

**ANNUAL CREATIVE WRITING CONTEST**  
Sunday is the last day to enter the Hickam Library's Annual Creative Writing Contest. 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.

**16TH ANNUAL FORD ISLAND BRIDGE RUN**  
The 10K Ford Island Bridge Run will be held at 7 a.m. April 6. The bridge will be closed from 6:50 to 7:05 a.m. Race walkers, leisure walkers, serious and recreational runners are welcome to participate in the event. Packet pickup will be Saturday from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Richardson Pool, building 1, located across from Rainbow Bay Marina. The late entry fee has increased to \$30. Late entries will be accepted until April 5. T-shirts for late entrants will be based on availability. FMI: 473-0784, 473-2494 or 473-2437.

Community Calendar

**MARCH TODAY** — A Women's History Month leadership development seminar, "How to Achieve Your Highest Potential and Help Others Reach Theirs," will be held from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Hickam Memorial Theater, Kuntz Avenue, building 1766. The seminar will feature Congresswoman Tulsi Gabbard, Rear Adm. Raquel Bono and Col. Eva Jenkins. This is a brown bag (bring your own lunch) event. FMI: 449-8296 or email phyllis.frenzel@navy.mil.

**APRIL 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.

**4** — The 15th Wing will hold an "Operation Homecoming" 40th Remembrance Ceremony at 10 a.m. at the Operation Homecoming Memorial, Hickam Firestone/Exchange building 2073, Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam. The event will commemorate American Prisoners of War who returned home from Vietnam. Military attire is uniform of the day. Civilians should wear *aloha* attire. The ceremony is open to anyone with base access and no RSVP is necessary. FMI: Staff Sgt. Sarah Bruza at 449-1519.

**5** —The next family fun run will be held beginning with an assembly with units in the grassy mall area between the 15th Wing Headquarters Building and Freedom Tower. Units should assemble no later than 6:55 a.m. There will be no required formation running. Families, children and strollers are welcome, but pets are prohibited.

**6** — In celebration of Earth Day, a community garage sale will be held from 6 to 11 a.m. at Catlin Park Community Center, 3349 Catlin Drive. The beneficiary is the Junior Enlisted Organization at Pearl City Peninsula. Donated items are being collected now, and organizers of the event can do pick-ups. FMI: Margherita Parrent at 474-2576 or e-mail margherita.parrent@navsoc.socom.mil.

**13** — The top 10 contestants from recent musical Idol auditions will perform at 7 p.m. at Hickam Memorial Theater. An after-party will take place at J.R. Rockers. FMI: 347-5157.



**WARM BODIES (PG-13)**  
After a zombie epidemic, R (a highly unusual zombie) encounters Julie (a human survivor) and rescues her from a zombie attack. Julie sees that R is different from the other zombies, and as the two form a special relationship in their struggle for survival, R becomes increasingly more human - setting off an exciting, romantic, and often comical chain of events that begins to transform the other zombies and maybe even the whole lifeless world.

HICKAM MEMORIAL THEATER

**TODAY 3/29**  
6:00 Warm Bodies (PG13)

**SATURDAY 3/30**  
4:00 Warm Bodies (PG13)  
7:00 Hansel and Gretel: Witch Hunters (R)

**SUNDAY 3/31**  
2:00 Warm Bodies (PG13)

Movie Showtimes

**SHARKEY THEATER**  
is closed  
for renovations  
until June.

Some MWR facilities and services may be subject to change. For more information, visit the JBPHH website at [www.cnic.navy.mil/pearlharbor-hickam](http://www.cnic.navy.mil/pearlharbor-hickam) or the Navy Region Hawaii website at [www.cnic.navy.mil/hawaii](http://www.cnic.navy.mil/hawaii).







U.S. Navy photo by LSI(SW) Froiland Poblete

(From left): Cmdr. Daniel Valascho, USS Reuben James commanding officer, Lt. Amy Hunt and Navy Counselor 1st Class (SW/AW) Timothy Nugent cut a cake March 22 in celebration of Women's History Month.

# USS Reuben James celebrates Women's History Month

**Lt. j.g. Damon Goodrich-Houska**

*USS Reuben James (FFG 57) Public Affairs*

Lt. Amy Hunt spoke to the crew of the USS Reuben James (FFG 57) for Women's History Month on March 22.

"A lot of great information on women's contributions to our country and especially our armed forces get overlooked in history class, which is why it's so important to take the time to focus on women's history," Hunt said.

Hunt stressed the importance of recognizing those whose dedication led to great

strides in science and technology, as well as the armed forces.

"Women's role in the armed services is continually expanding," said Cmdr. Daniel Valascho, Reuben James commanding officer. "Women service members have shown their willingness and ability to serve in the United States military, and I am proud to serve alongside them."

The celebration of Women's History Month was topped off with a cake-cutting ceremony. Reuben James is on a routine deployment to the U.S. 7th Fleet area of responsibility and will decommission this summer after 27 years of service.

# Naval Health Clinic Hawaii to have limited health care services April 5

**Naval Health Clinic Hawaii**

All Naval Health Clinic Hawaii (NHCH) health care will be closed starting at noon April 5.

This includes all medical and dental facilities at Branch Health Clinics Makalapa, Camp Smith, Wahiawa, Marine Corps Base Hawaii Kaneohe Bay, Pearl Harbor Naval Shipyard and Pacific Missile Range Facility Barking Sands. Medical and dental services will be provided from 7:30 a.m. to noon.

NHCH staff will be attending training in the afternoon. Beneficiaries are asked to take this into consideration when scheduling care.

All routine care should be planned prior to or after April 5. This includes appointment scheduling, prescription refills, laboratory draws, etc.

All clinics will re-open for regular business hours April 8. For NHCH hours of operation, visit the website at <http://www.med.navy.mil/sites/nhch>.

Beneficiaries can speak to a healthcare provider at anytime the clinics are closed by calling the "Provider After-Hours Advice Line" at 473-0247, ext. 3. For emergencies, dial 911 or go to Tripler Army Medical Center. For active duty dental emergencies, dial 864-4705.

# Children's waiting room to close April 1

The children's waiting room at the Warrior Ohana Medical Home in Kalaeloa will be closing April 1 due to financial issues. The last day for child care will be March 29.

The children's waiting rooms are operat-

ed by the Armed Services YMCA.

They also operate waiting rooms at Tripler Army Medical Center and U.S. Army Health Clinic-Schofield Barracks, both of which will remain open.

# JBPHH to remember Holocaust

There will be a Holocaust Remembrance Ceremony from 11 a.m. to noon April 11 at the Aloha Jewish Chapel. The chapel is located across the parking lot from the Makalapa Medical Clinic at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam (JBPHH).

Van shuttles will be departing from building 150. Why should we remember the Holocaust? Dr. Peter Hoffenberg, associate professor of history,

University of Hawaii at Manoa, and author of "Kristallnacht, the Night of Broken Glass," will be the guest speaker. There will also be a candle-lighting ceremony and closing psalm by Cantor Ken Aronowitz.

In addition, there will be a JBPHH Holocaust Remembrance Luncheon at 11 a.m. April 12 at the Tradewinds Enlisted Club. The guest speaker will be Pierre Moulin, author of several World War II books. For more information, contact Senior Master Sgt. Mike Vonahnen at 448-6239 or email [michael.vonahnen@us.af.mil](mailto:michael.vonahnen@us.af.mil). If you are interested in attending, sign up at the following link: <http://ow.ly/jrv6F>.

**FAVORITE PHOTO? STORY IDEAS?**

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

**473-2890**

editor@[hookelenews.com](mailto:hookelenews.com)



# 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 29, 8 a.m. to 1 p.m., Pearl Harbor Naval Shipyard

April 1, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., 205<sup>th</sup>, Fort Shafter

April 2, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., JIOC Building, Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam

April 3, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., Club 14, U.S. Coast Guard Sector Honolulu

April 9, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., oceanside lobby entrance, Tripler Army Medical Center

For more information, call 433-6699 or 433-6148 or email [michelle.lele@amedd.army.mil](mailto:michelle.lele@amedd.army.mil).

# Ford Island Bridge Run to be held April 6

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 Center 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.

Although the early-entry deadline has passed, late entries will be accepted until April 5 and the fee is \$30. 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. March 30 at Richardson Pool, building 1, 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 more information, call 473-0784, 473-2494 or 473-2473.

Pick up registration forms at all MWR Fitness Centers, on the Great Life Hawaii Facebook Page or register here:

<http://www.active.com/running/honolulu-hi/16th-annual-ford-island-bridge-run-10k-2013>



## Naval Health Clinic Hawaii holds ribbon cutting ceremony for Branch Health Clinic Wahiawa



Photo courtesy of Naval Health Clinic Hawaii

A ribbon cutting ceremony for Naval Health Clinic Hawaii Wahiawa Branch Health Clinic took place March 21. Left to right: Lt. Cmdr. Rhonda Bennett, clinic nurse manager; Capt. Sook Chai, dental department head; Capt. Deana Miller, director for healthcare services; Capt. Kevin Kalanta, commanding officer; Lt. Cmdr. Lynda Potswald, medical department head; Command Master Chief Paul King and Chief Hospital Corpsman Brandon Dela Cruz, independent duty corpsman assigned to Navy Information Operations Command Hawaii, untie the maile lei signifying the grand opening of BHC Wahiawa.

### Susan Schultz

*Naval Health Clinic  
Hawaii Public Affairs*

Naval Health Clinic Hawaii (NHCH) held a ribbon-cutting ceremony March 21 to celebrate the completion of the renovation of Branch Health Clinic (BHC) Wahiawa located at Naval Computer and Telecommunications Area Master Station Pacific (NCTAMS PAC).

In April 2011, BHC Wahiawa, which was built in 1942, began a \$2.6 million renovation of building 22 to include the addition of two medical exam rooms, two dental operatories, telepharmacy and an

upgraded laboratory.

Active duty patients will receive safe, high quality patient-centered medical and dental care provided by a team of health care professionals comprised of 17 NHCH staff and three Navy Information Operations Command (NIOC) Hawaii hospital corpsmen in a completely refurbished facility to maximize efficiency and comfort.

The renovation was a joint effort involving several commands.

“Working jointly with NIOC Hawaii, Schofield Barracks Army Health Clinic, NCTAMS PAC and Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, we ensured patients continued to receive high-quality health care

during the renovation. NCTAMS PAC provided temporary spaces to ensure the seamless transition of health care operations from building 22 to temporary spaces,” said Capt. Kevin Kalanta, commanding officer, Naval Health Clinic Hawaii.

“The continued collaboration with Schofield Barracks Army Health Clinic has enabled providers to send patients for radiology services and is considered a great asset as patients do not have to travel to Makalapa Clinic,” added Kalanta.

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Honolulu District provided the oversight for the design and project development of the

major design-build renovation. The construction contract was awarded to SUMO-NAN Joint Venture and the design was done by Group 70 International.

“Throughout the contractor’s design and construction activities, progress was a challenge and required continuous coordination with the Naval Facilities Command Hawaii historic architect. I personally want to acknowledge the great partnership of the Navy, the Corps of Engineers and the contractors. Thank you for building strong,” Kalanta said.

Kalanta also praised Lt. Cmdr. Rhonda Bennett and Hospital Corpsman 1st Class Lesley Prasad, assigned to Wahiawa BHC, for tak-

ing the lead and keeping everyone focused on the goal. They provided NHCH’s board of directors with weekly progress updates.

“With the renovation complete, NHCH has implemented a medical home port at BHC Wahiawa and a new asynchronous message system, “NHCH Online” powered by RelayHealth. I highly recommend patients sign up with it.

Patients can communicate with their provider and their team on a secure e-mail message to refill medications, schedule medical appointments and receive lab and radiology results. This concept adds value and efficiency to the delivery of your health care,” said Kalanta.

## MFSC to hold community awareness events focused on children in April

Each year, Sailors, Airmen, family members and civilians join the rest of the nation in recognizing April as Child Abuse Prevention Month and the Month of the Military Child.

Military and Family Support Center (MFSC) will be sponsoring a number of community awareness activities during the month. This year’s theme is “Breaking the Cycle through *Ohana*

Connections.”

There are four different events planned at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam. They include:

- April 1, 9:30 a.m. at MFSC, support center personnel and Kama’aina Kids Day Care Center will participate in a pinwheel planting ceremony. This event will include approximately 82 children and their parents. It will be the formal kick-off for the

month’s events, and a child abuse display table will be in the lobby for the month.

- April 3, at 5:30 p.m., an event titled “R U Smarter Than A Military Child” will be held at Pearl Harbor Memorial Chapel Fellowship Hall. The children will challenge their parents in a game of knowledge and spirited competition.
- On April 10, 11 a.m. at

Center Drive Child Development Center, there will be another pinwheel planting ceremony. Rear Adm. Frank Ponds, commander of Navy Region Hawaii and Naval Surface Group Middle Pacific, is scheduled to attend, and a 30-minute program will follow.

- On April 24, starting at 5:30 p.m., there will be a free family movie night event at Hickam Theater. MFSC has formed an

alliance with Hickam Elementary School. Students from the Hickam Elementary School Choir will provide a special performance at the theater. After the children perform, There will be a special showing of “Brave.” The movie will begin at 6 p.m. Refreshments will be available for purchase.

For more information, call Tyra Lamb at 474-1999, ext. 6010.



## Iwo Jima survivor visits Battleship Missouri Memorial



Photo courtesy of Battleship Missouri Memorial  
Benedict Bellefeuille visited the Battleship Missouri Memorial, March 15. A retired United States Marine Corps private who survived the World War II battle for Iwo Jima, Bellefeuille enlisted at 17 and served from 1943-1946 in the 5th Marine Division.

## Learn to ‘Walk to Safety’ at April 1 tsunami-awareness event at JBP HH

**Don Robbins**

*Assistant Editor*

April is Tsunami Awareness Month and to emphasize that fact, a 1-mile “Walk to Safety” event will be held at 11:15 a.m. April 1.

The walk will take place on the waterfront at Aloha Aina Park next to Wright Brothers Café. Participants will walk from the park down Signer Street to the softball fields near the Hickam Fitness Center.

“This year’s theme is, ‘Tsunami is coming... Where are you going to go?’ The ‘Walk to Safety’ event is intended to educate the population that should they find themselves in an evacuation zone, they can walk the recommended mile to safety in under 30 minutes,” said Larry Sabatine of joint base emergency management. The walk will also be held in conjunction with monthly tsunami siren tests.

This event is sponsored by the Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam Emergency Management Department in conjunction with City and County of Honolulu to promote Tsunami Awareness Month.

Participants will receive handouts and information on tsunami readiness. The event is planned in conjunction with the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, State Civil Defense, City and County of Honolulu Department of Emergency Management and American Red Cross.

Joint Base Emergency Management will have information booths set up. The event is open to anyone who has base access.

Another tsunami-awareness event with information booths will take place from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. April 6 at Hickam AAFES.

For more information, email Sabatine at larry.w.sabatine@navy.mil or larry.sabatine.ctr@hickam.af.mil or call him at 561-7141.



## April events planned to raise awareness of sexual assault

April is Sexual Assault Awareness Month and upcoming events to raise awareness include:

- April 7, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., “Bag” sexual assault at the Pearl Harbor Navy Exchange Commissary.

For more information, contact Shari Freeman at 722-6192

- April 13, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., Pearl Harbor Naval Shipyard car wash fundraiser at the Fleet Reserve Center.

For more information, call MMC Maya Ault at 285-7378.

- April 19, 6 a.m., Marine Corps Base Hawaii 5k Run fundraiser at the base flight line. Contact HM3 Tasha

Joseph at 407-687-6394.

- April 24, 1 to 3 p.m., Denim Day Ceremony at the PSD classroom, room 143, 4827 Bougainville Road. For more information, call Shari Freeman at 352-8834.

- April 28, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. “Ryde” Against Sexual Assault Motorcycle Ride at Blaisdell Park. A barbecue will follow.

For more information, call Master Sgt. Charles Freeman at 599-0382.

The Department of Defense Sexual Assault Awareness Month theme this year is “We Own It...We’ll Solve...It Together.”

To report a sexual assault, call the Safe-Helpline at: 1-877-995-5247.

## Pass and ID office to relocate

As of April 15, the Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam Pass and ID office will be relocating to the Ward Field/Bloch Arena parking lot for temporary operations while building 3455/pass and ID office undergoes renovations.

The temporary pass and ID office will continue to issue vehicle decals, short term/long term passes, gold/agent cards as well as RAPIDGate credentials.

All personnel requesting restricted area badges

(RABs) should report to Hickam building 1113/Vickers Ave. for RABs issuance during the hours of 9 a.m. to noon Monday to Friday. All customers are asked to be patient with the employees as the temporary offices are much smaller and accommodate fewer customers. All customers are asked to plan accordingly as wait times may increase from previous pass and ID visits. A follow-up announcement will be made upon completion of the project.

## Volunteers needed for Pearl Harbor Bike Path cleanup

Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam will partner with the City and County of Honolulu for a Pearl Harbor Bike Path cleanup from 8 to 11 a.m. April 6.

Navy and Air Force volunteers can help in one of two locations. The first location is the area along the bike path between McGrew Point (also known as Aiea Bay Park) and Neil S. Blaisdell Park including Pu’uloa Stream near Blaisdell Park.

The other location is Kapakahi Stream across from Honolulu Police

Station on Waipahu Depot Road. Volunteers should meet by 8 a.m. at Blaisdell Park or Kapakahi Stream.

Work will include trash removal, weeding and beautification. Volunteers should dress to get dirty, wear covered shoes and bring sunscreen.

To volunteer, contact MAC James Wooten, james.wooten2@navy.mil, work number 472-7149 or cell 225-5347. For more information, call Tom Clements, Navy Region Hawaii outreach, at work 473-0662 or cell 445-4981.