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Service members honored at recognition luncheon

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The month of May is recognized as Hawaii Military Appreciation Month. As part of that tradition, the 28th Annual Military Recognition Luncheon was held May 9 at the Hilton Hawaiian Village.

Representatives from all military branches, including active duty, retired and Reserve members, and their families attended the luncheon, which was sponsored by the Chamber of Commerce of Hawaii.

The luncheon began with a welcome speech from Jim Tollefson, president and chief executive officer of the Chamber of Commerce of Hawaii, followed by a parading of colors by the Joint Services Color Guard, during which several former service members rendered salutes.

During the colors ceremony, Janelle Holz of U.S. Coast Guard 14th District provided a rendition of the National Anthem and Hawai'i Pono'i—the state's song.

The main ceremony began with the presentation of outstanding service members who received community service awards. The ceremony recognized military personnel for their dedication and devotion of their time to the local communities, such as coaching and mentoring in schools, doing beach cleanups, serving meals to the homeless and other valuable services.

"All our services are linked to the community at every level," said Rear Adm. Frank Ponds, commander of Navy Region Hawaii and Naval Surface Group Middle Pacific. "This is yet another great opportunity to get together, to see how we can bridge this rela-

tionship, reinforce it and advance it forward."

Master-at-Arms 1st Class Paul S. Mobley, assistant leading petty officer for the security harbor patrol unit at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, represented the Navy in receiving the award.

"I am very honored to be recognized and that my hard work for the past year had paid off," said Mobley, who also advised service members to "try to do everything, break out of your comfort zone, and make the difference."

The future military leaders, high school seniors and select service members who were chosen as the 2013 appointees to the military service academies were also recognized and each was presented with a traditional Hawaiian lei.

Ponds joined Rear Adm. Charles W. Ray, commander of U.S. Coast Guard 14th District, in congratulating the young men and women on their choice to serve their country and to lead future generations of military personnel.

"Today we recognize appointees who will attend service academies," said Ponds. "From my point of view, for those who have served in uniform, are serving or will serve, this shows tremendous commitment by young men and women that they want to serve their nation, they want to serve their country, to do good, and I am so proud to have them among us."

"It is pretty exciting and a once-in-a-life time opportunity," said Hospital Corpsman 2nd Class Andrew Tamez, assigned to First Battalion Third Marines, Marine Corps Base Hawaii, and one of the 2013 attendees recognized. "I want to go and explore, as I have never been to the East Coast. I am excited to go and see Washington, D.C. and Maryland. I've heard so many great things about,"

said Tamez, who plans to attend the Naval Academy.

He also offered a word of advice to service members who are interested in becoming a leader.

"Ask questions, ask questions, and ask questions," he said.

"You learn most by asking the questions. Don't be afraid to do so and if no one wants to or if they can't help you, look for answers yourself. I looked for answers and when I found them, informed my chain of command so they can help other Sailors who ask for help," Tamez noted.

Upon completion of the official ceremonies, Ray thanked all service members present and those serving everywhere for their commitment and dedication.

The luncheon concluded with a rendition of songs from each branch of service, performed by the Army's 25th Infantry Division.



Service members of all military branches prepare to receive the Outstanding Service Members in Community Service awards during the 28th Annual Hawaii Military Recognition Luncheon at the Hilton Hawaiian Village.

Hawaii Airman comes home



Photo courtesy of Honolulu Star Advertiser

Air Force pallbearers, led by Rev. David Hirano of Central Union Church, bring the flag-draped casket of Air Force Capt. Reid Nishizuka for a burial service at the National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific at Punchbowl. Nishizuka was killed in the line of duty in a plane crash in Afghanistan. (See additional photo on page A-5.)

Aliamanu students show appreciation to service members

Story and photo by
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Students at Aliamanu Elementary School held a military appreciation event May 10 for service members from various area commands. The commands in attendance were Navy Information Operations Command Hawaii, USS Port Royal (CG 73) and the Air Force 747th Communication Squadron and CID Learning Site Hawaii.

Before the start of the event, students in grades first through

sixth paraded through the school grounds, giving "high-fives" to the seated military guests.

The event, held annually at the school, is a way for the students to show their appreciation to the service members for their sacrifice. The program started with the Pledge of Allegiance and the singing of the "Star Spangled Banner" as well as the school song "Aliamanu."

"This is our school's annual event, and it's very important for the students throughout the school year," said Valerie Kamemoto, school principal. "The men and women that comes out to support our (school) events are very

much appreciated by our students. The fact that they're here for the students makes them do better."

Leilani Reyes, parent community networking coordinator, thanked the service members for helping the school with projects such as weedwhacking, painting hopscoches, building shelves, cutting plexiglass and the general cleanup of the school.

Reyes introduced Col. Dann Carlson, commander of 647th Air Base Group and deputy commander of Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, and Rear Adm. Frank Ponds, commander of Navy



Students at Aliamanu Elementary School perform "This Land is Your Land" for Sailors and Airmen. (See additional photo on page A-5.)

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Zoo offers 'wild' time for military on Sunday

Military Appreciation Month is observed and celebrated each May to provide the people of the nation with an opportunity to publicly express thanks to military service members.

Several events on Oahu have been scheduled to commemorate Military Appreciation Month. They include:

• May 19, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., Military Appreciation Day hosted by the Honolulu Council Navy League will be held from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the

Honolulu Zoo. The event will feature free entry for military ID cardholders and their families (one military ID card per family). The event will also include free pizza, ice cream, watermelon, water, games and performances.

The Pearl Harbor Navy Exchange (NEX) will offer free parking and bus service from the NEX every hour from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. with pickup at the big white tent.

Free parking and a shuttle bus ser-

vance will also be located at Kapiolani Community College. For more information, contact Elaine Ota at ota.elaine@yahoo.com or 486-9640.

• May 30, 7:30 to 9 a.m., "Celebrating the Military Family" at Hilton Hawaiian Village Coral Ballroom. Congresswoman Tulsi Gabbard is scheduled to speak. The Marine Forces Pacific Band, a color guard and Henry Kaponu are scheduled to participate.



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JBPHH enacts strict new speeding regulations

Brandon Bosworth

Staff Writer

Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam (JBPHH) is taking steps to keep the base safer by instituting tough new traffic regulations.

Speeders in particular will face stiff penalizes for violating base speed limits. Drivers will be ticketed for going just one mph above the posted limit. Those going eight mph or more above the posted limit will face even harsher consequences: A 30-day suspension of base driving privileges, and a third will result in a permanent loss of driving privileges.

Speeding remains a key safety concern at JBPHH and throughout the nation. According to the Governors Highway Safety Assoc-

iation, one-third of traffic fatalities involve speeding.

In Hawaii, traffic fatalities are the leading cause of death by injury, according to the state Department of Health. On average, one person dies on Hawaii's roads every three days, and about 28 people are injured in traffic crashes on a daily basis. Speed remains the most common factor in traffic fatalities.

Despite this, drivers continue to speed.

"In the last 10 days, the JBPHH department has issued over 150 speeding tickets," said Christopher D.E. Hurst, senior master sergeant, USAF JB23 Operations Superintendent. "In the last six months, the security department has issued 53 tickets for going 15 miles over the posted speed limit."

Drivers on JBPHH going eight or more mph above the posted speed limit will

now have their base driving privileges revoked for 30 days on the first offense.

Excessive speeding is not the only traffic violation that can now result in a suspension of base driving privileges.

For example, distracted drivers will also face tough sanctions. Utilizing a cell phone or other portable electronic device while operating a motor vehicle is prohibited on base. Factory installed Bluetooth systems that operate through the speaker system of the vehicle are authorized.

Using GPS systems can be risky as well.

"Operating a GPS while driving can constitute as distracted driving," said Hurst. "It is recommended personnel have their location inputted prior to driving. If a change of location is needed, the driver should legally park and

input the change."

The revised base traffic regulations reflect continuing efforts to make JBPHH safer.

"Safety is a high priority. We have a very high density of pedestrians and vehicles on base," said Capt. Jeffrey James, commander of Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam. "We have lots of Airmen, Sailors, civilians and their families out and about, walking and driving."

"The driving factor behind the change in policy is the security department discovered there was an apparent hazard to public safety (such as speeding, driving while talking in cell phone, not wearing seatbelts) and therefore felt it needed to act in an aggressive manner to emphasize failure to obey the base traffic regulation will not be tolerated," said Hurst.

Updated regulations and sanctions

In a concerted effort to improve safety for the base population, substantive changes to Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam traffic regulations have been made.

Effective immediately, the following offenses will result in serious sanctions:

- Failure of operator or occupants to use restraint devices such as seatbelts in a motor vehicle.
- Failure to properly restrain children in a child restraint system in a motor vehicle.
- Excessive speeding (eight mph or greater above posted speed limit).
- Failure to wear required personal protective equipment (PPE) while operating or riding a motorcycle.
- Permitting an unlicensed person to operate a motor vehicle.
- Utilizing a cell phone or other portable electronic device while operating a motor vehicle.
- Reckless driving.

Sanctions will be imposed immediately and include:

- 1st offense - 30-day suspension of base driving privileges.
- 2nd offense – One-year suspension of base driving privileges.
- 3rd offense - Permanent suspension of base driving privileges.

Juster relieves Ray as O'Kane commanding officer

Ensign Calvin A. Sessions

USS O'Kane Public Affairs Officer

Cmdr. James J. Juster relieved Cmdr. Michael E. Ray as commanding officer of USS O'Kane (DDG 77) during a traditional change of command ceremony held May 10 at pier B-17 at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam.

Juster, former executive officer of O'Kane, is the ship's 10th commanding officer since commissioning on Oct. 23, 1999.

"It's been my honor and privilege to serve with this very talented crew in O'Kane during the past 18 months. I'm very much looking forward to the challenges and opportunities



U.S. Navy photo by FCI Shod Williams

Capt. Christopher Bushnell (center), deputy commander of Destroyer Squadron 31, watches as Cmdr. James J. Juster (right) relieves Cmdr. Michael E. Ray (left) as commanding officer of USS O'Kane (DDG 77) during a traditional change of command ceremony May 10 at pier B-17 at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam.

we'll face together in the months to come," Juster said.

For Ray, the ceremony marked the end of a successful 18-month command tour highlighted by a seven-and-a-half month deployment to U.S. 5th and U.S. 7th Fleets where O'Kane conducted numerous missions.

These included two joint air defense exercises and multiple missions with various carrier strike groups. Ray reported to USS O'Kane in April 2010 as executive officer prior to taking command in November 2011.

"Every CO wants to leave the ship in better material condition than he inherited which is a challenge as the ship ages and sometimes rusts underneath your

feet," Ray explained to the guests and crew.

"Look around and you will see a ship in excellent condition, on track for 20 more years of service," he said.

Ray reflected on his tour. "And to the 280 men and women who carry Adm. O'Kane's legacy each and every day: I have asked an awful lot of you and have been able to offer so little in return. Please know that the smiles on your faces, the spring in your step and the crisp execution of every task is what makes this ship, in my utterly biased opinion, the pride of the waterfront," he said.

Ray's next assignment will be in Newport, R.I. where he will serve as executive officer at the surface warfare officer school.

Diverse Views



What is your favorite Asian or Hawaiian food?

Wilson White

Ship's Serviceman 2nd Class, JBPHH

"My favorite Asian food is pho, because they have all kinds of different flavors. It's magnificent."



Maj. Kathleen Izon
48th Aerial Port Squadron



"Hawaii is so diverse and there are so many flavors to enjoy. I like Hawaiian, Filipino and Korean food. The dishes are so tasty, and each culture uses flavors that are unique and wonderful to one's palate."

Douglas Heaton
AMSEC/SEMAT

"I love lumpia. It's good appetizers."



Master Sgt. Jeff Zidek
HQ PACAF



"I have really expanded my idea of what good food is since I have been in Hawaii. Picking a favorite is difficult, however, I have learned to love this tasty simple food *poi*. My kids love it and I do, too."

Alexander Simpson
Airman 1st Class, 613th Air and Space Operations Center



"I really don't have much of a taste for exotic or foreign foods, but I have really gained a taste for *kalua* pork."

Frank Sadler
AMSEC/SEMAT



"Coming from the mainland of United States, I never tried *char siu* and *char siu* was something I found that I really enjoy."

Tom Valle
AMSEC/SEMAT

"Believe it or not, I like durian fruit that's over in Southeast Asia. It smells like baby poop, but it tastes delicious. It's expensive and it's hard to get but I do like it very much."



Joshua Brice
Information Systems Technician 1st Class



"I have to go with the Korean fried chicken from Zippy's. I don't know what sauce that is that they put in, but it is amazing."

Andrea Gordon
Ship's Serviceman 1st Class

"I like *kalua* pork because it tastes wonderful."



Osasumwen Izevbogie
1st Lt. 15th Wing



"My favorite Asian food has to be the Korean short ribs. I haven't found my favorite spot in Hawaii yet, but I've got time."

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

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Aegis Ballistic Missile Defense System completes successful intercept flight test in Hawaii

Missile Defense Agency

The Missile Defense Agency (MDA) and U.S. Navy Sailors aboard the USS Lake Erie (CG-70) successfully conducted a flight test of the Aegis Ballistic Missile Defense (BMD) system, resulting in the intercept of a separating ballistic missile target over the Pacific Ocean by the Aegis BMD 4.0 Weapon System and a Standard Missile-3 (SM-3) Block IB missile.

At 5:25 p.m. (Hawaii time, 11:25 p.m. EDT) May 15, a separating short-range ballistic missile target was launched from the Pacific Missile Range Facility on Kauai, Hawaii. The target flew northwest toward a broad ocean area of the Pacific Ocean.

Following target launch, USS Lake Erie (CG-70) detected and tracked the missile with its onboard AN/SPY-1 radar. The ship, equipped with the second-generation Aegis BMD weapon system, developed a fire control solution and launched the SM-3

Block IB missile. The SM-3 maneuvered to a point in space based on guidance from Aegis BMD weapons systems and released its kinetic warhead. The kinetic warhead acquired the target reentry vehicle, diverted into its path, and, using only the force of a direct impact, engaged and destroyed the target.

Initial indications are that all components performed as designed. Program officials will assess and evaluate system performance based upon telemetry and other data obtained during the test. This test exercised the latest version of the second-generation Aegis BMD weapon system and standard missile, providing capability for engagement of longer-range and more sophisticated ballistic missiles.

Wednesday's event, designated Flight Test Maritime-19 (FTM-19), was the third consecutive successful intercept test of the Aegis BMD 4.0 Weapon System and the SM-3 Block IB guided missile. Previous successful ABMD 4.0 SM-3 Block IB inter-

cepts occurred on May 9, 2012 and June 26, 2012.

Other Aegis BMD intercepts have employed the ABMD 3.6 and 4.0 with the SM-3 Block IA missile, which is currently operational on U.S. Navy ships deployed across the globe.

FTM-19 is the 25th successful intercept in 31 flight test attempts for the Aegis BMD program since flight testing began in 2002. Across all ballistic missile defense System programs, this is the 59th successful hit-to-kill intercept in 74 flight tests since 2001.

Aegis BMD is the naval component of the MDA's ballistic missile defense system. The Aegis BMD engagement capability defeats short-to intermediate-range, unitary and separating, midcourse-phase ballistic missile threats with the Standard Missile-3 (SM-3), as well as short-range ballistic missiles in the terminal phase with the SM-2 Block IV missile. The MDA and the U.S. Navy cooperatively manage the Aegis BMD program.



U.S. Navy photo

Block 1B interceptor is launched from the USS Lake Erie (CG 70) during a Missile Defense Agency and U.S. Navy test in the mid-Pacific. The SM-3 Block 1B successfully intercepted a target missile that had been launched from the Pacific Missile Range Facility, Barking Sands, Kauai, Hawaii.

Events scheduled to observe Memorial Day

Several events have been scheduled across Oahu in observance of Memorial Day.

They include:

- May 26, 10 a.m., World War I Memorial Ceremony at Waikiki Natatorium.
- May 26, 10 a.m., Pacific American Foundation ceremony at Punchbowl Cemetery.
- May 26, 5 p.m. Vietnam Veterans' Candlelight Memorial Ceremony at Punchbowl Cemetery.
- May 27, 8:45 a.m., Mayor's ceremony at Punchbowl Cemetery.
- May 27, 1 p.m., Governor's ceremony at the State Veteran's Cemetery in Kaneohe.

Sailor captures award for bicentennial cake



Photo by PH2 Doug Cunningham, U.S. Naval History and Heritage Command

Mess Management Specialist Romeo Basmayor captures the grand award overall in the military division with his bicentennial celebration cake. The "Red, White and Blue" 200-pound-cake took Basmayor three days to make for the Fourth of July, 1976.



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Navy embraces inclusion, remembers Inouye’s legacy during Heritage Month

Navy Office of Diversity and Inclusion Public Affairs

The Navy joins our nation in celebrating the contributions of generations of patriots during Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month throughout May.

The Navy announced this year’s national theme is “Building Leadership: Embracing Cultural Values and Inclusion.”

Inclusion is a recognition that diversity of ideas, experiences, areas of expertise and backgrounds contribute significantly to the Navy’s ability to fulfill its variety of missions, both today and in the future.

Asians and Pacific Islanders of various nationalities and ancestry have been serving in our Navy since the early 19th century. Asians and Pacific Islanders have continued to be at the



U.S. Air Force photo by Tech. Sgt. Betty J. Squatrito-Martin
U.S. Sen. Daniel K. Inouye speaks at the F-22 Raptor arrival ceremony July 9 on Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam. Inouye was on hand to help usher in a new era between the Hawaii Air National Guard and active duty Air Force.

forefront as leaders in every aspect of American life, including late Sen. Daniel K. Inouye, Hawaii’s first Congressman and the first Japanese American to serve in Congress.

Having enlisted in the U.S. Army at age 17 and serving during World War II, Inouye was a great champion of all the armed forces throughout his career. He received the Medal of Honor for his extraordinary heroism and indomitable leadership during an engagement in World War II. On Dec. 17, 2012, Inouye passed away, leaving behind a noted legacy of leadership and a drive to enhance inclusion in our armed forces and across our country.

In 2013, Sailors of Asian and Pacific Islander heritage comprise 6.5 percent of our active duty naval force. More than 20,000 active duty Sailors, 4,000 Reservists and 18,900 Navy civilian employees identify as Asian American

or Pacific Islander, including 10 flag officers, nine members of the senior executive service (SES), and 176 master chief petty officers. Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders encompass more than 50 ethnic and language groups, representing a vast array of cultures, nationalities and historical roots.

Directed by Congress in 1978 and established by presidential proclamation in 1979, Asian/Pacific American Heritage Week was first observed the week of May 4, 1979. In 1990, President George H. W. Bush expanded the observance to encompass the entire month and in 1992, Congress passed a law permanently designating May as Asian/Pacific American Heritage Month.

For more information about the history of Asian and Pacific Islanders and their numerous contributions to the Navy, visit <http://ow.ly/l4sUc>



U.S. Navy photo by MC3 Michael A. Lantron
U.S. Sen. Daniel Inouye, (fourth from left) helps break ground during a ceremony for the new Hawaii Regional Security Operations Center complex at the U.S. Naval Computer and Telecommunications Area Master Station Pacific on Aug. 30, 2007.



Department of Defense photo by U.S. Air Force Tech. Sgt. Michael R. Holzworth
U.S. Sen. Daniel K. Inouye, U.S. Navy Capt. Jeffrey James, commander, Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, and U.S. Navy Rear Adm. Frank Ponds, commander of Navy Region Hawaii and Naval Surface Group Middle Pacific, participate in a traditional Hawaiian blessing from Kahu, Kordell Kekoa during an Oct. 24, 2012, grand opening ceremony for the new Ford Island Child Development Center (CDC).

Pearl Harbor-Hickam*Highlights*

Photo courtesy of Honolulu Star Advertiser
Friends and family members console each other at the service for Capt. Reid Nishizuka, who was killed in the line of duty in a plane crash in Afghanistan. Nishizuka was buried at the National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific at Punchbowl with military honors.



U.S. Navy photo by MC2 Nardel Gervacio
Rear Adm. Frank Ponds, commander, Navy Region Hawaii and Naval Surface Group Middle Pacific, and Valarie Kamemoto, principal at Aliamanu Elementary School, look through the students' poster banners honoring military service members during a military appreciation event.



U.S. Navy photo by MC3 Class Diana Quinlan
(Left) Retired military service members salute during presentation of colors at the 28th Annual Hawaii Military Recognition Luncheon at the Hilton Hawaiian Village. In May of every year, numerous activities are held across the Hawaiian Islands to honor and thank service members and their families for their service and commitment.

U.S. Navy photo by MC2 Nardel Gervacio
(Above) Command Master Chief Jay Stuckey reviews Culinary Specialist 1st Class Joven Banayat's service record during a package review workshop for board-eligible first class petty officers. The workshop teaches Sailors to evaluate the individual's service record and identify any missing information prior to the E-7 selection board in June. More than 150 Sailors attended the April 25 briefing about the boards and more than 100 Sailors received individual records reviews.



U.S. Navy photos by MC3 Diana Quinlan
Sailors and Seabees assigned to Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam (JBPHH) compete in a fire truck pull exercise during a fitness and health fair outside the JBPHH Fitness Center. Military service members, Department of Defense civilians and contractors participated in the fitness and health fair, which included a 200-foot fire truck pull by six-person teams.

Ancient fishponds of Pearl Harbor give insight into Hawaiian history

Becky Hommon

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Arriving today at Pearl Harbor by vehicle or entering Pearl Harbor from the sea, our senses tell us we're entering an urban, densely populated area. The high-rise structures, the houses packed one beside the other, the 24-hour lights and the sounds of almost constant traffic communicate that many people live on this island of Oahu. Can we imagine what those who came before us saw more than a hundred years ago, as they came upon the shoreline of what we know today as Pearl Harbor?

Today's navigational chart for Pearl Harbor, Chart 19266, shows Tripod Reef to the west and Ahua Reef to the east as well as an airstrip commonly called the "Reef Runway," which was built in the 1970s.

The 36th edition of this chart, dated Jan. 12, 2002, includes on its other side a historical chart, Chart 4107, published in 1915, "compiled from surveys by officers of the U.S. Navy in 1897."

Chart 4107 includes Tripod and Ahua reefs, but, of course, does not show today's Reef Runway. Also absent are the piers and dry-docks.

The peninsula where today's Fleet Logistics Center sits is shown as an island marked Kuahua, connected to the main body of land by "Loko Kunana."

Across Chart 4107, the word *loko* appears again and again, the largest being "*Loko Hanaloa*" on Waipio Peninsula. On the area we today call Pearl City Peninsula are four areas marked *loko*. The chart also shows a number of crescent structures just off shore creating small bays against the shoreline. The shore was described at that time as covered with *algaroba*, another name for mesquite or *kiawe*, and bushes.

Historical and archaeological studies tell us that these *loko* and walls are ancient Hawaiian fishponds. Research reveals that more than 20 fishponds once lined the shores of Pearl Harbor. Core



U.S. Navy photo by MC2 Nardel Gervacio

Chief Explosive Ordnance Disposal Kyle Dewey of EOD Detachment Pacific and Tom Clements, outreach manager for Navy Region Hawaii Public Affairs, discuss the features of Okiokilepe Fishpond near the entrance of Pearl Harbor on May 7. Okiokilepe's wall of coral chunks is one of the last visible remnants of Pearl Harbor's former fishponds. The pond and wall, estimated to be approximately 600 years old, are on the National Register of Historic Places.

samples indicate that many of Pearl Harbor's fishponds were in use sometime after the 1400s. Others were constructed between the 16th and late 19th centuries.

"These fishponds give us an insight into what life might have been like here at Pearl Harbor hundreds of years ago," said Brian Wong, a member of Navy Region Hawaii's strategy and future requirements program.

Unknown elsewhere in Polynesia, shoreline fishponds made of rock or coral walls are considered to be a highly effective food production invention of the native Hawaiian people. At one time, an estimated 360 fishponds across the chain of the Hawaiian Islands produced a projected million kilograms of fish each year, mostly for the use of the chiefs and their various entourages.

"I'm amazed at the number of cabbage-sized rocks used in the construction of these walls. Just thinking of the number of people and effort that took place more than 600 years ago is impressive," said Tom Clements, outreach manager for Navy Region Hawaii

Public Affairs.

The fish species cultivated were likely mullet (ama'ama) and milkfish (awa). Immature fish were collected and put into the pond. The walls intentionally let the water flow in and out. As the fish grew, they were held in place behind a sluice gate known as a makaha, made of closely spaced stakes. The makaha allowed the water to rise and fall with the tides while it kept out the larger predators. Once grown, the fish were harvested.

Revered Hawaiian scholar Mary Kawena Pukui's "*Olelo Noeau*, Hawaiian Proverbs & Poetical Sayings" contains a number of references to fishponds. Some of the expressions use a fishpond as an analogy to a beautiful woman or a valued asset. The heron, watching or reaching for the fish in the fishpond, is equated to a spy or a romantic competitor.

Another tells of a fishpond that was once reserved for precious fish but in time was tainted by a less valuable species. Teaching the value of hard work, the fish-

pond's caretaker is allowed to take home the shrimp and crabs from the pond, although the fish belong to the owner. Appropriate for military education, the speaker suggests that the sluice gate be opened to allow the enemy to enter and then closed to trap the intruder like fish inside the pond.

Two of Pearl Harbor's fishponds remain visible today. The rest generally were filled by agricultural development in the area in the early 1900s, predominantly for sugar cane cultivation. Loko Oki'oki'lepe, near the entrance to West Loch on the west side of the entrance channel, is listed on the National Register of Historic Places. The pond wall, approximately 1,000 feet long, 4 feet high and 6.5 feet wide, is made of coral chunks and remains relatively intact. It encloses approximately six acres.

"The fishponds of Pearl Harbor represent significant technological advancements in aquaculture to allow intensification of marine resource production beyond naturally occurring populations and symbolize the power and socio-

political complexity of Hawaiian chiefdoms between the 14th and 19th centuries A.D.," said Dr. Eric West, supervisory archaeologist at Naval Facilities Engineering Command, Pacific Division.

"Okiokilepe as a National Register property is being preserved in place, meaning we are not disturbing it. We also carefully limit human use and access, furthering its preservation for future study," West explained.

A remnant from Loko Pa'aiau, given a date of between 1327 and 1473 AD based on plant pollen found in sediment core samples, can be seen on the west side of McGrew Point. Two ponds, Kunana and Muliwai, were filled, creating Kuahua Peninsula to the south of where Halawa Stream enters Pearl Harbor. Kunana has sediments dated between 1263 and 1436 while Muliwai is believed to be of later use, having sediments dated between 1540 and 1791.

The largest pond, Hanaloa, on Waipio Peninsula, emptied into West Loch and covered more than 200 acres. Other smaller ponds were in front of today's Boutiki, at the head of Merry Loch under today's Ward Field, and at the head of Quarry Loch under today's Millican Field.

Knowing that today's harbor was once ringed with productive fishponds may provide a sense of respect for the ingenuity of those who were here before us. It may also help us appreciate the opportunity to make use of this place for national defense purposes today while we do our best to protect the natural and cultural resources entrusted to our care.

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Women in Hawaiian history will be focus of May 20 event

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As part of Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month, a Distinctive Women in Hawaiian History Program will be held from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. May 20 at Makai Recreation Center, Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam (JBPHH). Makai Recreation Center is located at building 1859, McChord Street.

The professional development seminar event featuring leadership models from Hawaiian history is open to military personnel, their spouses, and the military’s civilian workforce.

Bring a brown bag lunch or pre-purchase hot dog, chips and drink. Hosting commands for event are Navy Region Hawaii and JBPHH in cooperation with Hawaii Council for the Humanities. Stories of Hawaii will be presented by speakers from Kapiolani Community College and University of Hawaii at Manoa. The event will include storytelling and dramat-



Photo Courtesy Guava Graphics
Queen Kapiolani seated in a chair.

ic performance about the former 1800s leper colony at Kalaupapa, Molokai.

The seminar will feature opening comments from Air Force Col. Eva S. Jenkins, commander, 692nd Intelligence, Surveillance and Reconnaissance Group.

The program will also include



Photo courtesy of the Nuanu Congregational Church archives

Yeiko Mizobe So with the five ladies (three standing behind, two seated on either side of So) from the Japanese Home for Women (circa 1895-1905).

discussions of:

- Queen Kapiolani with presenter Colette Higgins, professor of history, Kapiolani Community College.
- “Hawaiian Letter Writing Woman: Queen Emma.”

Presenters of the discussion will be Craig Howes, director, Center for Biographical Research, University of Hawaii at Manoa; Victoria Nalani Kneubuhl, playwright and novelist and actor Wil Kahele.

- “Yeiko Mizobe So: Immigrant Women’s Tale of Turmoil.” The presenter will be Kelli Y. Nakamura, history instructor, Kapiolani Community College.

- “Dora Moon and the Korean Women’s Relief Society of WWII Hawaii.” The presenter will be Julie Rancilio, assistant professor of History Kapiolani Community College.

- “Embracing and elebrating Filipino heritage while in service” to the nation. Presenters include Rear Adm. Raquel Bono, command surgeon, U.S. Pacific Command and Command Master Chief Marc F. Sibal, region command master chief, Navy Region Hawaii.

Register online for the event through May 17 at <http://ow.ly/l4waY>

For more information, call Guss Alexander at 449-1701 or Master Sgt. Forrest Lassiter at 448-4079, or email Guss.Alexander@navy.mil or forrest.lassiter@us.af.mil.

Pre-purchase lunch by emailing verna.cannon@us.af.mil or shameka.risch@us.af.mil or calling 449-0609 or 449-0658.

NAVFAC Pacific embraces diverse workforce, kicks off Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month

Christine Rosalin

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Pacific Public Affairs

Naval Facilities Engineering Command (NAVFAC) Pacific kicked off Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month with a May Day celebration May 9.

“Today we pause and reflect on our friendship and camaraderie and take time to appreciate and enjoy Hawaii’s culture,” said Rear Adm. Scott Weikert, NAVFAC Pacific commander.

“It’s important to embrace and learn about the local values and customs because we are all members of this wonderful and diverse community.”

The national theme of this year’s heritage month is “Building

Leadership: Embracing Cultural Values and Inclusion.” The May Day celebration provided the opportunity for employees to embrace diversity, celebrate the Hawaiian culture, and experience its traditions.

One learning opportunity featured exhibits showcasing several replicas of artifacts found in the Pacific, including models of native Hawaiian artifacts. The display allowed employees to learn more about NAVFAC’s cultural resource mission and how it ties into its construction operations.

Another educational opportunity was learning how to make a lei, which is commonly used in Hawaii. The instruction was taught by volunteers within the workforce.

In addition to educational opportunities, a lei-making contest and assort-

ments of local and international foods were available.

Entertainment was performed by a magician and local live band.

“The event had a perfect balance from start to finish,” said Chantel Foster, NAVFAC Pacific administrative support assistant. “It gives me a simple reminder that we come from an incredible place with special people. It is the *aloha* spirit.”

According to Hawaii History.org, Lei Day became an official holiday in 1929. During those first years, the event included the selection of a Lei Day queen and court. Lei Day celebrations continue today, marking the first day of May with lei-making competitions, concerts and the giving and receiving of lei among friends and families.

Events at JBPHH to celebrate Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month

Remaining events in May to celebrate Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam include:

- May 17-18, Asian trio dish menu at Sam Choy’s Island Style Seafood Grille.

- May 20, 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., professional development seminar at Makai Recreation Center, building 1859, McChord St.

- May 22, Asian cuisine at the Pearl Harbor dining facility.

- May 22, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., multi-cultural taste fest at Makai Recreation Center.

- Asian Pacific exhibits will be displayed all month at the Hickam Library.

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Hagel announces fewer furlough days for DOD employees

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American Forces Press Service

After weeks of review, Defense Secretary Chuck Hagel has concluded budget cuts will require most of the department's civilian employees to be furloughed beginning in July. Because of other efforts to deal with the budget shortfall, only half of the 22 days originally envisioned as temporary layoffs will now be necessary.

During a town hall meeting May 14 at the Mark Center in Alexandria, Va., Hagel told Defense Department employees that most will be required to take 11 furlough days beginning July 8, one per pay period, through the end of the fiscal year, Sept. 30. Hagel noted that when he took the oath of office less than three months ago, post-sequester plans called for 22 furlough days. Congress allowed the department to shift or reprogram some funds in March that cut that number to 14. Now, he said, as maintenance, training, flying hours and ship deployments are increasingly affected, he had no choice but to authorize the furloughs.

"We kept going back. And finally, we got to a point where I could not responsibly go any deeper into cutting or jeopardizing our formations, our readiness and training," he said.

porarily laid off by half.

It may be possible later in the year to "knock that back" to an even lower number,

the secretary said, but he emphasized that he could not promise such an outcome.

"I won't promise that," Hagel said. "You deserve fair, honest, direct conversation about this, and I'm not going to be cute with you at all. This is where we are. We'll continue to look at it, [and] we'll continue to do everything we can."

Hagel said the furloughs will affect every military department and almost every agency, with limited exceptions. "We will except civilians deployed to combat zones and civilians necessary to protect life and property," he wrote in his memo, adding that others will be excepted if forcing them to stay off the job would not free up money for other needs.

Employees set to be furloughed will begin receiving written notification June 5. In March, defense officials had told civilian employees to expect as many as 22 furlough days during the current fiscal year, part of department-wide efforts to slash spending in response to across-the-board budget cuts known as sequestration. In the time since, Hagel has been working to avoid or reduce the temporary layoffs, saying he had sought advice from department leaders and agencies, both civilian and military, but found no other way to help in closing the budget gap.

In his memo Tuesday, Hagel said if the budget situation eases, he would strongly prefer to end the furloughs early. "That is a decision I will make later in the year," he added.

See the complete text of Hagel's memo here: <http://ow.ly/l2sdF>.

Military expresses thanks to school

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Region Hawaii and Naval Surface Group Middle Pacific.

"You appreciated us, but I'm telling you this, we appreciated you," said Ponds. Ponds then asked each service member to stand and on the count of three, all service members yelled, "Go Falcons."

First to perform in the program were the preschoolers, kindergarteners and first grade students who sang "America," followed by second, third and fourth graders singing "This Land is Your Land." It ended with fifth and sixth graders singing "Proud to be an American," while holding U.S. flags.

"This is my first time participating in an event like this," said Information Systems Technician (SW) 2nd Class Charlene Blanks

of Pensacola, Fla., assigned to Port Royal.

"It's really nice seeing the kids show their appreciation for the service members. They're at an age where they know what the military do and the sacrifice they make. These kids are just awesome," she said.

The event ended with the service members taking home poster banner artwork made by the students.

According to Reyes, "Every year there is a mad dash to the wall to get a particular banner. Some of our banners have been displayed at the command offices or sent away to Afghanistan or Iraq."

"Coming here this morning made me feel very much appreciated," said Yeoman 3rd Class (SW) Lashundra Hill of Brookhaven, Miss., assigned to Port Royal. "Seeing the kids put on a show for us made me proud to be in the Navy and the service."

Life & Leisure

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Pilot For a Day: Damon Hall-Kaneakua

Story and photos by
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A 16-year-old boy with muscular dystrophy "deployed" May 3 across the island of Oahu to Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam as part of the Air Force "Pilot for a Day" program.

Damon Hall-Kaneakua, his mother, grandparents, three sisters and brother were guests of the 15th Wing, who devoted the morning to them and their interest in aviation.

The tour started with Damon and his family boarding a KC-135 Stratotanker where a boom operator with the 96th Air Refueling Squadron explained how the jet engines are started with bleed air from the auxiliary power unit.

"We get air from the APU. Then we'll open the starter valves on the engine, and it will start turning the turbines. We'll add fuel to it, and it lights off and starts up," said Airman 1st Class Kenneth D. Stricker.

"Can I listen to the jet engine?" asked Damon. Stricker said that unfortunately



they weren't able to do that, but if Damon listened to any jet aircraft taking off from the airport, it would sound the same.

The next stop

was the C-17 Globemaster III aircraft. A loadmaster with 535th Airlift Squadron (AS), Senior Airman Alek Joga, flipped the rollers on the cargo floor to show Damon how they make it a flat floor for vehicles and other

rolling stock to be loaded.

Damon said his favorite thing about the aircraft was that it could carry trucks.

Even though Damon was not able to board the C-17 and sit in the cockpit, there were no worries because the next stop was the C-17 simulator where the training system project officer, Ronald H. Cressman, helped Damon take off and fly the simulated plane over his house in Kaneohe.

This was a wish come true, said Damon's grandmother. She said she was in awe of the different squadrons and activities that were planned for the family.

In addition to the aircraft and simulator tours, a survival evasion resistance escape specialist from the 15th Operations Support Squadron Tech. Sgt. Sergio Avalos Jr., demonstrated survival gear and gave Damon a small survival kit.

Tech. Sgt. Daniel R. Hinojosa, non-commissioned officer in charge of aircrew flight equipment with the 15th OSS, fitted Damon with night vision goggles and turned out the lights so Damon could experience how aircrew see at night.

"He's into things mechanical. I think if he could, he'd fly," said

Damon's mother.

Last but not least, was a visit to the explosive ordnance disposal truck. Tech. Sgt. Sean H. Rabourn, an EOD technician with the 647th Civil Engineer Squadron, showed Damon how to drive the robot.

After crushing soda cans with the robot, Damon asked if he could maneuver the robot into the building. Rabourn helped him with the controls while Damon's younger sister worked the intercom, commanding those inside to open the door for the robot.

Rabourn said it was a "blast" to be able to help Damon have the same fun the EOD techs get to have every day.

Damon's mother, whose three brothers had multiple sclerosis, said she hadn't seen Damon light up like that in a long time.

The coordinator of the 15th Wing's Pilot for a Day program, Capt. Rush H. Taylor, said he was honored to help coordinate the family's visit to Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam.

Taylor, who is the chief of wing training and a C-17 instructor pilot for the 15th Operations Squadron, said, "You realize how much it means to the family, to Damon, to his mom, to his grandparents, to his brothers and sisters, to get to come out here and see what we do every day."



Airman 1st Class Kenneth D. Stricker, 96th Airlift Refueling Squadron boom operator, explains to Damon Hall-Kaneakua, (center), and his family members how the auxiliary power unit on a KC-135 Stratotanker starts the jet engines with bleed air. The family was aboard a KC-135 on the flightline at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam.



An "honorary squadron membership" certificate was presented to Damon Hall-Kaneakua of Kaneohe, Hawaii by Lt. Col. Gregg S. Johnson, commander of the 535th Airlift Squadron, at the C-17 Squadron operations building.



Damon Hall-Kaneakua, (in wheelchair), listens to Senior Airman Alek Joga, 535th Airlift Squadron loadmaster, explain the capabilities of the C-17 Globemaster III's large aft ramp to load rolling stock, like tanks, trucks, trailers and palletized cargo.



Damon Hall-Kaneakua's younger brother (center), explores the aft ramp of a C-17 Globemaster III. In the background (from left), Capt. Rush H. Taylor, coordinator of the Pilot for a Day program, talks with the teenager and his grandfather.



White standings tighter as 613th AOC upsets HIANG

Story and photo by
Randy Dela Cruz

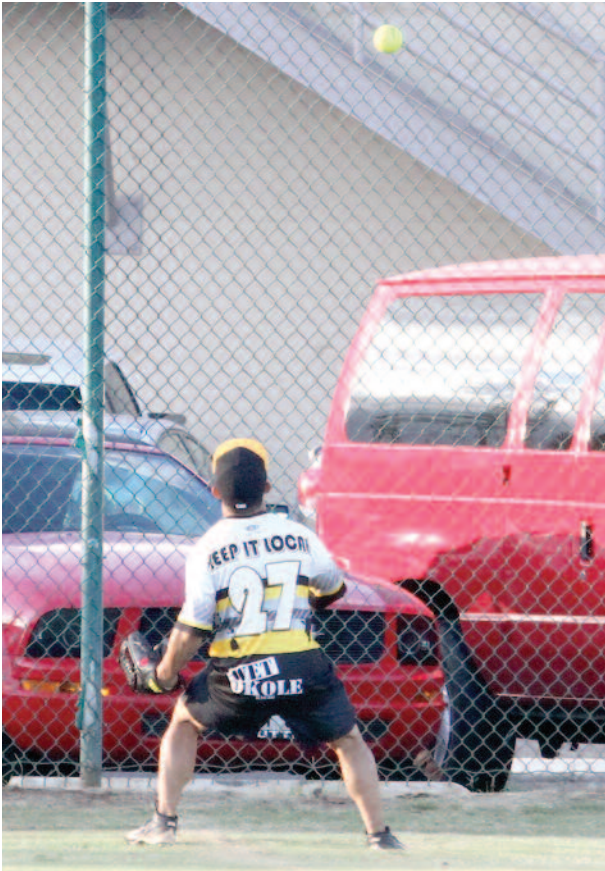
Sports Editor

The 613th Air and Space Operation Center (613 AOC) held off a late rally by the Hawaii Air National Guard (HIANG) to earn a 4-3 victory on May 9 in a White Division intramural softball showdown at Millican Field, Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam.

Up by a score of 4-1 heading into the bottom of the seventh, 613 AOC pitcher Master Sgt. Jeremy Waldorf got touched up for two runs but induced a fly ball to right field for the final out to preserve the win.

The 613 AOC has now won back-to-back games to get back into the pennant race with a 3-2 record, while the HIANG dropped their second consecutive matchup to fall behind the 613 AOC with an identical mark of 3-2.

“When they (HIANG) lost last week, all the top teams lost, so it put us only one game behind them,” Waldorf said. “So beating one of them puts us up there



Tech. Sgt. Jeff Camacho, left fielder for 613th Air and Space Operation Center (613 AOC), waits for the ball to carom off the fence on a double from the bat of Staff Sgt. Eugene Winchester of the Hawaii Air National Guard (HIANG).

even with them. We actually have the tiebreaker on them (HIANG), so we should be top three at this point.”

This season, only the top four teams from each of the four divisions will enter into the playoffs.

Although the 613 AOC has been struggling at the plate this season against the HIANG, the team got out of the gates quickly when Tech. Sgt. Ryan Kniss ripped a one-out triple and then was driven home by a single off the bat of Master Sgt. Pete Griffin for an early 1-0 lead.

In the bottom half of the first inning the HIANG got a lead-off double from Staff Sgt. Eugene Winchester on a ball that slammed off of the top of the left-field fence.

However, instead of standing comfortably on second, Winchester got caught in a rundown when 613 AOC left-fielder Tech. Sgt. Jeff Camacho played the carom off the fence perfectly and threw a strike to the infield where Winchester was tagged out.

“That’s huge,” said Griffin. “That’s a very big

play because it kind of made them question themselves when they are on the bases after that. You might not want to take that chance of going to second or third the next time because you got caught in a rundown.”

The lead stayed at 1-0 until the top of the third when the 613 AOC picked up two more runs before tacking on another run in the top of the fourth on a RBI single from Master Sgt. Shaun Gaskins for a 4-0 lead.

Staff Sgt. Mike Victorino finally got the HIANG going by leading off the bottom of the fourth with a double and later scoring on a single to pull to within three at 4-1.

Then in the final inning, Tech. Sgt. Charlie McKintosh led off for the HIANG with a single and was followed by two more base hits to load the bases with no outs.

A single by Winchester drove in one run, but Griffin came up with another huge play from the outfield when he gunned down a runner at home for the first out.

The HIANG pulled to within a run on another

RBI single, but Waldorf buckled down to get the final two outs and preserve the victory.

“I tried to keep the ball high and deep,” said Waldorf about his solid performance on the mound. “They started to step back in the box a little bit, so I threw them off by throwing a knuckleball or something short. I tried to keep pushing the back of the box. That was the best strategy.”

Griffin, who was a perfect three-for-three at the plate against the HIANG, said that after the team stumbled in games two and three, he feels that it is beginning to put things together.

With a few familiar faces still missing from the lineup, Griffin said that if the 613 AOC can keep things going strong until reinforcements arrive, then the team should be good to go.

“Playing a hard-fought defensive game like we did today is very key in our confidence,” he said. “If we can get some of our big bats back from TDY, I think we’re looking good for the playoffs.”

Vocalists from JBPHH make sweet music for local community

Staff Sgt. Terri Paden

15th Wing Public Affairs

Many age-old adages detail music’s ability to heal the soul and bring peace to those who hear it, but two representatives from Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam have chosen to use it as their way to give back to the local community, while also having a little fun.

Debra Straight of the 15th Wing Inspector General’s office, cofounder and member of the Honolulu Blend Show Chorus, recently celebrated the group’s success at an annual regional competition held in Pasadena, Calif., April 6.

The chorus, which was formed in 2007, brought home several

honors finishing in third place overall in the competition and taking first place in the small chorus category.

“I am happy and proud of our accomplishments,” said Straight. “Many of the women with us were excited and had never participated in an event such as this. We were thrilled that our dedication and commitment paid off. It was great to learn more about our craft from other competing choruses and quartets and it has provided us new challenges for our future.”

Kris Costa, chorus member and military spouse, said she was also “absolutely thrilled” by the success of the group at the Region 21 competition.

“We are ranked first at the

moment internationally among all small choruses,” she said. “The credit for our success goes out to our director, Bonnie McKibben, and our assistant directors. They are all really a fabulous group of women.”

Straight, who has been singing since she was 9 years old, said membership in the Honolulu Blend Show Chorus provides unlimited opportunities and once-in-a-lifetime experiences for the members.

“The chorus provides us superb, unmatched vocal education and training, a chance to entertain within the community and compete with the most talented barbershop singers in the world and offers fun social activities and spectacular performance

opportunities,” she said.

However, it hasn’t been all “fun and games” for the chorus. Straight said it has been a busy year for the 23-member group. Having only been officially chartered as a chapter of Sweet Adelines International since 2012, the group has been hard at work making a name for itself in the local community.

“[So far] we’ve entertained at senior living facilities, sang the national anthem at the Race for the Cure event, held Christmas performances at the local shopping centers and sang the national anthem for the Wounded Warrior Amputee Softball Team Tournament,” she said.

The group is also slated to perform at the Korean and Vietnam

War Veterans dedication and remembrance ceremonies and at the Sounds of Aloha fundraiser to raise money for the Battleship Missouri Memorial.

Whether competing against other choruses or performing for veteran service members, the chorus has provided the members of the group not only a platform to make music, but an extended family as well.

“It’s not easy to have a career as a military spouse, so it’s a wonderful gift to have Sweet Adeline choruses all over the world,” said Costa. “I’ve been welcomed with open arms wherever I go. It’s a great way to meet new people, especially when you move again and again. Honolulu Blend Show Chorus has become my *ohana*.”

Tough Bulldogs fall short to undefeated 613 AOC

Story and photo by
Randy Dela Cruz

Sports Editor

The unbeaten 613th Air and Space Operation Center (613 AOC) got single goals from Maj. James Huges in the first half and Senior Airman Jeremy Reding in the second to get past USS Chafee (DDG 90) Bulldogs, 2-0, on May 11 in a Blue Division intramural soccer match at Earhart Field, Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam.

Armed with only eight players, the Bulldogs got strong efforts from players, such as goalkeeper Operations Specialist 2nd Class Errick Montes, to hang in against the Blue Division leaders, but failure to mount an offense sent Chafee to their fifth defeat against four wins and a tie, while the 613 AOC earned their eighth win of the season.

"I didn't know what to expect, but the real factor was that they (Chafee) only had eight guys. They played a real tough game," Reding admitted. "They were short a man and had no extra subs. They had quickness and they all played physical on the field, so it was a tough battle."

Early on, the 613 AOC was led by striker Operations Specialist 2nd Class Valentine



USS Chafee (DDG 90) Bulldogs goalkeeper Operations Specialist 2nd Class Errick Montes positions himself to stop a shot from 613th Air and Space Operation Center (613 AOC) striker Operations Specialist 2nd Class Valentine Edward.

Edward, who got two kicks on goal before Huges got the team on the scoreboard.

Positioned at the right place, Huges was the man on the spot after Reding took the ball deep to the goal.

Without a shot, Reding spotted Huges at the top of the box and hit him with a perfect pass before Huges calmly booted the straightaway kick into the goal for a 1-0 lead.

"Jeremy passed it back to me and I was wide open," Huges said. "The ball was in front of me, so I just kicked it."

At first, Reding said that he thought he might have a shot but decided to pass it back after Montes made a good stop.

"I touched it too far and the defender made a good effort to battle me all the way to the end," Reding noted. "My teammate made a great run to stay

involved. He had a better shot, so I led it off to him."

Paul Imperial, a Department of Defense civilian and head coach of the 613 AOC, said that the shot gave his team a big boost, but he was more glad to see the veteran Huges get into the scoring column.

"I was happy because Jamie hasn't scored a goal for us in a long time," Imperial pointed out. "He was one of our origi-

nals back from about three years ago."

The 1-0 lead held up through halftime, then shortly after the break, Reding gave the 613 AOC a little more breathing room by scoring on an aggressive move to the goal.

"I got the ball on the sideline and I only had one defender," said Reding about his breakaway goal. "I got past him and then I was just one-on-one with the keeper. I was able to slide past him."

"The win for the 613 AOC was enough to keep the team in first place, just two points ahead of USS Texas (SSN 775) Port, which defeated the 647th Force Support Squadron (647 FSS) to improve to 7-0-1.

With the matchup between the two top teams close at hand, Imperial said that he is just happy to be at the top before the showdown.

Meanwhile, Reding cautioned about thinking too far ahead and stated that he and his teammates would be OK if they just keep on working hard.

"We're happy where we're at, but we're always ready for improvement," he said. "We're going to keep training and keep trying to improve as the weeks go on. We're really just trying to take it week by week. It's just game by game, it (undefeated) doesn't change how you play."

Maintenance Group walk off with win over Seabees

Story and photo by
Randy Dela Cruz

Sports Editor

Master Sgt. Tyson Andrews' long RBI double broke up a 10-10 tie and led the 15th Maintenance Group (15 MXG) to a walk-off victory over Construction Battalion Maintenance Unit 303 "Dirt Bags" on May 14 in a Blue Division intramural softball game at Hickam Softball Complex, Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam.

The 15 MXG blew a 10-4 lead in the top of the sixth inning by giving up six runs to the Seabees, but Maintenance Group pitcher Master Sgt. Jason Ingraham set down the Dirt Bags without a run in the top of the seventh before Andrews big blast sent the teams home.

The win kept the 15 MXG in the mix for a postseason berth by improving to 3-1, while the Dirt Bags fell to 2-4.

"It looked like it was going to go out," said Ingraham about the shot off the bat of Andrews. "I saw the centerfielder running back and even if it didn't go out, I knew it was game



Master Sgt. Jason Ingraham, pitcher for 15th Maintenance Group (15 MXG), follows through on a hit, while Construction Battalion Maintenance Unit 303 "Dirt Bags" third baseman Builder 2nd Class Fabian Flores waits for the ball.

over. That was the middle of our order. I was pretty confident that we were going to get something there."

The dramatic ending was an unexpected turnaround, as the 15 MXG took control early in the game and built up a huge advantage.

After both teams traded runs in the first inning, the 15 MXG paraded 10 batters

to the plate in the bottom of the second inning to score six times and take a 7-1 lead.

The big hit in the frame came off the bat of 2nd Lt. James Johnson, who sliced a single with the bases loaded to drive in two runs.

The Seabees came back to cut the margin down to four on RBI singles from Chief Construction

Electrician Erik Dries and Steelworker 2nd Class Benjamin Morsch, but the 15 MXG outscored the Seabees, 3-1, over the next two innings to take a six-run lead going into the top of sixth.

While the Dirt Bags got only a single run in the top of fourth after loading the bases with no outs, the team didn't repeat its earli-

er collapse after filling the bags again in the top of the six.

After loading the bases on two singles and an error, Construction Electrician 2nd Class Victor Figueroa got things going by singling to drive in a run.

A sacrifice fly added another run and after the next batter got on base via a walk, Dries smashed another base hit to drive in two more runs.

With runners on first and second, Morsch followed up with a line drive up the middle for a single to drive in a run before Dries tied the score on a throwing error to home.

"You know as Seabees, we always find ourselves in bad situations and we got that kindred spirit," said Dries about the team's never-say-die attitude. "So no matter how far we get down in the mud, any situation, we can always come back."

Ingraham explained that once things start going the other way, it's tough to reel it back in.

"We had a couple of miscues and then you get frustrated," Ingraham said. "It gets in your head and next thing you know, six runs later and five of

them unearned."

While allowing the Seabees to get back into the game was disappointing, said Ingraham, he knew he still had a game to win.

Back on the mound, Ingraham switched things up to keep the Seabees off-balance and it worked.

In the top of the seventh, Ingraham quickly cooled off the hot bats of the Dirt Bags and set them down on a foul out, ground out and pop out to the catcher – allowing Andrews to take care of business.

"I put a little bit more arch on the ball," Ingraham admitted. "I just wanted to put it over the plate, put it deep and make them pop it up."

With the win, the 15 MXG kept their place among the top four teams in the division, which is a spot they will need to keep in order to make the playoffs.

Ingraham said that although the season is still young, he likes his team's chances of getting into the postseason.

"I think we're looking good," he said. "Our one loss came against a team that is undefeated right now. We need to keep going and don't let off the gas."

Talent show at joint base highlights skills of musical performers

David Underwood Jr.

Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam Public Affairs

A recent talent show at Hickam Memorial Theater highlighted the skills of 10 performers vying to become a musical idol in front of an audience of the Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam community.

The contestants in the show included members of the Army, Air Force, Navy, Guard and Reserve, as well as civilians and spouses.

Judges selected the top three performers. The first place winner and idol of the show was Elizabeth Davis (also known as Melodie Soul), who did her own rendition of the 1978 Gloria Gaynor hit, "I Will Survive."

"It was a great showcasing opportunity for military members and family," said

Davis. "I am very happy and blessed to have been a part and won the show!"

Second place went to Airman 1st Class Kyle McCarty, 15th Maintenance Squadron, with his performance of Bill Withers' 1971 hit, "Ain't No Sunshine."

"Joint Base Idol was so much fun as well as truly humbling," said McCarty. "I had no idea how much talent there actually was hidden away inside JBPHH. To tell the truth, I don't know how I even placed because it seems there were quite a few who rocked their songs better than I."

Third place went to Navy Fire Controlman 2nd Class Chris Standridge and his performance of Frankie Valli's 1967 hit, "Can't Take My Eyes Off You."

"Overall, it was a good experience and I was happy to perform with everyone



Courtesy photos

(Left) Airman 1st Class Kyle McCarty, 15th Maintenance Squadron, performs at the talent show at Hickam Memorial Theater. (Right) Elizabeth Davis sings at the show.

who was equally as talented," Standridge said.

McCarty and Davis also

perform together locally in their band Melodie Soul & Blue Light.

The event was not the typical base-hosted talent show. It was initiated and hosted by Tech. Sgt. Jeremy Akerson, 747th Communications Squadron. Akerson and fellow squadron member Tech Sgt. Jerry Graham put together auditions for a talent show and were surprised with the turnout. More than 100 people showed up to compete in the event.

From the 100 competitors in the initial auditions, 10 were selected to perform at the main event.

Akerson said, "Based on feedback from people who attended the show and the multiple standing ovations during the show, I can tell that the audience truly got a great night of musical talent."

Performances ranged from the music of Fred Hammond to Adele and

Musiq Soulchild.

There were no actual prizes awarded, but the contestants said they enjoyed being part of a competition that allowed them the opportunity to show off their vocal talents.

The Air Force Band of the Pacific-Hawaii provided musical support for the talent show. The event organizers contacted the Air Force Band of the Pacific-Hawaii to provide the accompanying music.

"All in all, this was a great time," said Akerson. This was all made possible by the coordination of more than 40 people and nine different agencies along with the support of the 747th Comm. Squadron and senior leadership. Akerson hopes this will continue every year and even expand the competition to family members and civilians across the island.

Three base gates to be closed morning of May 19 for Honolulu Triathlon

The Center Drive, Makalapa and Halawa gates of Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam will be closed to vehicle traffic from 6 to 8 a.m. Sunday during the bike portion of the Honolulu Triathlon. The gates will be closed to ensure the safety of the cyclists and the public. Walk-in traffic will be allowed at the gates.

The start and finish for the event is

at Ala Moana Beach Park, Magic Island. The first riders will start on the bike course around 6 a.m., and the last rider is expected to be off the course and back at Ala Moana Beach Park no later than 9:30 a.m. About 800 riders will do the Olympic distance of 24 miles which will take them past the three JBPHH gates. The entire Pearl Harbor

side of the highway will be dedicated to the event.

GP Roadways, the Honolulu Police Department and the sheriff's department will secure the route. At 7:45 a.m. GP Roadways, escorted by HPD, will begin collapsing the course and opening the roadway to vehicle traffic at Halawa Gate. All riders not reaching

this point will be turned around. The sheriff's department will secure the crossover intersections at the gates. Triathlon officials expect the roadway in front of the gates to be cleared and ready for the gates to open by 8 a.m.

For more information, visit the website www.honolulutriathlon.com.



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The monthly newcomers luncheon at Tradewinds Enlisted Club acquaints newcomers with MWR’s many activities.

Armed Forces Kids Run will begin at 9 a.m. Saturday at Earhart Field for youth ages 5–13 years old. All are welcome to come watch the world’s largest children’s running event which is being held Saturday on military bases around the world. FMI: 473-0789.

Free Golf Clinic will begin at 9:15 a.m. Saturday at Barbers Point Golf Course to help players improve their games. FMI: 682-1911.

Glass Bottom Boat Tour will be held from 9:15 a.m. to noon Saturday. Sightseers can view the coral reef and marine life of Kaneohe Bay. Tour includes round-trip transportation from Information, Tickets & Travel-Hickam office. FMI: 448-2295.

MWR Free Newcomers Luncheon will be held from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. May 21 at Tradewinds Enlisted Club. There will be a buffet lunch, MWR information booths, sponsor tables, prizes and

giveaways, and activities for the kids. FMI: 473-2570.

Adult Oil Painting Class will be held every Tuesday from 6 to 8 p.m. May 21–June 18 or every Wednesday from 10 a.m. to noon May 22–June 19 at the Hickam Arts & Crafts Center for patrons ages 16 and older. Students will be introduced to the basic methods of oil painting. Beginners are welcome, and no experience is needed. FMI: 448-9907.

Pre-School Story Time will be held from 9 to 10 a.m. May 22 at Hickam Library. The theme will be “Pets (National Pet Week).” FMI: 449-8299.

Texas Hold’em and Bunco will be held at 5:45 p.m. May 24 at Tradewinds Enlisted Club (Oahu Room). This is a members-only event. All ranks are welcome, and reservations are encouraged. FMI: 448-2271.

Phat Friday will be held from 6 p.m. to midnight May 24 at J.R. Rockers. The USAF’s DJ Magic and DJ G-Flava will entertain. FMI: 448-2271.

Military appreciation hotel giveaway from ITT

In honor of Military Appreciation Month, the Ala Moana Hotel, partnering with Information, Tickets & Travel’s Travel Connections, is giving away three-night stays in an ocean view room during the Memorial Day weekend, May 24–27.

This prize drawing is open to active-duty military only. Participants must “like” Great Life Hawaii on Facebook to enter. Ten winners will be able to win this giveaway. Signup is ongoing now through May 19 on MWR’s Facebook page, www.facebook.com/greatlifehawaii.

Winners will be contacted via email May 20 and must come to the ITT office at the Fleet Store by 6 p.m. that day with proof of military identification. Only the prize winner can claim the prize. For details, visit www.greatlifehawaii.com.

Hickam Fitness Center offers many ways to get fit



Patrons enjoy sweating during a spinning workout.

Hickam Fitness Center hosts Zumba by the Sea from 6 to 7:30 p.m. tonight at Foster Point pavilion, located adjacent to Hickam Beach.

“Our patrons love to work out by the beach. Not only do you get a great workout, but a great view as well,” said BJ Bentley, Hickam Fitness Center manager.

Bentley explained that fitness center patrons love to try new events and that MWR will continue to offer new ways to exercise.

Zumba not your thing? Patrons can attend the Spinathon from 8 to 10 a.m. Saturday instead. “Our spin instructors are the best on the island. They love to motivate and help patrons reach their fitness goals,” said Bentley.

Zumba by the Sea and the Spinathon each cost two group exercise tickets, or \$5, per person. Call 448-2214 for more information.

Outdoor activities signup deadlines this week				
EXCURSION	DATE/TIME		COST	SIGNUP
Moonlight paddle: Hickam Harbor ²	May 24	7:30 p.m.	\$25	May 21
Learn to surf at Hickam Harbor ²	May 25	9 a.m.	\$30	May 22
Moonlight paddle: Hickam Harbor ¹	May 25	7:30 p.m.	\$25	May 22
Day hike: Maunawili Falls ¹	May 26	8 a.m.	\$15	May 22
Bottom fishing at Hickam Harbor ²	May 26	2:30 p.m.	\$30	May 21
Note: Excursions subject to change depending on weather conditions.				
¹ Sign up with Outdoor Adventure Center (OAC) • 473-1198				
² Sign up with Outdoor Recreation (ODR) • 449-5215				



ITT offers glass bottom boat tours of Kaneohe Bay.

Morale Welfare & Recreation

ZUMBA BY THE SEA

There will be a Zumba by the Sea session tonight from 6 to 7:30 p.m. at Foster Point Pavilion. FMI: 448-2214.

MILITARY APPRECIATION 5K RUN

A free military appreciation 5K run will start at 8 a.m. May 25 at Hickam Fitness Center. No registration is necessary. FMI: 448-2214.

CHINATOWN TOUR

A tour of Honolulu's Chinatown featuring a traditional dim sum lunch will take place from 8:45 a.m. to 1 p.m. May 25. The tour departs from Information Tickets & Travel-Hickam. FMI: 448-2295.

UFC 160 IN HD

Patrons can watch the re-match between Velasquez and Silva in high-def at 3 p.m. May 25 at J.R. Rockers. Doors open at 2 p.m. for preliminaries. FMI: 448-2271.

MOONLIGHT PADDLE

There will be a moonlight paddle at 7:30 p.m. May 25 at Hickam Harbor. Participants of all paddling abilities are welcome. The trip includes kayaks, gear and professional guides. May 22 is the final day to register. FMI: 449-5215.

MAUNAWILI FALLS DAY HIKE

There will be a day hike to Maunawili Falls beginning at 8 a.m. May 26. Departures are from the Outdoor Adventure Center-Fleet Store. Hikers are asked to bring water, sun protection and a camera. FMI: 473-1198.

SUMMER READING PROGRAM

The free summer reading program returns this year with the theme "Have Book, Will Travel." Registration begins May 29. Visit the Hickam Library to sign up. FMI: 449-8299.

ALL-MILITARY SURF CLASSIC

Registration has begun for the All-Military Surf Classic which will be held from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. June 8. This event is open strictly to active-duty, reservists, retirees, Department of Defense civilians and their family members. Completed entry forms can be dropped off at White Plains Beach Surf Shack or Hickam Marina Office by June 2. Mailed entries must be post-marked by May 25. FMI: 682-4925 or www.greatlifehawaii.com.

JUST DRAWING CLASS

There will be a two-day drawing class from 10 a.m. to noon May 30 and May 31 at the Hickam Arts & Crafts Center. Students will learn to develop good drawing habits as well as the basic components of shape and line. This class is for ages 7 and up. FMI: 448-9907.



G.I. JOE: RETALIATION (PG13)

The G.I. Joes are not only fighting their mortal enemy, Cobra, but they are also forced to contend with threats from within the government that jeopardize their very existence.

HICKAM MEMORIAL THEATER

TODAY 5/17

6:00 Jurassic Park (PG13) 3D

SATURDAY 5/18

2:00 The Croods (PG) 3D

6:00 G.I. JOE: Retaliation (PG13)

SUNDAY 5/19

2:00 Jurassic Park (PG13) 3D

Movie Showtimes

Community Calendar

MAY

NOW — Sam Choy's Island Style Seafood Grille & Hapa Bar at Hickam Harbor, 3465 Mamala Bay Drive, is holding a Military Appreciation Month event throughout May. During each visit, patrons will receive an entry ballot. No purchase is necessary. Prizes include three-day/two-night hotel vacations, dining gift certificates and tickets to a Waikiki show. FMI: Julia Tallman at jtallman@samchoysseafoodgrille.com.

17, 18 — Pearl Harbor Navy Exchange (NEX), Naval Health Clinic Hawaii and Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam will hold a family fun fitness festival from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the NEX mall. There will be mixed martial arts demonstrations, body fat analysis tests, wellness education displays, health product samples, over-the-counter medication counseling and poison prevention education by Tripler Army Medical Center personnel and giveaways by vendors. This is a free event for all authorized patrons. FMI: 423-3287.

19 — The Honolulu Zoo's Military Appreciation Day hosted by the Honolulu Council Navy League will be held from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. The event will feature free entry for military ID card-holders and their families (one military ID card per family). The event will also include free pizza, ice cream, watermelon, water, games and performances. Pearl Harbor Navy Exchange (NEX) is offering free parking and bus service from the NEX every hour from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Free parking and a shuttle bus service will be located at Kapiolani Community College. FMI: Elaine Ota at ota.elaine@yahoo.com or 486-9640.

20 — A Distinctive Women in Hawaiian History program will be held from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at Makai Recreation Center, building 1859, McChord St. Email registration RSVPs should be sent by today to Guss.Alexander@navy.mil or forrest.lassiter@us.af.mil. FMI: 488-4079 or 449-1701.

23 — The Military and Family Support Center will hold its next financial awareness class from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Civilian employees are invited to attend at no cost. The class will be held at the 4827 Bougainville Drive, second floor. The topic will be Social Security benefits. Register early to ensure your place. FMI: 474-1999.

23 — An education services officer workshop will take place all day at the Navy College Office. Subjects covered include education planning, tuition assistance, Navy College Program for Afloat College Education, Sailor/Marine ACE Registry Transcript, the GI Bill and more. To reserve a seat, send an email. FMI: nco.hawaii@navy.mil.

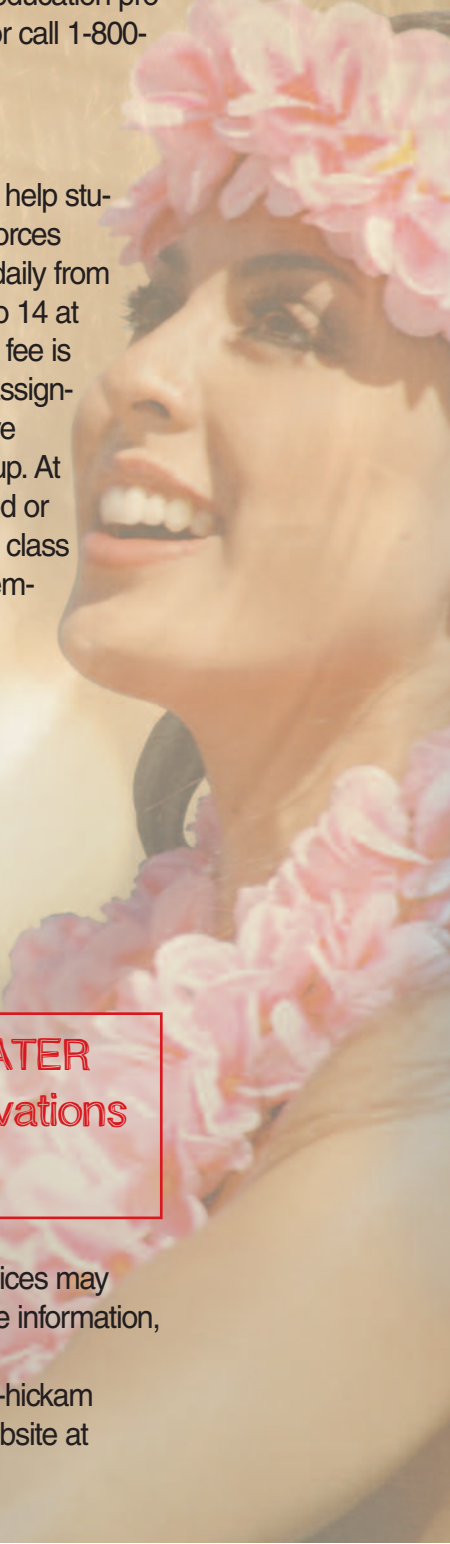
25 — The Sounds of Aloha Chorus will hold "USS Missouri: A Musical Tribute" with shows at 2:03 p.m. and 7:33 p.m. at Leeward Community College Theater, 96-045 Ala Ike St. Pearl City. Proceeds will benefit the USS Missouri Memorial Association's music education programs. FMI: http://ow.ly/l7dwJ or call 1-800-838-3006.

JUNE

3-14 — A basic skills class to help students prepare for the Armed Forces Classification Test will be held daily from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. June 3 to 14 at the Navy College Building. The fee is \$20. A copy of the temporary assignment orders is needed for active duty service members to sign up. At least 10 participants are needed or the class will be cancelled. The class is space available for family members. FMI: 473-4766.

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 or the Navy Region Hawaii website at www.cnic.navy.mil/hawaii.



Museum guests experience open cockpit day

Photo courtesy of Pacific Aviation Museum Pearl Harbor Kids, both big and little, inspected the open cockpits of jets and helicopters May 11, at Pacific Aviation Museum Pearl Harbor during the museum's first open cockpit day. Guests donned flight suits and helmets, climbed in, manned the controls, and talked about aircraft with the aviator docents. The event was held in the museum's 87,000-square-foot hangar 79.



Reward offered by NCIS for tips

Naval Criminal Investigative Service (NCIS) is offering a reward of up to \$1,000 for information leading to a felony arrest, the recovery of drugs or stolen property.

The process is anonymous and you never have to give your name.

Tip submissions can be sent anytime by text, the web and smartphone app.

Text NCIS plus your tip information to 274637 (CRIMES), log on to www.ncis.navy.mil and submit your tip or visit the iTunes or Android mobile store to download the TipSubmit App.

May 31 Summer Concert event canceled

The Summer Concert Series event scheduled for May 31 is canceled.

The series will kick off June 21 at Hickam Harbor.

Visit the website www.greatlifehawaii.com for more information.

JBPHH Sailors compete in Warrior Games cycling



U.S. Navy photo by Lt. Michael Fallon

Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam's Navy Chief Gunner's Mate Jeannette Tarqueno and Retired Navy Lt. Joan Mulligan and Navy Lt. j.g. Laura Root participate in the cycling competition of the 2013 Warrior Games held May 12 in Colorado Springs, Colo. The games, hosted by the U.S. Olympic Committee's paralympics military program, provide an opportunity for wounded, ill and injured service members to participate in competitive sports against members of other branches of service.

GOT SPORTS

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Hurricane expo to be held Saturday

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A hurricane expo to provide tips on how to prepare for natural disasters will be held from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday at the Pearl Harbor Navy Exchange (NEX) in front of the main entrance.

Hawaii's hurricane season runs from June through November.

Participants at the event will include Navy Region Hawaii disaster preparedness officials, the American Red Cross of Hawaii, the City and County of Honolulu and the Hawaiian Humane Society.

"The resources are available for you. Our objective is to be able to point people in the right direction to get the answers they need, before disaster strikes," said Chief

Quartermaster (SW) Scott Ramsey, Navy Region Hawaii disaster preparedness.

The event will include information booths and an example of a pet disaster kit supplied by the Hawaiian Humane Society. In addition, the displays will include a sample of items the NEX carries that should go into a disaster preparedness kit.

The U.S. Navy also has an emergency preparedness program, Ready Navy, which is designed to increase the ability of Navy personnel and their families to better plan for, and react to, an emergency situation if it should occur.

For more information on the expo, call Ramsey at 473-1715 or email him at scott.ramsey1@navy.mil.

For more information on Ready Navy, visit the website www.ready.navy.mil/

CSADD to emphasize safety

The Coalition of Sailors Against Destructive Decisions (CSADD) is calling on all service members to remember the importance of practicing safe driving, boating, hiking and motorcycling.

Volunteers are encouraged to participate in CSADD's Memorial Day weekend "freeze mob" event to help raise awareness of the importance of safety.

A rehearsal will be held at 3:30 p.m. May 19 at Quick Field, behind joint base security. Participants should

wear appropriate physical training gear.

The main performance will be held at noon May 24 at the Pearl Harbor Fleet Store, JBP HH. Participants are encouraged to be there by 11:15 a.m. and wear optional khaki shorts and blue, red or white T-shirt.

For more information, call Master-at-Arms 3rd Class Abrel Smith, Joint Base Pearl Harbor Hickam CSADD president at 474-0085 or email abrel.smith@navy.mil.